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Principal Alan Salt

Friday 6 October 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this finds you well and looking forward to a lovely sunny weekend. It's difficult to believe we are only 2 weeks away already from the half term break- the past 4 school weeks have flown by!

Here are a couple of quick updates for you:

1. Enrichment and Extra Curricular

It has been great to see students taking part in all manner of lunchtime and after school clubs over the past few weeks, as well as off-site visits and residential. These are such an important part of the education we offer, and I am very proud of staff for the variety of activities we manage to put on.

I've attached the latest list of clubs to this letter so that parents and carers can suggest and remind (or nag!) your young people as appropriate!

A special note of thanks to all parents and carers and staff who've supported on residential trips over the past weeks, ranging from Duke of Edinburgh students camping in the wilds of Kennicott, to performing arts students up in the West End, and of course our Y7s just now returned from PGL in Torquay.

2. Year 11s, revision and PPEs

Thank you to Y11 parent and carers for coming along to the Making the Grade evening on Thursday. It was brilliant to work with families and students thinking about the year ahead and the way in which we can support students preparing for their GCSEs.

The voluntary revision classes at lunch and after school are now up and running, and it's been great to see so many students taking part- including a full class still hammering away at coastal landform revision for Geography with Ms Ellison, Mr Cotton and Mr Collings as I write (at 4.20pm on a Friday).

Again, I've attached a list of what's on offer- remember Y11s need to have attended 4 sessions by the end of Thursday coming to qualify to wear non-uniform this Friday!.

3. Exam Results

We've now had confirmation of our performance table results that are published nationally for all schools later in October. We are really pleased that KEVICC students again have made the progress expected of them across 8 subjects ("Progress 8"). To have performance back at pre-pandemic levels, despite all the challenges over the last 3 years, is a testimony to the hard work and resilience of the young people, and the support and dedication shown by staff.

4. Catering

We know we're not perfect, and being committed to the best for our students is part of our approach to every aspect of school life. We know some students and families have raised issues about recent catering changes, and we know our communication around these changes could and should have been better.

Most of our catering operation has not changed. We still provide a variety of hot and cold food before school, at morning break, and at lunch, we still provide a main hot meal at lunchtime, parents and carers can see and set limits on what students spend via parentpay, and we ensure students entitled to free school meals have an appropriate choice of hot and cold food daily.

We have made some changes. We have reduced the number of choices around the main meal (the 'special'). We have tried to make sure what we offer at break and lunch is as similar as possible- driven by patterns of student choice. And some portion sizes have been altered (which has been reflected in pricing).

There are important reasons behind these changes. We are facing similar financial pressures that impact your own food shopping, such as price rises. We also have to meet wage rises which are not fully funded by government. We have to focus on financial sustainability. Our catering is an in-house service across 13 trust schools. We choose not to contract out our services, because we feel keeping them in house gives us the best service for our students. This also ensures there is no profit margin in our operation- our operation is purely based on breaking even. Our aim is to ensure catering runs without a deficit, which will protect funds in other areas of our budget (which, as with all Devon schools, are under significant pressure from years of poor funding).

We are committed to keeping under review our offer, and we'll include catering as a focus of our regular student voice work. Equally, I welcome direct ideas and feedback from parents and carers, so please do not hesitate to email me on alan.salt@kingedwardvi.org.uk if you wish to.

Finally, I've attached our current price list, to give you a clear idea of what we provide on a daily basis.

5. Roadworks

Thank you for those of you who made contact about the recent pedestrian issues around the Western bypass roadworks. Devon Highways have now responded to our feedback and reopened the pavement on the south side of the road between Barracks Hill and Redworth junction. We also now have some access across the Sheepfield restored, and we are lobbying strongly for them to improve the sight lines on the crossing across the Western bypass between Barracks Hill and Malt Mill.

6. Governors

We are lucky to have a fantastic local governing board of volunteers, who play an important role in supporting us to continue to improve the College. We currently have vacancies for 3 people to join the board- these could be parents or carers (as most of current governors are!) or people who just want to make a difference. A passion for and/or experience of education is a must, and we welcome people who have experience of governance in the charitable and public sectors. If you, or anyone you know is interested, we will have adverts out soon, or please feel free to informally approach Jim Lodge, our Chair of Governors on jim.lodge@educationsouthwest.org.uk, or myself.

Finally, before the holidays get too near, we want to have our usual chance to chat and hear your questions and feedback, so we have informal Q and A set up via MS Teams for this coming Thursday at 1730 to 1830. Feel free to join and ask questions or give feedback using the link below. I look forward to seeing you there!

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Have a great weekend,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Salt', with a stylized, cursive script.

