

KAG/meh

9th July 2008

Dear Parent or Guardian

Planned strike action by Unison - Wednesday/Thursday 16/17 July

We have been notified that a number of Unison members intend to take official strike action on **Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July** in support of a dispute over pay.

As a consequence of this, it is clear that we will be unable to provide a satisfactory service normally undertaken by support staff and I have therefore decided that **school will be closed to all students from 3:15pm on Tuesday 15th July 2008**. This action will also result in the cancellation of the Summer Concert scheduled for Thursday 17th July, parts of which we were planning to repeat as a key event on students' last morning at school on Friday 18th July. Following advice received, we **will** be open to students on the last morning but they will be dismissed at lunchtime as indicated in my previous letter.

I am well aware that this strike action will cause inconvenience to many of you: please be assured that I have examined all the options before determining what I consider to be the best course of action in these difficult circumstances.

Yours faithfully

K A Gibson
Head Teacher