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Dear Parents and Carers

A significant number of teachers have informed us that they will be participating in the strike organised by the National Education Union (NEU) on Wednesday 1 February. In order to ensure that the school can operate safely on this day we have decided:

- Students in Year 7, Year 10, Year 12 and Year 13 will attend school.
- For the Sixth Form roughly 60% of planned lessons will take place. Where lessons are cancelled, students will be able to revise or study in the sixth form centre.
- Where Year 7 and Year 10 lessons are cancelled, students will be supervised in the Theatre or another suitable space.
- Students in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 11 will work from home. Teachers not participating in the strike will set lessons for this day for students to complete at home. The teachers will set this work using epraise.
- Food will be served as usual from the Dining Room for students in school.
- For those students who usually receive a free school meal in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 11, it will be possible for them to pick up a good quality packed lunch from the Dining Room. Please let us know if your son or daughter would like to collect a lunch by using this form [Lunch 1 Feb](#) . Further information will be available regarding collection of lunches in due course.
- All enrichment clubs, after school classes and sports fixtures will be cancelled.
- Students in Year 11 should also use the day to revise at home for the mock exams which commence on Monday 6 February. Ms Newnes (Head of Year 11) will write to parents and students giving guidance on how to revise and how to use revision time effectively.
- We will provide a supervised study room for vulnerable students and students of key workers in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 11 who are unable to safely work from home. If this applies to your son or daughter, please email us at admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk by 12 noon on Friday 27 January.

We very much hope that the government and NEU will be able to resolve their differences and that further strikes are averted. However, if further strikes do occur, we will endeavour to have different year groups in school.

We do apologise for the inconvenience caused. We understand that for some families and students that the strike will cause serious problems. If you have any questions, please email us admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk .

With my very best wishes

Andrew Evans
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