

*“Leaders, staff and governors share a passionate commitment to raise the aspirations and achievements of all the students who attend the school.”*

**Ofsted**

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Dear Parents/Carers of Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 students

You may be aware from media coverage and from my previous letters that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This industrial action is taking place across the country in relation to a national dispute with the Government, rather than any local issue.

Given the expected impact on staffing levels in school we have made the decision to ensure that exam groups are prioritised to minimise the impact on their education. Please find below the specific arrangements for **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**:

**School Open for Year 7, 11, 12 and 13, as follows:**

- On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, school will be **open** as normal for **Year 7 – A half only**, and **Years 11, 12 and 13** students only.
- On **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**, school will be **open** as normal for **Year 7 – B half only**, and **Years 11, 12 and 13**.
- All students in school will be able to access food as normal in the canteen and school uniform will be expected.

**Year 7 and 11:**

- Students will need to arrive at 8.45am and go straight to their normal tutor rooms for AM registration.
- Students will be given their timetable for the day.
- All Year 7 students, on their allocated day, will either go to their normal timetabled lesson or a PSHE workshop.
- All Year 11 students will either go to their normal timetabled lesson or a revision workshop for English, Maths or Science subjects which will be taught by subject specialists.
- Students studying BTEC subjects will also have an opportunity to complete coursework.

**Year 12 and 13:**

- Students will need to arrive at 8.45am and go straight to the Post 16 Block for morning registration.
- Some Year 12 and 13 students will go to their normal timetabled lessons.
- Students studying BTEC subjects in Health and Social Care, Business Studies and ICT will also have an opportunity to complete coursework supervised by either specialists or a member of the school's Senior Leadership.
- Year 12 and 13 students who have study periods will not need to be in school, unless they wish to access resources/facilities.

- We understand that some students who will not have a specialist teacher may want to work from home but the school will be open for those students to work in school independently and have access to the Learning Resource Centre, ICT, printing, the Library, quiet spaces to learn and the canteen. We feel that it is important to offer this to Year 12 and 13 students.

**Free School Meals for students not in school:**

- All students in **Year 7 – B half only, and Years 8, 9 and 10** will be able to collect packed lunches from Da Vinci (in The Bridge) at the **end of school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.**
- **Year 7 – A half only** will be able to collect their packed lunch from Da Vinci (in The Bridge) at the **end of school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change any further. We apologise about the potential disruption to your child's education but as you are aware this action is part of a specific national agenda. Thank you for your support and understanding at this challenging time. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's College Director:

The Bridge:	Mrs Alexander	<a href="mailto:Year7info@pks.coventry.sch.uk">Year7info@pks.coventry.sch.uk</a>
Year 11:	Mr Moroney/Mr Sheridan	<a href="mailto:Year11info@pks.coventry.sch.uk">Year11info@pks.coventry.sch.uk</a>
Post 16:	Mrs Mitchard	<a href="mailto:Post16@pks.coventry.sch.uk">Post16@pks.coventry.sch.uk</a>

Yours sincerely



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