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Re: Planned industrial strike action

I am sure you are aware that two further days of industrial action are planned for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March next week. At this time, there is no indication of any plans to rescind the planned action and therefore the following provisional arrangements have been put in place.

All Year 11 will be in school on both days to complete key preparation for forthcoming practical GCSE assessments. More detailed information will follow in the newsletter this week.

Year 10 also have 'proper' GCSE assessments pending in vocational subjects that require 10 hours of assessed practical. Year 10 should therefore attend on the following days if they study:

- Wednesday: Performing Arts or Health and Social Care
- Thursday: I Media

For students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 (who do not study the above courses), work will be set on Tuesday for them to complete at home.

Families of any students with an EHCP or looked after child can book a place at school for the two days by contacting Mrs McKinna (dawn.mckinna@consilium-at.com).

Friday 17th is a staff training day, which has been calendared since September. I appreciate the timing of this is unfortunate, but it is essential this time is used for crucial marking and moderation of GCSE work as planned.

Much can happen in a week. An update will be provided in the newsletter on Friday should circumstances change. I appreciate the industrial action next week will cause disruption to families and can only apologise for any inconvenience; as a school we are making the most of the resources we will have available.

Finally, you will also have seen there is potential heavy snow forecast over the next two days. Just a reminder that all communications will be made to parents through our email/text messaging service. We have contingency plans in place in the event of disruptive snow fall to ensure the site is safe for all.

Thank you in anticipation for your understanding.

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