

## Westbourne Academy

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Principal - Mr Garry Trott

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Dear Parents/Students

### Industrial Action on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016

As you might have heard via the media, following an official ballot by the National Union of Teachers, there will be regional industrial action in the form of a one day strike to protect pay and conditions and increase inadequate funding levels. The strike will take place on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016**.

At this stage, I am already aware that a significant number of teachers at Westbourne Academy are intending to take action. Due to the way that a secondary school timetable works, with each individual pupil typically having five different teachers during a day plus time with their form tutors, the action will have a direct impact on every year group.

Members of other professional associations and agencies have been instructed to decline any management requests to carry out duties normally performed by colleagues who are on strike. This not only includes covering lessons but also supervision duties before school, break time, lunch time and after school.

We are also aware of the challenge closing the academy puts on working parents and the pressure this adds for childcare. It is for this reason that we have decided we will partially close the academy. We can only apologise in advance for any inconvenience the strike may cause you as a family.

The academy will be partially open to students in years 9 and 10 only. Year 10 students are in the middle of their GCSEs and it is important that we minimize disruption to their lessons. Those students who are completing a qualification in geography will be able to work on their controlled assessment for the day, which is worth 40% of the final mark and is therefore very important. At the start of the day, year 10 geography students should go straight to the LRC. All other year 10 students should go to their normal timetabled lessons.

Students in year 9 will have normal lessons and also complete some progress tests, which will be used to support their entry onto their GCSE courses from September. Year 9 students need to go straight to the main hall on arrival.

We will not hold tutor time on this day and students will finish school slightly earlier at 2:30pm. The school day will start at the usual time of 8.25am with morning break at 10.30am. Students in years 9 and 10 will be able to purchase food and drinks from the Food Hall as normal at morning break and at lunch.

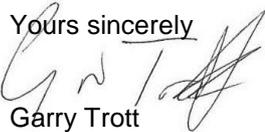
Please note that the academy will be closed to students in years 7 and 8.

### Y10 Taster Day at Suffolk One

Unfortunately due to the industrial action, Suffolk One have been left with no option but to cancel the Taster Day planned for year 10 students from Westbourne Academy and other local high schools. We are currently trying to rearrange a date with Suffolk One for early in the autumn term and will inform you as soon as this new date is confirmed.

In the interim, however, your son/daughter is welcome to attend any of the weekend or evening 'open events' staged by Suffolk One (see their website [www.suffolkone.ac.uk](http://www.suffolkone.ac.uk)) for details of these events. Please rest assured, that your child's education and readiness for post-16 provision is of the highest importance to us and we appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

  
Garry Trott  
Principal



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