

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: NEU Strike Action – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

As you might well have seen in the press over the Easter holidays, the NEU have decided on continuing with their industrial action. The next two days of such strike action will fall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

Following our experience of previous strikes, for these two days **the school will be open to Year 10, 11, 12 & 13. Please note this is the first time this year that there will be Year 10 provision.** It should also be noted that NEU advice to it's members for these two days of action is that they would support teacher members who teach examination classes in Year 11 & 13 "special dispensation" from strike action so as not to disrupt these students exam preparation. This will undoubtedly result in more lessons being taught by their nominated teacher than on previous strike days.

As with the previous strike days, the school will also make provision for those students deemed "vulnerable" by the DfE's definition and the children of key workers. Mrs McLaren, Deputy Head Teacher will write to you concerning this provision.

Parents of Year 10 & 11 pupils will receive a separate letter regarding expectations for the day, as will parents of pupils in Years 7 to 9, concerning work that can be completed at home.

Those parents/carers of pupils who would receive a free school meal on that day but are not at school will receive a notification from Ms Brennan, CFO, regarding alternative arrangements.

I am sorry that some of you will again have to make alternative arrangements for your child. Ashmole Academy remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation and further action.

Yours faithfully



Mr T Sullivan  
Head Teacher