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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware from the correspondence sent out directly from the Trust that the NEU teaching union intends to strike on four separate days this term. We have been gathering information in an attempt to make a plan that provides ongoing education to as many students as possible.

Unfortunately, with a number of our teachers in the NEU, we will not be able to open to all students and will therefore **be closed to Year 9 and Year 10 students. The academy will be open for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 11 only.** This will be reviewed for each planned day of strike action and we will give you as much notice as we can of potential changes.

We will be doing our best to keep lessons as normal as possible for those students who are in attendance, but may alter the provision (such as extended assembly) if we need to.

The four days affecting schools in the South West are:

- **Wednesday 1 February 2023**
- Thursday 2 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

On Wednesday 1 February Year 7, Year 8 and Year 11 students should attend the academy as normal. Year 9 and Year 10 students will remain at home and access lessons remotely. They will be expected to complete the work set on Google Classroom.

It is my intention to continually review this and if we can have more students in the academy we will.

All students who are entitled to a Free School Meal will be able to place an order with the kitchen and collect it on the day between 12 and 12:30pm. Arrangements will be put in place for students to place their orders on Monday and Tuesday next week (30 and 31 January).

Further updates will follow over the next few days. In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours sincerely

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