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Dear Year 11 Parent

### **Industrial Action - NEU**

As you are aware, in January, the National Education Union (NEU) announced their intention to take industrial action in the form of a strike. Both regional and national action has been planned.

This action is not against the college itself but part of national industrial action organised by the union over the pay of its members.

Although discussions with the NEU and the DfE are on-going, the union has indicated that, as things currently stand, the strike called for Thursday 2 March will go ahead.

Following our risk assessment, based on staffing and safeguarding considerations, I can confirm the school will be open for students in year 11, albeit with minor changes to the school day.

This will enable year 11 students to undertake their important mock examinations as originally planned.

A further communication will be sent giving further details of the arrangements of this day.

As mentioned previously, future industrial action dates are expected on Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March. We will consider each of these separately to make informed decisions about the school opening.

I will of course contact you again should there be any update from the union that might lead to a change in these plans.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

Yours faithfully

Edward Rodriguez  
Headteacher