

10 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Industrial action for Teaching Staff**

The National Education Union (NEU) have confirmed that the next two days of strike action are expected to take place on **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023**. I am writing to explain what this means and how it will impact your child.

Striking is the right of every teacher who is part of a union and is a personal choice which we respect as an academy and Trust. As the Headteacher, it is my responsibility to ensure our pupils receive the highest standard of education and care. As such, we have plans in place to ensure your child can continue their learning on those days with as minimal disruption as possible. The safety and wellbeing of our pupils remains our top priority.

As we have a high number of staff who are members of the NEU we will not have enough staff in school to safely open the academy to all students. Therefore, the school can only be partially open on the day of strike action.

**Year 11 and Year 13** – School is open for students with mock examinations only. These exams are very important, and all students must attend. Further details about the arrangements for the two days will be shared with parents and students in a separate letter.

**Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12** - School will be closed for students in these year groups. Remote learning will be in place for these students, please see the details below.

We have arrangements in place to welcome vulnerable pupils into the academy. We will be in touch with parents of relevant children. If you are a critical worker and would like your child to attend school on the day of the strike, please phone school reception and ask to speak to your child's Pastoral Manager.

**Remote learning provision for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12**

Your child should work on their independent learning tasks, reading, exam revision and coursework, using the Subject pages on the Academy website. Further resources are also available on BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy.

[Belle Vue Girls' Academy - Subjects \(bvgacademy.co.uk\)](https://www.bvgacademy.co.uk)

[Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy)

[Home - BBC Bitesize](#)

We will continue to communicate with you and keep you updated on the arrangements or any changes to the planned strike action.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [community@bvga.bdat-academies.org](mailto:community@bvga.bdat-academies.org)

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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