



19/6/20

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this update finds you and your families well. Here are a few updates from this week.

Distance Learning Survey and Feedback

Thank you to all of you who completed our survey and who have emailed and made contact around distance learning.

It's been really heartening to see how well many of our students are getting on. As parents and carers it is brilliant to see how much support you are showing students, even though it is at times stressful.

Some form of distance learning is likely to be a part of our school experience for a long time to come, even after schools fully reopen, as we plan for the likelihood of further outbreaks and closures. Therefore we remain really committed to improving our provision and our skill set as teachers, whilst balancing this with providing lessons in school for increased numbers of students.

We're pleased to announce that as a result of student and parent/carers feedback **we're remodelling our provision of live online sessions via Google Meets**. Each student in Y9, Y10 and Y12 will be able to access a weekly meeting in every subject, and students in Y7 and Y8 will have a meeting in every subject available fortnightly.

We have also taken into account feedback about how best to schedule these meetings, so we are currently **drawing up a weekly timetable of google meets for each year group** so that students and families can see clearly in advance when meets are happening. We also have the ability to record meets, so should students be unable to attend they can view it later.

We are currently finalising the scheduling for the above and will share the timetables with you from early next week.

Y10 and Y12 Provision

It has been really great to see Y10s and Y12s come back onto site this week to have face to face learning. Our safety measures have worked well across the site, with students observing social distancing, great hand hygiene in place, and very small class sizes (our largest class this week has been 10 students).

Thank you for supporting Y10s and Y12s to be on site for their 10.00am start with the correct equipment and something to eat during their break. We look forward to seeing you again next week.

Students who have not yet accessed the programme are welcome to - please just complete the form again below with your new preference:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IQZguBS5TITtIZrXPMzW-C-vi2LMW88bcTzXp5Q4ZW0/edit?ts=5edb60cd>

Mondays: Babbage House and Keyworkers

If you are in Babbage house you should attend on Mondays.

Y10 students from any other house who are accessing the keyworker provision on any other day of the week will be part of the Babbage bubble and should attend Mondays from 10:00 to 14:10, and continue to attend keyworker provision on the other days of the week at usual times.

Tuesdays: Davis House

If you are in Davis House, you should attend on Tuesdays.

Wednesdays: Gyles House

If you are in Gyles House, you should attend on Wednesdays.

Thursdays: Scott House

If you are in Scott House, you should attend on Thursdays.

Catching Up Plans and September

You may have seen this afternoon's announcement of funding for schools from September to help students in all year groups catch up learning missed during school closure.

This is to be welcomed, and we will now await the detail and guidance from the Department for Education so that we can plan how we can use this funding to support KEVICC students from September, and of course we will share our plans with parents and carers at the earliest opportunity.

You may also be aware that public pronouncements from the Prime Minister today indicate the government's wish to get all students back to school for September. We would absolutely support doing this providing the local health situation allows it, and again, as soon as we have guidance from the Department for Education on how this can be achieved we will share our plans with parents and carers.

Finally, I hope you've had the chance to see our lockdown edition of The Courier, which is on our website at the link below. It is so inspiring to see students and staff continuing to put that extra effort in that makes the College special, and my thanks to all involved.

https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/_site/data/publications/Courier_Summer_2020/index.html

With best wishes,



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