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## Parent Voice meeting

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020, 5-6pm held online

### MINUTES

#### Present – parents/carers:

Sarah Alford	Ali Hockings	Michael Ringsmith
Peter Baker	David Jones	Amelia Sharp
Emma Blackstock (PA Cttee)	Ruth Kimberlee	Valerie Sullivan
Jon Brown	Karen Legg	Abigail
Teresa Camp-Williams	Adele Levi	Adam Trow Moore
Clare Gale	Jenny McJohnston	Becky Warren
Sarah Griffin	Taryn Nixon (PA Sec)	
Teresa Griffiths	Mary O'Toole (PA Co-Chair)	

#### Present - Staff and Governors:

Jim Lodge (Chair of Governors)	Kirsty Matthews (Deputy Principal)
Alan Salt (Principal)	Stephen Corline (Business Manager)

#### 1. Welcome

The meeting was hosted by the College using GoogleMeet.

2. **Current teaching arrangements:** This was a Q&A with the Principal, Alan Salt, where he elaborated on his recent, regular email updates and discussed current teaching arrangements. Classes at College for key-worker children and Years 10 and 12 are continuing. There will soon be one online Google Classroom class per subject per week for each Year 10/12 student, and one per subject per fortnight for students in other years. These online classes are being re-timetabled at the moment so that they can become more regular with the same class at the same time each week, and so that those in school and those learning at home have access to the same lesson content. Feedback from parents/carers on distance learning has been really useful. The College is grateful for funding from the Foundation Governors charity, and has bought and distributed around 80 Chromebooks for students without devices. The meeting discussed the ongoing frustration and uncertainty for staff and all concerned, around lack of and delays in official guidance, funding concerns and timetabling, and what the staff is doing to ensure that students don't fall behind. GCSE choices for Year 9 students are expected to be confirmed (as

planned) at the end of this month. There is no information as yet about changes, if any, to GCSE timetabling next year. The College is working on the basis that everyone will be back physically next September, although this has not been notified. The PA Committee and members of the Senior Leadership team will arrange to touch base again just before the end of the current term.

3. **Uniform update:** Alan Salt said that a letter will be sent to all parents/carers this week about the uniform change. Plain blue shirts will be replacing the blue-and-white striped shirts. These are a cheaper, generic shirt; they are available now from Lawsons in Totnes, and can also be bought elsewhere. Old style shirts can continue to be worn through to ?Easter 2021. Further information will be included in the letter. Meanwhile, second-hand uniform sales are taking place privately via the KEVICC PARENTS facebook site, and the PA-organised sales will begin again once everyone is back at school.
4. **The new College communications tool – Weduc:** Stephen Corline presented KEVICC’s new digital communication and engagement tool. Weduc brings information previously spread across different systems together in one place. The App works on all devices and provides a view of the student’s report and timetable as well as attendance information, key dates, policies, links to learning resources and booking systems, for example to parent evenings. An enrol code has been sent to all parents by email. In due course, students will also be able to access this App. The App was positive step in communications, and feedback is invited:  
[administration@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk](mailto:administration@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk)
5. **PSHE consultation:** Kirsty Matthews introduced the College proposals in the context of the Department for Education making Relationships and Health Education compulsory in all schools from summer 2021. The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe. KEVICC wants to ensure there is an open conversation with parents about how the Relationship and Sex Education curriculum will be taught, and would like feedback and suggestions which could be reflected in the College policy. Details of the proposals, including a one-page curriculum map and the relevant policy, were emailed earlier in the day with a questionnaire requesting feedback. The questionnaire will close on 17<sup>th</sup> July.
6. **KEVICC Canon - 50 books:** The College has been compiling, with student and parent/carer input, the ‘KEVICC Canon’ – 50 outstanding books that it is hoped students will read by the time they leave. This will be a living list, regularly updated. The PA had wondered whether it might be able to help with acquiring books, and making them accessible and the list appropriately diverse. The PA will contact Ann Law with any suggestions, and the list will be circulated at the end of term.
7. **PA general update:** the School Lottery has continued to raise funds (currently between £2,000 and £3,000 p.a.) during lockdown. The PA will make sure it is well-promoted in the welcome letter for all new parents. The Committee has meanwhile been working on how to improve communications and fundraising in changed circumstances, and will consult parents/carers and College staff about plans and a fundraising wish-list; given current uncertainties around school funding, this would be best done after September.
8. **Date of next meeting:** Parent Voice usually takes place in the middle of each term; date to be confirmed and it is hoped this can be a face-to-face meeting at the school.

Signed:

Mary O’Toole (Chair)

Dated: