



To **Aspire**, **Endeavour** and **Thrive** Together

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you are aware, the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Wednesday 1st March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay; not because of any issues at our school.

Wednesday 1st February

We have assessed the impact this strike will have on our capacity to open and, as the vast majority of our teaching staff are in the NEU, we will only be able to offer a very limited provision. Therefore, on Wednesday 1st February we will only be able to provide places in school for any children who are identified as vulnerable. We will contact the parents/carers of any of our vulnerable students to invite them into school.

We will also be able to invite in our Year 11 and Year 13 students for their mock exams as planned. They need to arrive at school for the time stated on their mock exam timetable and will leave at the end of their exam. Year 11 students need to attend in full school uniform.

Year 11

AM Exam: GCSE History - start time 10am

PM exam: Various subjects - start time 12.30pm

Sixth Form

AM Exams: Y13 Psychology, Computer Science, Geography and History. Y12 Psychology, Geography and History - start time 9.00am

PM Exams: Y12 and 13 History - start time 1.00pm

Students who need to attend both exams will stay in school and will be able to obtain a hot meal in between the two exams.

We will be able to make provision for children who are entitled to free school meals, even if they are not in school on those days. We will contact parents directly to make arrangements.

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Future strike dates and calendar changes

We will provide information again closer to the second strike day on Wednesday 1st March but our priority will be vulnerable students, Year 11 and Year 13 students as they have exams in the summer term.

The Year 9 Options Evening will now take place on Tuesday 14th March (not Thursday 16th March as originally planned).

As Wednesdays are disproportionately affected by strike action, we will move some calendared events in order to avoid students missing these lessons. Our THRIVE day will take place on Thursday 9th March (not Wednesday 8th). The closure day planned for Wednesday 21st June will now take place on **Friday 23rd June**.

I am sorry about the disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

Yours sincerely

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