

20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear students and parents

I am writing to provide an update about strike action planned by NEU for teaching staff. You will no doubt have heard that the recent ballot of school teachers who are NEU members has met the threshold and that strike days are planned in the next two months. Sixth form college teachers had already voted to strike back in November and we have now received confirmation that further strike days are planned on the same dates as school teachers as follows:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

As I explained when I last wrote about strike action in late November, we are of course concerned about the cost of living issues for all our community, including pay for our staff, but are hopeful that the union's dispute with the government about lack of funding for pay awards will not disrupt students' education too much in the coming months. Collyer's will remain open on all strike days and we anticipate that a majority of lessons will go ahead as usual. We should be prepared, however, for potentially more disruption than the last strike day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November due to the number of other strikes taking place at the moment, including schools being affected on the same dates and a planned rail strike on 1<sup>st</sup> February. I know that all our community will respond to any impacts with their usual resilience and flexibility.

Further information about this industrial action can be found by clicking on the link below and I will write again if there are any significant updates to share:

[Strike Action FAQs](#)

Kind regards

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Principal