

National Strike Action by EIS-FELA

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Why are lecturers striking?

It's over a pay claim – and following a ballot of members, the EIS-FELA teaching union voted to reject the pay offer for 2021-22 and take industrial action.

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

No - all colleges in Scotland are affected. This dispute is a national one between the EIS-FELA teaching union and College Employers Scotland, the national body representing colleges. It is not a dispute between the EIS and Glasgow Clyde College and it's therefore not in the power of the college management to resolve this dispute locally.

When will lecturers be on strike?

Further strike action is planned to take place on:

- Monday 13, Wednesday 15 and Friday 17 June
- Tuesday 21, Thursday 23 and Friday 24 June
- Monday 27, Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 June

Is the College open on strike days?

Yes - all College campuses will be open on strike days. This includes libraries and canteens, and the Breakfast Club will be available to students. Students can also contact and access Student Advice, Learning Inclusion and other Support staff. The college VLE (Canvas) will be available as normal.

There may be a small picket line outside the College, however staff on the picket line will not discourage you from entering the building.

Are classes cancelled on strike days?

There is likely to be significant disruption to daytime and evening classes on the strike days listed above – and many classes may not take place. However, some lecturers may still be teaching as normal so check with your lecturer if this is the case.

If you are scheduled to participate in a class **on campus** on any of the strike days **please only travel and attend campus if it's been confirmed that your class will take place as planned.**

Will evening classes be affected by the strike?

Some evening classes may be disrupted. Please check if possible and we will keep you updated on this via our website and social media channels.

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 planned to take place 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.

What will happen if I don't finish my course?

The College will do whatever it can to minimise the impact on students and deal with any outstanding teaching or assessment issues once the strike is over. During the dispute and once it's resolved, the College will put in place a range of actions to support learners. Please be assured that we will do everything in our power to get students completed in time to finish their courses and progress to further study or offers of employment.

We appreciate that this is an anxious time, however Glasgow Clyde College will commit whatever resources necessary to the completion of the academic year for students that are impacted by the strike.

Keeping up to date

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

Website: glasgowclyde.ac.uk

Twitter: @Glasgow_Clyde

Facebook: @GlasgowClyde

Instagram: glasgowclyde

Further information

Further information is available on the College Employers Scotland website

[College Lecturer Infographics \(collegeemployersscotland.ac.uk\)](http://collegeemployersscotland.ac.uk)