

25 November 2011



**Handsworth Wood
Girls' School**
visual & performing arts

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Industrial Action Wednesday 30 November 2011

I am writing to update you on the proposed industrial action on 30 November. As the majority of the staff here belong to a union which has stated its intention to strike, I will have to close the school to **all students** on Wednesday 30 November. I have come to this decision on the grounds of health and safety. School will be open again to students on Thursday 1 December, and full attendance is expected.

Year 11 students will be able to spend that day revising and preparing for their mock examinations which start next week. The mock examination timetable has been organised so that no student will miss out on any examinations. It is important that they really focus on their studies and do their best in these examinations, which will then give a clear indication of the progress they are making towards gaining their GCSEs in the summer.

I appreciate that this is no doubt inconvenient for you, but I do not have enough staff available for work that day to ensure that your daughter(s) would be safe here.

Yours sincerely

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