

13 March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

INDUSTRIAL ACTION - SOUTH DARTMOOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As you will be aware, this Wednesday and Thursday are the final two days of the four potential strike days announced by members of the National Education Union.

We have, as before, carried out extensive risk assessments and staffing calculations for this day based on the information we have, plus we have looked at the educational diet students would receive on both these days. We have taken into consideration the consecutive nature of the strike days and the impending practical exams, particularly for Year 11 students in subjects such as PE and Food Technology. It seemed sensible to use these days to carry out Year 11 (and some Y10) practical assessments so as not to remove them from curriculum time during non-strike days. As a result, we will do the following:

Wednesday 15 March 2023

College will be open to all students in Years 7, 11, 12 and 13. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will work remotely, as before, with work set on Classcharts.

Thursday 16 March 2023

College will be open to all students in Years 7, 10, 12 and 13. We will also be open for selected Year 11 students to take part in practical exams. These students will be communicated with separately. Students in Years 8 and 9 will work remotely as before and those students in Year 11 who are not invited in for practical exams will continue to revise and prepare for exams as directed by teaching staff.

Sixth Form students will need to come into college ready to study independently in case their teacher is absent on the day. Students who are in school will have their classes covered, where necessary, by Senior members of staff.

Home study for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be the same as the previous strike day, with Maths, English and Science work being posted on Classcharts for students to complete and then the supercurriculum signposted to students to enable them to learn deeper in other subjects. Information on Free School Meal provision, for those who are entitled to it, will be sent out as appropriate shortly. Bus arrangements remain unchanged.

Many thanks



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Executive Head teacher