

# KING EDWARD VI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Parent and Carer,

I hope this update finds you well and enjoying some real summer weather at last! Thank you to those of you who have been in touch with feedback following last week's update and the Q and A session. We have had some lovely comments, especially around the new school sweatshirts and hoodies (more below!). Here are a few more important points as we head into the summer:

## 1. Form Tutors for September 2022

We are delighted to be fully staffed with teachers from September! As ever, as we say goodbye to some colleagues, hello to others, and create new capacity, we do have some changes to form tutors for next academic year.

Firstly, we are delighted to announce that Taylor Roper, Laura Siska and Nick Trafford have been appointed to work as Pastoral Leaders for Years 7, 8 and 11. This adds extra capacity to our brilliant Head of House team. It does mean, however, that they have to give up their tutor groups in order to take on their new roles.

We are welcoming back Cristina Fernandez and Sarah Pickup from maternity leave, whilst saying temporary goodbyes to Carly Collings and Jessica Vickery for their maternity leaves. And we are also saying goodbye to the amazing Debbie Burman, who is heading off for pastures new in September.

All of these changes have meant some reshuffling in some tutor groups. These are listed below. Please be assured your young person's tutor will be focused on building great relationships with their new tutees straight off from September, and as always will be a great first port of call if you have any queries or general questions about your young person.

### **Year 8 into Year 9**

Cristina Fernandez takes over S9a from Brenda Carroll

### **Year 9 into Year 10**

Hayley Turley takes over S9a from Taylor Roper

### **Year 10 into Year 11**

Caroline Mudge and Natalie Clark take over D10a from Nick Trafford

Cat Hayes and Anne Law take over D10b from Jess Vickery

Duncan Chilton takes over S10a from Debbie Burman

## 2. Weather Alert: Monday and Tuesday 18 and 19 July

We have been keeping a close eye on the amber weather alert for heat that is now in place through Monday and Tuesday. We are also mindful of the red weather alert issued this morning for central parts of the country, although fortunately this does not currently cover Devon or the South West.



We have already had to take measures around proposed Geography field work on Slapton Beach - principally because of the lack of shade and respite from the sun.

In order to make sure that your young person can attend and be as comfortable as possible on these two days, we are happy for **all students in Y7-10 to wear College PE kit, or normal uniform, on Monday and Tuesday.** Please note this does have to be proper College PE kit only!

At present we will go back to normal uniform on Wednesday when the alert has finished, but of course, if this changes we will update you.

As ever at this time of year, please make sure your young person has a water bottle and adequate sunscreen, bearing in mind that PE lessons are outside.

### 3. **Education South West**

We are delighted to be at the final stages of preparation for becoming part of the ESW family of schools from September 1 2022. It has been brilliant to have had colleagues begin to share ideas and expertise from other local schools over the past months. This ability to get better at what we do to provide great education for your young people is the number one benefit of joining the trust. From September 1, you and young people will not see any obvious changes- but as time goes on, we know the work we do together as adults in the trust will begin add real value and incrementally improve your young person's experience at KEVICC.

Myself and other staff have been so impressed already with the chance to meet and work alongside other headteachers and leaders at ESW, and to see the real common sense of purpose to give all children the best chances, and especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds. All the ESW schools have retained their distinct identity but share the same drive to be as good as we can be for our students. It promises to be an exciting future ahead!

### 4. **Site Development**

As we updated you at the start of July, our ambitious project to provide multi-million pound improvements to our school site is on track, and we hope to begin these improvements next summer.

Our plans we shared with you last year are all laid out in detail on our website, and in an age of social media fueled misinformation, I'd always urge anyone interested to read them carefully, especially to understand which surplus land is actually up for sale, and which emphatically is not!

Finally, thank you as ever for the support you've shown to your young people and the College over the past year. This week has been amazing, if draining, with Sports Day, taking the whole of Y10 to university midweek, and of course the amazing College production of Footloose.

You've still a chance to grab the last few tickets for tonight or tomorrow's matinee and closing show!

With best wishes,



**Alan Salt**  
**Principal**