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Dear Parents and Carers

Winter Term Teaching & Learning Updates

We really value hearing from you on the quality of education your child receives at college. Strong links with home help to ensure we get the learning right for your child. To this end, there a number of ways you can let us know how things are going in your child's classes:

- Our **Q&A evenings with the Principal** are an opportunity to feedback about any aspect of your child's teaching and learning experience; your next chance to do so will be on **Tuesday 23rd November 5-6pm** (a link to the virtual meeting will be e-mailed on the day).
- We have also recently introduced an additional function on our Class Charts communication tool – '**Two Way Communications**'- which enables you to message staff and complements existing communications such as e-mail. (A simple guide to the system can be found in the KEVICC update letter sent to you on 17/9 – also available on our website).
- In addition, this year we are introducing **Parent & Carer Faculty Feedback Surveys**. These online surveys are an opportunity to hear how things are going in each of our college faculties. We began the series with our Humanities survey – next up is Science. Please take five minutes to complete the form below to let us know about your child's experience in the science faculty at KEVICC. Your responses will help us ensure that our provision remains the best it can be for your child.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNXujM9liVzDsjG1TdAR6hCCEu-b2pvfRh6LDY3-yBHAqCtw/viewform>

- **Remote Learning – students currently self-isolating [Tier 1]**

If a student is absent from school for a COVID-19 related reason, their absence is authorised and we will ensure there is work to follow which matches what they would cover in school.

Our remote learning <https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/remotelarning> has been in place since last September. All expectations for students, parents and carers are published here, alongside guides and troubleshooting resources.

Currently we are under a **tier 1** remote learning scenario -

<https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/tier1>. As outlined on our website, this scenario involves the college facilitating remote learning for a small number of students whilst also continuing to teach the majority of their classes in school.

Any students currently self-isolating should follow these steps:

- ✓ Students who are currently self-isolating should follow their **normal timetable** each day.
 - ✓ Students should go to the tier 1 remote learning section of our website where our **curriculum maps** are available: <https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/tier1>
 - ✓ Students should look up the relevant curriculum map for that lesson.
 - ✓ Use online learning platforms such as **National Oak Academy** (<https://www.thenational.academy/>) and **BBC Bitesize Daily** (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>) to facilitate their learning.
- Finally, **please remember how important homework is** in supporting our taught curriculum – it is a real chance for students to embed and extend their knowledge and skills. All of our homework is set on Class Charts, so please make sure this is regularly checked.

Should you have any concerns or queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or your child's tutor/Head of House for further guidance or clarification.

Best wishes

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