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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: National Education Union (NEU) Strike next Thursday, 2nd March 2023

I have been informed that members of the NEU will be striking again on Thursday, 2nd March 2023. On the last strike day, there were over fifty teachers on strike and it is not possible for me to ensure the site is safe for all students to attend with this number of teachers not in school. School will be closed for all students on this day except for vulnerable students and students in Year 11 who are taking their core mock examinations.

Students in Year 11 have received an individual timetable for their mock examinations, this includes the arrangements for the strike day where students will still sit their English Literature and Biology examination in school. Students will be supervised by members of the Senior Leadership Team between examinations and will be able to purchase food and revise independently. Examinations will finish for students taking Combined Science at 1:45 and Triple Science at 2:15 and then they will be allowed to leave the site.

Teachers who are not striking will deliver live lessons to students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 in the same way that we did during the last strike day, using Google Meet. [Click here](#) for a short video to support students and parents in how live lessons work. In order to attend lessons, your child will need to have access to a web enabled device, with a camera and microphone, preferably a computer or tablet rather than a phone, and be able to access Google Meet with their School Google account. If your child does not have their school Google login details, they must visit the school Network office (second floor Dobson) or contact: itsupport@haydonschool.org.uk.

If your child's teacher is not striking, they will send a Google Meet code for their lesson in Satchel by 8:30 on Thursday morning. During the last strike day, lesson details only appeared just before the live lesson, which made it hard for students to plan their time. This time we are asking non-striking teachers to list all their live lessons for the day, to be available at 8.30am. Live lessons will follow the normal timetable for the day, so if your child has English period 1, they will be sent a code for that lesson by their teacher and will be expected to log into the lesson by 8:40. Live lessons will last no more than 50 minutes to ensure that students can have a break in between lessons. Teachers will be registering students for lessons in the normal way.



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If your child's teacher is striking they will not set a code for the lesson. If this is the case, your child should engage in subject related independent work using the excellent [BBC Bitesize resources](#).

All the normal school rules will apply to live lessons. Please read the [student code of conduct](#) with your child before Thursday to ensure they know what is expected of them.

I have also been informed that there will be two further strikes on Wednesday, 15th and Thursday, 16th March 2023. I apologise for any inconvenience that the strike will cause.

Year 9 Parents' Evening Tuesday, 28th February 2023

The Year 9 Parents' Evening has been moved to Tuesday 28th February. School will close at 1.30 pm on this date.

Yours sincerely

Robert Jones
Headteacher

