

Thursday 23rd February 2023

Dear students and parents

I am writing to provide a couple of important updates about college operations in the next two months.

Strike action

Sixth form college teachers will be joining school teachers for a day of strike action next week on Thursday 2nd March. We fully understand concerns about pay and the cost of living – the strike action is against the government for not funding colleges at a rate that allows a higher pay award. We anticipate a large majority of teachers will be at work and the college will remain fully open with most lessons continuing as usual.

More information about this industrial action can be found by clicking on the link below and I will write again in advance of the further planned strikes on 15th/16th March to provide an update:

[Strike Action FAQs](#)

Closure of Hurst Road

Hurst Road is the main road at the front of the College that includes both the pedestrian entrance and the main car park entrance and exit. A major drainage project has been confirmed which will take place about mid-way along the road in front of Springboard House. The works are planned to run for 4 weeks from **Monday 27th March to Friday 21st April** – which means for us as a college both the week before and the week after the Easter break are affected.

Pedestrians – there will still be full access on both sides of the road along its full length – so you will be able to walk to college from the train station as usual (from North Street)

Road traffic – there will be no access to Collyer's from the station end of Hurst Road. All vehicular access will need to come from the west end of Hurst Road (from North Parade). Our car park will operate fully as usual.

If you drive to college, please allow more time than usual as no doubt the traffic will be significantly affected at peak times. If you are dropped off at the college then please do so



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further away than usual to help us alleviate the traffic issues - both for the college and the local community.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards

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Principal