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Dear Parent/Carer

NEU Industrial Action on Wednesday 1 February – partial school closure

As I mentioned in my previous letter, there will, unfortunately, be some disruption to school on Wednesday 1 February as a result of the strike action. We have tried our best to minimise this disruption and have offered provision to students who may need it the most. As we do not know how many teaching staff we will have in school on Wednesday, we have taken the decision to close the school to all students apart from those who are eligible for Free School Meals and have requested to attend school.

If you have requested provision for your young person, you will receive an email confirming this and the school day will operate as normal. **For all other students in Years 7-13 school will be closed**, but work will be available on Showbie to complete. However, there will be no live lessons and staff will not be setting specific work or marking any completed work during this day.

All students attending school on Wednesday 1 February will be able to access school meals as normal. Students who qualify for free school meals but are not attending on Wednesday 1 February will be able to collect a grab-bag at the end of the day on Tuesday 31 January. If your young person is not attending on Wednesday 1 February and you have not yet requested a grab-bag, please email questions@elawnswood.co.uk by 4pm on Monday 30 January to order one.

All our staff are committed to doing the very best they can for our students. I know that staff who have made the decision to strike have not done so without a lot of thought. I hope you understand the desire of NEU members to campaign for a better funded education system.

Year 10 Target Setting

It was great to see so many students and parents in school on Thursday evening to learn about our approach to learning and our GCSE target setting process.

We strongly believe that a target only has meaning if the student sets it for themselves, and has thought deeply about what they need to do in order to attain that target. Over the next week every student will speak to their subject teachers and work with them to set ambitions targets, which you will see on the next Progress Report.

Ms Nicholson has made a short video which has been shown to the students who may have missed the evening event. But we thought it might also be useful to share a longer video (made during lockdown) that also explains the process, in case you couldn't make it into school. This video can be found [here](#). Please ignore the dates on the final slides as they are out of date. The deadline for targets to be set is Friday 3 February, and Year 10 Parents Evening is on Wednesday 8 March.

Little Shop of Horrors – school show

Tickets are still available for our school show on Tuesday 31 January and Thursday 2 February. You can purchase tickets via Parent Pay and they cost £6 each. I do hope you can make it, students and staff have been working tirelessly over the last few months and what I've seen so far looks very good.

Key dates for your diary this week

KS5 commitment fortnight begins

Year 10 target setting

Monday

Student wellbeing survey

Tuesday

Year 12 target setting launch

School show dress rehearsal – 9.30am-11.30am

School show performance: Little Shop of Horrors, 7pm-9.30pm

Wednesday

NEU Strike – partial school closure

Thursday

UK Intermediate Maths Challenge, 60 students from Years 9-11

School show performance, 7pm-9.30pm

Friday

Visiting poet Andy Griffiths will host a Poetry Slam

Thank you for taking the time to read this for more detailed information about the amazing teaching and learning at Lawnswood, please follow us on Twitter @lawnswoodschool.

Yours faithfully



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