



Trinity High School

& SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Part of Bordesley Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Continued Industrial Action, School Uniform and Eid

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break. The students have been brilliant this week and they have returned full of enthusiasm and energy for the summer term. We are looking forward to an action-packed summer term, where we will offer both fantastic experiences in lessons, and in addition, a Broadening Horizons package that will create memories that will hopefully last a lifetime.

I am writing at the beginning of term to both update you and share important information regarding several matters. Please read all the information carefully, and if you require further information or wish to contact us, please email office@trinityhigh.net or speak to the relevant Head of Year or Pastoral Manager.

Industrial Strike Action – Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

You may have seen in the mainstream media that the National Education Union (NEU) are once again planning to hold industrial action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. I have once again worked hard to find ways to keep as many year groups in school as possible and avoid educational disruption. However, following another consultation period, I am now confident that significant numbers of our staff will be striking next week. I therefore wanted you to have as much notice as possible to make arrangements.

On Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May, we will be restricting attendance once again due to staffing capacity.

On both days, the school will remain OPEN to Years 11,12 and 13 students.

On both days, the school will be CLOSED for Year 9 and 10 students due to limited staffing capacity.

In terms of educational arrangements:

- Years 11 and 13 will be making final examination preparations. It is therefore imperative that they attend and continue their face-to-face education uninterrupted.
- Year 12 will follow their normal timetable and their learning will remain unaffected.
- Years 9 and 10 will receive high quality remote learning provision for both days. Full details of how to access this learning will follow in a separate correspondence.
- We will also run a Vulnerable Learners provision for our students who have high levels of need and require additional safeguarding. Students will be invited to this provision by the HEART Centre team.
- School will be open to all students on Friday 28th April, and we will expect the high levels of attendance that we have been experiencing all term so far. School will, of course, be closed on Monday 1st May for the May Bank Holiday.

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My position on the industrial action is that I continue to have the utmost admiration for my colleagues in the NEU, who are taking action to secure the best possible conditions for our profession and ultimately your child's education. However, I do understand that these days are disruptive, particularly to the parents/carers of students who are working remotely.

I continue to attempt to manage these days with sensitivity and care and will always ensure communication is comprehensive and timely.

School Uniform

I wanted to thank parents/carers for your unrelenting support in ensuring our school uniform is worn impeccably. The students, on the whole look extremely smart and any students who arrive in incorrect uniform, work with us to rectify it immediately. Our students are a credit to themselves and their school.

Following a period of consultation with parent and student forums, I have decided to slightly adjust our optional jumper element of the uniform for the next academic year. Currently, our optional jumper can either be a Trinity branded knitted jumper or any other plain black jumper. Following a consultation with parents/carers and students, from this summer, Orchard, our uniform supplier will still sell the branded knitted jumper at a cost of £30 but there will also be a v neck sweatshirt style Trinity branded jumper available for students at a cost of £15. This meets both my own and the governments requirement for a piece of uniform that is durable, affordable, and smart and from September only these two jumpers will be accepted as part of our uniform and Orchard will be the exclusive stockist of these jumpers. Jumpers from any other supplier won't be accepted. It is also worth mentioning that blazers will, of course remain compulsory.

This term, please can you ensure that your child continues to look impeccable, and should we have any extreme weather conditions, then I will, of course adjust our uniform as necessary.

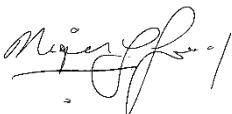
Eid al-Fitr 2023

You will recall that I wrote to all members of the Trinity community last month to raise awareness of the start of the holy month of Ramadan. This weekend, the holy month comes to an end and Eid al-Fitr will be celebrated. Eid al-Fitr is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide and it is a time for families to come together and celebrate. It is a time of gratitude where families will share gifts and remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

At Trinity High School and Sixth Form, we will be marking Eid-al Fitr on our HEART Wall and for any members of the Muslim community and wishing students Eid Mubarak in assemblies.

I would like to wish all members of our Muslim community Eid Mubarak from all staff and students at Trinity.

Yours sincerely,



Mr N J Ford
Headteacher