

Re: National Teacher Industrial Strike Action

Dear Parent / Carer

As some of you may be aware, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is planning strike action over the next couple of months. This is a national strike regarding a dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay. The dates the NEU has currently scheduled are 1 February, 28 February, 15 March and 16 March. It is possible all, or some of these dates may be withdrawn if the NEU can reach agreement with government.

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 on Microsoft Teams. However, we also recognise that some 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 they may not all be supported by this extra offer.

Packs will be made available and distributed to those students without internet access so they can complete the work at home.

Arrangements for Y11

On the strike days, Y11 can attend school as normal, at 8am, for the free breakfast which will continue to be offered. They should report to their Morning Meeting line up space for registration. Their day will consist of masterclasses in English, Science and Maths GCSE papers, to support their final exams in the summer. Lunch and breaktime will run as normal and the school day will end at 3pm.

Arrangements for Y13

It is the expectation that Y13 continue to complete coursework where applicable or prepare for their final exams. 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.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Fidler
Principal

