

19 January 2023

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Re: Strike Action – Spring 2023

We are writing to inform students, parents and carers that the National Education Union (NEU) has indicated its intention for further strike action on the four dates indicated below. This is in response to a dispute between the NEU and the Secretary of State for Education in relation to teachers' pay.

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Tuesday 28 February 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

This strike action only applies to teaching staff that are members of the NEU. Ballots for industrial action by the NASUWT and for non-teaching staff members of the NEU were unsuccessful. As such, we expect that only a minority of staff will take part in this industrial action.

The college intends to open as usual on the dates above. Some lessons will be affected by the strike action and we would like to offer our apologies for some disruption on the day. Senior leaders will take all reasonable steps to minimise disruption to learning.

Students should attend as normal and the vast majority of lessons will continue unaffected.

Where a member of staff is taking part in the strike, senior leaders will ensure that registers are taken for lessons and that direction is provided to students about the work they should complete in the lesson. It would be helpful for students to bring any coursework, DIL or revision materials they are currently working on for any lessons they are attending on the dates that strikes are taking place.

Any students due to attend college trips on these dates should assume that the trip will go ahead as planned, unless we directly contact students to indicate otherwise. Mock examinations will also go ahead as planned in February and March.

Yours sincerely,

**Brendon Fletcher**
Principal