



24th February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Industrial Action – 2nd March 2023

You will be aware that on Thursday 2nd March members of the National Education Union (NEU) in the London, South East and South West regions will take industrial action. As you know, NEU members are not required to inform their school in advance if they plan to take action. Using the knowledge I gained from the previous strike day, I will again need to restrict attendance on this date. Arrangements for educational provision are outlined below.

Year 7, 8, 9, 12 & 13 – Students in **Year 7 – 9 and 12 – 13** will remain at home. We will provide remote learning, and this will be a blend of live lessons (by staff who are at work and not taking industrial action) and remote materials that will be signposted or made available to year group cohorts where live lessons are not available. Guidance for accessing live lessons via Google Classroom was shared with families prior to the last strike day. Students should log on to Google Classroom at 8.30am where they will see which lessons will be 'live' and in which lessons they should study independently. It is important that students access this educational provision. Students will also need to register at 8.30am using a Google form which will be on Google Classroom. If students will struggle to access online materials, please contact your child's College Headteacher.

Year 10 & 11 – **Year 10** students will be able to come into school as normal. They should arrive by 8.30am as usual, to register in their Tutor Room. Periods 1 – 4 will include a combination of lessons, first-aid education and mock exam preparation. During Period 5 & 6, **Year 10** students will complete a Religion and Worldviews mock exam. Students will be dismissed at 3.00pm. **Year 11** students should also arrive by 8.30am as usual, to register in their Tutor Room. As per their mock exam timetable, **Year 11** students will carry out mock exams from Period 1 – 4. **Year 11** students will be dismissed between 12.30 and 1.00pm, after having lunch. It is expected that they should go straight home to carry out independent study.

Other Provision – Again, we will operate an on-site provision for a small number of other students we feel will require support and supervision on the day. We will not be able to provide this to many students as we cannot guarantee the safe supervision of large numbers of students. Parents or carers of students identified by colleagues in the Mackay College will be contacted by Mrs Langan to invite them into school for supported study. Parents of students who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive a letter inviting them to book a packed lunch which can be collected at the end of the day on Wednesday 1st March.

As I did previously, I would like to offer my apologies for the disruption this may cause to families and thank you for understanding the challenges of planning for provision under uncertain conditions. We have begun planning ahead for the final two strike days (15th & 16th March 2023) when I aim to offer onsite provision for students in **Years 7 – 9** on at least one of the two days.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Turner
Principal