

24 April 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

This is to advise that due to industrial action, the Academy will be closed on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May to students in Years 7, 8, and 9 and the SRB, as I cannot guarantee that I will have enough staff to ensure the safe operation of all year groups. Please refer to the letter from the trust sent with last week's newsletter which outlines more detail.

Students in Years 10 -13 should attend as usual and we will endeavour to provide as near a normal experience as we are able. In Years 12 and 13, students may well be studying independently for some usually taught sessions.

Vulnerable students will receive a call from Assistant Heads of Year on Tuesday 25 April or Wednesday 26 April regarding what provision we will have in place. If you have any concerns or are keen that your child is considered for a place in the school please contact your Assistant Head of Year. We will also try to accommodate students from Years 7,8 and 9 where their parents are struggling for childcare due to work commitments, again in this instance please contact your Assistant Head of Year.

For the first strike day (Thursday 27 April), packed lunches for free school meal students are being made available at the end of the day this Wednesday, for any students who wish to take one. Please let us know if you require a packed lunch by emailing office@open-academy.org.uk by 12 p.m. Wednesday 26 April.

The strike day on Tuesday 2 May is immediately after a bank holiday so packed lunches will be available to collect on the day of the strike from 11.30am to 12.00pm. If required, please email as above by Friday 28 April.

Key Stage 3 students should log on to teams and work through their usual subjects as per their timetable, working through any missed homework, tasks or assessments, and then working through the activities at the back of the new summer term knowledge organisers, starting with the wellbeing activities. All students should also try to spend at least some of both days reading for pleasure as all should have their accelerated reader book choice at home.

If you are not regularly receiving the newsletter, it is a vital source of all things Open, published every week on a Friday afternoon, please ensure we have your updated email address and perhaps check your junk or spam folder in case it is being filtered

We look forward to being back to full normal operation as soon as possible after the industrial action.

Kindest regards



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