

31st January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

Further to my letter last week, I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the first day of the proposed industrial action by members of the National Education Union (NEU), which is due to take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023. As I wrote last week, 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.

### **Students in Years 11 and 13, and vulnerable students/students whose parents are critical workers**

As I wrote last week, the school will be partially closed tomorrow and only students in Years 11 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. Please note that all students should arrive by 8:50am (which is the usual Key Stage 4 and 5 start time) and will be dismissed at 2:45pm.

There will be changes to the usual timetable and we intend to run different option blocks during the day in order to maximise learning for students. This has been explained to students in assembly this afternoon.

Click [here](#) for the provisional timetable for students in Year 13; this will be confirmed on Wednesday morning through Google Classroom by Miss Horton. The Sixth Form study rooms will also be available and staffed throughout the day.

Students in Year 11 will have English and maths in the morning, followed by Option Block N and Option Block P with Science period 5 (click [here](#) for the provisional timetable for the day). Students should bring the equipment and books required for these subjects on the day and will be told on arrival where their first period will take place.

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 7-10 and Year 12**

Students in Years 7-10 and in Year 12 will need to remain at home on Wednesday 1st February 2023 and I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and your child.

All 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 that day via email.

Coming to a decision to restrict access to any year group is never easy. However, my main concern must be the health and safety of our students and our capacity to supervise them accordingly. I will, of course, be in touch regarding the additional planned strike days due to take place later this term on 2nd, 15th and 16th March 2023.



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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G.D.", is positioned below the text "Yours sincerely".

Gareth Davies  
Headteacher