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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this finds you well and that your young person has had a great half term here at KEVICC, and that you are all looking forward to next week's break.

We have reflected as staff on today's training day about what an amazing, and tiring, 7 weeks it has been for the College; welcoming the largest Y7 to join us for many years; enrichment and trips and visits up and running; discussing what makes KEVICC special with prospective Y7 and Y12 families at Open Evening; and, above all else, always looking at how we can continue to be committed to ensuring the best teaching and support across the school.

It's been a very busy day of planning and reflecting, and I must say given the weather today we have been very glad not to have to had bus, break and lunch duty!

Here are a couple of points to note going into the holidays and for next term:

1. **Safeguarding** remains our number one priority for us. We share concerns expressed by parents and carers at our recent Q and A about the availability of vapes to young people across South Devon- and we know from other Headteachers that we are not the only school concerned. Please note the attached letter and leaflet from Lucie Wagner, Deputy Principal, giving information for parents and carers about vaping and how together we can seek to address it. Please do not hesitate to contact Lucie or myself or any member of the pastoral team if you have a concern.
2. We have another **non-student staff training day** planned for **Monday 5 December**. These days are incredibly important for us to be able to plan and develop our curriculum, assessment and teaching as we move through the year. We will be using this day to meet with subject colleagues from across our trust in schools from Teign all the way down to Kingsbridge, and to make sure what we are teaching and how we are teaching it is the best it can be. There is one further day planned this academic year on **Monday March 20 2023**.
3. Please also note that we return to College on 31 October on **Week B**. The weeks always follow on from each other so that we have as equal a number of week As and week Bs across the year.
4. Although Christmas may seem (thankfully!?) a long way off, please do note in common with partner schools we will finish slightly earlier on **Friday 16 December**, with students leaving the site from **1.40pm**. School transport services will run to this new time, but if your young person travels on a public bus, they will need to double check the timetable for earlier services.

Finally, I wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting your young people and the College across the last half term. We wish you all a great holiday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Salt'.

Alan Salt

Principal

