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Dear Families

### Strike Day March 1<sup>st</sup>

It would appear that unless there is a last minute government intervention, the planned NEU strike on the 1<sup>st</sup> March will go ahead. The same rules as before apply – in that I am given very little notification of who will intend to strike or not. This of course makes planning very difficult. I have one advantage, in that the strike falls on a Week B this time, so that has allowed us to propose a programme for Year 11, periods one to four, as follows:

- P1 Normal lessons
- P2 Maths (normal lessons)
- P3 Science (normal lessons)
- P4 Revision skills

Because the day will have a different ‘feel’ I have decided to say it will be a non-uniform day.

We are potentially able to do this because where we think there might be gaps SLT can step in and teach.

The school will be closed for all other year groups unfortunately. The cast of Matilda are invited in to rehearse the upcoming production – separate communication will go to those affected.

Buses will run as normal. If any Year 11 cannot get home at lunchtime, they can stay in school and supervision/revision will be available using senior staff. For students who receive free school meals, (from Year 11 or any other year) please contact [liaison@stowhigh.com](mailto:liaison@stowhigh.com) to pre book and packed lunches will be prepared and can be collected from 1.30 pm. Otherwise, no lunch service will be offered.

At break time a selection of ‘grab and go’ options will be available for those students in school.

In regard to future strike days (15<sup>th</sup> March + 16<sup>th</sup> March) I will know more after the 1<sup>st</sup> March to be able to gauge the level of engagement with union led strike activity.

I hope this small amount of notice helps you – however, I must warn that if illness rises amongst staff or cover becomes impossible, I may need to make last minute changes.

Thank you for your support, and my apologies for the inconvenience this brings.

Kind regards



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Headteacher