Dear Parent/Carers

Here is your weekly email with key information and updates regarding your students at college:

**Strike action – Wednesday 18th May**

You might have seen in the local and national press that one of our union branches of one of the teaching unions (UCU) is one of 6 in the North West to have voted in favour of strike action on May 18th. The strike is over pay. The college leadership team and board of governors are doing everything in their powers to improve pay, but this comes at a time when the college have received no increase in funding rates and are meeting increases in pensions and NI contributions, and inflationary pressures on our routine expenditure.  For you as parents/carers, please be reassured that the college **remains open**, that learners will be supported to continue their learning and the leadership team will ensure minimal disruption to lessons. Importantly, there is a GCSE English exam on this day and this will take place as planned. Please help us in reassuring students that college remains open, exams are taking place and students must attend as expected.

**Laptop renewal or return**

Students are being reminded that if they have loaned a college laptop, these need to be returned or renewed through the LRC. Please prompt your young person to do so, as they will be denied access to college systems if they miss their renewal date. If they no longer need their laptop they can simply return it to the LCR.

**GCSE Maths and English**

The first of the GCSE resit exams are this week. It is absolutely essential for students to attend these in order that they can progress to the next level.

18th May - English

20th May - Maths

Please ensure that your young person attends if they are re-sitting GCSE English and/or Maths as part of their study programme at college.

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