

13 March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Strike Action – School Provision – Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023

Further industrial action is planned for 15-16 March 2023 by teachers who are members of the National Education Union. Based on the numbers of staff who went on strike previously, we are unable to open fully to all students. Below outlines what we will be able to provide, taking into account our restricted capacity, and explains what all students should be doing on this day:

Year 11

Year 11 students will be invited in to attend subject specific 2 hour revision sessions to further prepare them for their GCSE exams. Invitations to sessions will be issued on Tuesday 14 March. It is possible that your child will not be invited in for full day/(s). When not in school to attend the sessions, students should undertake independent learning at home.

Students attending the sessions do not need to wear school uniform. They can choose to bring in a packed lunch or purchase a lunch at school. Snacks will be available at break time as usual.

Production

All students participating in the school production will be invited in to attend rehearsals. Invitations will be issued on Tuesday 14 March.

External clubs

The boxing club will be taking place as normal on Wednesday. Your child should arrive in school for 3:15pm if they are not already in school.

Judo club will not be running on Wednesday. An additional session will be offered on Wednesday 19 April from the initial block of sessions to make up for this.

Years 7-10

Unless your child qualifies for a space at our pop-up provision (see below), students in years 7 to 10 will be asked to stay at home. Suggested resources for independent study will follow in a separate email.

Any child eligible to free school meals who has been asked to stay at home will be able to collect packed lunches at the end of the day on 14 March 2023. We will only provide a packed lunch if this is pre-ordered using the form [here](#) and this can be collected from main reception at 3:10pm.

Please use the same form if your child does not have access to IT at home and you would like to request the use of a chrome book for the day to access independent study resources. Once confirmed, chrome books will be available for collection from main reception at 3:10pm on 14 March 2023 and must be returned to main reception on 17 March 2023.

Pop-up provision

A pop-up provision will be provided for our vulnerable students and the children of *some* critical workers.

If you feel that your child may be eligible for a space at the pop-up provision **and** you intend to send your child to school on 15-16 March 2023, please refer to the form [here](#) for further guidance and to request a space. We will be unable to accept students on the day if they have not been pre-registered and if confirmation of your child's space has not been received.

On 15-16 March, these students are not required to wear school uniform and should enter through the main reception for 8:30am. Students will be taken to a computer room and will be supervised while completing independent study from a list of suggested resources. Students attending the pop-up provision will be able to bring in a packed lunch or will be able to purchase a lunch from the canteen. Normal free school meal eligibility will apply.

Thank you, again, for your patience and understanding in this matter. **Please note that all requests for packed lunches, spaces in the pop-up provision and the loan of a chrome book must be received by midday on Tuesday 14 March.**

Yours sincerely



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