

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the moment, the strikes planned for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March are still going ahead. In my previous letter on Industrial action, I made you aware of our plans for the strikes and the arrangements for these. This is a reminder of these arrangements.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March the school will be open for Year 11, 12 and 13 and Years 7 to 10 will have remote learning on those days.

**Students in school**

Students should attend as usual and wear uniform. We will try to deliver the curriculum as much as is possible, however, due to the circumstances this may not be possible, and students may have different activities to complete in some periods. All students should bring their PE kit with them (including boots for the 3G pitch) if they are timetabled for PE that day. If their normal lesson will not be taking place, they will be provided with the opportunity to complete revision/coursework etc., in preparation for their external or internal examinations.

The dining room and other facilities will be available for students as usual.

Students should report to their form rooms as usual for registration.

**Students not in school and learning remotely on the strike days**

Work will be set on-line for the day for students in all years. This could involve live lessons via Google Classroom or work being set to complete. The teacher will upload the work to Google Classroom with any instructions by the time the lesson is due to take place. Students need to check their Google Classrooms for their lessons in their usual timetabled slots. The lessons will start at 9.05 as usual.

If work is not available on Google Classroom, then students will have the lesson to work through a range of independent learning projects which are available on the school website via this link.  
<https://www.richardhale.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Independent-Projects.pdf>.

Year 10 students should continue to revise in preparation for their internal examinations. Students may also decide to complete additional reading, consolidate their notes, complete assignments, homework etc. When revising students can complete a whole host of revision activities such as creation of revision cards, mind maps, highlighting notes, making audio notes, watching revision videos on Youtube answering past questions etc. There is also the Year 10 Google Classroom to help guide them. A list of helpful revision activities for and resources for Year 10 students are below:

**Resources**

The links below will take students to on-line lessons or revision activities that can be completed as part of their revision.

**Oak National Academy**

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage->

**BBC Bitesize**

4/subjects <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary>

### **Seneca Learning**

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

### **Quizlet**

<https://quizlet.com/en-gb>

### **GCSE Past Papers**

Students can also revise by practising past questions. Past papers are available for every subject and can be found using the links below. Students can download and complete these questions as part of their revision.

- AQA <https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>
- Edexcel <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses.html>
- OCR <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/past-paper-finder/>

Students will be aware of which exam board they are studying, if not, this is available on the school website or students should ask their teachers over the next week.

### **Children of critical workers**

If you are a critical worker and your child is not in school on the strike days and you want them to complete on-line learning in school, we will have provision for this. In order for us to plan for the numbers of students who will need to access this provision, can you please complete the google form by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm <https://forms.gle/Eze1ar7AtW5H7FSU8>

### **Free School Meals**

All students who are not attending school on the strike days and are entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch for these days. This will be given to the students on Tuesday at 2.20 or at 3.20 in the dining room for them to bring home. Students should come and collect their lunch from the dining room at these times.

As I said in my previous letter to you, for these latest strike days we are prioritising examination groups being in school.

If the strike is cancelled due to the negotiations with the Secretary of State, then we will be open as usual for all students.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mr I Hawkins  
**Headteacher**