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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the Easter break we have had confirmation of two further days of Industrial Action: **Thursday, 27th April 2023** and **Tuesday, 2nd May 2023**.

As in my previous letter I wanted to give you as much notice as possible as to how this will affect the College. We have looked closely at the Risk Assessment and potential disruption to the timetable. With this in mind we will need to operate in the following way:

1. Yr 7 Parents Evening on **Thursday, 27th April** will be postponed to **Thursday, 04th May 2023** at the same time.
2. Yr 13 students to be in College on both days during normal College hours. Where possible, timetabled lessons will continue and the expectation will be for independent exam revision during other times. School transport will be leaving at 1.50pm. If this causes a problem for any Year 13 student they should speak to Mrs Rowlatt-Weston.
3. Yr 11 Students will be in for the **morning only (Periods 1-4) on Thursday, 27th April**, apart from GCSE French students who will need to be in all day and will be supervised by the MFL team. Students should arrive at the normal time and register in the Hall as before. We will aim to provide as many timetabled lessons as we can where subject teachers are in and supervised independent revision during any other times. College will close for Yr11 students at 1:40pm. The college buses have been rescheduled to collect students at 1:50pm.
4. **Yr 12 students** will not be in College on the 27th **however** there is a live TV Graduate Careers seminar that has been booked for all Yr 12 for part of that day. **Full details will be sent out via Classcharts** with the expectation that all will take part as this is an excellent opportunity to explore your future options.
5. The timetable for Yr 11 is more problematic on **Tuesday, 02nd May** and therefore they will **NOT** be in College on this day and it should be used for a full-day of revision at home.
6. The canteen will be operating as normal on both days.
7. Students in both year groups are expected to bring with them revision materials for their own independent study and be in full College uniform.

It is with regret that we are unable to safely supervise students from other year groups at this time. I appreciate that this is an accumulation of time and have been very grateful for the patience and support we have received throughout these times.

As before, we would ask all other students to try and follow the subject timetable for the days in question as much as possible. Formal work will not be set by teachers on these days but this is an opportunity for independent work. Using the links below, together with any work already set inside exercise books, there should be a variety of options to explore. It does help a learner to decide before they begin what they want to achieve/find out or complete and to work to time limits that are set. (Between 40-50mins) which is in line with our normal lessons. Breaks are also important when completing independent study.

The following links should be helpful for you:

1. Unifrog: <https://www.unifrog.org/> Every child now has access to this incredibly useful tool to explore career options and plan the necessary pathways. It also helps young people to build their own personal statement ready for applying to university/apprenticeships or work.
2. www.corbettmaths.co.uk can be used for videos and practice questions on any Maths topic. Click on videos to access them. Alternatively click on 5-a-day to access 5 questions practice for every day.
3. BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> Follow the link to the Key Stage and subject. Work through the sections making notes and completing the tasks.
4. Year 11 and Year 13: REVISION. Plan the day into segments and decide before you start, which topic areas you will focus on. The advice is to revise and test yourself and to work in units of between 40-50 minutes. Make sure you have revision cards at the end to use over the coming months.
5. Consolidating learning: Use this time to organise your workbooks/folders. Complete the unfinished tasks and use your 'purple pen' to reflect on your learning and corrections.
6. READING: We should never underestimate the importance of reading each day. Choose your own book and spend at least one session of the day enjoying reading it.

I am very grateful for the continued professionalism of our staff in trying to minimise any adverse effect on learning. This Industrial Action however, does inevitably cause disruption and we do recognize the impact that this is having. The ongoing focus of this industrial action is about securing adequate investment in your child's education for their future. This is not simply about Teachers' pay, as it concerns the wider funding implications we have faced over time and it is this reality that I and the Senior Team and the Governors have to face when planning the very best educational experience for your child. I also remain grateful to you as parents for your patience and support during these times and I can assure you that we will continue to do everything we can to maximise the learning experience we provide for your children.

My best wishes



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