

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

Dear students and parents

Since I last wrote to all our community about the ongoing industrial dispute about pay there have been some actions to report which are included in our [Strike Action FAQs](#). In very brief summary an improved pay offer was tabled following the Government's announcement of some additional funding, but due to the offer still being inequitable for staff in non-academised sixth form colleges it was rejected. Unfortunately this means that the dispute continues and I am therefore writing to confirm that the NEU have now announced three additional strike days as follows:

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

We fully understand concerns about this year's pay award and the difference in funding between academised and non-academised sixth form colleges to support this, however we are of course hopeful that this strike action will not go ahead if a resolution with the government is found. Any loss of learning can risk impacting on our learners' progress. I would like to confirm that Collyer's will remain open on all strike days and we anticipate that a majority of lessons will go ahead as usual. I know that all our community will respond to any impacts with their usual resilience and flexibility.

Further information about this industrial action can be found by clicking on the link below and I will write again if there are any significant updates to share:

[Strike Action FAQs](#)

Kind regards

Dan Lodge  
Principal