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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

RE: Rail strikes, teacher strikes, shows and events

As you will no doubt be aware, there is industrial action planned over the coming weeks, which could potentially impact the usual running of schools and colleges in the UK.

I wanted to take this opportunity to assure you that **BOA Stage and Screen Production Academy will remain open as usual during this time**. We also fully intend for all shows, projects and performances to continue as planned.

Rail Strikes

There is continuing strike action planned for Wednesday 1st and Friday 3rd of February. This will have a serious impact on public transport availability across Birmingham and the wider region on and around those dates. As always, **we expect students to do their best to make alternative travel arrangements and attend the academy as normal on those days**, but we will relax the late code in the interest of fairness. We also understand that alternative travel is impossible for some students, so if this is the case, please email attendance@boa-stageandscreen.co.uk to let us know. Work will be set via Microsoft Teams for any students unable to attend.

Teacher Strikes

The National Education Union (NEU) has indicated that action will be taken in our region on 1st February, 1st March, 15th March, and 16th March.

We are confident that we can continue to deliver quality education on these dates without having to amend our timetables. **Students should attend as normal. We currently have no intention to close.**

Shows and Events

This is a busy time of year for us with a number of shows and events taking place in February. Please be aware that during this time student crews (and cast) will be working to individualised show-calls, and therefore their working patterns and locations may be different to usual. Students should be able to show you their call-sheets and schedules upon request, so please do take the time to familiarise yourself with their commitments. Below is a quick summary of the show-call windows (including get-in, dress and tech, and performances).

- *'Going Digital'* at BOA Digital: 27th-30th Jan
- *'Pages'* at The Old Rep: 23rd - 28th Jan
- *'The Experiment'* Escape Room Experience at BOA SSP 30th Jan-2nd Feb
- *'Remote'* at BOA CDPA: 27th Jan- 7th Feb
- *'Romeo and Juliet'* at BOA CDPA: 10th -16th Feb

'Pages' and *'The Experiment'* are both exclusive BOA Stage and Screen Production Academy productions. You can help support us and purchase tickets by visiting http://linktr.ee/stagescreen_boa

Governance Opportunity

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on our Academy Governing Board. If this interests you, please contact me at michael.painter@boa-group.co.uk, and I will provide further information. The role of parent Governor requires

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no specific qualifications or experience, rather, we need somebody who is prepared to represent the voice of BOA parents and students at our termly Governor meetings.

Aptitude Workshop Days

A reminder that during the week before the February half-term break, we will hold aptitude workshops for those students wishing to join the academy in September 2023. This means **we will be asking all current students to work remotely on Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February**. We will be setting a combination of remote tasks and online industry qualifications for students to complete.

Thank as always all for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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Michael Painter
Principal