

20 April 2023

## Planned Strike Action - Update

Dear Families

The National Education Union has declared further strike action. The next two strike days will take place on 27 April and 2 May 2023. The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

As you may appreciate, we have some indication of the numbers of staff that are striking. We have considered all factors. We have been liaising with our staff union representatives in school and have agreed on the following for the proposed dates.

	27 April	2 May
Year 7	Remote learning P2-5	Remote learning P2-5
Year 8	Remote learning P2-5	Remote learning P2-5
Year 9	Remote learning P2-5	Remote learning P2-5
Year 10	Remote learning P2-5	Remote learning P2-5
Year 11	On site P 1-3 8.40am-12.20pm Remote learning P 4 & 5	Remote learning P 1 & 2 Onsite Periods 3-5 11am-3pm
Year 12	Onsite all day	Onsite all day
Year 13	Onsite all day	Onsite all day

Orleans Park School as a site will not be available to most students on 27 April and 2 May 2023.

**The school site will be open to key students, Year 11, 12 and 13 only.** The planned Year 11



examinations in Languages and Art will go ahead. Times will be given to the individuals students via the Languages department for their speaking examinations. The cafe in the Sixth form will be open and there will be an offer from the canteen for students. Unless your child is in Years 11, 12 or 13, or has been invited in as a key student in a separate letter, we are asking you not to send your child into school on these days. All other year groups will have a remote learning offer for the day.

Teachers that are not striking or not absent for any other reason will be teaching Year 11, 12 and 13 lessons. Remote learning will be available from **Period 2 onwards for Years 7-10**. Where a teacher is not available, there will be an alternative offer of a self-directed lesson that students should access via their Google Classroom. There will be detailed instructions for students in their Google year group classroom on how to access the lessons.

Where a student has been invited into school for the day, the expectation is that they will attend school.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you will receive a voucher from us for the day which you can redeem. Students in school will have an offer from the canteen.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience some disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please email [reception@orleanspark.school](mailto:reception@orleanspark.school).

Yours faithfully

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