



27 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Re: Upcoming strike action and end of summer term arrangements

Strike action

I am sure you will have seen in the news that further national strike action is planned as an agreement could not be reached between unions and the government. Although there was a slightly increased pay offer put forwards, the expectation from the government is that that is paid for from existing school budgets, which is not affordable by schools whose budgets are already stretched beyond breaking point. Therefore, unions are continuing with strike action in the hope that the government will continue productive talks about national pay and conditions, teacher recruitment, as well as education funding. The dates are:

Wednesday 5 July 2023

Friday 7 July 2023

As previously communicated, the NEU has declared that close to 50% of staff at Brockington College are members. You will also be aware that until the actual day of the strike we will not know which staff will be present for work, either because they are taking strike action or because they cannot attend due to childcare issues if their own children's schools are affected. We know that this is the same across the entire country on such days.

Taking into consideration the guidance so far and all that is currently known, and with the risk to health and safety, I can confirm that the school will be closed to the majority of students on both days (unless the strike action is called off). In our planning for whom we can invite into school we will prioritise those who we know to be most vulnerable (who will receive a separate invitation). These students will follow the same programme as those students at home.

Ahead of the last strike day we asked parents to let us know how best we can support learning at home on those days. The overwhelming response was for us to provide time for students to complete existing homework or independent work set by teachers. Therefore, we intend to set work via Show My homework in the normal way for students to complete and we will also set an Oak Academy programme with the option of accessing the Oak Academy lessons where students wish to do so, as supplementary support. A timetable of Oak Academy lessons which support the curriculum being followed at present in core subjects will be emailed in advance of the strike days.

End of summer term arrangements

As the end of term approaches, I am writing to confirm our arrangements for the end of this school year.

These last few weeks remain a busy time; this week, many year 10 students are going out on work experience placements, and on Tuesday 4 July we have our Sports Day (weather permitting). On Monday 10 July and Tuesday 11 July we have our enrichment trips for years 7-10, and we also welcome year 6 students for two transition days ahead of them joining us in August.



This year we have introduced 'rewards evenings' for years 7-10 and these are due to take place between Monday 3 July and Thursday 6 July. Details of these evenings will be sent separately to those students who have been nominated for a reward.

On Thursday 6 July, all students will take part in the Brockington College infamous 'Oscars' reward assemblies, and year 10 will also take part in an 'interview techniques' day.

Last day of term – Wednesday 12 July

Charity Fun Run! During the course of the morning, collectively we are intending to run 2000 miles in aid of Cancer Research within the school grounds. As it is a fun run, students and staff can choose to wear appropriate costumes, to wear their sportswear or their uniforms. The link for our Just Giving page can be found [here](#). Please feel free to share this link with as many people as possible so we can raise money for such a significant cause.

School will close for the summer holidays at **12.25pm on Wednesday 12 July 2023**. The school buses will arrive for **12.25pm** and will depart at approximately **12.40pm**. We appreciate that the early finish may create childcare issues for some parents/carers. Therefore, there will be the facility for any child to stay in school and be supervised in the library until 3pm, although there will be no school buses at this time. Please complete and submit this form, by **Friday 7 July** if you would like to make use of this facility <https://forms.office.com/e/f9garRSjZj>.

As we head towards the end of term, we are saying a few goodbyes to valued teachers and teaching assistants who are moving on to pastures new. My personal thanks go to Miss Gaskell, Mrs Aldred and Mrs Tuck, Mrs Hayes and Mr Viadama for all they have contributed to Brockington and we wish them all the very best in their next ventures. I would also like to thank Tamsin Jones, one of our long standing teaching assistants for her service to the school over the years. We will be welcoming several new teachers to Brockington College. They are all looking forward to joining us and I will introduce them to parents and carers in the autumn term.

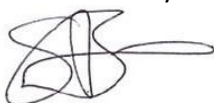
Start of term arrangements

I will write to you again over the summer to confirm final details for the start of term; however, we are planning to stagger the return of all students, during the week commencing 28 August 2023. Students will be required to return to school at the normal time of 8.30am on the given dates.

- **Monday 28 August – Bank Holiday**
- **Tuesday 29 August – Year 7 and 11 students return to school**
- **Wednesday 30 August – Years 8, 9 and 10 students return to school**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for your support across the academic year and wish you and your families a restful summer break.

Yours sincerely



Sadie Batstone
Principal