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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Industrial strike action

I am writing to you with an update around the ballots on industrial action and what this means for our academy. As you will have seen in the media, The National Education Union (NEU), National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) and National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) held ballots of their members on industrial action. Following these votes, members of the NEU across England have decided to strike.

The NAHT and the NASUWT strikes will not be proceeding as not enough members voted. However, there is a chance that these ballots will be held again, which we will update you on if there is any change.

Strikes will take place across Wednesday 1st February, Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. These will impact on our academy.

As a result of the strikes, we will not have enough members of staff to safely open the academy to all students. We will therefore be open to students in Years 12 and 13 to allow them to use the study room, Year 11 and those students on the vulnerable register (if this applies to your child you will receive a phone call). All other students must remain at home during the days specified above, and we ask that they use the time to study using Seneca, Tassomai and BBC Bitesize. The Oaks Academy have a number of lessons that can also be accessed.

All students who study BTEC Digital Information Technology (ICT), have an official external examination on Wednesday 1st February 2023, starting at 9am. All students are to attend the academy as normal on this day as the examination will still be going ahead, and all provisions are in place as normal practice.

Year 11 students will be offered a combination of revision sessions and the use of a study room. The normal timetable will not be followed. Any year 11 absence on this day will be treated as unauthorised as the school is open to this year group.

Students on the vulnerable register should wear PE kit on this day and Year 11 students can choose to wear non uniform for this day only.

If your child is entitled to receive a free school meal, please email admin@ob-ac.co.uk to request, by Monday 30th January, and your child can collect a packed lunch on the day.



We appreciate the inconvenience this will cause for some families, and we thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or a member of our senior leadership team, and we would be more than happy to speak with you.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Evans
Principal

