

13th March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

Further to my letter last week, I am writing to confirm the arrangements for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023 which are the days of the proposed industrial action by members of the National Education Union (NEU). As I have written previously, the dispute is not directed against the school itself, but is part of national industrial action and schools are likely to be impacted to varying degrees depending on the make-up of union membership and the number of NEU members taking action.

I am able to share that we are able to open for more year groups than I detailed last week and the full details for the days are as follows.

**Wednesday 15th March 2023 - school is partially closed - open for students in Years 11, 12 and 13 only**

The school will be partially closed on Wednesday 15th March. Only students in Years 11-13, and those students whose parents are critical workers or who are vulnerable, and who completed the form in my previous letter, should attend school.

Students in Year 12 and 13 should attend for lessons, following the provisional timetable (Year 12 click [here](#), Year 13 click [here](#)); this will be confirmed on Wednesday morning through Google Classroom. The Sixth Form study rooms will also be available and staffed throughout the day.

Students in Year 11 should register in the atrium at 8.50am. Students have their English Language pre-public examination (PPE) periods 1 and 2 and their Physics PPE period 5, and will be given information about their timetable for lessons 3 and 4 at the start of the day.

Parents of students who are vulnerable/children of critical workers who completed the form I shared previously have been contacted directly about the arrangements for the day.

**Thursday 16th March 2023 - school is partially closed - open for students in Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 only**

The school will also be partially closed on Thursday 16th March. Only students in Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13, and those students whose parents are critical workers or who are vulnerable, and who completed the form in my previous letter, should attend school.

Students in Year 12 and 13 should attend for lessons, following the provisional timetable (Year 12 click [here](#), Year 13 click [here](#)); this will be confirmed on Thursday morning through Google Classroom. The Sixth Form study rooms will also be available and staffed throughout the day.

Students in Year 10 and 11 should attend their period 1 lesson as usual, where they will be given their timetable for the day. For the most part, they will follow their usual Thursday Wk B timetable, although with some adaptations.

Students in Year 7 should arrive at 8.25am as usual and go to E201 for assembly where they will be given their timetable for the day. For the most part, they will follow their usual Thursday Wk B timetable, although with some adaptations.

Parents of students who are vulnerable/children of critical workers who completed the form I shared previously have been contacted directly about the arrangements for the day.

**Students in Years 8 and 9 for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023, and students in Years 7 and 10 for Wednesday 15th March 2023**

Students in Years 8 and 9 will need to remain at home on both Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023, and students in Years 7 and 10 will need to remain home on Wednesday 15th March 2023, and I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and your child. I am conscious that I have had to close the school for students in Years 8 and 9 for each of the dates affected by industrial action, and trust parents/guardians understand that this has not been an easy decision but I have felt it necessary to focus on the examination groups in the first instance. There are currently no further days of industrial action planned; however, should further dates be added, I will be looking at ways to ensure these year groups are prioritised.

For the days when the school is partially closed, students in these year groups should study independently at home. Students should first check their Google Classroom for independent tasks and then use [this](#) document to support study in the relevant subject areas. Please note, those members of staff taking strike action will not be setting work, as advised by their union.

Parents/guardians of students in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a voucher for lunch on the days affected via email.

Should parents/guardians have any questions, please contact the school via [office@ruisliphigh.org.uk](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.org.uk).

Yours sincerely



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