

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, the first of which will take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over a lack of funding in education, teachers' pay and the recruitment and retention crisis in teaching and not because of any issues at our school. This is a national strike.

We are sorry to inform you that St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy will be closed to pupils in Years 9 & 10 on Wednesday 1st February. Please do not send your child/ren to St Thomas More Academy on this day. The Year 9 Parents Evening for this date will be rescheduled.

This decision has not been taken lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils; however, we would be unable to provide this with the limited staff we have available, in school, on this day.

We are sorry that you may have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation and the planned future strike action in March. We will inform you as soon as we are able to make arrangements for the planned strike action dates in March.

Please find below guidance on work pupils can access on Wednesday 1st February.

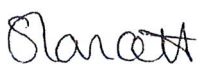
For pupils in Years 9 & 10, they can complete the following tasks:

- Create quizzes and/or mind map previously taught content using their Knowledge Organisers.
- Focus on practicing key vocabulary and learning key words for each subject using their knowledge Organisers.
- For Oak Academy, please follow the link below: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>
(Please note: Students will need to select KS3 if they are in Years 7-9 or KS4 if they are in 10 and 11. Then, select the Subject and Topic which is appropriate/ they are learning in class).
- For Seneca, please follow the link below: <https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/courses/add?Price=Free> (Please note: Students will need to select 11+ comprehension or Maths if they are in Years 7 or 8 and the relevant course/ exam board for each subject if they are in Years 10 or 11).
- Access a PSHE project through the schools VLE account, fusion.

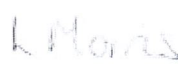
Finally, we encourage all pupils to use the time to complete any current or outstanding homework.

If you have any questions, please contact school on info@stm.srscmat.co.uk

Kind regards,



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