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Principal Alan Salt

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Dear Parent or Carer (and new Year 7 student!)

I hope this email finds you well, and that you are enjoying the last few days of amazing weather ahead of starting your KEVICC journey with us on Wednesday.

I also hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Starting the school year can be nerve wracking for new students - but also for parents and carers (and for staff including Headteachers!).

We want to make sure all of our new Year 7s get off to a great start with us, so below are some reminders and tips for the coming days.

1. First Day - Wednesday 6 September

All of our students start back on Wednesday at 0845, but there will be lots of staff, including myself, out at the front of school to help point students in the right direction.

New Year 7s will be directed to the theatre, just as on the induction days. From here, tutors will take students to their tutor groups, and make sure students have their timetables. From there, it is straight off to the first of many lessons at KEVICC!

We have lots of staff around all the way through the coming days to help new Y7s get from one place to the other - please be reassured that getting a bit lost is something that will happen to most students in their first days, so we are well prepared to support and help with this.

Please 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.

2. Toilets and Food

Two vital parts of any school day!

Year 7 students are welcome to use any of the student toilets. However, we also designate one block of toilets by the entrance to the theatre as Year 7 only, just to support students as they start with us.

Although we always encourage students to use toilets at break and lunch, when students need the toilet during lesson time, they just need to ask their teacher - we do make sure students have a note or pass from their teacher so other adults in school know they have permission to be out of class.

The canteen is all ready to welcome our new Year 7s from Wednesday. Over the first days at KEVICC, we will ensure Year 7s have extra time at the start of morning break and lunch to access the canteen. This will help us make sure we get everyone through and served.

Year 7s can access all of the usual areas at break and lunchtime - including the main playing fields. In addition to this, we also designate the top floor of the English and Maths block for Year 7s only, if they want time away from older students.

Parents and Carers can top up and pay for food via Parent Pay (this is also the method to pay for anything in school - e.g. trips, revision guides etc). Activation letters for Parent Pay were sent out on 18 July, and a user guide to help troubleshoot any issues you may have is available via 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. This is an app that provides parents and carers and students with accounts that show all of their progress at school, such as what lessons they have, what homework has been set, and how many praise points they have been awarded.

4. **Questions and Queries**

We know that moving up to secondary school and having more than one teacher is a big change for parents and carers, and students. Please make sure you contact us if you have any questions or queries over the next few days. Our key contacts are below:

Heads of House

Babbage - Mike Morgan

Davis - Alison Marshall

Gyles - Sally Hinchcliffe

Scott - Nicola Ambrose

Pastoral Leader for Year 7 - Taylor Roper

Assistant Principal Pastoral - Dan Gillard

Principal - Alan Salt

All of our email addresses are in the same format- alan.salt@kingedwardvi.org.uk so please feel free to get in touch with any of us with your questions and we will get back to you. Your young person's form tutor will also be a key contact, but bear in mind with busy teaching loads they often will not get to emails during the school day.

And, if a face is better than a name, you can see our pictures on the website here [King Edward VI Community College - Contacting Staff](#)

5. **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 to KEVICC tomorrow.

With best wishes,



Alan Salt
Principal