

23 February 2023

Dear parent/ carer

NEU Industrial Action – Partial School Closure

As you are aware from our Weekly Message, the NEU has declared further strike action, which will take place on **Thursday 02 March 2023**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between unions and the government, not because of any issues in our school.

The Hamble School will be open to students in Year 7 and 11 on Thursday 02 March. We are sorry to inform you that we will be closed to Year 8, 9 and 10 students on this date. If your child is in these year groups please do not send them to school on Thursday 02 March. In addition we are also able to offer a provision for students with an EHCP (in Years 8, 9 and 10).

We have not taken this decision to close to some students lightly, however, we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children. It is therefore important that staff to student ratios are maintained.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10

Remote learning will be available for your child in the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, PE and Technology. Students will be able to access this via Class Charts. Your child needs to log into Class Charts and go to the 'homework/ blended learning' section; the work will be labelled as SCHOOL CLOSURE WORK. We would advise all Key Stage 3 (Years 8 and 9) students to complete the core work (English, Maths and Science) and then pick two subjects from Geography, PE or Technology. Years 10 should complete core and the work set for Geography, PE or Technology depending on their preferences. If they do not take any of these subjects they can complete revision using GCSEPod or BBC Bitesize. Your son/ daughter can then send their work to their teacher via Class Charts, however, please note we will not be asking staff to formally mark this. If your child has any problems accessing Class Charts, please email Mrs Rogerson (Data Manager) brogerson@thehambleschool.co.uk

Free School Meals Students in Years 8, 9 and 10

If your son/ daughter is entitled to a Free School Meal and is in the year groups above, you can order a packed lunch using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/62BzJx7eXQ>. Please note that the request must be completed by midday on Monday 27 February 2023. Packed lunches can then be collected by your child on Wednesday 01 March 2023 at 2:55pm from the canteen.

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Students in Year 11

Students in Year 11 will be required in school on Thursday 02 March 2023. They will complete their Mock Exams on this day. In order to provide a provision for all Year 11 students the mock examination timetable has been reviewed. This has resulted in the following changes.

Exam	Old Date	New Date	Time
History – Paper 2	Thursday 02 March	Wednesday 01 March	Lessons 3 & 4
Combined Science – Chemistry	Wednesday 01 March	Thursday 02 March	Lesson 3 & 4
Separate Science – Chemistry	Wednesday 01 March	Thursday 02 March	Lesson 3 & 4

These changes will remain in place regardless of whether industrial action goes ahead on Thursday 02 March 2023. An updated mock exam timetable will be sent to all Year 11 parents/ carers in a separate email. We would ask you to discuss this with your child so that they can plan their revision accordingly.

Students in Year 7

Students in Year 7 will be required to attend school on Thursday 02 March 2023. They will follow their normal timetable and complete a year group session as part of the PSHCRE programme. At the start of the day all students need to meet in the hall at 08:30am rather than go to tutor time. As Year 7 will run as a normal day full uniform is required and they will also need equipment (including PE kit if this is timetabled).

Students with an EHCP in Years 8, 9 and 10

We are able to accommodate students with an EHCP in school. They will complete the Remote Learning with the support of a member of the Learning Support team. It is not compulsory for students with an EHCP in Years 8, 9 and 10 to be in school, however, if you would like your child to have a place on this day, please complete the form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/PAKbfQZuY4> by Monday 27 February 2023 so that we can allocate staff.

We are sorry that parents/ carers with children in Year 8, 9 and 10 have to make alternative arrangements for childcare at short notice and that students will experience disruption to their education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating but we would ask that you continue to treat members of staff with respect.

We are aware that there may be some national discussions between unions and the government. If the strike action is cancelled, we will of course open to all students as normal. This will be communicated as early as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email
headteacher@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully



Miss L Cambridge



Mrs S Pennington-Chick

Headteachers (Acting)

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.