



5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I regret to inform you that members of the National Education Union at West Coventry Academy have balloted to take part in strike action in response to an increase in the number of lessons teachers are asked to teach. We are wholly disappointed that this decision has been taken by some staff, but we are committed to minimising the disruption to learning for students.

Due to the number of staff taking part in this industrial action, we will unfortunately not be able to open the school to all students on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October
- Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November

All children will continue to have access to education throughout these dates. I will be writing to you with more detailed information regarding the plan for each year group, but I can confirm:

- Year 12 and 13 lessons will go ahead in school where possible
- Year 11 mock examinations will go ahead in school as planned
- Year 7 Boundless Outdoors trip will go ahead as planned
- All year groups will have at least one day in school over the course of the dates above
- Whilst at home students will be provided with work via the Oak Academy platform linked to the topics they are currently studying
- Any child in receipt of free school meals will be provided for (details to follow)

I will be leading assemblies with all students by the end of the week to reassure them about the plan for their year group and the support that will be in place for them throughout this period. These plans will be shared with you by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. If, on receipt of this information, you have any immediate queries, please contact me directly through my PA, Mrs Maggie Taylor on [staffmea@westcoventryacademy.org](mailto:staffmea@westcoventryacademy.org)

I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause on the dates your child is not in school. I would like to thank you and the community for your patience and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ana Neofitou  
Headteacher