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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Year 8-12 Parent/Guardian

## **Re: Impact of Action Short of Strike Action on Year 9-11 Online Parent-Teacher Meetings**

I have been informed that teaching union NASUWT (which represents the overwhelming majority of our teaching staff) has instructed its members to take continuous action short of strike action with effect from Monday 13 January 2025.

While many of our day-to-day operations will continue as normal, this latest action will mean that **our Year 9-11 (Surname M-Z) Online Parent-Teacher Meetings on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (3.30-6.00pm) have been postponed and that all online bookings made to date have been cancelled by our ICT Co-ordinator Mr Black.**

As all parents/guardians are entitled to have an annual Parent-Teacher Meeting, I am required to reschedule an alternative date and time that meets the requirements of the current Action Short of Strike Action. Therefore, following consultation with the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, I have decided that our **Year 9-11 Online Parent-Teacher Meetings (Surname M-Z) will now take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (10.00am - 12noon and 1.00pm - 3.00pm). No pupils will be required to attend school on this date (which is the day after our annual Open Night).**

### **Therefore, to summarise:**

- **Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 9-11 Parent-Teacher Meetings Postponed with normal teaching & learning
- **Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Open Night @ 7.30pm
- **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Pupils are not required to attend school in order to facilitate Year 9-11 Online Parent-Teacher Meetings.

### **Year 9-11 Online Parent-Teacher Meetings (Surname M-Z) Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (10.00am - 12noon and 1.00pm - 3.00pm)**

Information on how to book an appointment is available to view on the home page of the school website.

Finally, as a parent myself, I accept that closing the school to pupils on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January to facilitate Parent-Teacher Meetings is not an ideal situation, but it is the only solution for me to ensure that our Year 9-11 parents/guardians have access to teacher feedback following recent exams.

Yours faithfully

*Neil Megaw*

Principal