



Dear parents/carers,

## National Teachers' Strike Wednesday 1 February – An Update

Apologies for a weekend email from school but I wanted to give you as much notice as I could about some changes we are having to make to our provision on Wednesday. We have been working over the weekend to formulate a plan which takes into account a larger number of NEU members at AGS than I was initially informed of by the NEU.

Whilst reviewing our provision for 1 February, we have elected to prioritise the students who will be sitting external examinations this summer, as well as younger students for whom childcare may have been needed at home. Additionally, we have also chosen to prioritise students who may have additional needs and/or vulnerabilities. We will also still provide a meal for every student who is entitled to a free school meal on that day, as we appreciate how many families and young people benefit from this.

Students in **Years 9 and 10**, who do not have identified additional needs such as SEND, **will access remote education on 1 February and not come into school on that day**. Please note, we will contact parents/carers directly of those children in Years 9 and 10 for whom we are able to offer supervision and support in school. We will be talking to the students who will stay at home on 1 February and making sure they know what is expected of them. Students in Years 9 and 10 who are studying at home will log on to a mix of online learning which will include some live lessons.

Students in **Years 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13 should attend school as normal on Wednesday 1 February**. Many of these students will attend the majority of their lessons in the usual way, and their learning will be unaffected by the strike. All students must however be prepared for some changes to their normal timetable on 1 February, and we would still like them to bring homework or revision tasks with them in addition to their usual books and equipment. We will talk to the students who will be in school on Wednesday, to ensure they know what to expect whilst they are onsite and to explain how this will work.

Sixth Form students will have access to additional study areas during Wednesday with improved IT access, whilst still benefiting from the supervision and advice of their mentors. Some Sixth Form lessons will revert to supervised study, whilst others will continue as normal.

Buses will operate at the usual times and we will be offering a lunch and break service as usual for the students who are in school. Any students in Years 9 or 10 who are entitled to a free school meal can come in for lunch at 1pm on Wednesday by simply emailing [pastoral@anthonygell.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@anthonygell.co.uk) in advance.

We are sorry for the disruption the industrial action will cause. We will continue to do the best we can to provide the highest quality of education and care for our students throughout this period of planned strikes, and we very much appreciate your support and

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your ongoing understanding about the grievances and concerns of so many within the profession.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher