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Principal Alan Salt

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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this email finds you well, and that you are enjoying the last few days of amazing weather before starting back with us tomorrow. I also hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Below are a couple of reminders about the start of the school year to help us all get off to the best possible start.

1. First Day - Wednesday 6 September

All year groups start back on Wednesday at 0845. As students will know, the school day now begins with tutor time until 0915, so all students will be heading off to their form tutor first thing. They will be given printed timetables in tutor time, and then it will be straight off to lessons.

For any students unsure of where to go, please be reassured there will be plenty of staff around at school first thing to help point them in the right direction.

Please also remember that if you are picking up at the end of the day by car, please park or wait on the Elmhirst site, as the main Redworth site is prioritised for public and school buses and taxis.

As ever, the return to school will increase traffic in and around Totnes, and this may be compounded by incidents (as I write the bottom of the Western bypass is currently closed to traffic!) All students should arrive for 0845, but if you are delayed, do not worry or panic and we will ensure anyone late is signed in.

2. Parent Pay

A reminder that our College payment service is now exclusively through the parent pay app. This replaced Weduc before the end of the summer term. This includes payments for trips.

Please make sure if your young person is going to buy food that their account is topped up. Parent pay have a troubleshooting guide available at the link below:

<https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-guardians>

3. My Child at School App

Later today you will receive a separate communication about our My Child at School app which many of you already have. This is an app that provides parents and carers and students with accounts that show their progress at school, such as what lessons they have, what homework has been set, and how many praise points they have been awarded. We would really encourage all students and parents and carers to have access to this platform.

4. Exam Success

We know that exam success is part and parcel of the rounded education we want to achieve for all our young people. Over the summer we had a very good set of GCSE and A-level results. Nationally, exam boards adhered to the government's direction to award fewer higher grades, and along with all schools we saw the impact of this. However, our results were as good as pre-pandemic levels, and given the disruption we've seen over the past 3 years, these are testimony to the hard work of students and support from staff (and parents and carers!). Well done to all those Y11 and Y13 (and Y12 and Y10) students on their efforts.

5. Contacting Staff

Please remember you can access our contact details, and, if a face is better than a name, see our pictures on the website here [King Edward VI Community College - Contacting Staff](#).

We are welcoming some new faces to our team here as colleagues retire, move on to promotion, or in some cases head off for maternity leave!

Sam Battershall starts with us as Deputy Principal, picking up the role filled by Lucie Wagner, who has been promoted to Head of School at Teign.

Malcom Clark joins our teaching assistant team.

Archie Duke joins humanities to cover Sarah Grainger's maternity leave.

Victoria Fairchild starts with us in science.

Matt James is joining the Maths team.

And **Paul Woodger** is joining us in Computer Science to enable James Hartridge to (mostly!) start his retirement.

6. RAAC

Many of you will have seen the media coverage over the past week about the very worrying situation with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and school buildings.

Following an external inspection by DfE structural engineers, I want to reassure you that there is no indication of RAAC being present in our school buildings.

We look forward to welcoming your young person back to KEVICC tomorrow.

With best wishes,

Alan Salt



Principal