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Parent letter - strike closure on Wednesday the 15th and Thursday the 16th of March.

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 next week on Wednesday the 15th and Thursday the 16th of March. 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 11 on those two days, 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.

Year 12 and 13 students should attend school on these two days and will follow their normal timetable where their teachers are available.

For Year 7 to Year 11, 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](#)

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 Friday the 17th of March.

Yours Sincerely,

Caritas Christi Urget Nos — The love of Christ spurs us on

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

