



Penryn
College

"Achieving through Challenge"

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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

As you may be aware, members of the National Education Union (NEU) are planning their next days of strike action on the **2nd, 15th and 16th March 2023**.

On **Thursday 2nd March**, the school will be open for those students who need it and who fall into one or more of the categories below:

- Year 11 students who wish to study independently in a quiet, supervised environment (the alternative is that Year 11 can revise from home on this day).
- Children whose parents/carers 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 (EHCP)).

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 that your child works from home on this day if at all possible.

We ask that those parents/carers whose children fit into one of the four categories above complete the form using the link below **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 on this day, there is no need to use the link or let us know. We will only expect those students who have signed up for places to be in school.

Please can we ask that you complete this form by midday on Monday 27th February so we can plan the staffing accordingly. In order to ensure a safe level of supervision, the link will be closed after this time and parents/carers will no longer be able to sign up for places.

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

Year 11 students

- There will be a supervised 'silent study' room for Year 11 students on this day if revising from home will be difficult for them.
- Whether Year 11 students choose to come into school or work from home, there is a huge amount of revision material available on Showbie for your child to access.

Year 10 students

- **Year 10 students are to work from home on this day** unless all carers at home are critical workers.
- They are to use this time to catch up on missing work, revise for any upcoming tests/exams and/or make progress with their Work Experience application if needed.



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- The Careers team may contact you separately if they feel your child needs additional help with their application on this day, but do not hesitate to contact them on 01326 372379 and ask to be put through to Kim Snowdon.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students

- **Year 7, 8 and 9 students are to work from home on this day** unless all 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 students' iPads to supplement their learning across a range of subjects
 - ✓ This is also an excellent opportunity for students 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.

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

For this day, and any future strike days, we will e-mail a supermarket voucher to those students entitled to free school meals who do not attend school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this day of strike action. Thank you for all your support during this time.

Yours faithfully



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