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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this update finds you well, and that your young person is having a great summer term. This always seems to be the busiest time of the school year, with exams for our Y11 and Y13 students, loads of enrichment happening, new students and staff being inducted to the College and teachers busy planning for the year ahead.

Here are some key updates we wanted to make you aware of ahead of September:

1. Uniform

We are always looking to improve our uniform, and our main concern is to make it financially manageable for families, practical for students and simple.

In recent years we changed the school shirt to reflect families who wanted to be able to source plain blue shirts from a number of outlets to manage costs. This year, we have looked at parent/carers and student feedback around our school jumpers, especially concerns about price and warmth.

We are really pleased to announce that from September **families will be able to purchase new style College sweatshirts and hoodies from Lawsons**. These are cheaper than the previous jumpers, are really warm and comfortable, and are made from 55% recycled polyester (from plastic bottles) and 45% cotton.

Students are welcome to wear their existing College jumpers and cardigans alongside these for as long as they last. A college jumper, cardigan, sweatshirt or hoodie will (as now) be a compulsory item of uniform to have.

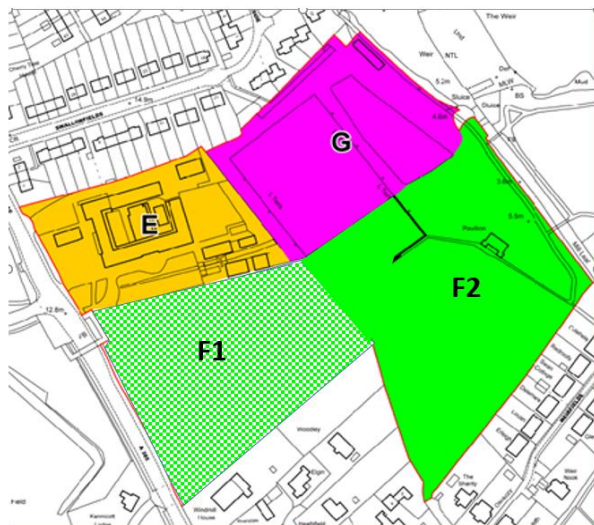
Lawsons will be opening orders for the new sweatshirts and hoodies from next week. Sweatshirts are £12-16 each, and hoodies £14-£20. Please see their price list for uniform attached.

2. Site Development

There has been lots of interest recently around the plans we consulted on with you last summer about seeking to dispose of surplus land to fund the improvements we all want to see for our students over the coming years.

Governors are currently seeking bids for surplus land from any interested parties - including Totnes Town

Plan 3 - Elmhirst Site - more detailed plan of areas E, F and G



Council. These will then be evaluated thoroughly before any decision is made, which is likely to be the Autumn Term.

You may recall from last summer's consultation the areas identified for disposal, and I have copied here for your interest a map of the Elmhirst (or 'Lower) site showing the areas we are seeking to keep (G and F2) and those we are seeking to dispose of (E and F1).

Any plans for the lower site must take into account the local plan requirements, including community facilities and public space alongside the River Dart with continuous riverside access (amongst others).

We have kept the full consultation documents on our website for ease of reference - you can find them here: <https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/consultationguidance>

3. Staffing

We have had a great week inducting and welcoming new colleagues into the College, all of whom are starting with us between now and September. I'm really pleased that in a time of nationwide staff shortages, we are fully staffed with a great team of colleagues for the year to come.

We will be welcoming in Tegan Worden and Phillip Confue in Maths, Sarah Ashford and Patrick Minett in Science, Jonathan Dart in English, Hayley Turley in Modern Foreign Languages, and Jessie Woodhouse in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics.

In addition we are delighted to have our new Director of Science, Niall Holbourn, starting with us next week (house move allowing!).

I'm sure your young people may have already reported that we are thrilled to welcome Dan Gillard back to the College as Assistant Principal, leading on attendance and behaviour. Dan is now with us full-time after an interim period split between ourselves and Kingsbridge.

Finally, we are super excited to have Lucie Wagner joining us as Deputy Principal in September from Teign School. Lucie will be leading on safeguarding and personal development, and brings with her a wealth of experience.

This means at the end of this term we will be saying a very fond goodbye to Kirsty Matthews, our current Deputy Principal. Kirsty has been an amazing presence at the College supporting students, families and staff and leading on pastoral matters for the past 4 years. We are really pleased she has been successful in becoming a Headteacher in Plymouth, and we know how much she will be missed by all here at the College. And unfortunately, Cookie the puppy must go with her!

I'm sure there will be more to update you on in the next few weeks, so please expect further updates. In the meantime, please I'd love to have your questions, comments or feedback at our next online Q and A, this coming **Wednesday 6 July, from 5.45pm to 6.45pm**. The code for this meeting is: <https://meet.google.com/eef-fzqf-exr>

Finally, an unashamed plug for this year's College production, Footloose, coming up the week after next from Wednesday 13 July to Saturday 16 July, with a Saturday matinee. It is going to be great- get your tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/kevicc and I hope to see you there!

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,



Alan Salt
Principal

