Dear Parents and pupils of Year 12,

On Thursday there is planned national strike action from the National Education Union. This means a number of staff will not be in school on Thursday. As such, we will not be able to have the school open to all year groups. In Secondary, we have prioritised Year 11 and 13.

Year 12 pupils have been given the option of coming into Sixth Form to make use of IST – our silent independent study space. Students were asked to complete a form today giving us prior notice that they would like to attend IST. Students can come in for the full day or use IST for a morning (8.35-12.30pm) or afternoon (1-3pm) session. Lunch will be provided for students that attend.

We need to be able to plan effectively for the day and therefore Yr12 students can only come into school if they have let us know of their plans in advance and they arrive at the designated times.

There are 2 further strike days planned for Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. We have not finalised plans for these days yet, but it is possible that Year 12 will not be able to attend on these days.

Students have plenty of work to be doing during the day. Yr12 spring exams are in week 4 and all A Level students should be preparing for these exams. In addition students should be revising for Core Maths or completing their EPQ. Business BTEC students should work on their coursework assignments and use UniFrog to do more university and apprenticeship research.

Activities students can do on the day include:

• Making consolidation notes
• Testing themselves and learning content
• Revising online using Seneca and UpLearn
• Competing timed assessment practice using past papers
• Watching and reading extension material for example using TED talks or accessing online articles
• Researching potential university courses they would like to apply to on UniFrog

We look forward to seeing Year 12 pupils back at the normal time on Friday.

Regards,

Max Haimendorf
Principal