Dear Parents/Carers

**NUT Strike Action – 10 July 2014**

**School will remain open as normal**

You may already be aware that the National Union of Teachers (NUT) has called on its members to strike on **Thursday 10 July**. This action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by the union over changes to the pay, pensions and conditions of service of its members. Some members of our teaching staff will be taking part in this strike action in support of their union.

We have considered very carefully the implications of different options and have decided that we will keep the school open as normal on the day.

**All students in Years 7 – 10 and Year 12 will therefore be expected to attend school as normal on Thursday 10 July.** Most will still encounter some disruption to their normal lessons and there will almost certainly be periods in the day during which they are under the supervision of senior staff. We will do our best to make computer rooms or private study facilities available at these times, but **students must bring a reading book or some homework with them for circumstances where their normal lesson does not take place due to the strike action.**

I apologise in advance for the inevitable disruption there will be to lessons on Thursday. I would emphasise that our NUT colleagues are taking legitimate strike action and that their union’s action is against the government’s education policies and is not against the school. We remain hopeful that the issues which have prompted this action will be resolved as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Simon Thompson

Headteacher