



17th February 2023

Dear Parent and carers,

National Strike Day Wednesday 1st March

I am writing to give you advanced information about our arrangements for the second-strike day, scheduled for Wednesday 1st March 2023. This strike is part of an ongoing dispute with the Government about sector pay and education funding. These strikes are **not** a dispute against the College, Principal or Trust.

We are expecting a significant number of the teaching staff to be striking on the 1st March, but we will not know the exact number until the day itself. Staff who are striking are not compelled to set work and non-striking staff are not compelled to cover for their striking colleagues, as they their unions are also in dispute with the Government.

For 1 March 2023, the College will be open to Year 11 pupils and identified vulnerable pupils only. Pupils in Years 7 to 10 will access Remote Learning via SatchelOne from home.

Although the school site is closed to years 7, 8, 9 and 10, we are still passionate about your child's education, and we will be providing a full day of remote learning through satchel one. Pupils know how to find the work and have already tested their logins for day 1. They have been given exercise books in which to complete work.

Attendance for all Year 11 pupils is expected, and they should arrive at the normal time. Year 11 pupils who have PE on this day (on their normal timetable) must bring their PE kit. Buses for Year 11 and identified pupils, will operate as normal and arrangements for school lunches will not change.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation is frustrating, and I ask that all members of the College community continue to treat each other with respect.

We will continue to work closely with our staff representatives. For reference, the next scheduled strike days are **Wednesday 15th March 2023 and Thursday 16th March 2023**. I will write to you in advance to share our plans, should these further strike days go ahead.

If you have any questions, please contact the College via postroom@cdcollege.uk

Kind regards

Julie Sheppard
Principal