



21 July 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this finds you well and ready for the start of the summer break.

Here are some important reminders ahead of the holidays and the return to school in September.

1. COVID Safety

Please continue to help keep our community safe by following all national guidance on COVID-19. Please do not let your young person attend results days on 10 August (6th Form) and 12 August (Year 11) if they have symptoms, have tested positive, or have been asked to self-isolate.

Please continue to notify us if your young person tests positive over the holidays by emailing studentabsences@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk

When we return to school in September, all secondary schools have been asked by the DfE to carry out two Lateral Flow Tests on students. This will only be done if we have received your consent and will take place in College throughout the week beginning 6 September.

Parents and Carers should be assured that we have a lot of experience carrying out these tests. Our YouTube channel has a video from our last round of mass testing in March that might help your young person be reassured about the process. The video can be found by searching "KEVICC lateral flow testing" or by clicking here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuB7EUOyt1c>.

2. Start of School in September

Remember, not all students start back on the same day:

Monday 6 September Year 7 and Year 13 start

Tuesday 7 September Years 8,9,10,11 and 12 start

Please note the school day starts at 0845. We will be on hand to direct students where to go on these days.

3. Site Consultation

A last reminder that if you haven't yet seen our exciting plans to make a **multi-million pound investment** in our site over the coming years, you can do so via our website and leave any comments, questions or feedback: the consultation closes on 26 July <https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/consultationpaper>

College Events and Enrichment

We had a fantastic last week and managed to host both our Y11 and Y13 Proms, after repeated cancellations and uncertainty. It was a wonderful way to say goodbye to our fantastic young people. Photobooks for both events are available on our website – under ‘latest news.’

Our commitment to enrichment at KEVICC runs deep, and we are hoping - all things allowing - to be able to offer a full programme for the Autumn Term 2021. We will keep you updated in September as our plans develop!

4. Parent Voice Q and A

Thanks to all of you who have contributed at these sessions over the past year. We will continue them in the Autumn - dates and times to follow! It has been really noticeable how parents found this an easier way to access meetings. As well as these meetings, we are currently planning to retain our parent-teacher meetings online in the Autumn term, as the feedback we have had indicates parents and carers find it more convenient when meeting 10 or more teachers over the course of an evening.

Next year we will also be involving parents and carers in our annual faculty review process. More details will follow next year.

As with everything school related, please do always feedback your thoughts or comments, which you can always do by emailing me on asalt@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk

5. Uniform for September

Just a reminder to refer to our website on what uniform items your young person will need for September. especially if you are planning to buy new items before terms starts:

<https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/uniform>

Please note that the phased introduction of the new school shirt has come to an end. We look forward to seeing all students in years 7-11 in the plain blue shirt from start of next term. And don't forget that, with the chillier Autumn weather ahead, students are always expected to remove outside coats and jackets in class, so please make sure your young person has a College jumper! Please see attached letter from Lawsons for further information on uniform purchasing.

If any parent or carer would like a confidential discussion around financial support with uniform costs, please don't hesitate to get in contact with our Heads of House (see "House Teams" on our website here <https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/contactingstaff>)

6. Safeguarding

We want to make sure all of our young people have a safe summer break. We will monitor emails and whisper reports via our website throughout the school break. However, if you have an urgent concern about the safety or welfare of any young person, please make sure you report it as follows:

Immediate and serious threat to life: 999

Devon Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0345 155 1071

NSPCC: 0800 800 5000

So, it just remains for me to again, say a huge thank you on behalf of everyone at KEVICC for the amazing job you have done supporting our young people over the past year. We have reflected as staff how it has been at times challenging both professionally, and also in our personal lives. All of us have felt the impact of COVID-19,

and whilst this might be to varying degrees, it is a shared experience that can make us stronger in the future. We have also been reminded again of how resilient our students are, how they support and look after each other, and how their hard work continues to bring rewards whatever life throws at them!

Stay safe and well, and from all of us at KEVICC, have a great summer break.

Best wishes,



Alan Salt
Principal

