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Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear families,

### **Re: Strike Action**

I am writing to you again in anticipation of the fifth and sixth days of industrial action, scheduled for **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.**

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not Rye College, it is important that we respond accordingly. As such, the senior leadership team at Rye College has been working closely with staff in order to plan for the days. At this stage, we understand that a significant number of colleagues from Rye College will be taking industrial action.

We have looked at the school timetable for that day to ensure we can still manage the safe supervision of students, while minimising the impact on learning with reduced staffing levels in place.

Therefore, if the strike action goes ahead, *Rye College will remain open for **restricted attendance** (absence will be authorised) on both days.*

- ***Students in Years 7 -10 should remain at home during Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May unless specifically invited to attend.***
- ***Students in Year 11 should attend school during Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May as per their normal timetable.***

**Specific details for Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May:**

- ***ALL Year 11s will follow their normal timetable on both days:***
  - ***The Drama GCSE performance examination will be taking place on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April as planned from 9:20am to 3:20pm. Y11 Drama students should bring costumes and theatre blacks;***
  - ***The French GCSE speaking and listening component will be taking place on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May;***
  - ***Selected students will have their English Language GCSE speaking and listening component recorded over the two days;***
- ***For all students, the school day will follow usual timings;***
- ***Students will be supervised by teachers and associate staff;***
- ***Y7-10 Students will complete the same work as set for those off-site;***
- ***The Safeguarding, Student and SEND Hub team will be available throughout;***
- ***There will first aid trained staff on-site throughout;***
- ***The canteen will be open and food will be available.***



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If you are a critical worker (click [link](#) for definition), please contact us, if you wish your child/ren to attend school on **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May** via [office@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:office@ryecollege.co.uk).

*For students remaining at home, work will be posted via ClassCharts for each year group from across a range of subjects.*

I apologise for the need to make changes to the school day and for any inconvenience this causes you. It appears unlikely that the proposed industrial action will be averted, but if this were to happen, I will write to you to confirm that the school will be open as usual.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please email [office@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:office@ryecollege.co.uk) in the first instance. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. D. Downes  
Headteacher

