



Salvatorian College

A Roman Catholic High School for Boys

Salvatorian College, High Road
Harrow Weald, Middlesex, HA3 5DY
T: 020 8863 2706 F: 020 8863 3435
E: admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk
W: www.salvatoriancollege.com

Executive Headteacher: Mr Martin Tissot

Tuesday, January 31st, 2023

Dear Parents

NEU Strike Action – Wednesday 1st February 2023 – school closed to students

Following my email/letter to you earlier this week I now write to you with details of what will happen at Salvatorian College tomorrow. A large number of our teachers are members of the striking union and the proposed strike has gathered considerable, and understandable, support; as a result, we are not able to open the school to students in Years 7 to 10 as there are insufficient numbers of teachers to teach them and ensure their safety. We will, however, be inviting in a small number of students with particular needs, as well as our examination group in Year 11.

Students in Years 7 to 10 will work from home, using "Show my Homework" to access resources for Core subjects from the Oak National Academy website; if no work is set for a particular session then students should do homework for other subjects or read their library book.

I would like to emphasise that this dispute is about more than just teachers' pay – it is also about ensuring that the education sector is properly funded and about the future of our schools. Salvatorian College has suffered as a result of inadequate funding by central government, but we are fortunate in that we have been able to attract quality teachers and benefit from the experience of long-serving staff. However, we are still short in a few areas.

In our country there is a crisis in the supply of new teachers – there are not enough young people going into teaching. At Salvatorian College we have excellent teachers and staff who go beyond their job descriptions to provide the best possible start in life for your children – not all schools are so fortunate and many children in other schools do not get a good education because there is a shortage of good teachers and staff - graduates are attracted to other professions because the pay and conditions of teachers are less attractive. I know that many of the teachers going on strike at Salvatorian College are not only pursuing personal benefit but are also expressing their concern for the future of our schools and past and future students.

I appreciate the inconvenience of the school closing to most pupils, as a result of this industrial action. Let us hope, for the benefit of our current and future students, that this dispute is resolved soon.

With best wishes

Mr. A. Bryant
Head of School