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To all Parents,

NATIONAL NUT STRIKE – THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 2008

As you are probably aware from the news the National Union of Teachers (NUT) is striking in every school next Thursday.

This is unconnected to the dispute that has occurred in Darton and other Barnsley schools over the last two years. I'm delighted to tell you that that dispute is over following an agreement between the school, the Local Authority and the NUT membership of Darton.

The strike next Thursday is a national strike and will affect all schools, both primary and secondary.

Next Thursday we envisage members of other unions working normally and so we are able to teach a proportion of our students. Therefore it has been decided to bring into school all Year 9 and Year 11 for the whole day. We have done this for the obvious reason. These are the boys and girls who have vital examinations over the next few weeks. We want to protect their education at this critical time.

Unfortunately this means that students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 should not come to school for that day nor attend Barnsley College. I'm sorry about that.

Please note, the Y10 Parents' Evenings will go ahead next week. They take place on Tuesday, 22nd & Thursday, 24th April between 4:30 & 7:00. Parents of Year 10 will already have a booking sheet to be completed by their son/daughter in consultation with their teachers.

Normal school will resume for all students (Year 7 to Year 11) the following day, Friday 25th April 2008.

I am sorry to bring you this bad news that is wholly out of the control of the school.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Simon Hill
Headteacher



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