

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re. Planned strike action by the NEU – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

Thank you for your support and understanding during this period of industrial action. As before, we have a significant number of teachers who are NEU members and we anticipate that there will be enough staff supporting the strike to cause significant disruption to the school.

Therefore, given that we are unable to guarantee adequate supervision of students who are on site, we have decided for Health and Safety reasons to do the following:-

- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will work from home
 - Students should work from home, following their timetabled day and access their lessons through google classroom independently. Further enrichment activities will be emailed to students on the day.
- Year 11 will be in school at the following times (see below)
 - We have organised Year 11 to have the exam practice papers that they would have completed in class/as self study to be completed under exam conditions supervised by our team of experienced invigilators. This will give students an additional opportunity to practise their exam technique, time management, and check that their revision strategies are working in preparation for the summer as well as having a chance to sit a full English Language paper 1 which hasn't been experienced yet.
 - What is important to note is the time that would have been spent completing these papers in class will now be spent working face to face with their teacher during lesson time.
 - All students are expected to be in school for these exams in full school uniform.
 - Students will get a print out of where they should go, seat number etc next week in tutor time.
 - Please see below the plan for the days. All Year 11 students should be in school and arrive at least **15 minutes before** the exam is due to begin.

	9am start (8.45 arrive)	11.30am start
Wednesday 15th March	English Language 1hr 45 minutes	
Thursday 16th March	Maths (Higher and Foundation) 1hr 30 mins	Science 1hr 45 mins Combined Science 1hr 15 mins

- Once the exams are completed students will leave the school site and revise for the following day/complete work from google classroom/complete self study
- In addition to the exam on Wednesday, some students who have not completed their Non-Examination Assessments are expected to stay in school to continue to work on their NEA. If your child is included in this, a letter with details of what subject and where to go will be sent separately.
- Students in Year 10 who study Travel and Tourism and who have missed lessons during the 10 hour NEA allocation of time, will also be invited into school to continue working in this.
- Students in years 7-10 who have a Peripatetic Music lesson booked for either day will be able to come into school for their lesson at their usual time. If you have any questions please contact Mrs E Thomas directly.
- Students in years 7-11 who have an Educational Health Care Plan, those who are subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan and those students who are Looked After will once more be able to come into school . We will contact these parents to ask if they would like their child to come into school on this day. They will be supervised and supported to complete the same pieces of work that students at home will be completing.
- The canteen **will be open break 1 to sell cakes and drinks**. Therefore it is important that students bring into school a packed lunch for the day.
- For students who are eligible for Free School Meals, we will be emailing out a voucher to their parents next week.

Again, I am sorry about the disruption to you and to your child's education but, as you will appreciate, our first priority has to be providing a safe and secure environment for our students and to do our best to ensure that whatever we offer we can safely manage.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Oakley