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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that we have had to take the difficult decision to close the academy to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 on Tuesday 8th October and Wednesday 9th October due to staff strike action. Unfortunately, this also means we will have to postpone the Year 7 'Settling In' Evening and we will confirm a new date for all parents.

I appreciate that this notice comes very late in the day. The union has been unable to meet with us to discuss this two day action and we have just been notified that they intend to continue with strike action for the next two days. We are keen to continue our discussions with the union as soon as possible.

We have been working extremely hard to plan a timetable that would have enabled us to keep the academy open for all our students. Sadly, this has not been possible. One day lost in education is one too many, so we have re-configured the timetable to enable students in Years 10 and 11 to attend the academy and follow their normal timetables. Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be expected to log on to Heggarty Maths and complete the work set to avoid any lost learning time. Work for other subjects has been set and details can be found on the academy website.

I understand that this action will cause great inconvenience to many of you, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding.

Best wishes,

Dr Jayne Bartlett
Headteacher

