

Monday 30th January 2023

Teachers' Industrial Action – Spring Term 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has voted in favour of industrial action by their members. The union has informed us that strikes will take place on:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Wednesday 1st March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

I wanted to reassure you that we are working hard to make sure learning continues at City Academy during the strike action. We are still finalising our plans and I will confirm them next week but at this stage I can confirm the following arrangements:

- **School will remain open to 'vulnerable' students 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 (enquiries@corecity.academy) to discuss this further.
- **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. The details of this for Wednesday 1st February will be found by following the link, <https://www.corecity.academy/parents-and-carers/home-learning/>. **Students in these year groups should not come into school on strike days.**
- **Students in Year 11 will receive remote learning**, we will provide 'live learning'. They will follow two extended 'live learning' sessions in English and maths, followed by a session of self-directed study using GCSE Pod, for science. **Students in Year 11 should remain at home, unless they have the Digital Information Technology examination, in the morning.**
 - Students in Year 11 who are sitting their Digital Information Technology public exam on the morning of 1st February 2023 will still be able to sit that examination at Newhall Street and will return home at the end of their examination, as communicated in the letter shared last week.
 - An amended mock exam timetable for Year 11 students will be published shortly.

I understand some parents may have concerns about the disruption, but I would like to reiterate that we will be working hard to ensure your child's education does not suffer as a result of this industrial action. Thank you for your continued support.

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



Mrs R Bakewell
Headteacher

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will the strikes take place?

Strikes will take place on:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023 (National strike)
- Wednesday 1st March 2023 (Regional strike)
- 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 in Year 7-11, 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 7-10. 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 by clicking on the following link <https://www.corecity.academy/parents-and-carers/home-learning/> where they will find their learning for the strike day. They should click on the link for each lesson to go to the resources.

My child is in Year 11. What are the arrangements?

Year 11 will have two taught sessions on MS Teams. They will need their MS Teams (Outlook 365) logins, which they use weekly at school. Once in MS Teams, they will have two sessions in their calendar. Students will be provided with paper-based resources to support their learning on MS Teams in school in the days before the strike.