

24 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union have declared a second day of strike action. The strike action will take place on Thursday 02 March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the Secretary of State for Education over pay and school funding.

**The School will be open to all students of Year 11 and Year 13. Year 11 will undertake intensive Maths and English examination preparation. Year 13 will be taught by their teachers in selected subjects.**

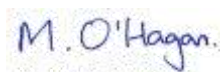
**Additionally, selected classes in Year 12 and those students involved in the Spring Music Production will also be expected to attend. Unfortunately, the School will be closed on Thursday 02 March 2023 for all other students.**

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils. Given the staff we are likely to have available, we are able to provide the programme of learning only to the specific Year Groups mentioned above.

Students should attend in full School uniform. The day will begin promptly at 09:00; additional details will be provided to students next week.

I am sorry that the majority of parents will have to make alternative arrangements for their children at short notice and for the disruption to their education. I understand that this situation will be frustrating and the School will endeavour to keep you informed of arrangements for further planned industrial action on 15 and 16 March 2023.

Yours faithfully



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