

25th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will now be aware via the national press, teachers who are a part of the National Education Union (NEU) are due to take strike action on Wednesday 1st February. Unless an agreement is reached with the government, they will also be withdrawing their labour from schools on March 2nd, 15th and 16th.

As has been reported, this strike is about pay with the current offer of a 5% increase falling below the level of inflation which is currently just above 9%. As most of our teachers at Wapping High School are members of the NEU, we will unfortunately not have enough staff on-site to be able to deliver lessons or provide adequate supervision.

Consequently, we have made the decision to open for a limited number of pupils, namely those who are in Year 11 due to their upcoming exams along with children who are classified as 'vulnerable.' These children will be supervised by the senior leadership team along with any staff member who is not a member of the NEU and they will be provided with an education whilst in school.

If your child is in Year 11, they will have a special timetable for the day with lessons delivered by the senior leadership team and myself. This will comprise: English; Maths; Science; History; Geography; Sociology, and; MFL (Modern Foreign Languages). Due to the senior team being experts in their chosen subject, I am confident that your child will find their time in school beneficial and for some, they will be taught by their regular teachers. With mock exams taking place soon and the final GCSE examinations happening in just a few short months now, it is absolutely essential that your child comes into school ready to learn on the day.

Should your child be classified as 'vulnerable', you will be contacted separately to this letter with further information and attendance is expected as per normal.

I understand that for many of you the decision to strike by members of the NEU may well cause you some disruption and I do apologise for this. However, as previously mentioned this is part of an ongoing dispute between members of the public sector and central government and it is my hope that any such issues are resolved soon for the benefit of everyone involved, especially the children.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at tomraw@wappinghigh.org

Kind regards,



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Head of School



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