

Dear Parents and Carers,

National Strike Action 1st March 2023

As you may be aware, the National Education Union has voted for further strike action on March 1st 2023. We are very proud of our strong working relationships with our staff and understand that those taking strike action are in dispute with the government rather than individual schools. It is likely that we will see further bouts of industrial action later this month if there isn't a satisfactory resolution found to the issues raised. We will, of course, update you nearer the time when we have new information to share.

In the meantime, on March 1st 2023, we will be offering the following provision:

- School will be **closed to Year 7** only. Remote learning opportunities will be provided.
- **Years 5, 6 and 8 should come in to school** as normal.

We recognise the inconvenience this may cause to Y7; however, it is our responsibility to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and in view of the reduced number of staff available, this is not something we could guarantee if we were to open to all students.

All students will follow an adapted timetable on Wednesday 1st March and those in school will be taught by the remaining staff on rotation. Students will not need to bring any special equipment and no-one will need a PE kit. **Year 7** students will have online contact with Mrs Cadwallader throughout the day and she will deliver sessions via our learning platform or will guide students through learning that has been set for them to complete independently. If students do not have internet access or a device to work on at home, please let us know and other work will be provided. **Y7** students who are entitled to a free school meal will be given a packed lunch for Wednesday before they leave on Tuesday.

We will keep you up to date with any further news regarding the strikes as we approach the identified dates (15th and 16th March).

We thank you for your continued support.



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