

GLASGOW CLYDE COLLEGE

National Strike Action by EIS-FELA Frequently Asked Questions

Why are lecturers striking?

On Wednesday 5 February, the EIS-FELA teaching union has taken the decision to strike over national bargaining. All colleges in Scotland are affected by the strike. National bargaining relates to negotiations that take place on lecturers' pay and conditions. This national day of strike action has arisen as a consequence of a break-down in negotiations between EIS-FELA and the Colleges Scotland Employers' Association over a cost of living pay increase.

Is it just Glasgow Clyde College lecturers that are on strike?

No, all colleges in Scotland are affected as this is a national strike. Negotiations are taking place between the EIS-FELA teaching union and the Employers' Association, so Glasgow Clyde College management are not directly involved and cannot act independently to end the dispute.

How long will the strikes last?

Strike action is planned to take place on Tuesday 5 February, Wednesday 6 March and Thursday 21 March.

Is the College open on strike days?

Yes, the College will be open on strike days. Students can use the VLE, access the library facilities to study independently, use the learning inclusion bases and speak to advisers in Student Advice, even if your class is not running. You can also use the social areas and dining facilities.

There may be a picket line outside the College however; lecturers will not try to persuade you not to enter the College.

Are classes cancelled on strike days?

All day classes will be cancelled on strike days.

Will evening classes be affected by the strike?

Individuals will be contacted directly to advise if their evening class is going ahead.

Are external exams affected by the strikes?

No, all SQA and external exams will go ahead as planned. Staff other than lecturers invigilate external exams and will not be on strike.

Will I be marked absent on a strike day?

No, you will not be marked absent. You will be able to use the time to study independently either at home, using the VLE or in one of the campus libraries.

Will the strikes affect my funding?

No, because you have not been marked absent, your funding (bursary, childcare, discretionary, etc.) will not be affected.

Is the College nursery open?

Each campus nursery will open as usual to allow you to study independently.

What if an assessment is due on the day of a strike?

If you have a planned assessment, we would encourage you to continue to study. The assessment may not take place on the planned day but arrangements will be made for assessments to be completed at alternative times.

Keeping up to date

We will continue to keep students up to date via the College website and social media channels. Check your student emails and sign up to our social media for the latest updates.

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