

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Teachers' Industrial Action – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 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 first of these national strikes takes place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

We are now in a position to confirm plans for all students on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February:

- **Year 11 students should attend as normal, arriving by 8.30 for free breakfast, having an assembly with senior leaders and then completing the normal sequenced lessons in core subjects.**
  - Students in Year 11 who are sitting their Digital Information Technology public examination on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 should be ready to succeed in this examination.
- **Students in Years 7-10 will receive remote learning** through our well-established remote education provision, following the subjects they would usually have on those days. Timetables for all year groups are below and printed copies will be issued on Tuesday to all students:

[Year 7 Remote Learning Timetable](#)

[Year 8 Remote Learning Timetable](#)

[Year 9 Remote Learning Timetable](#)

[Year 10 Remote Learning Timetable](#)

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:

[Year 7 Home Learning Teams Group](#)

[Year 8 Home Learning Teams Group](#)

[Year 9 Home Learning Teams Group](#)

[Year 10 Home Learning Teams Group](#)

**Students in these year groups should NOT come into school on strike days.**

All students will need to ensure they know their log-in details for MS Teams (Outlook 365) and can access the remote learning provision. A 'refresher' session will be given to all students on Tuesday in Years 7-10 during Personal Development.

- **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](mailto:enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy)) to discuss this further with the Headteacher by 12pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

**On Tuesday afternoon, we will be offering a takeaway bag containing a packed lunch for the following day to students in Years 7-10 who are entitled to free school meals.**

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Barton - Headteacher

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***When will the strikes take place?***

*Strikes will take place on:*

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 (National strike)
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (Regional strike)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (National strike)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 in Year 7-10, 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 or drop in for Coffee Morning between 9am -11am every Wednesday.

### ***My child is in Year 7-10. 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 anytime: [https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Ors2DDw07kKfFk8X\\_zexu-yVEZJcA2IKm2Q4wkLhBDpUNDFFTVRJOTNMOExaWERPRVdUMVpIQUK1Qi4u](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.

### ***Will these plans be the same for the regional strike on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023?***

We will need to review arrangements before each day of industrial action. We will, of course, communicate the plans in good time to all families.