



# The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent Carer

Following on from my recent letter regarding ongoing industrial action I would like to provide further details of the school's arrangements for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

As always, 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 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. **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.

**Students in Years 10 and 11 will be expected to bring their PE kits for the day.**

Year 10 students will be sitting their physics and history mock exams; for any students who do not study history there will be a range of enrichment activities including PE. It is vitally important that Year 10 students attend on the day as these mock exams are an important step in their preparation for next 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 12.45pm on this day, after their exams and enrichment activities 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.

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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 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

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

Jan de Rijk

Head of School

