

KING EDWARD VI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this update finds you well and that you and your young person are looking forward to the Easter holidays. This short update has a few important reminders.

1. Staff Absences

Thank you all for your understanding this week as we have been coping with an unprecedented amount of absence from colleagues, much of it due to COVID-related sickness. It has been great to see colleagues rallying around to fill gaps and step in, as has been the case for much of this term. Thank you as well for being understanding if you've had to wait slightly longer than usual for responses to any enquiries made. This is especially true for the pastoral and SEND teams, who have been really hard hit by absence.

Please rest assured we will be picking up any outstanding issues straight away at the start of next term. If you have an emergency pressing issue over the holidays that requires immediate attention, you can of course contact me directly on the details below.

Through all of this term we have been so impressed with how colleagues and students have continued to keep College life normal, including an amazing enrichment programme of extra-curricular activities. Even today we have had students out at Sharpham and working on our Peace Garden project here on site, as well as a group at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth (returning much later this evening!). Thank you for supporting your young people to take up these opportunities, and a huge thanks to our colleagues for giving their time so selflessly. A special thank you to all involved in the Battle of the Bands this week, especially Rupert at Drift Records, and we are so excited to have KEVICC student bands onstage at the Sea Change festival here in Totnes at the end of May!

2. Summer Exams 2022

If you have a young person sitting any external exams in Y11 and Y13 this year, you will get a personalised update on the exams by post including information about entries and exam access arrangements. This will be with you in the first week of the holidays. Please read it carefully as there are details specific to your young person that need checking, as well of course as lots of information about the coming exam season. Y11 parents have also been emailed today a revision guide of extra sessions happening over the coming weeks.

3. Staffing Changes

It has been a busy term recruiting and appointing new staff to help us continue to take KEVICC forward. I'm delighted that we will be welcoming (back) Dan Gillard to us as Assistant Principal. Dan will be initially splitting his time between us and Kingsbridge before working up to full-time at KEVICC.



In July, we will be welcoming our new Director of Science, and in September he will be joined in the Science team, by two new teachers. In September, we will also be welcoming two new Maths teachers as well as a new MFL teacher.

Today, we have said a sad goodbye to Fay Crellen, Assistant Principal and SENDCO, who finishes with us today after 17 years at the College. Fay has been an indefatigable champion for our young people, and whilst we are delighted by her promotion to Deputy Principal at Tiverton, we will be sorry to see her go. Natalie Clark will be taking over as SENDCO from after Easter, and parents and carers of young people on the SEND register have been written to separately regarding this.

4. Term Dates

Please remember our term dates for after Easter remain unchanged and all students return on Monday 25 April. The only change coming up in this regard is the new Autumn Term start date of 7 September for all students, as per the update sent on 28 March.

Finally, thank you all again for all you do in supporting your young people in their time at KEVICC. The past 2 years and last 12 weeks in particular have thrown up so many challenges, and it continues to be a privilege to see how our students and staff rise to and overcome these. Remember, teachers and school staff appreciate nothing better than gratitude, so if you have a minute over the holidays to reach out to a colleague you know has made the difference to your young person, that will always be warmly received.

Have a well-deserved and peaceful Easter break!

With best wishes,



Alan Salt
Principal

