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Dear Parents/Carers

NATIONAL TEACHER STRIKE - THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2011

You will be aware that national strike action is planned by the NUT and the ATL for next Thursday. This action is not against Millthorpe School itself but is part of national industrial action organised by these trades unions about changes to the pension schemes of their members.

Millthorpe School will be affected by this action. However, we are able to **stay open for Year 7 students**. Lessons are expected to be largely as normal for Year 7, but if a Year 7 teacher is taking strike action, I have made arrangements for supervision by senior leaders. The Dining Hall will be open and food served as usual at break and lunchtime.

Students from **other year groups should stay at home** with the following exceptions:

- Year 10 SHD Diploma students will be taught as normal;
- Year 10 Geography students should attend their fieldwork which is a key part of their GCSE coursework and contributes to their exam grade;
- students involved in the Concert on the evening of the 30 June should attend as normal and will be involved in concert preparations during the day.

The Concert planned for the evening of the 30 June will go ahead and I look forward to seeing you there. The Area Athletics Finals planned for Thursday are unlikely to go ahead and we will not be sending a team. We expect the Finals to be rearranged.

There are some Year 10 students who go to other schools for their courses on Thursdays. We will speak to these students individually about whether they should attend these schools on Thursday, but I advise you to check on the websites of the schools concerned for definitive information.

Please continue to check our website <http://www.millthorpeschool.co.uk/>. It is quite possible there could be late changes to the circumstances, and if so, I will issue updates on the website.

I realise that this is likely to cause some of you considerable inconvenience. I am sorry for this but my primary concern is keeping students safe during this difficult time and to give you as much warning as possible.

Yours faithfully

T Burton
Headteacher

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