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Information about industrial action on Wednesday 30 November

We will be suspending all onsite lessons because of national industrial action on Wednesday 30th November. This is a national dispute and strike action will be taking place at sixth form colleges across the country as the NEU enter a dispute with the Secretary of State for Education as a result of *'the failure to give an undertaking to make available additional and sufficient funds to allow employers to pay a fully-funded increase to staff at a rate greater than inflation'*.

Normal timetable suspension:

No onsite lessons will be taking place that day as we do not have the staffing to run the site safely. Individual staff who are not striking may set work or instigate remote learning and this will be communicated on an individual level. However, students should assume no lessons or learning will occur on that day. Students who wish to use the Library may do so and the Main Hall and some other study spaces will also be available. The Canteen will be open for snacks, but other rooms and facilities are likely to be closed. Evening Language classes will go ahead as planned.

A2 Parents' Evening

The A2 Parents' Evening scheduled for this date will not run. The Parents' Evening on Thursday 24 November will go ahead and general booking opens at 2pm today; however, we anticipate that demand for appointments will outstrip supply so **we respectfully ask that parents/carers refer to the Progress Review which was published on Parent Portal yesterday and *only book an appointment* if:**

- teachers have indicated that a students' "Approach to Learning" is '*Concerning*' or '*Very Concerning*'
- students currently have an open *Red* or *Amber* support plan which has not already been discussed

If you fall into either of the priority categories above and are unable to get an appointment then you should make contact with the teacher, via e-mail, stating your specific concern. However, you should bear in mind we may take a few working days to respond given the current volume of queries, so we ask for your patience. We appreciate that many people may not get an appointment and that this is frustrating, but these are circumstances beyond our control. We do not anticipate we will be able to reschedule this evening.

Future Action

We are not currently aware of any future strike dates planned, although the National Education Union is re-balloting members on further action and we will continue to update students, parents and carers as we receive further information.