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Dear Parents and Carers

NEU Strike Action

As you will likely be aware, the dispute between the National Education Union and the Government remains unresolved and we will see further strike action on **Wednesday, 5th and Friday, 7th July.**

As on the previous strike days, we want to keep as much of the school open as possible, but as I'm sure you understand, this is also impacted by the strike action of staff in other schools. Deciding how to allocate our reduced resources has not been easy. However, we have concluded that Year 10 students must be given priority, as their preparation for GCSE and vocational exams has been impacted the most by previous school closures.

All Year 10 students will be expected to attend as normal; we have planned a comprehensive masterclass and vocational subjects catch up programme for both days.

You will receive a separate text communication today that will outline how you can book your child a place at school if they are in years 7-9 and also meet the criteria for vulnerable and/or key worker children; we have to have a booking system so that we know who should be in school.

For students who are entitled to free school meals a credit of £3.03 will be added to your child's account for each day we are closed, this can be used in the dining hall.

We value your support in getting us through this challenging time and we must do all we can to continue to support attendance at school, even on these disrupted days. I urge you to work with us and ensure that your child returns to school on **Thursday, 6th July and Monday, 10th July.** We need to work together to minimise the disruption and the considerable impact on outcomes due to lost learning hours.

I appreciate that this situation is far from ideal, and I am sorry for any disruption, I very much hope that the dispute is resolved quickly to avoid any further impact on students and their education. Finally, our drive to raise standards continues and I am delighted to report that the school has made a huge amount of progress this academic year. As always, thank you for your support.

Kind Regards



Peter Mee
Head of School