



Welcome to KEVICC

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Introductions



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MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS
ACROSS THE SCHOOL**

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LEADERSHIP

YEAR 10
SPORTS LEADERS
TEAMWORK
TRAINING.

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Transition programme

Our planned program – all dates to be confirmed 2021

Welcome letter and Key information – March 2021

Welcome evening - March 18 2021

Transition visits to primary schools – Summer term - Mrs Crellen visits all primary schools and meets with all students starting in September to talk about what can be expected when they join KEVICC.

SENDCo visits to primary schools – Summer term - The SENDCo visits all of our feeder schools and talks to relevant staff about the needs of students joining us.

Induction days – July – All students get an opportunity to visit the school. They will have an opportunity to explore the school site, get to meet each other and participate in a range of activities whilst experiencing what lessons and learning is like at KEVICC.

Enhanced transition – July - Additional days for SEND and vulnerable students. The learning support department will work closely with students to begin building relationships and familiarise them with the RISE room and school site. Students will work on a KEVICC passport which will hold key information and support them with their transition.

Meet the tutors evening – July - An opportunity for students and families to meet their child's tutor for an informal chat ahead of starting in September

What's different about secondary school?

Children have to:

- ▶ Travel by themselves, wear uniforms and get used to an unfamiliar building
- ▶ Meet lots of different people, make new friends and find where they 'fit in'
- ▶ Transition between lots of different lessons and spaces throughout the day
- ▶ Be independent and responsible for their learning, including giving in homework on time
- ▶ Go through some big changes in their brains and bodies as they become teenagers, which can make this even more tricky.

The pressure to 'keep up' academically and socially can feel overwhelming – but there are simple ways you can get ready together and develop skills for coping on an ongoing basis.

Preparing my child

Check in with them regularly and remind them that:

- ▶ It's normal to feel both excited and scared – nerves actually help us prepare for challenges
- ▶ It may take time for them to feel settled, and that's OK
- ▶ They might get things wrong as they get used to new situations
- ▶ They've coped with big changes in the past and can do it again
- ▶ Not everything is going to change – some routines will stay the same
- ▶ They can talk to you or someone at school if they're worried
- ▶ Remind them to enjoy what time they have left with their friends in their primary school

Preparing myself

The first years of secondary school can be difficult for families. Young people may explore their identity by trying new things, taking risks, breaking rules and putting their friends first.

- ▶ **Keep talking** – young people like to hear that you are interested in their world and if you know what's going on in their lives, you might worry less
- ▶ **Check in while you're doing everyday things**, like cooking or driving somewhere, so that they don't feel pressured
- ▶ **Remember that your child still relies on you** and (any) boundaries are needed to keep them safe
- ▶ **Look after yourself**. Self-care can be as simple as having a cup of tea, going for a walk or getting enough sleep. All of this helps you to be there for them

Top 10 worries and the answers

Worries	What our Year 7 students say
Being bullied	<i>'When I first came to KEVICC I was worried about being bullied. But I was so wrong. I made new friends straight away and have never been bullied'</i>
Friendship groups	<i>'Making new friends has been really fun, and I still have my friends from primary school too' 'I came from a school on my own so was really worried about making friends but I met people on my induction days and the we were great friends when we came back'</i>
Getting lost	<i>'even though it's a big site you get use to it pretty quick. I did get lost a few times but people always helped you if you asked'</i>
Homework	<i>'We do get lots of homework but its all on Class charts so you can see what you need to do'</i>
Not being able to do the work- finding it challenging	<i>'my teachers are really helpful. If I'm stuck or I don't understand I just ask and get help. They even explain it to you in different ways if you just don't get it.'</i>
Getting to school and back and being late	<i>'I walk to school with my friends. Staff are there to greet you in the mornings and make sure you get to lessons' 'I come on the bus to school. It's a bit of an early start but the bus gets us in to school on time most days. If the bus is late its not your fault so you don't get in trouble.'</i>
Where do I go if I have a problem	<i>'you can pretty much speak to anyone but for most things you would go to your head of house. They are always there if you need them'</i>
Will I get on with all my teachers	<i>'I get on with most of my teachers. They're all pretty fair to be honest'</i>
Getting into trouble - Detentions	<i>'I've never had a detention, but you can get them if your doing something you shouldn't be. Most teachers will talk to you about stuff first though and then if you don't stop you might get in trouble'</i>
Having the right books and equipment and carrying it around all day	<i>'You'll need a back to keep everything in and your timetable will help you to know what to pack, but most teachers will keep your books in the classroom.'</i>

