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RE: National strike action

Dear Parent/Carer,

The NEU (National Education Union) is continuing with planned strike action as part of an ongoing dispute with the Government about pay. The planned strike days are as follows:

- Wednesday 1st March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

At the City of Derby Academy we do have a significant number of NEU members who will be striking, and colleagues in other unions are not obliged to cover for striking colleagues. These factors mean that we will not be able to deliver a 'normal' education or ensure enough supervision to maintain the health and safety of all students. I recognise that the strike action will cause disruption, but it is part of a dispute with the Government and not with the Academy or Trust, so it is beyond our control.

For the next three planned strike days the current plans are as follows:

- **The school will be open for ALL Year 11 students who wish to come in.** Although we may not be able to follow their normal timetable we will ensure that there are supervised opportunities for students to catch up with their studies and/or revise. If possible, we will also be running revision workshops.
- **The school will be open for our most vulnerable students** (as it was during the COVID-19 lockdown). We will be contacting parents/carers directly to confirm the attendance of their children on the strike day.
- All students not in school will be able to access remote learning resources at home. If your child does not have a device at home, please contact your Head of Year or Deputy Head of Year and we will try our best to help. Details about logging into Teams can be found on our website: <https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/remote-learning/>

Some students not in school will be receiving wellbeing phone calls during the day.

Students not in school will not receive an absent mark.

All students in school on the strike days are expected to arrive at normal time in full school uniform.

We will be providing food for all students attending school. If your child is eligible for a free school meal but they won't be attending school they can still collect a packed lunch. Please call or email the appropriate Year Team to arrange this.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Harding
Headteacher
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Contact details for Year Teams

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