



23 May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

An update on NewVic NEU strike action - week commencing 22 May 2023

I am writing to remind you that the College remains open for students during strike days and the majority of our staff are in College. **All exams will run as normal**, despite the strikes. Please ensure that your child attends all of their exams as usual.

For lessons that will be continuing, teachers and tutors will discuss arrangements with their students individually. Students who are not sitting exams or whose class has been cancelled must attend college and can use the library for independent study.

Supporting our students

The college is offering revision workshops during the evening (virtually and face to face) and on Saturdays for forthcoming examinations. Details of the sessions are available on Google classrooms, tutorial messages and subject teachers. Students are encouraged to make use of these sessions.

In addition we continue to provide:

- **Maths and English GCSE support sessions** run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Study Skills Centre (opposite B208a).
- **Wellbeing and Communication workshops** run every Wednesday by Sue Sandeman Therapy
- **GOALS Workshops with MasterMind Academy** - an 8 week programme held on Thursdays
- **Study Skills Drop-in sessions** held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the LRC
- **Workshops** run every Tuesday by our Welfare & Safeguarding Team

Information, times and locations for each of these sessions are advertised in the main reception area.

An update on NewVic NEU strike action

On 17 May we met with NewVic NEU for talks at ACAS. ACAS asked the NEU to focus on only those areas that would end the dispute. By the end of the meeting ACAS had drafted terms to end the dispute and the NEU accepted that the proposal was something that they would take back to their members. The NEU shared the terms with their members for approval on Friday 19 May. Sadly, the NEU rejected the terms. I will keep you updated on the next steps.

I hope you and your families have a restful Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mandeep Gill
Principal & Chief Executive