Exciting times ahead



Get involved and do something new

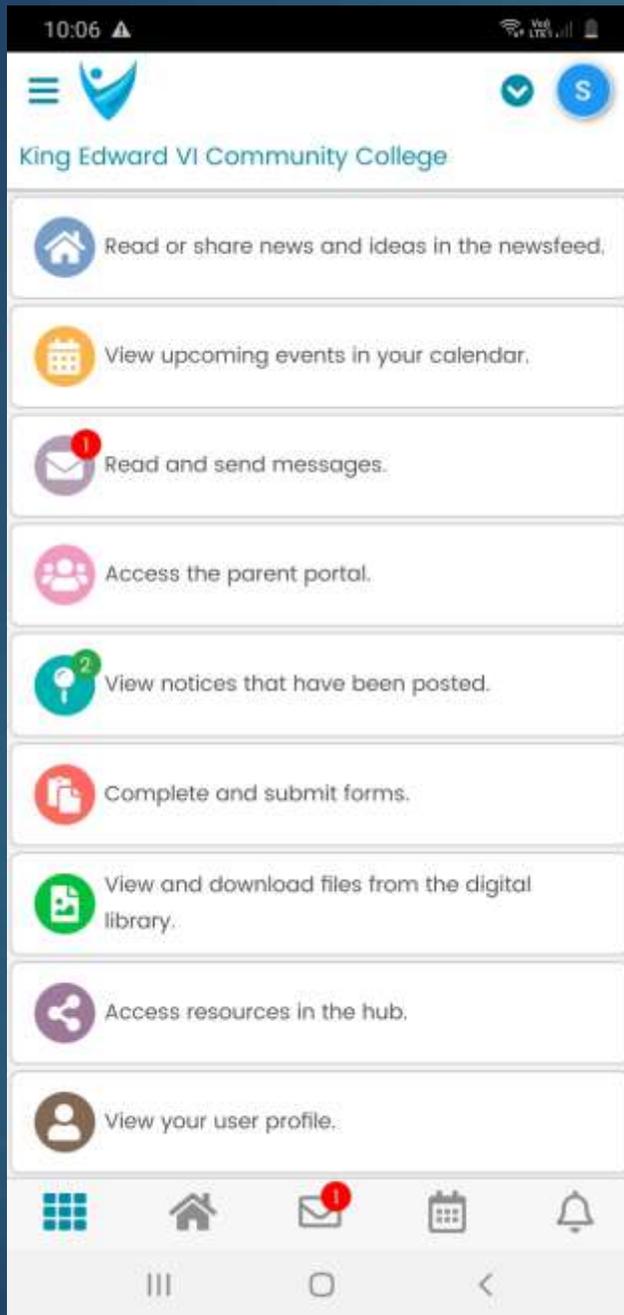


We Promise all our students:

- The opportunity to attend at least one college enrichment activity on a regular basis
- The opportunity to represent the school in some form of event
- The opportunity to participate in some form of outdoor education
- The opportunity to visit other places of interest and venues, locally, nationally and internationally
- Make a contribution to the college and or local community
- Every student will have the opportunity to take on a leadership role within the college

#keepingthepromise





KEVICC Parent App

- All KEVICC messages in one place
- KEVICC Newsfeed, calendar and events
- Parent Portal:
 - View your personal details we hold
 - See your child's progress reports
 - View your child's timetable and teachers
 - See attendance, achievement & behaviour
- Reminders and alerts for key dates
- Online forms and consents
- Key policies and documents in one place
- Links to key systems and learning resources
- Use on a smartphone, PC, laptop or tablet
- 95% of our parents/carers using it

Where to find information

The screenshot shows the 'Information' page of the King Edward VI Community College website. The navigation bar at the top includes links for HOME, ABOUT, REMOTE LEARNING, CURRICULUM, INFORMATION (which is highlighted), NEWS & EVENTS, 6TH FORM, POST 16, and CONTACT. A 'Parental Access' button is visible in the top right. The main content area has a heading 'Information' and a sub-heading 'HOME > INFORMATION'. The text reads: 'Welcome to King Edward VI Community College Parent/Carers Area. You are currently in the Parents/Carers' Area, which provides useful information including term dates, the school term calendar, a schedule of Parents' Meetings, college letters, college trips, school transport, sports fixtures and results. It also provides access to many useful college applications/websites including: Class Charts, the parent app, and Spax through the Parent Portal navigation menu. Please view the navigation menu to find useful documents.' On the right side, there is a blue sidebar titled 'Also in this section' with a list of links: WELCOME - INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS (highlighted), TERM DATES, COLLEGE CALENDAR, LETTERS, CONTACTING STAFF, and CONTACTING TUTORS.

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome - Information for New Students' page of the King Edward VI Community College website. The navigation bar is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area has a heading 'Welcome - Information for New Students' and a sub-heading 'HOME > INFORMATION > WELCOME - INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS'. The text reads: 'It is a pleasure to welcome your child to King Edward VI Community College (KEVICC). We are delighted that your child will be joining our school for the next chapter in their school life. Rest assured, they will be well looked after and are going to have an amazing and successful time at KEVICC. Starting secondary school is a very exciting time but it can also be a little bit daunting, especially where students are transferring from a relatively small school to a larger one. We also realise at the moment that you and your child may be a bit more anxious as schools and education have been significantly disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please don't worry though, we are here to fully support their transition journey and will be using this website and other interactive resources to make your child's introduction to KEVICC a safe, smooth and special one. Many families have a lot of the same questions and concerns surrounding transition and we are committed to working with you to address any issues. All of the key information you need as parents will be uploaded to this website for your reference. We will also offer a range of resources to support you and your child's transition.' On the right side, there is a blue sidebar titled 'Also in this section' with a list of links: ADMISSION FORM, ATTENDANCE, COLLEGE DAY, COLLEGE MEALS, COLLEGE TRANSPORT, FAQs, and TERM DATES.

All information for new starters and details of the transition programme will be uploaded onto the college website.

You can access this through the Information heading and then selecting information for new students.

Please ensure that you keep an eye on this area for any up dates and new information regarding your child's transition.

Don't forget to check out other areas of the website which will offer you further information about the college.