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Dear Parents & Carers

I do hope this letter finds you well. You may recall at the start of the academic year we asked interested stakeholders to apply for governance roles here at school. I am pleased to inform you we have recruited three new Trustees who will join various committees here at school and within the Trust. I extend a warm welcome to Rob Kerr and Sarah Castro, who join as parent Trustees and Ruth Tennant who joins as a Co-opted Trustee. Their term of service will officially start in March, I thank them in advance - it's a wonderful role that really does help the school continue to improve and provide its high quality educational experience.

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 9 Parents evening this week, it's such an important opportunity to build a collaborative working relationship with all parents and carers which always help support our young people in being successful and happy in school. Likewise, I look forward to seeing Year 7 parents this coming Monday for what I am sure will be a great evening.

A brief update today given the headlines of late of the upcoming Industrial Strike Action of Teachers. You may be aware the National Education Union for Teachers reached the ballot threshold to invoke a strike on behalf of its members. They have informed all schools, who have members, roughly 23,000 schools nationwide, that they intend to ask Teachers to strike on the following days.

Wednesday 1 February 2023

Wednesday 01 March 2023

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Thursday 16 March 2023

We, as is the case in many schools, have a large proportion of teachers who are members of the NEU and may choose to strike which inevitably will cause disruption and we are creating a contingency plan here at school. I wanted to inform you as early as possible as its very likely we will be required to set remote learning for certain year groups as we will not have the staff capacity in school for all students to be on site. We plan to prioritise, where possible, onsite lessons for our students in examination years and our most vulnerable students throughout the school. I will write next Friday with full plans for February 1st.

Have a great weekend.

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher