



**Tuesday 7 March**

**Industrial Strike Action 15 and 16 March**

Dear Parents,

**Summary of arrangements**

Year group	Wednesday 15 March	Thursday 16 March
7, 8 and 9	Completing extra-curricular activities at home.	Completing extra-curricular activities at home.
10	Students sitting PSAs in Health and Social Care and Business are in school sitting their exam. All other students are studying independently.	Students sitting PSAs in Health and Social Care and Business are in school sitting their exam. All other students are studying independently.
11	The majority of students are studying independently at home. Some students are in school completing coursework.	All students are in school between 9.40am and 1pm
12	Students are studying at home independently.	Students are studying at home independently.
13	Students are in school sitting pre-public exams or at home studying independently.	Students are in school sitting pre-public exams or at home studying independently.

**Arrangements for Years 7,8,9,and 12**

**I am sorry to inform you that CGA will be closed to students in Years 7,8,9 and 12 on the 15 and 16 March. We are asking you not to send students in these year groups into school on this day.**

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available. I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child, and that they will experience disruption to their education.

Given the number of teaching staff likely to be involved in strike action, we are also unable to provide remote learning for students. Students in years 7, 8 and 9 can continue to complete activities on the presentation that will be provided to them on Satchel:One. Most students in year 10 and Year 12 will need to complete revision, homework and independent study.

**Arrangements for Years 10, 11 and 13**

**School will be open to those Year 10 students who are completing their PSAs in Business and Health and Social Care on both the 15 and 16 March. It is essential that these students attend both days as this is part of their final qualification.** Year 10 students should arrive at the Linscott



Road entrance at 9.45am on both days. Students will finish by 1pm and they can attend school in non-uniform.

**School will be open for some Year 11 students on Wednesday 15 March to complete coursework in Creative iMedia, Art, Photography and D&T. These students and parents will be informed individually.** They should arrive at the Linscott Road gates at 9.45am and will finish at 2pm. Students can attend in non-uniform.

**School will be open to all year 11 students for masterclasses on Thursday 16 March. It is compulsory for all students to attend.** Students should arrive at the Laura Place gates at 9.45am and will finish by 1pm. Students can attend in non-uniform.

**School will be open to Year 13 students with Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) on both 15 and 16 March. Any Year 13 students not completing PPEs should stay at home to complete revision.**

### **Vulnerable students**

We recognise the specific impact of the strikes on our 'vulnerable' students and will be contacting parents directly about these students attending school on 15 and 16 March.

Vulnerable Children include those students who:

- have a child in need or child protection plan and/or are looked-after by the local authority
- have an education, health and care (EHCP) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers/local authorities
- are on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services, in the process of being referred to children's services or have previously received support from children's social care services
- are adopted children or on a special guardianship order
- are living in temporary accommodation
- are young carers

### **Free school meals**

All families of students who are entitled to free school meals should now have received a voucher that covers the cost of lunch for the three strike days. If your child is entitled to FSM and you have not received this please contact [cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk)

We continue to work closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please email [cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk) putting 'Planned strike action' in the subject bar.

Kind regards,

**Anna Feltham**  
Headteacher