



Tuesday 27th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Strike Action (Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023)

I write to confirm our plans for next Wednesday and Friday regarding the NEU's planned national strike action.

Having reviewed the situation from the previous strike days this academic year and having mapped this into next week we have taken the very difficult decision to close the school to all year groups, other than students in Years 10 and 12 who have mock exams or are on the Biology field trip. All other students are asked to stay at home and study remotely. They are to access the websites identified in the letter sent by Ms Vallance prior to the previous strike days.

Students with mock exams are to attend as follows:

Year 10 Art Mock Exam

Students are to go straight to their Art classroom for 8.45am on Wednesday 5th July 2023. Both classes (10B/Ar1 and 10D/Ar1) will now do their mock exam on this day. They are to wear full school uniform. They will be registered and expected to hand in their mobile phones.

As we will not have any catering facilities available, we ask that students bring a packed lunch and have a refillable water bottle with them.

Years 10 and 12: Catch-Up Mock Exams

The Exams Officer is currently rearranging mock exams for students who need to catch up on any that have been missed. The exact days, times and location will be shared with the Pastoral Team who will inform your child directly and issue them with an updated timetable. They are to arrive at their exam venue at least 15 minutes before the published start time of the exam. They are to wear full school uniform. They will be registered and expected to hand in their mobile phones. Students will only need to attend for their exam and will leave once finished.

Year 12 Biology Field Trip

This trip will go ahead as planned. Please refer to the letter sent by Mrs Stuart which outlines the plans for each day.

Attendance Codes

Those students not expected to be in school will have their attendance coded in accordance with the DfE's guidance to ensure there is no impact on their overall attendance percentage.

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Catering Provision and Free School Meals

Those students on our free school meals register will be asked to pre-order packed lunches before 6pm on Sunday 2nd July 2023 via the survey link sent out directly to those eligible families and collect before they leave school on Tuesday 4th July and Thursday 6th July 2023.

Vulnerable Students

The year teams will be in direct contact with parents/carers of students in those year groups who are being asked to access remote learning but we would like to invite into school for the day. They are expected to go straight to the Sp4L upon arrival and wear full school uniform. They will work on the provided remote learning work in the same way as their peers.

Critical Workers

In line with the DfE's guidance we will also have a provision for our students whose parents/carers are critical workers. If you require a place for your child who is in the year groups being asked to work remotely, please contact your child's Head of Year by 4pm on Monday 3rd July 2023 at the very latest to request this via the following email addresses:

- Year 7 – Year7Office@mrus.co.uk
- Year 8 – Year8Office@mrus.co.uk
- Year 9 – Year9Office@mrus.co.uk
- Year 10 – Year10Office@mrus.co.uk
- Year 11 – Year11Office@mrus.co.uk
- Sixth Form – sixth.form@mrus.co.uk

The year teams will coordinate this feedback and ensure we have an effective plan to support students accessing remote learning in school.

Please be reassured that we have done all we can to try and remain open however, we cannot ensure the safe running of our school for more students than we have invited to attend.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Foster
Headteacher