

24 April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

NewVlc NEU strike action - An update

I am writing to let you know that the College has agreed to talks with ACAS, with the aim of resolving the dispute with NewVlc NEU. Talks will start on Tuesday 25 April 2023 and I will keep you all updated on progress.

We have asked NewVlc NEU to consider suspending their strike action whilst talks are underway, but we have not yet received a response to this request. In view of this, I want to inform you that this week strike action will take place on the following days:

- Tuesday 25 April
- Wednesday 26 April
- Thursday 27 April (National NEU strike day)

The college remains open for learning and studying during strike action days

Please remember that the college will continue to remain open during strike days and we have put in place a range of support for our students:

GCSE and A Level mock exams This week we'll continue to run GCSE and A Level mock exams under timed conditions and it's essential that every student who is preparing for the summer exams attends these sessions.

Maths and English GCSE support These support sessions will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Study Skills Centre (opposite B208a).

In addition, our Student Services team will continue to deliver an extensive support programme which includes:

- **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 will be advertised on the day in the main reception area.

Yours sincerely,

Mandeep Gill

Principal & Chief Executive
Newham Sixth Form College