

# The ABC of MAB.

## Action.

Marking and assessment boycotts are very effective, but they are new for many of us. Here is how they work.



**Do.**



Continue to teach and to offer students academic and pastoral support.



Encourage colleagues to participate and to join UCU.



**Don't.**



Mark any summative assessments.



Complete any assessment paperwork.



Attend any assessment-related meetings (APOs, external examiners, boards, etc).

## Backlash.

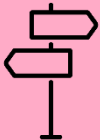
Because MAB works, senior management are making punitive deductions. We know that you may also face pressure from line managers or students.



**Do.**



Inform management you have taken action **only** after the end of MAB. See separate advice for migrant workers.



Direct students to branch information about the MAB. Remember it is the university's job to resolve the situation.



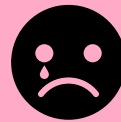
Claim from the national hardship fund. We hope to be able to share a local fund too soon.



**Don't.**



**Tell management** you are taking action in advance or fill in any of their forms.



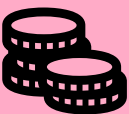
**Suffer in silence.** Tell the branch committee about any pressure you are under. You can come to the regular catch-ups or email us at: [cmaxfield@ucu.org.uk](mailto:cmaxfield@ucu.org.uk)

## Care.

**No-one is pretending this is easy.** Voting for and carrying through this action will mean financial sacrifice and internal struggles for many of us. **Because we are a union, we need to share this burden and show solidarity.**



**Do.**



Donate to the local strike fund if you can afford to or if your job doesn't involve marking.



Act like a community. Ask your colleagues how they are. Come to branch catch-ups. **Support each other.**



**Don't.**

**Never, ever cover the work of a member taking action. It undermines their sacrifice and invalidates their action.**