

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

## NEU Strike Dates – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Dear KAA Parents and Students,

First, I want to say Eid Mubarak to all members of our community celebrating today. I hope you have a happy time with family and friends.

Secondly, and on a less positive note, I am writing to communicate our plans for the next day of NEU Strike Action, due to take place next **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. It's vital that everyone does what is required that day, so please read this carefully.

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 should come to school as normal. We are very close to exams now, so will be running a full timetable for these year groups, following their normal subjects. The NEU have given dispensation to members with regard to Y11 and 13, which means we will have more staffing capacity than on previous strike days.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 unfortunately will need to work from home. They will be issued with specific guidance for the day by email that morning – please look out for it. Please ensure the time is used productively.

Any vulnerable, SEND or keyworker student from any year may attend school as normal – parent simply complete the Google Form here: <https://forms.gle/UZHmXAVNs6Wf5M2n8>.

I hope this is all clear. Currently, there is just one further day of industrial action planned this academic year, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We will write to communicate our plans closer to the time, but I expect them to be similar to the above.

I'll close by repeating what I have said before about these strikes. They are a national issue affecting all schools, so students should not feel anxious that they are being disadvantaged relative to their peers. Also that all our staff – those at work, and those striking – care deeply about the students at KAA. Striking teachers consider this an action of last resort, given the staff shortages and financial pressures in the UK education system generally. They are sacrificing their own pay on these days, and participating in protests, picket lines etc – so this is far from an easy decision for them.

Yours sincerely,



**David Benson**  
Principal