

KING EDWARD VI COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Dear Parent and Carer,

This is just a quick update to wish you all a restful half term break and to give you the latest news we have. The last 7 weeks have flown by and it has, as ever, been a privilege to see students and staff working so well together, both in lessons, and in extra-curricular activities.

Although we have been getting back to some degree of normality in terms of teaching, after school clubs and trips and visits, we are really mindful that all of these efforts have taken place against the continuing public health challenges around COVID-19. It is clear we all face a difficult winter approaching, and that is why it is so positive to see the way we have pulled together as a community to make sure our students' education comes first.

Here are a couple of points to note:

1) COVID Testing over half term

In line with Government guidance, we recommend that all students continue to complete their Lateral Flow COVID tests twice weekly over the half-term break and would ask that all students who are able to complete a test before they come back into College on the 1st November.

Our public health advice remains that a really effective way we can limit the spread of the virus is to ensure that where people may be infectious they isolate and do not come into contact with others, even when they are not displaying any symptoms.

2) COVID Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

Unfortunately, we have had no update on when the Immunisation Team will be back in school to offer the COVID vaccination to those families that want it. However, a government announcement this week indicates parents and carers of 12 to 15 year olds will receive a letter soon from the NHS providing information about the opportunity to get their young person vaccinated outside of school.

Our recommendation would be that if you wish to have your young person vaccinated, do not hesitate to take the first available opportunity rather than waiting for the programme to come to KEVICC. And, of course, as soon as we have any information about when the Immunisation Team will be back on site to offer the vaccinations here we will let you know.



3) Y7 Parent and Carer Online Academic Tutoring Appointments 3 November 4-7pm

Just a reminder to Y7 parents and carers of the recent update about a chance to meet your young person's tutor online to catch up on how their first weeks at KEVICC have been. Details of how to book are on our website here <https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/yr7academictutoringevening>.

Finally, thank you again for the great support you have shown to our young people and the College over the past weeks. It has been another very busy half-term, and I hope you all take the chance to have a well deserved rest over the holiday. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back on 1 November!

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,



Alan Salt
Principal

