

20 April 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION - SOUTH DARTMOOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As you may have seen in the National press recently, Thursday (27<sup>th</sup> April) and the following Tuesday (2<sup>nd</sup> May) are the next two days of strike action announced by members of the National Education Union. In a slight change to previous arrangements, NEU members have negotiated a position whereby members of this union who are striking may still come in to teach classes in Year 11 and Year 13, due to the proximity of their exams.

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 also taken into consideration the scheduled practical GCSE and A Level exams, particularly in the creative subjects such as Art and Graphics.

As a result of this, on both days, the college will be open to all students in Years 11, 12 and 13 **ONLY**. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will work remotely, as before, with work set on Classcharts. Students in Years 11 and 13 will almost entirely (to the best of our knowledge and unexpected illness aside) be taught by their usual class teacher, regardless of whether their teacher is striking or not. Year 12 students will need to come into college ready to study independently in case their teacher is striking on the day.

Home study for students in Years 7, 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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