

23 February 2023

NEU Strike – Thursday 2 March 2023

Dear KAA Parents,

Unfortunately, it seems very likely that the second day of NEU strike action will go ahead next **Thursday 2 March**. As per my communication about the last strike, KAA will certainly be disrupted by this. This is true of all schools, and please be assured we are doing our absolute best to minimise the impact on students.

Next Thursday, we will be able to keep the school open to three year groups, not two as last time. Vulnerable and key worker students from any year may also attend – if you want your child to take advantage of this, please email: info@kaa.org.uk. 'Vulnerable' could simply mean a student who finds it difficult to work from home (e.g., due to computer access).

Please see the arrangements for next Thursday below. We are extremely sorry for the disruption and inconvenience this will cause. All we can say is that this is national action from the largest UK education union, and it is driven by concern for the wider system, which many feel is under extreme pressure (e.g., the current national shortage of teachers).

Year 13

All students should be at school as normal, following their regular timetable.

Year 11

Students have mock exams that day. These are hugely important, so won't be disrupted by strikes. All students must be in.

Year 10

We will run a series of GCSE Masterclasses in the Theatre, led by senior staff. These will provide a good opportunity for students to consolidate and extend their knowledge. They will begin at 9am, and we expect 100% attendance from this year group. Students will be dismissed early – either 12 o'clock or 1 o'clock, depending on their options subjects. We will write to Y10 parents directly prior to the day.

Y12, Y7-9

It's important students keep up with their timetables, and they can do this via Google Classroom. Work will be set there for them to complete. They should follow their normal six period day, spending 55 minutes on each subject (1 hour and 50 minutes for a double lesson). They can take appropriate breaks during the day.

Please note this won't be remote learning as per Covid, as some teachers will be on strike. This means students should not expect to be able to contact staff during the day.

Currently, there are two further potential strike days planned – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Unhelpfully, Friday 17th March is a Staff Training day, which has been in the calendar since last summer, and is not possible to move. Assuming the additional strikes go ahead, we will publish a plan for these days nearer the time. We can say now that students in Y7, 8, 9 and 12 will all be able to attend school on at least one of these strike days, given they have worked at home on the first two.

Apologies again for this, we are really doing our best to avoid disruption for both students and parents.

Best wishes,



David Benson
Principal