

Train Driver's Union Industrial Action – 4th October 2023.

Students, parents and carers may be aware from the news that there is further planned industrial action taken by the Train Drivers' Union (ASLEF) on **Wednesday 4th October 2023**. According to the latest information this will mean that there will be a limited service on Southern Rail and no trains on Southeastern railways.

As many students would find it difficult, if not impossible, to travel to College on this day, the College has decided that all lessons, including Tutorial, Study Support and enrichment sessions, will be delivered remotely via Microsoft Teams. The lessons will follow the normal timetable and times, and students must attend.

Students who have a one to one Teaching Assistant to support them in lessons may also, should they wish, attend the College to access the online lessons with their Study Centre Teaching Assistant.

Any fixtures will run as planned and students in College teams should speak to the staff member running the team, for information about where to meet and when.

The final Course Change Session will now run on Thursday 5th October between 3:15pm and 4:40pm

The College is aware that the industrial action could be cancelled or postponed, but we have made the decision before the start of the week to:

- ensure that all students have access to the same learning experience and that learning time is not lost
- ensure that students are prepared and know how to access lessons and Tutorial sessions via Microsoft Teams
- ensure that all students, parents and carers are aware of the plan for this day

The LRC will be open for students who do not have access to online facilities at home. The Refectory shop will also be open. Other rooms and facilities will be closed to students. Students involved in fixtures, who need to come in prior to the meeting time due to transport, are also welcome to use the LRC to access their lessons.

Each academic year we trial remote learning at the start of the term to ensure students are ready for situations where remote delivery may be required, such as extreme adverse winter weather. This day will provide this opportunity.

Adult Education and Skills for Life classes will run as normal.