

CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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Strikes and school closure

Dear parents and carers,

The National Education Union (NEU) is in dispute with our trust (QEGSMAT). Despite significant concessions being made, the NEU has decided to strike on the issue of back-pay for some support staff, although it is the Trust's view that there is no legal basis for this.

At the City of Derby Academy we have a significant number of NEU members, and I cannot ask non-striking teaching staff who are members of other unions to set work or to cover for NEU colleagues on strike days. We will not be able to open for normal teaching or ensure enough supervision to maintain the health and safety of all students, therefore:

CODA will be closed to *most* students on Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, and Thursday 11th July 2024.

Students *not* in school

- All students will be able to access remote learning at home. If your child does not have a device at home, please contact your 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 on strike days will not receive a negative attendance mark.
- Some students not in school will also be receiving wellbeing phone calls during the day.

Planned events

- The planned Culture Day will be rescheduled to Tuesday 16th July, but the following will go ahead as planned:
Tuesday 9th – Greenpower racing
Wednesday 10th – City Sports; choir trip to Castle View school; Awards Ceremony

Students in school

The school will remain open for the following students who will be expected to arrive at normal time (unless stated otherwise) and in full uniform:

- Some invited Y10 students who will catch up with coursework and/or complete improvement work after their recent mock exams.
- Any student who is a member of the Combined Cadet Force (from 10am on Thursday 11th July **only**).
- We will be contacting the parents/carers of some of our vulnerable students directly to confirm the attendance of their children on the strike days. Alternatively, parents who need their child to attend can contact the relevant Head of Year.

(Free) school meals

We will be serving food as normal to all students attending school on the strike days. If your child is eligible for a free school meal but they won't be attending school on the strike days they can still collect a packed lunch, but parents/carers must call or email their child's Head of Year to confirm and arrange this no later than Friday 5th July.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions specific to your child and their year group, please contact the relevant Head of Year.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Harding, Headteacher

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