

Monday 24 April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware the National Education Union (NEU) continues to be in dispute with government over pay and is calling upon its members to take part in industrial action on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May.

I am writing to inform you that due to this industrial action, Astrea Academy Dearne will be **partially closed** on **Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May** We have considered every alternative to closure and have tried to maximise the number of students we can safely accommodate in the school given the likelihood that fewer staff will be on site.

We will be open to the following groups of students only on these days:

Expected to Attend School All day	Home Learning	Expected to Attend School at Specific Times
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Year 11 students</li> <li>All Athena students</li> <li>All Eleos students</li> <li>All Synergy students</li> <li>Students whose parents/carers have been contacted individually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 students</li> <li>Year 8 students</li> <li>Year 9 students</li> <li>Year 10 students who are <b>not</b> involved in the mock examinations on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y10 students who have Spanish and Photography examinations on <b>Thursday 27 April</b></li> <li><b>All Y10 students</b> expected in school <b>Tuesday 2 May</b>. <b>Please check the Y10 table below for the time</b></li> </ul>

### Students who are in school on Thursday 27 April and 2 May

#### Y11 students

It is **vitaly important** that students in Year 11 attend school on these days. Year 11 have been prioritised to minimise the disruption to their learning given the importance of and proximity to their GCSE examinations. Students will be receiving feedback from their most recent mock examinations, as well as taking part in bespoke subject sessions and revision activities. The school day will operate as normal therefore students are expected to be on site for 8.25am. If additional equipment such as PE kits or revision guides are required, students will be informed on Wednesday.

<b>School starts</b> – morning address and assembly	8:30am - 8:50am
<b>Lesson 1</b>	8:50am - 9:55am
<b>Lesson 2</b>	9:55am - 11:00am
<b>Break</b>	11:00am - 11:15am
<b>Lesson 3</b>	11:15am - 12:20pm
<b>Lunch</b>	12:20pm – 12:50pm
<b>Lesson 4</b>	12:50pm - 1:55pm
<b>Lesson 5</b>	1:55pm - 3:00pm

## Eleos, Synergy and Athena Students

Students within these provisions will follow their normal school day, these timings are:

	Synergy	Athena	Eleos
<b>Start of school day</b>	9:00am	8.30am	9:30am
<b>End of school day</b>	2:30pm	3:00pm	1:55pm

## Students Whose Parents/Carers have been Contacted Individually

Students who have been invited into school on these days will be using the ICT suite to complete their home learning tasks with the support of staff throughout the day, alongside taking part in some drama or PE based activities. Students will be expected to wear full uniform and bring their PE kit. School meals will be available to purchase as normal.

<b>School starts</b> (Students to be go to IT04)	8:30am - 8:50am
<b>Lesson 1</b>	8:50am - 9:55am
<b>Lesson 2</b>	9:55am - 11:00am
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## Y10 Students involved in the Mock Examinations on the strike days

Y10 mock examinations will be starting on the 27 April for two weeks. Due to the mock examinations being supervised by invigilators and the Heads of Year, they will continue to run. **Only students who are expected to sit the mock examinations on the strike days are expected to be in school.**

- Students who are expected in school to sit the mock **examinations in the morning** will be expected into school at the times stated in the table below on the 27 April and 2 May. **If students do not have examinations in the afternoon, they will leave site straight after the examination is completed.**
- Students due to sit an **examination only in the afternoon** of 27 April and 2 May will be **expected in school for 12.20pm** where they will be able to purchase lunch prior to their examination.
- If students are sitting an examination **both in the morning and the afternoon** on either day they will be **expected to stay until they complete the afternoon examination.**

	Expected on site for morning exam	AM exam	Expected latest finish time	Expected on site for afternoon exam	PM exam	Expected latest finish time
27 April	8.45am	Spanish listening and reading exam	10.30am	12.20am	Photography	3pm
2 May	10.15am	Maths exam	Will stay on site	Will stay on site	English Literature 1	3pm

## Home Learning

Students will be provided with a personalised home learning plan that provides details of how they will access their learning. We are intending to provide a range of both online learning and paper-based resources to allow access to an appropriate balance of activities over the course of the 2 days. If your child is unable to access any online learning activities, please contact the relevant Head of Year (contact details are provided below) by 12pm on Wednesday 26 April.

Students are encouraged to be using the home learning day as an opportunity to be completing challenges on their Sparx maths learning account to support their independent learning and practice of key maths skills and knowledge as well as completing any outstanding activities. Rewards will be given in class to students in each year group who has the highest completion rates overall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the relevant Head of Year in the first instance:

Year group / Provision	Head of Year	Email address
Year 7	Mr Simon Miss Myers	<a href="mailto:Terry.Simon@astreadearne.org">Terry.Simon@astreadearne.org</a> <a href="mailto:Lauren.Myers@astreadearne.org">Lauren.Myers@astreadearne.org</a>
Year 8	Mrs Child Mr Atkinson	<a href="mailto:Kay.Child@astreadearne.org">Kay.Child@astreadearne.org</a> <a href="mailto:Colm.Atkinson@astreadearne.org">Colm.Atkinson@astreadearne.org</a>
Year 9	Miss Simpson Mr Bagnall	<a href="mailto:Emma.Simpson@astreadearne.org">Emma.Simpson@astreadearne.org</a> <a href="mailto:Thomas.Bagnall@astreadearne.org">Thomas.Bagnall@astreadearne.org</a>
Year 10	Mrs Ellis Mrs Stork	<a href="mailto:Colette.Ellis@astreadearne.org">Colette.Ellis@astreadearne.org</a> <a href="mailto:Jessica.Stork@astreadearne.org">Jessica.Stork@astreadearne.org</a>
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Yours faithfully



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