

10th March 2023

NEU Strike – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

Dear Parents & Carers,

Although some recent public sector strikes have now been called off, I'm afraid it seems likely that the proposed NEU strike action next Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March will go ahead. If the government and the unions can pause their dispute then we will open as normal, however our assumption is that we will operate the restricted programme below.

What complicates matters further is that next Friday 17th March is a planned INSET day, which has been in the calendar for over a year. We have considered carefully whether this day could be moved or cancelled, but there is no practical way to do so unfortunately.

All I can do is repeat my apology for the disruption that strikes have caused this term. I am pleased that we have been able to bring KS4 and 5 students into school on strike days, though I accept this hasn't helped students in KS3. I hope that all parents can appreciate why exam classes have been prioritised. I also hope that the remote learning we have set has been helpful – the evidence is that many students have engaged well with this, as I'm sure they will continue to do next week.

I will also repeat that all staff at KAA – those striking and those at work – care deeply about our students. Striking staff consider this a last-resort effort to correct the problems of under-funding and staff recruitment which exist in the education sector generally, and which affect all students in UK schools.

Wednesday 15th March

- Y13 – In school for mock exams only
- Y12 – In school as normal
- Y11 – Independent learning from home, via Google Classroom (in most cases your teachers will advise what to complete that day)
- Y10 – In school for 'Masterclasses' in Core Subjects (9am – 1.20pm)
- Y7, 8 and 9 – We are creating a programme of online learning for the day, that will be shared on the morning with both students and parents

Thursday 16th March

- Y13 – In school for mock exams only
- Y12 – In school as normal from 9.55am
- Y11 – In school for 'Masterclasses' in Core Subjects (9am – 1.20pm)
- Y10 – Independent learning from home, via Google Classroom (in most cases your teachers will advise what to complete that day)
- Y7, 8 and 9 – Again, we are creating a programme of online learning for the day, that will be shared on the morning with both students and parents

Friday 17th March

- INSET Day – school closed to most students
- Y13 in school for assessments
- Targeted work with some Y11 students (e.g. coursework completion)

We very much hope this will be the last of the industrial action schools face this year, and that government and unions will be able to resolve their dispute in the near future.

Best wishes,



David Benson
Principal