



# Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Wednesday 1 March 2023

Dear parents / carers of Year 11 students,

We are writing to update you on the arrangements for Year 11 students tomorrow. The school supports the right of staff to strike and is understanding of their reasons for doing so. It is however our priority, that at this vital point in Year 11, that any disruption to their education is minimised, hence the decision was taken to keep the school open to them.

It is not possible to give a comprehensive outline of the plan for the day as we do not know in advance exactly how many teachers will be striking. It is our intention that students will have a timetable of lessons as close as possible to their regular timetables. Where this is not possible, we will aim to ensure that alternative arrangements are made, that will be beneficial to those students impacted.

It is the expectation that all Year 11 students attend school as normal tomorrow, any students who choose to stay at home and revise will have this recorded as an unauthorised absence and will be missing out on valuable input from their subject specialist teachers.

As a show of good will to Year 11 and in recognition of their excellent attendance at the after-school interventions, which began after half-term, we will not be asking students to attend in their uniform tomorrow – they are welcome to wear their own clothes.

We ask that all students come to the school hall at 08:55 when the bell goes for the start of the day where they will be given more specific information about where they will be and when during the day.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We look forward to welcoming the students tomorrow and having the opportunity for Year 11 to be the sole focus of our school day as they prepare for the GCSE examinations.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Ridley  
Headteacher