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Dear families

RE: Wednesday 1 February – Year 7 and 11 students only

As you will have seen on the news, and following the National Education Union's (NEU) ballot, a number of teacher strike days have been proposed over the next eight weeks. The dates planned are Wednesday 1 February, Tuesday 28 February, Wednesday 15 March, and Thursday 16 March.

The first of these days is next Wednesday, 1 February. As previously communicated, we have tried our best to remain open for all year groups on this day. However, with the information that we have now been given about the number of teachers who may be out on this day, we are not able to offer provision for all year groups.

Due to this, we have made the decision that all Year 11 and Year 7 lessons will take place as normal but the school will be closed for students in Year 8, 9, and 10. This has been a very hard decision to make. However, it is important to prioritise our Year 11 students, as some have a BTEC IT exam on this day, and all Year 11 students will start their GCSE exams in the next few months. It is also important to make sure that our Year 7 cohort who are our youngest students have provision and are looked after.

Please ensure that if you have a child in Year 11 or Year 7 they attend school and are ready to learn from the usual time of 8:15am. We really appreciate all of your support in ensuring that your child arrives on time.

We are yet to make a decision regarding the other proposed strike days and we are hopeful of a positive agreement between the government and NEU that might avert any additional disruption to your child's education. We will write to you in the first week of Term 4 to explain our plans for any future strike days.

If this causes significant issues please do contact Mr Sanderson, Vice Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead, at: M.Sanderson@dixonsca.com.

Yours sincerely

Michael Feely
Principal