



23/9/22

Dear Parent and Carer,

It's hard to believe it has been only a four day week, let alone that we are only a little over a fortnight into term, given how busy life around the College has been. Here are a few updates to note:

1. My Child at School App

Thank you all so much for your patience around recent changes to the school IT systems. Whereas we know it hasn't been as smooth a transition as it might have been, it is great to now see the majority of parents and increasing numbers of students able to log on to the My Child at School app.

Once all the teething issues are ironed out, we do feel we will be one step nearer to what we have been trying to move towards for a while, which is one integrated system that gives parents and carers the ability to see all the information they need in one place and to provide a one stop shop for all manner of admin, such as payments, consent forms and the like.

We are continuing to use Weduc for payments in the medium term, but by the end of the year we hope to be able to transfer this to My Child at School as well. At this stage we will be that final step nearer to having everything in one place!

Our IT team are continuing to work hard to support students with logons and troubleshooting. Please remind students that their email addresses follow the format below:

Students at KEVICC before September 2022

Last two digits of the year their cohort would have started at KEVICC/Initial First Name/Surname
@kingedwardvi.org.uk

e.g a student in Y10 would be 19ASalt@kingedwardvi.org.uk as their cohort started Y7 in 2019

Students joining KEVICC from September 2022

Last two digits of the year their cohort would have started at KEVICC/First 5 letters of surname/Initial First Name

e.g a student in Y7 would be 22SaltA@kingedwardvi.org.uk and a student joining KEVICC from another school in September 2022 would be 19SaltA@kingedwardvi.org.uk

2. Ashburton Road Footbridge

We are continuing to have updates from Devon County Council about when we can expect the refurbished footbridge to be reinstalled.

It now looks like the work will begin the middle of next week. It will include two or three night-time closures of the Ashburton Road, but we have been assured this will be well after school hours at 7pm.

3. Open Evenings and Open Mornings

We had an amazing turn-out to our Open Evening on Thursday, and such is the level of interest, it looks like we will again have to put on an extra class for next year's Y7 to meet demand.

So many students helped out as guides on the evening, and as ever parents and carers in Y5 and Y6 were so impressed with our young people - thank you so much if you supported your young person to attend.

We have two upcoming open mornings on Friday 30 September and Friday 7 October, so we will be recruiting guides again to help show parents and primary students around. Any students interested should make sure Mr Gillard or their Head of House has their name.

4. Trips and Visits

As planning for the Y7 residential reaches a peak, it's been great to see more trips and visits in the pipeline and at the planning stage. These include a repeat of our amazing Spanish/Art/Surf residential to the Basque Country, as well as a planned visit to France. Both of these are in planning for July 2023. Details to follow!

5. Enrichment

Just a reminder that Y7s get their chance to attend our enrichment fair at lunchtime on Monday - and that whatever year group students are in, getting involved in an enrichment activity is part of our KEVICC DNA, so now is a great time to sign up to an enrichment activity during or after the school day. A full timetable of Autumn Term enrichment is on its way to all parents and carers next week and includes an incredible variety of clubs.

On that note, our College production this year is going to be "Grease." Auditions are underway and all prospective Dannys, Sandys or Rizzos (and anyone with an itch to get involved) should make their way to the Performing Arts faculty!

6. Next Online Q and A

We have scheduled the next in our regular online Q and A sessions for any KEVICC parents and carers. This is an opportunity to raise questions, comments or feedback informally to myself. Lucie Wagner, our new Deputy Principal, is also looking forward to joining the session, and will be able to update you on plans around our Personal Development curriculum for students. You can ask questions directly to us 'in person' in the meeting or via the chat bar.

The meeting is online via MS Teams on **Thursday 29 September from 5.30pm to 6.30pm**. Please use the code below, and we look forward to catching up with you then.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWQxNzk3NDktNmU1Ny00ZDVmLTk0YjltNDI2ZjBjMmU0MzA4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%220c36f116-41e2-4d31-a0d6-699ae4627098%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%2247d021a7-f7f8-4ca4-b37f-980e42bca45d%22%7d

Finally, I hope you and your families enjoy a restful and relaxing weekend - see you all next week!

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,



Alan Salt
Principal

