

13th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, the next national strike will take place on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023.

The planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the union and the government (and not specifically St Michael's Church of England High School or the local authority), and it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our students, whilst respecting the rights of our staff. We have completed all the necessary risk assessments and can confirm that unfortunately, this means we will only be able to remain open safely for the following year groups and students:

Wednesday 15th March 2023:

1. All Year 11 students
2. **Year 10 BTEC PSA students.** Your child would be required to attend school in **their full school uniform** for their double lesson **periods 3 and 4 only:**
 - Business Enterprise 10C/Eb1 with Mr Rabbett
 - Child Development 10C/Cd1 with Mrs Peart
 - BTEC IT 10C/It1 with Mrs Gould

Year 11 afterschool study support on that day will run as normal.

Thursday 16th March 2023:

1. All Year 11 students
2. All Year 7 students
3. **Year 10 BTEC PSA students.** Your child would be required to attend school in **their full school uniform** for their double lesson **periods 3 and 4 only:**
 - Business Enterprise 10A/Eb1 with Mr Rabbett
 - Health and Social Care 10/Hs1 with Mrs Peart
 - Performing Arts 10A/Pa1 with Ms Proffitt

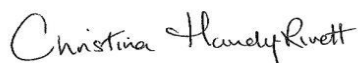
Year 10 students will be responsible for making their own way to and from school. They should arrive on the school site at 10:30 am for their lesson to begin promptly after break time. As soon as the lesson is finished at 12:30 pm, the students will be accompanied to reception, signed out of the building and they would be free to return home. Year 11 afterschool intervention on that day will run as normal.

Vulnerable students in Years 10, 9, 8 and 7 will be contacted directly. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused and can assure you that every attempt was made to keep the school fully open.

There will be some work set on Google Classroom, and your child should check their lesson pages. Whilst it would be preferable if this work were completed, we recognise that some students do not have access to Google Classroom at home and, therefore, there will be no sanctions for students who cannot complete the work.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your understanding during the period of industrial action.

Yours faithfully,



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