

# CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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**April 2023**

**RE: National strike action April/May**

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

As you will probably know from the news, 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 this week and next week are:

- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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. The plans for these strike days are:

- **The school will be open for ALL Year 11 students.**
  - The NEU has requested that its members provide resources so it is important that Y11 students attend school to gain the maximum benefit from this provision.
  - There are Maths intervention sessions on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April for some targeted Y11 students.
  - Where students are unable to follow their normal timetable we will ensure that there are supervised opportunities for students to revise for the forthcoming final examinations.
- **The school will be open for our most vulnerable students.** As before, we will be contacting some parents/carers directly to confirm the attendance of their children on the strike day.
- **The school will be open on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April for some Year 10 students who need to complete coursework.** These students will receive invitations.
- **The school will be open on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to any student who is a member of the Cadet Force.**
- **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/>

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

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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