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Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to write following a meeting with some parents last night, and to update you further on how things currently stand with regards to the industrial action being taken by the NEU. At the outset, I want to reiterate our desire to see an end to this dispute. Situations like this are naturally divisive, and in our view the key to resolving them is a willingness to talk, listen and try to find areas where compromise may be possible.

A number of parents attended a meeting last night, where we were able to discuss their concerns and obvious frustration about the NEU's continuing action. We greatly value the feedback aired at that session, and have listened carefully to what was said.

While we have genuinely done our best to minimise its impact, we have to acknowledge that with the strike in its second month it is increasingly challenging to maintain our high operational standards. However, our priority throughout has been to keep the school open to ensure our students' education can continue as normally as possible.

We have reflected on the points raised at the meeting, and in other feedback we have received through parental meetings in recent weeks. Next week we will launch additional educational resources including GCSEPod which will provide revision support for Years 10 and 11 as well as EduCake, which supports independent learning for all students.

We are in the process of rebuilding the timetable ready for when students return from half term on Monday 24 February. The aim of this is to improve the consistency of subject specialist teaching.

Once again, please be assured that you can raise any specific concerns or questions relating to your child directly with us, and we will do everything we can to address them. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding. It is greatly appreciated, and we hope to see the dispute resolved in the near future.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher