

Monday 13th March 2023

Teachers' Industrial Action – Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has voted in favour of industrial action by their teaching members. The next of these national strikes takes place on Wednesday and are now in a position to confirm plans for all students on Wednesday 1st March:

Wednesday 15th March:

- **Year 10 and Year 11 students should attend as normal, arriving by 8.30 for free breakfast.** Year 10 students will be having an assembly with senior leaders and then working on options subjects and Maths ahead of their mock exams in May. Year 11 students will be sitting English Literature and Chemistry mock exams. **Non-attendance will be classed as unauthorised absence.**
- **Students in Years 7-9 should remain at home and will receive remote learning** through our well-established remote education provision, following their [Remote Learning Timetables](#).

Thursday 16th March:

- **Year 11 students should attend as normal, arriving by 8.30 for free breakfast and making sure they have adapted travel arrangements in place if affected by the bus strike.** Year 11 students will be sitting Humanities, French and Physics mock exams. **Non-attendance will be classed as unauthorised absence.**
- **Students in Years 7-10 should remain at home and will receive remote learning** through our well-established remote education provision, following their [Remote Learning Timetables](#).

All 'live' lessons and assigned work will be found in the Homework Teams group for students, which they are already used to accessing. Links to these groups can also be found below and on our website at <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/parents-and-carers/home-learning/>:

All students will need to ensure they know their log-in details for MS Teams (Outlook 365) and can access the remote provision in place for them.

Parents are expected to ensure their child uses time on Monday and Tuesday to make sure they can access remote learning and supervise their child so they [adhere to the expectations which are clear on our website whilst learning at home](#).

- **JQA will remain open to 'vulnerable' students who are expected to attend and students whose parents/carers are key workers.** If you are a key worker and need your child to come into school on these dates, please contact the school via email (enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy) to discuss this further with the Headteacher by 12pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023.

On the day preceding a strike, we will be offering a takeaway bag from the Hatch containing a packed lunch for the following day(s) to students who are entitled to free school meals.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Barton - Headteacher

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will the strikes take place this month?

Strikes will take place on:

- Wednesday 15th March 2023 (National strike)
- Thursday 16th March 2023 (National strike)

Why have we chosen to provide remote education on strike days?

A proportion of our staff body are members of the NEU and so, having completed a thorough risk assessment, we do not have sufficient staffing to have all students in school. Our well-established remote provision will be used to ensure your child's education continues.

My child is entitled to Free School Meals. Will these be provided?

We will offer every child who is entitled to Free School Meals a packed lunch to take home the day before a strike. If families need further support, please get in touch via the usual channels.

My child is set to remain at home during these days. How can I support my child to access remote learning?

It's important your child can access the remote learning provision. They can do this on many devices but they will need their MS Teams (Outlook 365) logins. Our clear Remote Learning policy and procedures are online: <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/parents-and-carers/home-learning/> Families who require digital support can get in touch and make an application to borrow devices at:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Ors2DDw07kKfFk8X_zexu-yVEZJcA2IKm2Q4wkLhBDpUNDFFTVRJOTNMOExaWERPRVdUMVpIQUk1Qi4u We will be giving all our students a refresher on using Microsoft Teams this week.

My child gets the bus to school and is likely to be affected by the bus strike on Thursday 16th March 2023. What should I do?

It is important that you put alternative arrangements in place for them so they can arrive by 8.35. The exams start at 9am and will not wait – students must adapt their travel plans to be here on time. Non attendance will be classed as unauthorised absence.