



Duke's Secondary School

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RA/LMR

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, one of the main teacher unions, the NEU, is advising its members to go on strike again on **Tuesday 28th February 2023**. We do expect some of our staff to be on strike that day and therefore there will be some disruption to the running of the school site.

We have looked carefully at the timetable for that day and have tried to ensure that we can manage the safety & supervision of the students whilst minimising the impact on learning with reduced staffing levels in place.

Therefore, we have made the decision that unfortunately we will need to close the school to certain year groups and we will put the following arrangements in place

- School will **remain open for Years 7, 10, 11, 12 & 13**
- School will **be closed to Years 8 & 9**
- **Work will be available for students in Years 8 & 9 on their Google classrooms**

There is further industrial action planned this term on the dates below:

- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

I will write to parents nearer the time once we have more information about the likely impact on those days.

I can only apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to our students in Years 8 & 9, but I hope that students and parents understand the reasoning behind the decision.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Atkinson
Principal



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