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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that the National Education Union [NEU] have declared a second day of strike action which is due to take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. The day will run in a similar way as the last strike action day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023, with the exception of Year 11 and Year 13.

**Years 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12** - The majority of students will be asked to remain at home on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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 school 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 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, **please contact us using the email address provided, by the end of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023** to confirm your child's attendance.

**Please provide your child's name, year group and your occupation:**

Email: [KimEdey@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:KimEdey@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)

Vulnerable students [[refer to annex A in this document](#)] and Eliot students will be expected to attend the Academy on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 after school on Wednesday. Lunches will need to be refrigerated overnight.

Year 11 and Year 13 parents/carers will receive a separate letter detailing arrangements for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends the Academy on this day.

The NEU has indicated that they will continue strike action for a further two days on the **15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm arrangements.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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