

# St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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## Parent letter - strike closure on Tuesday the 28th of February

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The strikes will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, and the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2023. The strike is taking place as a result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues at any of our schools or Trust.

Unfortunately, we will have to close St Joseph's Catholic Academy to all pupils in Years 7 to 10 on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, as we have insufficient staffing levels due to the strike action. This is not a decision we take lightly, but the safety of our students is paramount.

Years 11, 12 and 13 students should attend school on this day:

For year 11, the English Language mock will take place in the morning. Year 11 students should arrive as normal before 8:40 in full school uniform. After this exam, Y11 students will leave school, **except for the Y11 students studying French**, who will stay in school for their afternoon French mock exam. Those students leaving at 11am would be required to make their own way home. If this is not possible please let us know, and we can make arrangements for them to stay in school.

Year 12 students will have their normal timetabled day.

Year 13 students will attend any of their mock exams, and when they are not in an exam will attend lessons following their normal timetable for the day.

For Year 7 to Year 10, work to complete at home on the 28th is available via the following website links. This includes links to a number of resources that can be used for revision and study:



[Link here](#)

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Those students in receipt of free school meals will have access to a meal on the day. We will be in touch soon with all parents of children eligible for free school meals with further details about this provision.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and I apologise for any potential disruption caused. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Our school will be open as normal for all students on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Mitchell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr P Mitchell,  
Headteacher,  
St Joseph's Catholic Academy.

