



# The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent Carer

As you may be aware from the media, the National Education Union (NEU) will be continuing its industrial action on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

The strike is happening as a result of a dispute between the unions and the secretary of state regarding teachers' pay and is not against the school in any way.

The leadership team's key responsibility is to minimise the impact of this strike action on the children and their education and to place their safeguarding as paramount.

As there are a significant number of NEU members at The Ripley Academy, this will mean a partial school closure on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. **The school will be open to Year 10, 11 and 13 students only.** All students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 12 will be expected to complete a programme of remote curriculum lessons from home, which the school will be providing through Classcharts. Should you have any issues accessing remote education then please ring the main reception on 01773 746334 for assistance.

The Year 10 mock exams originally scheduled for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April will now take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. It is vitally important that Year 10 students attend as these are an important step in their preparation for the summer's GCSE exams. Year 10 students should report to their examination room at 8.40am for a prompt start. Year 10 students will finish school at 1pm on this day, after their exams have finished. Year 10 students may purchase lunch from the school refectory before leaving school site should they wish. Should any parents of Year 10 children wish for their child to stay in school until the end of the school day they would need to notify student services and we will provide supervision up until the normal end of the school day.

Year 11 and 13 students will follow the normal times of the school day.

Year 11 will follow a programme of revision activities; a carousel of maths, English, science and guided revision sessions, where students will complete a combination of independent revision and online work set by class teachers. Students will need to bring their PE kit into school with them.

Where possible Year 13 students will attend lessons as normal. If students are not in lessons they will be provided with a study space to complete a combination of independent study and online work set by class teachers. **The Year 13 3D Design A Level practical exam will take place as scheduled on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, students that study 3D Design must attend the exam as planned.**

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If your child receives free school meals and is not scheduled to be in school on this day you will be able to order and pick up a packed lunch for your child, should you require it. If you would like to do this, please ring the main reception on 01773 746334 prior to 3 pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

I will be writing to you again shortly regarding specific arrangements for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

I am sorry about the disruption to your child's education. I do recognise how challenging and frustrating this may be for parents/carers and I remain hopeful that this dispute between Unions and the Government can be resolved quickly.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan de Rijk', written in a cursive style.

Jan de Rijk

Head of School