

10/03/23

Dear Parents/ Carers

Re: Staff to Strike in England and Wales Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

You will be aware that the National Education Union (NEU), have declared strike action over several dates, the next two dates are Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions, and not because of any issues at our academy. Other teaching unions have directed their members not to cover lessons of other teachers who are on strike.

Following the completion of a risk assessment, The Link Academy will **remain open on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March** to the following year groups. Please read the information in the table below carefully.

Wednesday 15th March	Thursday 16th March
Year 7 in school	Year 7 – Remote learning at home
Year 8 in school	Year 8 in school
Year 9 – Remote learning at home	Year 9 in school
Year 10 – ALL of T Band in school/H Band remote learning at home*	Year 10 – ALL of H Band in school/T Band remote learning at home*
Year 11 in school (PPE exams)	Year 11 in school (PPE exams)

*Year 10 learners are going on a trip to see An Inspector Calls, a play, by J.B. Priestley, which all learners study as part of their GCSE English Literature course. Attendance to school is split by Y10 band on Wednesday and Thursday, as all learners will get the chance to see the play over the course of next week. You can find out which band your child is in, by checking their school timetable. We will also send out messages to confirm which children are in school on which day, the day before, as a reminder. This trip is compulsory and a fantastic opportunity for learners to see this play in action.

Learners working at home, will be able to access additional work on Bedrock and SPARX, our English and Mathematics online platforms. We are sorry about the disruption to your child's education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. As I am sure you can understand, it is vital that we are able to support learners that are in examination year groups.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Edwards-Morgan
 Principal