

# St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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## **Parent letter - strike partial closure on Thursday the 27th of April and Tuesday the 2nd of May.**

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared further strike action. The strikes will take place next week on Thursday the 27th of April, and in the following week on Tuesday the 2nd of May. The strikes are 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 in our school or Trust.

Unfortunately, we will have to close St Joseph's Catholic Academy to certain year groups 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.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Working at home:</b>	<b>In school:</b>
27/04	7, 8, 9, 10	11, 12, 13
02/05	7, 8, 9	11, 12, 13 10 (with early finish at 1.15pm)

Year 11, 12 and 13 students must attend school on these two days and will follow their normal timetable. Where any of the year 11 teachers are absent, due to the strike action, students will have planned revision tasks to complete and will be supervised to do this.

Year 10 will attend school on only the 2nd of May and sit their planned end of year assessments, English Language and Maths. They should arrive at school at the normal time (8:40am) however we plan to move the Maths exam forward in the day so that both assessments will be finished by 1:15pm. From this time year 10 students will be allowed to make their own way home. If needed, Year 10 students can remain in school and will be supervised until 3pm. [Yr10 and 12 exam Timetable](#)

For Year groups who are at home, work to complete is available via the following website links. This includes links to a number of resources that can be used for revision and study:

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



[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.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Mitchell'.

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

