



Penryn
College

"Achieving through Challenge"

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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

As many of you are aware, members of the National Education Union are planning strike action for four days, the first of which is on **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. I am writing to inform you of our plans. Please note that the next scheduled strike days after this are the **2nd, 15th and 16th March 2023** and I will be writing closer to this date with our plans for these remaining days, if they go ahead.

On **Wednesday 1st February**, the school will be open for Year 11 students, for all or part of the day (see details below), and is **optional** only for those students who fit one or more of the categories below:

- Children whose parents are critical workers (i.e. NHS workers, teachers) - please note that all parents/carers at home must be critical workers for this to apply.
- ARB students.
- Students who meet the Department for Education 'Vulnerable' criteria (e.g. open to Social Care, have an Education, Health and Care Plan).

Please note that on this day, scheduled lessons will not take place for any students who attend and the school will look very different to normal. Supervision will be available for all students who attend and the expectation is that they will complete independent study during this time. With limited staff likely to be on site, please can I ask if your child is in Years 7-10, that they work from home if at all possible.

We ask that all parents/carers of Year 11 students and those parents/carers whose children fit into one of the above three categories complete the form using the link below, **AND ONLY IF THEY WOULD LIKE THEIR CHILD TO ATTEND ON THIS DAY**. This will give us a record of who is due to be in school. If you are happy for your child to work at home, there is no need to use the link or let us know. We will only expect those students to be in school who have signed up for places. **Please can we ask that you complete this form by 4.00pm on Thursday 26th January so we can plan the staffing accordingly.**

Link:-

<https://home.penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk/local/rynbook/keyworker.html>

Year 11 students:

- We are asking that Year 11 students arrive at school at the normal time to complete mock examinations.
- We have re-scheduled the Year 11 Maths mock examination for the morning on that day. **All Year 11 students are expected to attend on this morning.**
- The MFL mock exam for Year 11 will be in the afternoon, as scheduled.



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- There will be a supervised study hall available after the exam for those Year 11s who are not scheduled to be in the MFL exam, **but if you prefer for them to study at home, please could you indicate this on the form when you complete it.** They will then be able to sign out after their Maths exam at approximately 11.00am.

Year 10 students:

- **Year 10 students are to work from home on this day** unless all parents/carers at home are critical workers.
- They are to use this time to revise for their semester exams and/or make progress with their work experience application. The Work-Related Learning team will be on hand during that day to support students over the phone if necessary. Please call 01326 372379 and ask to be put through to Kim Snowdon.
- The Year 10 Science semester exam, which was originally scheduled on Wednesday 1st February, will now take place at the same time on Thursday 2nd February.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students:

- **Year 7, 8 and 9 students are to work from home on this day** unless all parents/carers at home are critical workers.
- Work which can be undertaken includes:
 - ✓ Revision of material covered so far this year
 - ✓ Homework completion
 - ✓ Other catch-up work from absence
 - ✓ Reading
 - ✓ There are several programmes available on student iPads to supplement their learning across a range of subjects
 - ✓ This is also an excellent opportunity for students to do some extended reading around some of their subjects. There is a wealth of information on the green sheets in their books which can be used for extended study.

The only exception to the above are the students who are taking place in the **Dance Showcase at the Hall for Cornwall on 1st February**. These students know who they are and are asked to attend school as normal on this day. They will be rehearsing on this day and the performance is still due to go ahead that evening at the Hall for Cornwall as scheduled. Ms Nowell will send a separate letter with details on this.

Please note that buses will run as normal on that day for those students who need to attend, and the canteen will be open for business. There will be no breakfast or extra-curricular clubs available on this day.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this first day of strike action. Thank you all for your support during this time. As always, it is truly valued.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

