



5 May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **An update on NewVic NEU strike action - week commencing 8 May 2023**

I am writing to let you know that talks with ACAS, with the aim of resolving the dispute with NewVic NEU are ongoing and the next meeting will take place on 9 May 2023. I will keep you updated on progress.

As you will be aware, we have asked NewVic NEU to suspend their strike action whilst talks are underway, as they had said they would do so. Sadly, despite saying that the strikes could be avoided if the College agreed to meet and hold talks at ACAS, NEU NewVic have continued to strike.

In view of this, next week strike action will take place on the following days:

- Tuesday 9 May (NewVic NEU Strike day)
- Wednesday 10 May (NewVic NEU Strike day)
- Thursday 11 May (NewVic NEU Strike day)

**Please remember that the College remains open during strike days** and the majority of our staff are in College as normal. For those lessons that will be continuing, teachers and tutors will discuss arrangements with their students individually.

Students who are not sitting exams or whose class has been cancelled must still attend College and can use the library for independent study.

We have also put in place a programme of additional support for students:

**Maths and English GCSE support** These support sessions will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Study Skills Centre (opposite B208a).

Our Student Services team continues to deliver::

- **Wellbeing and Communication workshops** run every Wednesday by Sue Sandeman Therapy
- **GOALS Workshops with MasterMind Academy** - an 8 week programme held on Thursdays
- **Study Skills Drop-in sessions** held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the LRC
- **Workshops** run every Tuesday by our Welfare & Safeguarding Team

Information, times and locations for each of these sessions will be advertised each day in the main reception area.

I want to assure you that we are doing all that we can to prevent further strike action.

Yours sincerely,

**Mandeep Gill**

Principal & Chief Executive  
Newham Sixth Form College