

08 December 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

**RE: Rail worker strikes Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022– Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

You will no doubt by now be aware of the continuing strike action announced by rail workers over their pay and conditions during December and January.

<https://www.westmidlandsrailway.co.uk/travel-information/journey-planning/service-disruption/industrial-action>

**Impact of the Strikes**

Obviously, the strike action which has been planned for eight days during this period will have a serious impact on public transport availability across Birmingham and the wider region on the following days:

- Tuesday 13th December – academy day
- Wednesday 14th December - academy day
- Friday 16th December – inset day
- Saturday 17th December
- Tuesday 3rd January – inset day
- Wednesday 4th January - academy day
- Friday 6th January – academy day
- Saturday 7th January – academy day

**Additional Inset Day in December**

We have cancelled classes on the 16<sup>th</sup> December and added an extra staff training (inset) day. This means **the last day of term will now be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. *However, those students who are assisting with the Beauty and the Beast derig and get-out on the afternoon of 16<sup>th</sup> December will still need to attend the Old Rep Theatre as planned.*

**Attendance and Punctuality**

As an academy, we are unable to offer any additional transport options, and I urge families to do everything they can to secure alternative travelling arrangements if students usually use the trains.

I am mindful that a number of our students live some distance away and alternative arrangements could be complex and more difficult to arrange.

We will be relaxing the Late code on strike days, to encourage as many students as possible to continue to come into the academy. I understand that it might be challenging for a number of students to arrive on time, however, it is vital that students continue to attend wherever possible.

**Where Travel is Impossible**

If there are extenuating circumstances, and you are finding it difficult to make alternative arrangements, please could you contact the academy using the email address [attendance@boa-stageandscreen.co.uk](mailto:attendance@boa-stageandscreen.co.uk) - the phone lines

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are likely to be extremely busy and it is vital that we pick up all messages quickly so we can attempt to support those who are struggling.

If students are unable to attend due to transport issues, work will be set via Microsoft Teams.

I do hope that the negotiations between the UK Government and rail workers remove the need for possible strike action but, until we receive any updates, it is better for us all to be forewarned.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mp' followed by a horizontal flourish.

Michael Painter  
Principal