



21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Career

### **Re: Partial School closure on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

We have received information from the Department for Education (DFE) that the National Education Union (NEU) members intend to take strike action on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. This is a national action, in relation to a dispute with the Government about the level of funding to support children in education and teachers' pay.

To operate safely, based on anticipated staffing numbers, we will need to operate a partial closure.

In the same way as the previous strike days, we will be open to students in Year 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> form, students who are vulnerable and the children of critical workers. We will therefore be closed to students in Years 7 to 10 who do not fall into these Government definitions.

There are two key events taking place in this day which will still go ahead as planned and students are expected to attend as planned.

**The History trip will run as planned and all students involved are expected to attend as planned. Students and parents/carers will be contacted individually to ensure they are aware.**

**The Year 11 Final Performing Arts GCSE exam (as set by the exam board) will run as planned. Students and parents/carers will be contacted individually to ensure they are aware they cannot miss this.**

Students in Year 11 will complete independent study focusing on exam preparation in core subjects and will be in school from 8.30am until 2.45pm. Students will need to be in full school uniform and normal school policy and procedures will be applied.

Students in 6<sup>th</sup> form will also be completing exam preparation and be required in school from 8.30am until 2.45pm.

Harland House will be fully open as normal.



For those students attending school on the above dates who are the children of critical workers and / or vulnerable, we will be open from 8.30am until 2.45pm. Students will potentially undertake lessons in Sport, IT, Science, Maths and English (lessons subject to change depending on staff availability). Students will be expected to wear full school uniform and normal school policy and procedures will be applied. Students should report to the assembly hall for tutor time.

Furthermore, we cannot ask staff who are striking to set work. As a result, for those students who are working from home, activities in core subjects will be available on Class Charts for each year group to complete.

For students eligible for Free School Meals who are not in school as a result of the partial closure will receive a FSM voucher sent to parent/carer email.

Please find attached to this email the Government document entitled "Critical Worker Definition." [Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings October 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) If you believe this covers anyone in your household with parental responsibility and you require a place for your child(ren) in school on **Thursday 27th April 2023**, please complete the following form to inform us of your Critical Worker Status by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/bUqb41LDV6>

**There is a further planned strike due to take place on Tuesday 2nd May 2023.**

Should you have any queries please do contact the school on [office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk](mailto:office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk) and we will do all we can to help.

Yours sincerely



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