

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Teachers' Industrial Action – Wednesday 1st 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 1st March 2023. We are now in a position to confirm plans for all students on Wednesday 1st March:

- **Year 10 and Year 11 students should attend as normal but wearing full PE kit, arriving by 8.30 for free breakfast.** Year 10 students will be having an assembly with senior leaders and then completing the normal sequenced lessons in core subjects that will be a mix of in-person teaching and remote learning and will be issued with a timetable on arrival. Year 10 students should bring headphones with them to plug into the desktop PCs. Year 11 students will be having Maths and Science lessons and the opportunity to complete coursework. Both cohorts will also be having workshops led by the RAF and 4 form groups are attending their re-arranged rewards trip. **Non-attendance will be classed as unauthorised absence.**
- **Students in Years 7-9 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](#)

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/>:

[Year 7 Home Learning Teams Group](#)

[Year 8 Home Learning Teams Group](#)

[Year 9 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 and [adhere to the expectations which are clear on our website.](#)

- **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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

On Tuesday afternoon, we will be offering a takeaway bag containing a packed lunch for the following day to students in Years 7-9 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 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 7-9, 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 in Year 7-9. 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-yVEZJcA2IKm2Q4wkLhBDpUNDFFTVRJOTNMOExaWERPRVdUMVplQUk1Qi4u](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Ors2DDw07kKfFk8X_zexu-yVEZJcA2IKm2Q4wkLhBDpUNDFFTVRJOTNMOExaWERPRVdUMVplQUk1Qi4u) We will be giving all our students a refresher on using Microsoft Teams this week.

### ***My child is in Year 10 or Year 11. What are the arrangements?***

We are aiming for it to be a normal school day for Year 10 and Year 11 with the usual start and finish time. They should also arrive in full PE kit. Lunch arrangements will be as they are on a normal school day but both cohorts will be having the same break and lunch for efficiency of staff supervision.