



Welcome to the KEVICC Parents Association

Dear Parent or Carer,

A warm welcome to you at the start of this new and exciting phase of your child's education. We hope they will have a really enjoyable and rewarding time at KEVICC.

Everyone with a child at KEVICC is automatically a member of the Parents Association. This letter is to tell you a little bit about the PA and invite you to keep in touch and get involved.

What does the PA do?

The PA exists to help the education of the students at KEVICC:

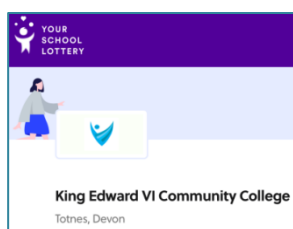
we help parents communicate
and work together and with the College;

and we help to raise money
to provide activities or equipment or facilities.

Parent Voice

The PA organizes a meeting each term called Parent Voice, where we meet with the Principal and other key staff members. This is a regular opportunity to discuss the issues that are important to parents and carers, to hear about what College staff are working on, to raise concerns before they become problems and to look for ideas and solutions together. Recent topics have included homework (independent learning), home-to-College communication, using ClassCharts, curriculum changes and uniform issues. It's a great chance to meet and share thoughts, tips and feedback. Any agenda requests can be emailed to keviccpa@gmail.com. All parents/carers are welcome.

KEVICC School Lottery



This is a really simple way to contribute. There is a weekly prize draw, and tickets are £1, with a guaranteed prize each week for someone in our school lottery, plus a chance to win £25,000 in the wider schools' lottery scheme.

Why not join or start a consortium - click [here](#) or go to

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/king-edward-vi-community-college>

Pre-loved uniform and book sales

The PA runs a second-hand school uniform sale at Parent Voice meetings, when donated items of uniform and sometimes second-hand revision and school books are available to buy at the meeting for a small donation. Proceeds all contribute to the PA fund to support the College.



Parents' network

One of the biggest changes starting at Secondary School can be the loss of that daily, informal contact with other parents and teachers at the school gate - most KEVICC students travel by school bus or public transport. But that's where the PA can help. As well as asking for volunteers and fundraising support, we want to make it easy for people just to come along – just being there is showing your support. To keep in touch within the PA and with PA activities, do check out the Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Supporting College performances, events and parties

As well as organizing events, the PA supports lots of College activities, helping to bring families together and raise funds for the College.

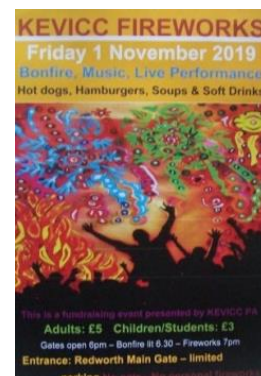
In recent years we have run highly sociable bars to support music and drama performances – come and join us!



We've also organized Fireworks Nights (though will be taking a break for 2020), run Quiz Nights, held car boot sales.

There are lots of opportunities to help out at school events, and we are eager to hear from anyone who might like to volunteer – whether a lot, just sometimes or even maybe.

We are always keen to hear new ideas to help people get involved and to raise much needed funds.



What has the PA funded?

PA funding has mainly been for non-core-curriculum items that will benefit as many students as possible.

Recent grants have funded things like: a defibrillator for the all-weather pitch, a new shed for the PLC facility for students with special needs, staff training grants, theatre and history trips, gardening tools, graphics tablets and licensed language learning software.



Your PA needs you!

The PA is continually evolving as new students join and leave KEVICC. A Committee is elected each year, but the Committee members are just a few of the people who make the PA work. New members with fresh ideas and a desire to keep in touch with other parents and their child's school life are keenly welcomed.

How involved you want to be is up to you.

Some parents and carers help just by coming along occasionally to find out what's happening at school; some simply follow the PA on social media and help to spread the word. Some people join the KEVICC School Lottery, which is a crucial source of funds for the College. You might be able to volunteer – say helping to serve refreshments at a PA bar, or bake or offer a raffle prize; you might want to help with the development of the PA.

Any and every bit of help is always welcome and very much appreciated, and we are looking forward to meeting you!

Mary O'Toole and Rachel Steele (Co-Chairs),
Taryn Nixon (Secretary), Becky Snow (Treasurer),
Emma Blackstock, Ivan O'Toole and Sarah Morris
(Committee members).

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Connect with the PA: see the PA pages of [KEVICC website](#) for information, meeting minutes and a link to the Lottery, and connect through:



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