Alan Salt

Principal

Autumn Term 2023

	Lunch	After School
Monday	Chess & Board Games — Library Art & Textiles—Rm 36 STEM—R9a Folk Club—Rm21 Percussion Ensemble—Percussion Rm	Archery—Sports Hall Dungeons and Dragons—Lab 14
Tuesday	Chess & Board Games—Library Photography—Rm35 Computer Building—Rm 28 DJ Club—Rm 25	Surf Club—Meet at Bus Bay The Sound of Music Rehearsals— Theatre
Wednesday Young Carers @ Tutor Time Rm 37	Gaming Club— Rm28 The Sound of Music (solo) - Rm20 Dramatizers—Rm26 The Green Club *Week B—Lab 17 Equestrian Club—Rm 54 *Week A	Band Practice—Music Practice Rooms
Thursday	Singing & Song Writing – Rm21 Guitar Club Rm 21 Book Club—Library	The Sound of Music —Principal Cast Rehearsals Theatre The Sound of Music— Band Rehearsals – Rm20 Humanities Film Club — Rm45 *Please note, this is only once per half term
Friday Mental Health Ambassadors @ Tutor Time (Week B)	Technical Theatre Club - Rm22 The Leaky Cauldron Club—Rm 62 Parkour—Gym	

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	Break	Lunchtime	After School
Monday			Rugby Boys & girls All years Astro
Tuesday	Girls Gym Club Fitness Suite	Badminton & Table Tennis Sports Hall	
Wednesday	Boys Gym Club Fitness Suite	This Girl Can Redworth Gym Yr7&8 Indoor Football Sports Hall	Girls Rugby Astro
Thursday		Multi Sports Sports Hall	Netball Sports Hall
Friday	Mixed Gym Club Fitness Suite	Yr11 Indoor Football Sports Hall	

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KEVICC Extra Curricular

Revise with us

Year 11 Revision Timetable – Autumn 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French – 26 • History - 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish – 5 • French – 6 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography – 42 • Computing- 28 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE - 29
After School				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Literature – 63/65 • RS – 41 (Mon 9th only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths - Upstairs • Art/Photography - 35 • Film & Media– 65 • Music - 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science – 17 WK A only • History - 51 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD – 9a • Spanish – 5 • French - 6 • PE – HUB • RS – 40 (Thurs 5th only) • Science – 17 WK B only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography - 43



Non-Uniform for students who attend four or more over two weeks



PRICE LIST



**ALL ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE AT
BREAK 1 AND 2 UNLESS NOTED
BELOW**

Pasta and Rice Dishes all available at £2.15

Tomato & Basil Pasta *
Meatballs in Tomato Sauce
Chicken Tikka Masala *
Chicken Korma *
Chilli Con Carne *
Baked Bean Pasta

Specials all available at £2.15

Chicken Chow Mein *
Chicken Goujons and Chips *
Chicken Parmigiana with Diced Potatoes
Chicken Gyros with Spicy Wedges *
Chicken and Chorizo Pasta *
Pasta Carbonara
Bolognaise
Macaroni Cheese *
Meatball Pasta Bake
Fish & Chips
Spicy Bean Burger with Wedges *

Specials will vary throughout the year

COLD DELI

Fresh Fruit	£0.54
Fruit Pot Watermelon	£1.40
Fruit Pot Mixed	£1.40
Baguette BLT	£2.47
1/2 Baguette BLT	£1.29
Baguette Chicken Bacon & Mayo	£2.47
1/2 Baguette Chicken Bacon & Mayo	£1.29
Baguette Chicken Mayo	£2.47
1/2 Baguette Chicken Mayo	£1.29
Baguette Ham Salad	£2.47
1/2 Baguette Ham Salad	£1.29
Baguette Cheese Salad	£2.47
1/2 Baguette Cheese Salad	£1.29
Filled Pretzel roll Pepperoni	£1.72
Filled Pretzel Roll Cheese	£1.72
Filled pretzel Rolls Ham	£1.72
Wrap BBQ Chicken	£2.15
Wrap Chicken Mayo and Lettuce	£2.15
Wrap Cheese Salad	£2.15
Wrap Ham Salad	£2.15
Chilled Basilico Pasta pots	£1.61
Chilled Pesto Pasta Pots	£1.61
Caesar Salad	£2.47
Chicken & Bacon Salad	£2.47
Cheese Salad	£2.47

COLD DRINKS

Fruit Juice	£0.86
Milkshakes	£0.86
Radnor Fizz	£0.97
Radnor Splash	£0.91
Water (500ml)	£0.97

HOT DELI

Panini Cheese and Bacon	£2.47
Panini Sweet Chilli Chicken	£2.47
Panini Cheese & Red Onion	£2.47
Panini BBQ Chicken & Cheese	£2.47
Bacon Baguette	£1.72
Pizza Slice C&T	£0.97
Pizza Slice Pepperoni	£0.97
Sausage Rolls (Available Mon & Thurs)	£1.40
Chicken Burger	£1.88
Cheeseburger	£1.88
Cheese Twists	£1.61
Hash Browns X 3	£1.18
Spicy Wedges	£1.61
Chips (Available Wed and Friday Only)	£1.61

BREAKFAST BAR

Bacon and Cheese Turnover	£1.94
Croissant	£1.02
Cinnamon Swirls	£1.02
Chocolate Twists	£1.02
Pain Au Chocolate	£1.02
Hash Browns X3	£1.18
Fresh Fruit	£0.54
Fruit Pot Watermelon	£1.40
Fruit Pot Mixed	£1.40

***Vegetarian or Vegetarian alternative available.**

Please see Pre order menu for Gluten free and Vegan options.

A variety of crisps, biscuits and cakes (cakes only available in break 2) are also available.

