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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) have planned an additional two days of strike action. These are due to take place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 - The majority of students will be asked to remain at home on the 15th and 16th March 2023 and asked to study remotely. Teachers who are not striking will provide live online lessons which follow your child's timetable for this day. Lessons can be accessed via our online learning platform – Microsoft Teams.

Year 11 students – It will be compulsory for all Year 11 students to attend the Academy on the 15th and 16th March 2023. Students will be following their normal timetable of lessons with their teachers.

If a 'live' lesson is not available because a member of staff is striking, we have provided some links below for students to engage in independent study, revision, or research into the topics they are studying.

National Academy: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/>

Get Revising: <https://getrevising.co.uk>

Children of Critical Workers ([refer to annex B in this document](#)) will be able to attend the Academy and will engage in online lessons under the supervision of our staff and follow the timings of a normal Academy day. The Refectory will be open and children who receive free school meals will be provided with a meal. Please also ensure that your child brings their iPad with them, and it is fully charged. If you are a Critical Worker and want your child to attend the Academy on the 15th and 16th March 2023, **please contact us using the email address provided, by the end of Monday 13th March 2023** to confirm your child's attendance.

Please provide your child's name, year group and your job by emailing:

KimEdey@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Vulnerable students ([refer to annex A in this document](#)) and Eliot Centre students will be expected to attend the Academy on the 15th and 16th March 2023. You will receive a separate letter providing you with information about arrangements for your child's attendance at the Academy. Please also ensure that your child brings their iPad with them, and it is fully charged.

If your child receives free school meals, we have planned for them to collect a packed lunch from the Refectory at the end of the Academy day on Tuesday 14th March 2023. Lunches will need to be refrigerated overnight.

Year 12 and Year 13 – parents/carers will receive a separate letter detailing arrangements for the 15th and 16th March 2023.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that we do have a scheduled Staff Development Day (SDD) on Friday 17th March 2023. This date has been on the Academy website for this academic year and it is so unfortunate that the NEU strike action days have coincided with this date.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes



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