10th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11,

Industrial action by GMB members
Tues 11th, Wed 12th and Thurs 13th December 2018

Further to my letter on Friday regarding the arrangements for the Year 11 mock exams during the industrial action, I would just like to clarify some of the logistics.

Textiles exam: this is running ALL DAY TOMORROW (Tuesday, 11th December) and students taking Textiles must be in school for registration at 8.30am tomorrow.

Revision / private study: the school is open on all days from 8.30am for Year 11 students to study. There will be supervised study spaces for students between 8.30 and 10.30 am and then AT ANY TIME WHEN NOT IN AN EXAM. Staff who would otherwise have been teaching Year 11 will supervise the study spaces and they will be joined by others who are able and willing to help the students prepare for these important exams.

Exams during the industrial action: we will run two sessions of exams on each day, but no lessons. Students should arrive at school at 10.30am for registration and will then go into their first exam. The afternoon session will start as soon as possible following the lunch break.

Afternoon dismissal: some of the exams do not fit neatly into the time slots of the normal school day. Once an exam is finished in the afternoon, the students will be dismissed to go home. This might be a little earlier or later than usual. Your child will know how long each of their exams is.

School uniform: in line with exam protocol, all students taking exams must be in full school uniform. This does include, unfortunately, the Christmas Jumper day on Friday when the rest of the school will be out of uniform. Please make sure that your child is in full school uniform on each day and on Friday in particular.

Lateness: please make sure that your child is leaving home in plenty of time to get to school for the beginning of the exams. As well as disadvantaging themselves by arriving late to an exam, their late arrival into the Hall disturbs other students. On strike days, all of Year 11 should be in school by 10.30am for registration. If they want to have a (late) breakfast first, they should be in school by 10.15am.

I understand that these changes are not the best for the students who need security and stability when taking exams, but I do hope that this is clear and that these different arrangements will allow us to provide a good experience of the exams for them.

Yours faithfully,

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