

20 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: NEU Strike Action - Tuesday 28 February 2023

As you may already be aware, teachers in the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take industrial action in the form of a strike with the next of these taking place on **Tuesday 28 February 2023**. Further dates for intended strike action are Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March.

Taking all risk factors into consideration we have decided that it is in fact necessary to amend our teaching provision for some year groups due to the impact the strike will have upon the daily operational running of the school. We therefore plan to offer the following provision for students on Tuesday 28 February 2023:

- **KS5: Students in Year 12 and Year 13**
Students in Year 12 and 13 should attend school from 8:30am -1:00pm
Energy Coast UTC will be open in the morning for students in Year 12 and 13. Students will follow their normal timetable and learning provision up to 1:00pm. They will be dismissed at this point to return home to complete revision materials for independent study for the remainder of the school day.

- **Students in Year 11**
Students in Year 11 should attend school from 8:30am -1:00pm
Energy Coast UTC will be open in the morning for students in Year 11. Students will follow their normal timetable and learning provision up to 1:00pm. They will be dismissed at this point to return home to complete revision materials for independent study for the remainder of the school day.

- **Students in Year 10**
School will be closed for students in Year 10.
Students should login to their Showbie accounts to complete work set online by their class teacher. If a student is taught by a teacher who is on strike, they will not receive work for the lesson that day. There are also many resources that students have access to from home which they could use to revise prior learning and make progress. For example, students could:
 - Access the online packages that already support the curriculum such as Showbie, Kerboodle, focus e-learning, Seneca, Sparx, Bedrock, Accelerated Reader and OneNote
 - Use BBC Bitesize to develop their knowledge in different subject areas and create a revision resource such as a knowledge organiser to revise prior learning:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
 - Engage with online lessons from Oak Academy linked to current learning in class:
<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Transport

Hobans will be operating a normal service to Energy Coast UTC as usual on the morning of Tuesday 28 February. They will return to collect students from Energy Coast UTC at 1:00pm and drop off as per their usual routes.

Free School Meals

For students in Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 the canteen will be open as normal for all students during first break and lunch. Those students who receive free school meals will do so as usual.

For those students in Year 10 who are in receipt of free school meals and require a packed lunch for the day please email enquiries@energycoastutc.co.uk by 12:00pm on Friday 24 February and include any relevant dietary requirements that your child may have. We will arrange for these to be made up and ready for collection at the end of the day on Monday 27 February.

Hub

Energy Coast UTC will be open from 8:30am to 4:00pm to offer a supervised provision for students who are considered vulnerable, children of critical workers and those with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). This will also be available for those students in Year 11 from 1:00pm. If your child needs to access this provision, please let us know by emailing enquiries@energycoastutc.co.uk by the end of the day on Friday 24 February so that we can plan to staff the hub appropriately.

We appreciate that the decision to move to a partial school closure will cause a slight disruption to the learning provision for some of our students but are hopeful that the impact upon our students, particularly those with upcoming examinations, will be minimal.

As soon as a decision has been made about any of the future strike days, we will write to you to share our plans.

Yours faithfully,



Kerryann Wilson
Acting Principal