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Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope this finds you well, I am pleased to report students have returned in good spirits for this short but extremely full term. I would like to start by thanking all families for the support you have shown during the teacher strike days and subsequent adjusted provision offered. Students have approached their learning in a mature fashion, either at home or in school, and have adapted well to the change of routine.

I would like to signpost the report letter being sent today with instruction of how to access your child's second report of the academic year, especially to those parents of students in Years 11 and 13 ahead of your final parents' evenings.

Please see below the outlined operating plan for the next two days of potential Industrial Action to be held next week on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March. To remind you, this is where teachers of the National Education Union can strike and therefore not be available to attend school for work or set work of any kind. We are led to believe that significant work is being done between Government and Union officials to avoid the upcoming disruption however, we will plan for the worse and cancel should the strike days be called off.

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You will note some changes from the previous days of Industrial Action. Most Year 11 subjects have now moved to revision ahead of the upcoming exam season and we feel it appropriate Year 11's revise from home, this will give all students an opportunity to test their revision timetable and implement the strategies they have been working on independently. This gives the school an opportunity to provide some in-school provision for students in younger year groups, albeit an adapted programme as unfortunately we will be unable to fully staff a working timetable.

Our in-school provision for vulnerable learners will continue - you will have had an individual invite should this pertain to your child. Likewise our offer to provide students, who are eligible, with their Free School Meal entitlement will continue. Please order here <https://forms.office.com/e/ki3dhVcc7t> by Tuesday 14 March - collection will be available on both days between 1:00pm – 1:30pm from the canteen. Students need not attend in uniform and can access the school direct at the front via the canteen.

For students in Years 7 and 8, when in school, please arrive in your school PE kit as sections of your day will involve practical activities. Should the weather continue to be as changeable as this week, please do come prepared with a coat. On entry please make your way to the main Theatre for registration and Assembly.

Students in Year 10 will be aware of the implications of lost time in school on subjects that require the completion of PSA or NEA assessment material as part of their course. In order to ensure students are given the correct amount of time, for those students in relevant subjects, please see when you will be required to attend school to complete set tasks. Students should arrive in school uniform as normal and head to the allocated room on arrival. If arriving or leaving during the day, please do so from the front of school and use the bike sheds at the front of school should that be relevant. Any Year 10s who come to and from school on the school bus and who are unable to get home after completion of their PSA or NEA may stay in school and work independently in the library.

Generally, when working from home, students will follow the same plan as before. Work will be set on Go4Schools in the usual way where teachers are available. If work is not available Year 10 and 11 students can continue with their personal revision ahead of the summer examinations. And for students in Years 7 to 9 supplementary centrally set work will also be provided.

Thank you for your continued support, I appreciate the impact on your child's learning. We continue to be in support of the argument that schools should be funded more adequately in the future to best support young people whilst at the same time, trying to offer what safe and effective provision we can to support all our students in the here and now.

Have a great weekend.

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher