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Dear Parents and Carers,

Strike action for teachers

As I have previously communicated to you, the National Education Union (NEU) has confirmed that their teaching members will be taking industrial action in the form of strike days. The next planned strike days are **Tuesday 1 July, Wednesday 2 July and Thursday 3 July 2025.**

Following our risk assessment and due to the number of staff taking action, we have made the difficult decision to open the academy to students as follows on **Tuesday 1 July, Wednesday 2 July and Thursday 3 July 2025:**

Monday 30 June 2025	Tuesday 1 July 2025	Wednesday 2 July 2025	Thursday 3 July 2025	Friday 4 July 2025
Normal School day - all students on site	Year 10 - on site all day normal lessons, plus high performance. Students should arrive by 8:25	Y7 Y band P2 and P3. Students should arrive on site by 09:40 . They will need to be off site by 12:30pm Y7 X Band P4 and P5. Students should arrive on site by 11:55 for lunch. Students may wish to arrive at 12:30pm if lunch is not required. Lunch will be available for all students on site from 12pm.	Year 8 - on site all day normal lessons Students should arrive by 8:25	Normal School day - all students on site



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Through negotiation with the academy, the NASUWT have paused strike action; we will update you again if anything changes with the NEU.

Whilst the academy will be closed to some students, there will be some online activities available via Google Classroom, however access to educational materials whilst at home will be available to all Year 7-10 students through the links below. Please encourage your child to access the online resources below to continue their learning:

- English - revision.english.outwood.com
- Maths - revision.maths.outwood.com
- Science - science.outwood.com
- History - history.outwood.com
- Geography - geography.outwood.com
- Time Tables Rock Stars - <https://trockstars.com>
- Oak National - <https://www.thenational.academy>
- BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary>
- Seneca Learning - <https://app.senecalearning.com/login>

Students in all year groups in receipt of free school meals may attend between 12.30 and 1pm to pick up a grab bag. We will send out a text message for you to book this in advance.

We are still working extremely hard with trade unions to resolve concerns and there may be further updates to follow, however we wanted to be able to give parents reasonable notice to plan if their child is not due to be in school.

*In order to ensure that we can communicate any changes to these plans at short notice; which may include on the day itself, we are asking parents/carers to ensure that we hold up to date emergency contact details. If you do need to make any changes, please send to our dedicated email address for this purpose enquiries@shafton.outwood.com We will always endeavour to minimise disruption as much as possible.

We understand that there will be concerns about the disruption but we want to give you this advance notice as possible and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding at this time.

Yours faithfully,



Alison McQueen
Principal