

28 November 2011

Dear Parent/ Carer

Further to my letter of 22 November 2011.

As you may be aware the NUT, ATL, NASUWT, UNISON AND GMB have announced that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on Wednesday 30 November 2011.

The action is not against our Academy, but is part of national industrial action organised by these trade unions against proposed changes to the pension schemes of their members.

All of the above trade unions have members who work at the Academy and I have been made aware that a significant number of staff intend to be taking part in this action, therefore, it is necessary to partially close the Academy to students on this day.

- **The Academy will be closed to students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 on Wednesday 30 November.**
- **Some Year 11 students will be invited to attend revision lessons taken by their usual class teacher, you will receive an additional letter if this is the case. If attending students should wear full Academy uniform.**
- **The Academy will be open to Sixth Form students, although it is possible that some lessons will not take place. If this is the case, Sixth Form students may use the Academy independent study facilities.**
- **For any student entitled to a free school meal, there will be the facility for these students to have their lunch at the Academy between 12.00noon and 1.00pm. If attending, students should wear full Academy uniform.**

At the time of writing, discussions are still on-going between the Government and trade unions and in the event of the day of action being cancelled, the Academy would be open as normal. We will notify you of any changes via the Academy website and the Academy 'Keep Kids Safe' text service.

I apologise for any inconvenience these arrangements may cause. We all hope that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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Principal