

14 May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**An important reminder about exams and an update on NewVic NEU strike action - week commencing 15 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.

**Update on NewVic NEU strike action**

Talks with ACAS, with the aim of resolving the dispute with NewVic NEU continue. We met with the NEU last Tuesday and after a day of discussions and negotiations, the NEU, once again, refused to stop the strikes.

Therefore strike action will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday 15 May (NewVic NEU Strike day)
- Wednesday 16 May (NewVic NEU Strike day)
- Thursday 17 May (NewVic NEU Strike day)

We will be meeting with ACAS and the NEU once again on Wednesday 17 May. I want to reassure you that I am doing all that I can to end the strikes.

**We continue to offer a programme of additional support for students**

- **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.

Yours sincerely,

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