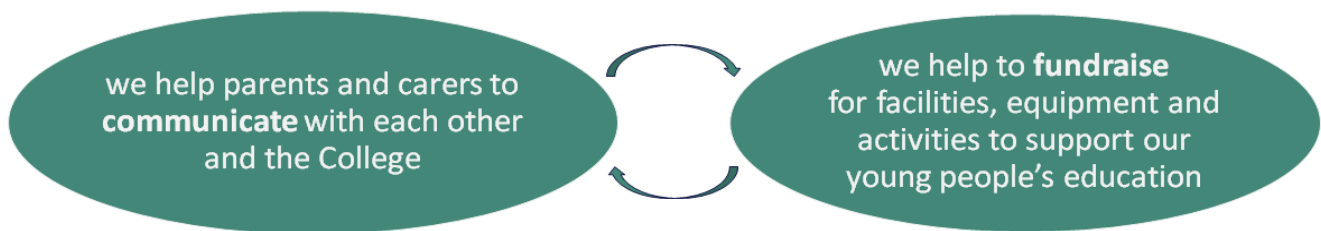




Dear Parent or Carer,

Welcome to the KEVICC Parents Association at the start of this new and exciting phase of your child's education. Everyone with a child at KEVICC is automatically a member of the Parents Association, and this letter is to tell you a little bit about it and invite you to keep in touch and get involved.

What does the PA do?



Parent Voice

The PA organizes a meeting each term called Parent Voice. This is a regular opportunity to discuss issues of importance to parents and carers, directly with the Principal and other key members of staff, to hear about College plans, raise concerns before they become problems and to look for ideas and solutions together.. It's a great chance to meet and share thoughts, tips and feedback. Notice of meetings is sent to everyone via the College Weduc app and email, and 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. Tickets are £1, with a guaranteed prize each week, plus a chance to win £25,000 in the national schools lottery. We generate an income of £2000 per year from the lottery! Why not join or start a consortium - click [here](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/king-edward-vi-community-college) 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. During the pandemic, parents have used our facebook site to sell items and make small financial donations through our Givey fundraising platform: <https://www.givey.com/keviccparents>



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. We've organized Fireworks Nights, Quiz Night, held sponsored events in Totnes and run car boot sales.

There are lots of opportunities to help out – come and join us! We are eager to hear from anyone who might like to volunteer and are always keen to hear new ideas to help people get involved and raise much needed funds.

What have we funded?

Last year the PA was delighted to support KEVICC's reading strategy, which brings the invaluable likeskills of reading for pleasure into all year groups. We also funded the incentive vouchers to encourage students to read the books on the KEVICC Canon.

In recent years, the PA funded items such as: a new shed for the PLC facility for students with special needs, a defibrillator for the all-weather pitch, theatre and history trips, graphics tablets and licensed language learning software, gardening tools and staff training grants. PA funding has mainly been for non-core-curriculum items that will benefit as many students as possible.

In a global pandemic with interrupted schooling it will be more important than ever to create the opportunities for our young people to socialize, be creative, discover and invent themselves, read for sheer pleasure and play and learn outdoors. So we are currently raising funds to continue to support the reading strategy and for inspirational break-time facilities and equipment.

Your PA needs you!

One of the biggest changes with secondary school can be the loss of informal contact between parents and teachers at the school gate. And that's where the PA can help!

The PA is continually evolving as 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 – just being there is showing your support. Some simply follow the PA on social media and help to spread the word. You might want to join the KEVICC School Lottery, a crucial source of funds for the College. Any and every bit of help is always welcome and very much appreciated.

If you'd like to stay in email contact, please let us know. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Mary O'Toole (Chair),
Taryn Nixon (Secretary), Becky Snow (Treasurer),
Emma Blackstock, Ivan O'Toole and Guy Rapson (Committee members)
KEVICC Parents' Association, March 2021

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