



Sir William Romney's School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Industrial action 2nd March 2023

As you will be aware, the NEU have balloted its members and called for industrial action in the form of a series of both regional and national strikes. The first of these took place last month and the next is due to take place in the first week back after the half term break on Thursday 2nd March 2023.

I am writing to confirm that on this day, the school will be closed to all year groups apart from Year 11. **All Year 11 students will be expected to attend school as normal on this day.** There are mock exams scheduled for this day and all year 11 students will be completing these as normal. When not in exams, our year 11 students will be supervised as they engage in independent revision. It will be important that students come with any revision materials they will need to ensure this time is used efficiently. School buses will run as normal to ensure all Year 11 students are able to attend school. Students will be expected to be in full school uniform as they would on any day.

Unfortunately, we are unable to open the school to any other year groups on this day due to the likely impact of staff absence. As previously communicated, we must consider the safety of our school community with significantly less supervision available. A large number of teaching staff at Sir William Romney's school are NEU members, so we anticipate a significant proportion of teaching staff will not be at work on this day.

On this day, no remote learning will be set for any classes. Instead, I would encourage students to engage with the following online resources:

Oak Learning (fully taught lessons of most curriculum areas. Students can watch lessons connected to the topics they are studying or need to revise.) <https://classroom.thenationalacademy/subjects-by-key-stage>

The Athelstan Trust Teaching and Learning Resources (some excellent revision videos here for Year 10 on English Language Paper 1 and 2, as well as GCSE maths revision and KS3 English work

[Teaching & Learning Resources – The Athelstan Trust](#)

Maths work and revision is available at: <https://sparxmaths.com>.

In line with our continuing commitment and responsibilities to our students, those in receipt of free school meals will be able to collect a lunch packet from the canteen on Wednesday 1st March at the end of the school day, for the following day.



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As you will be aware, there are a further 2 Strike days currently planned that impact Sir William Romney's school. The dates of these are:

- Wednesday 15 March 2023 (This is a calendared INSET day for Sir William Romney's school)
- Thursday 16 March 2023

We will continue to review our provision and keep you updated. The safety of our students will always remain our highest priority.

I must take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Skipp'.

Mr Rob Skipp
Acting Headteacher

