

Thursday 9th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Planned strike action at Chelsea Academy on Wednesday and Thursday 15th & 16th March

I am writing to update you on the arrangements for the next planned NEU strike days. Once again may I remind you that the strike action is in relation to a national dispute around teacher and school staff pay and not about working conditions or any other dispute with the Leadership or governance of the Academy. My staff who are striking have not taken the decision to do so lightly.

What will happen at the Academy during the strike?

The Academy will only be open for:

- All Year 11 students to complete a mock examination. Students should arrive as normal at the student entrance at 9.30am in either uniform or Academy PE kit. After this has finished some students will remain on site to complete coursework. They will be informed about this.
- All Year 13 students will be invited into the Academy from 9:30am. Where teaching staff are present in the building, students will go to their lessons. Otherwise students will revise independently in the Sixth Form centre. Mrs. Holgate will also communicate separately with Y13 about arrangements.
- A very small number of identified students
- All other students should remain at home and access online learning through google classroom. **If your child's teacher is not taking strike action there will be an online lesson to access. Your child should log on a few minutes before the start of each lesson to see whether the teacher is online. Otherwise there will be resources uploaded as was the case for the earlier strike day in March**
- There will not be coaching time (8.40-9am). Therefore the first lesson will start at 9am
- If you are a parent of a student in Y7-11 eligible for Free School Meals, you will receive a voucher by email

Once again I fully appreciate that this partial closure may be disruptive to you, and I do apologise. We hope that you understand why we have made the decision to partially close the Academy. Thank you for your understanding and support. I hope that the Secretary of State and NEU leaders can meet very soon to resolve the dispute without the need for further strike action.

Yours sincerely



Mariella Ardron

Principal