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Dear Parent/Carer,

As noted in my letter to you of 27th January, the industrial action taken by teacher members of the National Education Union (NEU) will continue on **1st March 2023**.

The effect of the industrial action on 1st March is likely to be similar to that of the action taken on 1st February. Therefore, the school will again be partially closed on 1st March. The arrangements for year groups on **1st March** will be as follows:

- Y13 students will attend school in order to sit their planned assessments.
- Y12 and Y11 students will attend school as normal. In situations where Y12 lessons cannot take place due to staff absence, students will be able to use the lesson time to revise, complete research or work on coursework/practical projects in the school library or Sixth Form study areas. Where Y11 students do not have their normal lessons, they will be asked to carry out revision and exam practice, and will be supervised in their normal teaching spaces. It is essential that all Y11 students bring plenty of revision materials with them so that they do useful independent work, where necessary.
- Y7-Y10 students will be at home for the day on 1st March. Due to the rules in place that protect staff from being required to set work for the classes of colleagues absent due to industrial action, there will be no expectation that staff will set work for Y7-Y10 students for their 1st March lessons. During the day on 1st March, students can complete homework from Teams that has been set prior to 1st March, and Y10 students can revise and work on coursework/practical projects. All students can access online resources such as MyMaths, Seneca and BBC Bitesize.
- A small number of students from a range of year groups will be invited to attend school, where they will receive bespoke support. Families of these students will be contacted directly.

Please note that the school Dining Hall will be open at break and lunch on 1st March, and will be serving food as normal for those students who are in school.

I recognise that this second partial closure is likely to cause further complications for families, and I do understand that you may be concerned about this. However, I would ask you to note that the continuation of the planned industrial action will only have occurred due to the disappointing lack of progress towards a settlement, and the decision to strike again will not have been taken lightly by any member of staff. All school staff will be focused on helping students to make the best progress possible when we return to our normal provision on 2nd March.

If you have any questions about any of the above information, please contact me at Farlingaye.

Yours Sincerely

Dr A Sievewright
Headteacher