

10 March 2023

Dear parents/carers

Re: NEU National Industrial Action

Thank you for your support today as we worked to keep the Academy open despite the challenging weather conditions first thing this morning. I am grateful to the site team and Academy staff for their efforts to minimise disruption to students' learning.

As I stated in my previous letters, there is an ongoing national dispute between the National Education Union and the government over funding for schools and teachers' pay which has led to strike action. The action is not a result of any dispute at our Academy or in our Academy Trust. There are currently a further two days of strike action planned for next week, on Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023.

To ensure we can maintain safe staffing levels whilst prioritising teaching for examination classes we are planning the following:

- **The Academy will be closed to students in Years 7, 8 and 10 on Wednesday 15 March 2023.**
Students will be able to access learning activities via Class Charts. I will provide more details about this work early next week. The Academy is open, as normal, for students in Years 9, 11, 12 and 13.
- **The Academy will be closed to students in Years 7, 9 and 10 on Thursday 16 March 2023.**
Students will be able to access learning activities via Class Charts. I will provide more details about this work early next week. The Academy is open, as normal, for students in Years 8, 11, 12 and 13.

The Academy will also be open, on both days, for students who are potentially vulnerable. We will be in contact with you if your child falls into this vulnerable group to offer a place.

A voucher will be provided, via email, for students who are working from home and are eligible for Free School Meals.

We are sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our children and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and we will inform you of the further arrangements as soon as possible.

Kind regards



Mr Ged Rae
Principal