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Dear Parent / Guardian

1) Industrial Action by the National Education Union (NEU)

The NEU has called a further two strike days. These fall on the 5th and 7th July. The 5th July is calendared as our Year 10 College Taster Day at Cadbury College whilst the 7th of July is calendared as our whole school Trip Day.

On 5th July - Year 7 and Year 8 should attend school as normal. Year 9 will have to stay at home and access online learning. **The Year 10 College Taster Day will proceed as planned.** The previously planned Birmingham Transition Day for Year 6 pupils has been moved to 12th July by the Local Authority.

On 7th July - Trip Day will proceed as planned for all Year Groups. A large majority of NEU colleagues have decided to continue to supervise our planned trips. This does not reflect a weakening resolve on their part to continue to campaign for a fair resolution to the industrial dispute and to address the deepening teacher recruitment crisis, but does reflect their deep commitment to the children who attend this school and the importance we all place on the experiences which take place during these wonderful educational visits.

Looking ahead, all the teaching unions are re-balloting members for further industrial action after the summer, likely to involve huge numbers of school staff. As the government is not meeting with unions to seek resolution, this is of great concern.

2) Farewell to Mrs Ricketts

Mrs Ricketts, a stalwart of the English Faculty, is leaving us to take a role in a school in Nigeria, with today being her last day here. Mrs Ricketts has worked here since 2009, and has been a key part of the huge success that our English Faculty has achieved in securing brilliant English GCSE outcomes for our pupils, year after year. Mrs Ricketts has also worked as one of our dedicated team of governors.

Mrs Ricketts' warm personality and keen sense of humour will be greatly missed by her friends, colleagues and pupils as she bravely enters this new chapter of her life. We wish her the best in Abuja, Nigeria, and will keenly await news of her new life in the months ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ricketts for her hard work, compassion and dedication over the last 14 years.

3) Year 10 Mocks Exams

Year 10 are now just days away from completing their mock exams. The year group has been absolutely superb in their approach. I would appreciate parents passing on how impressed we have been and how proud we are.

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher

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