

Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure you are now aware next week there are another series of Strikes by the NEU (National Education Union). I am writing to update you on the arrangements for the third and fourth-strike days; **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March.**

There are a significant number of our staff who are members of the NEU and members are not obliged to tell us whether they intend to take strike action.

At this stage we are not aware of any Government talks or any pausing of Industrial Action. If anything changes we will of course inform you as soon as we possibly can

Below is our intended plan for both strike days:

- Ken Stimpson Community School will be closed to all students in **Years 7-10**;
- **Year 11** students will only be attending their PPE's scheduled on the day; See further details below.
- **P16** students will be expected to attend normal lessons. Mr Abbott will have also emailed students directly.
- Again, we will be inviting students who we know are more vulnerable, or who require specialist support, to attend school. Our SEND Team will contact you directly to invite them in should that be the case. Please do not call the school to request a place.
- For the students who are in school the school canteen will run as normal.

Education on the day:

- On the day of the strike, the timings of the lessons remain the same with lesson 1 beginning at 8.45am.
- Work will be provided via Microsoft Teams / Class Charts.
- Lessons will be a combination of live lessons and work set on Teams. This will be for teachers who are not striking or absent. If the teacher is unavailable, please see point below.
- If your child has a lesson with a teacher who is participating in the strike, work can be accessed via this link <https://www.kscs.org.uk/homework> which will enable independent study throughout the day.
- Throughout the day students should study the subject that they would normally be doing, at the same time as if they were in school, with the exception of tutor time which can be an extended break for them.
- All staff not participating in industrial action will be in school and available online to support their students during their timetabled lessons.

Arrangements for Year 11

Wednesday

- All year 11 students will have two exams Maths at 8.45am and then English at 11.25am.
- They all need to arrive to school as normal at 8.30am.
- Food will be available from canteen at 10.35am

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- Break time will last for 50 minutes and there will be no form time.
- Once the Maths exam has finished all students will leave the campus at approximately 1.40pm
- There will be no food provision at 1.40pm

Thursday

- Some students have an exam at 8.45 am (Computer Science and GCSE Business) These students need to arrive to school as normal at 8.30am
- All other students should arrive for 10.45am for their Maths exam starting at 11.15am.
- Food will be available from the canteen at 10.45am.
- On completion of the Maths exam at 12.55pm all students (**except GCSE PE students**) will leave the campus.
- PE students will have a break of 45 minutes where they can purchase snacks from the canteen.
- PE students will then sit their PE exam at 1.45pm which will finish at 2.45pm at which point they will leave the campus.

If there are times over the two days where students are not in exams, we would expect them to use this time to revise and prepare for their PPEs.



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