

13 March 2023

Re: National Teacher Industrial Strike Action

Dear Parent/ Carer,

You may have seen in the news nationally, matters relating to industrial action that is 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 on MS 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 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.

Arrangements for Y11

On the strike days Y11 will attend school for their PPE2 exams at 9am for their first exam of the day. They will remain in school to sit the afternoon exam and will leave upon collection of the exam papers.

It is vital that all Y11 students are in school on these days as their Maths and English exam papers are scheduled. These exam papers form an essential part of the run up to their final exams in May. Teachers will use them to plan for the next few weeks to secure the best grades and the results will be used on student paperwork post final exam results being issued.

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 despite it.

Projected Strike Dates:

- Tuesday, 28th February 2023
- **Wednesday, 15th March 2023**
- **Thursday, 16th March 2023**

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R Fidler
Principal

