



Duke's Secondary School

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Principal: Mr R Atkinson

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, one of the main teacher unions, the NEU, is advising its members to go on strike for a further two days this term. The days that have been identified are **Wednesday 5th July 2023 and Friday 7th July 2023**. We do expect some of our staff to be on strike on those days, and therefore there will be some disruption to the running of the school on those days.

Staff that are not on strike on those days are not permitted under union guidelines to cover the lessons of colleagues taking industrial action. We have therefore looked carefully at the timetable for those days and have tried to ensure that we can manage the safe supervision of the students while minimising the impact on the learning with reduced staffing levels in place.

As per the previous days of industrial action this academic year, we have had to take the decision that unfortunately we will need to close the school to certain year groups, and we will put the following arrangements in place:

Wednesday 5th July 2023

- School will **remain open for Years 9, 10, & 12**
- School will **be closed to Years 7 & 8**
- If year 12 teachers are not available, then these students will be expected to complete independent work in the 6th form area
- **Work will be available for students that are not in school on those days on their Google classrooms**

Friday 7th July 2023

- School will **remain open for Years 7, 8, 9 & 12**
- School will **be closed to Year 10**
- If year 12 teachers are not available, then these students will be expected to complete independent work in the 6th form area
- **Work will be available for students that are not in school on those days on their Google classrooms**



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I can only apologise for the inconvenience that this ongoing industrial action may cause to our students in Years 7, 8 & 10, but I hope that students and parents understand the reasoning behind the decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping strokes that form a stylized, cursive-like name.

Mr R Atkinson
Principal