

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Teachers' Industrial Action – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 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 Thursday and we are now in a position to confirm plans for all students on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023:

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April:**

- **Year 11 students should attend as normal, arriving by 8.30 for free breakfast.** Year 11 students will be having an assembly with senior leaders and then working on options subjects as well as English and Maths ahead of their exams beginning shortly. **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, accessing the suite of apps we use to support learning.

**[A suggested timetable for this is here.](#)**

**All students will need to ensure they know their log-in details MS Teams (Outlook 365), Seneca, Reading Plus, MathsWatch and GCSE (Year 10) 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 the full suite of remote learning, signing up to GCSE Pod if they are in Year 10 and supervise their child so they can be sure they are using their time productively.

- **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 25<sup>th</sup> April 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:*

- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

### ***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](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Ors2DDw07kKfFk8X_zexu-yVEZJcA2IKm2Q4wkLhBDpUNDFFTVRJOTNMOExaWERPRVdUMVpiQUk1Qi4u) We will be giving all our students a refresher on using the suite of learning apps at JQA this week.