

To all Parents/Carers

10th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Planned Strike Action – Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023

The National Education Union (NEU) intends to call upon its teacher members to take part in industrial action consisting of strike action on:

- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the NEU and the Government over teacher pay and funding to allow schools to pay a fully funded increase in teachers' pay, and not because of any issues in our school.

I am writing to you today to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023**.

Unfortunately, due to the number of staff in the NEU, attendance for pupils and students will be restricted to pupils and students in Years 11-13, and the school will temporarily prioritise places for a limited number of vulnerable pupils and students (who will be sent an additional invitation letter).

The Refectory will be open for pupils and students in school. If your child receives Free School Meals and they are not in school, you will be issued with a £3 voucher via Wonde. This voucher can be used in any supermarket at any time.

Year 11

Pupils in Year 11 should come to school in full and correct school uniform. Pupils should bring resources with them for private study/revision and for their lessons for the day. Pupils will attend lessons that are taking place and will be supervised in classrooms for private study/revision where there is no lesson. **If pupils do not have a lesson periods 4 and 5, they will be allowed to leave. If you would like your child to remain in school for the afternoon, please contact info@saintceccilias.london no later than 3pm on Tuesday 14th March. You must state your name, your child's name, and their mentor group.**

Years 12 and 13

Students in Years 12 and 13 should come to school as normal. They will attend lessons that are taking place and should bring resources with them for private study/revision, along with their folders and books for lessons. Students will be able to work in the Sixth Form study area, Sixth Form academic mentoring room and Library when not in lessons. Alternatively, students will be able to leave the school site when they do not have a lesson.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Pupils in Years 7-10 are to remain at home and are expected to access lessons via Microsoft Teams if their teacher is available to teach. Teachers will send a message via SMHW at the beginning of the day to inform pupils that the lesson is taking place online. Where a teacher is striking, the lesson will not take place. Our remote learning policy (including expectations for remote learning and attendance to remote lessons) has been shared with pupils and parents previously.

Pupils in Year 10 are advised to review and revise their learning if their teacher is not available to teach. They should use subject specific resources and websites, previously shared by their teachers (on SMHW) or resources on the school website: <https://www.saintcecilias.london/revision-resources-202223>.

The school day will begin at 8.50am and end at 2.50pm for all pupils and students. Break and lunch will take place at the usual times. Clubs, trips, and other extra-curricular activities will not take place on the strike day.

Changes to the school calendar

The following changes have been made to the school calendar:

- Year 12 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 14th March 2023.

I am sorry for disruption caused to you and your child, and the disruption to their learning.

I am working closely with our staff union representatives to stay abreast of the situation, and I will inform you if arrangements change.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher