

## **Re: National Teacher Industrial Strike Action**

Dear Parent/ Carer,

You may have seen in the news nationally, matters relating to industrial action that remains under dispute between the Government and certain teaching unions. Members of the National Education Union (NEU), which represents hundreds of thousands of teachers and non-teaching school based staff across the country; has balloted its members and voted to take strike action on the projected dates listed below (it is possible that the dates will change or be cancelled).

The strike action is not a dispute between Dixons Academies Trust, the local authority or our school specifically; only between the members of the union and the Government. However, we do have a large proportion of our teaching staff in the NEU. As a result, we have no choice but to close the school to the majority of students on these days to ensure safe operation and supervision for your children.

### **Arrangements for Y7 – Y10 and Y12**

Y7 – Y10 and Y12 will work from home with work set either on MS Teams, Sparx for Maths, Educake for Science, or with work given out in class in the run up to the strike days. Therefore, attendance to school each day is imperative.

However, we also recognise that some of our students work with more support and may need that support to access the online work. As a result, these students are also being offered the opportunity to work in school, supervised, with access to our IT facilities. The parents/carers for children qualifying for this support will be contacted individually. Please note, only students named in those letters qualify, if you have more than one child in the school not all children can be supported by this extra offer. Packs will be made available and distributed to all students in case of a lack of internet access so that they can complete the work at home. These will be given out during the school day.

### **Arrangements for Y11**

On the strike days Y11 will attend school as usual. They will remain in school to complete Morning Mastery and leave after the final period of the day. There will be no advisory session at the end of the day due to staffing. The sessions delivered in lesson time will focus on core subjects and revision for their upcoming GCSE exams.

**It is vital that all Y11 students are in school on these days as their Maths, English and Science content knowledge and application still needs to be improved. This work forms an essential part of the run up to their final exams in May. If your child has a French or Spanish speaking exam, they will sit them as planned.**

### **Arrangements for Y13**

All staff not participating in national action will invite their students into school for their lessons. It is the expectation that Y13 continue to complete coursework where applicable or prepare for their final exams where they are not contacted. For additional information, the students should contact their subject teacher.

Finally, we appreciate that the school closures are a disruption and that no one wishes for young people to suffer more inconsistency. Please rest assured Dixons Broadgreen Academy staff will do all they can to minimise this disruption to learning and support your children to succeed despite it.

Projected Strike Dates:

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

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R Fidler  
Principal

