



HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

19th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope that all of our families managed to get some good time together over the Easter break (despite the weather). It has been great seeing students back across the first few days looking rested and recharged ready for the term ahead. With two Bank Holidays already scheduled it was going to be a disrupted term and the announcement of further industrial action by members of the National Education Union (NEU) will cause further disruption. I wanted to apologise in advance for this additional disruption, details outlined below.

Ongoing Industrial Action – Following the previous 4 days of industrial action by members of the NEU nationally a further 2 days have been announced for this term. These are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Due to anticipated staffing levels this means we will have to close to students across Year 7 to Year 10 on both of those days. Year 11 students will receive additional information early next week outlining a bespoke plan for those days. The Government have stipulated that Year 11 must continue to be prioritised for any available provision due to the proximity to their final GCSE exams. Once again I am sorry for the ongoing disruption to the Academy that the national industrial action is causing. We are very grateful for the patience and understanding that our families and students have shown across the last few months and I am sure we all hope that the issue is resolved ASAP.

Closure Days this term – just for clarity of all, the Academy is therefore closed on the following days this term:

- 1) Thursday 27th April – closed for Y7 to Y10 due to Industrial Action. Open selectively to Y11, further info to follow
- 2) Monday 1st May – closed to **all** students due to scheduled Bank Holiday.
- 3) Tuesday 2nd May - closed for Y7 to Y10 due to Industrial Action. Open selectively to Y11, further info to follow.
- 4) Monday 8th May – closed to **all** students due to additional Bank Holiday owing to King's Coronation.

Academic/Homework Support in the community – on a different note, IntoUniversity (iu) are a charity who are offering a supported homework facility in Barton Hill. Priority is given to those in Y9 and above. It runs across Monday to Thursday. Further information can be found [on this flyer](#). If you are interested please contact them directly through the information on the flyer.

Here's hoping for some nice weather across the coming weeks as the days get longer.

Thank you again for the ongoing support during this period of disruption. Good luck to our Y11 students as they enter these final weeks of study.

Yours sincerely

Cameron Shaw
Principal