



Why take action on April 24th?

- Compare the pay "award" for teachers of 2.45% this year and 2.3% for the next two years with the price increases in the table on the left. It becomes very clear that in comparison with inflation our salaries are falling and will continue to fall in real terms.
- 40,000 new teachers qualify every year, after 3 years 20,000 have left. Teacher's starting salary is £3,000 less than that of the average graduate.
- Repayment on student loans is 4.8%, hence recently qualified teachers face an increasing burden of debt.
- To attract and keep the best teachers in the profession requires a pay award commensurate with our hard work and talents.
- This pay "deal" will have a negative effect on your pension!
- Even if you did not vote for a strike, we hope that you will now join us!

What to do now:

- Hold a school meeting and encourage every member to take part.
- Reassure members that no action can be taken against them, they are protected by a national ballot.
- Find out where your nearest NUT strike rally is being held.
- Plan to meet up as a school group, then travel to the rally together.
- Don't stay at home and catch up with work!
- Ask members of other unions not to take on your work on April 24th.
- Collect funds to help colleagues who cannot afford to lose a day's pay.

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WSTA is deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Steve Sinnott. In the words of Acting General Secretary Christine Blower "For now, the best way to mark our respect would be to maximise the effect of the campaigns to which he was so committed."
