

7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian

I write to offer a quick update of developments in and around school.

**1) Open Evening**

Our Opening Evening was incredibly well attended and enabled us to share our school with hundreds of visitors. Over 250 of our pupils volunteered to help on the evening, and they did a simply tremendous job. Comments from visitors on the questionnaires included dozens of references to the pupil guides. We really appreciate your support in enabling your child to participate in this event, often at no small inconvenience to you.

**2) Clubs and Extra-Curricular**

Last week alone 318 of our pupils logged 597 clubs and booster attendances. This is a testament to the enthusiasm of our pupils in engaging with a wide variety of activities. What has also been noticeable is the kindness and inclusivity shown by older pupils to younger pupils in the clubs. For example, the Coaches running the Fun for All club on Saturday morning have been deeply impressed by the encouragement given by the Year 9s in the club to Year 7 attendees.

As we continue to improve and refine our extra-curricular programme, we will look to expand provision of some of the larger clubs such as Drama, and will be in touch with further details.

Other highlights of our extra-curricular programme this half-term has included the cast and crew of our last musical 'Sister Act' going to the theatre to see the same musical at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

Our Aspire club members joined King Edward IV students from across Birmingham in attending a meeting with representatives of the top US universities to explore routes to higher education in institutions like Harvard and Yale.

**3) Tutoring**

This week has seen the start of small group tutoring in English, Maths and Science for 90 pupils from Yrs7 -10 with the renowned My Tutor company. The sessions are weekly and the programme lasts for 15 weeks. Pupils have been chosen for a variety of reasons from catching up on missed work due to Covid to boosting for a Grade 7 or above. If you would like your Child to be included in the next round of the programme, please contact the relevant Mrs Stansbie (Maths), Mr Marchese-Fry (English) or Mr Jackson (Science) via [enquiry@nsg.kevibham.org](mailto:enquiry@nsg.kevibham.org)

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**4) Trips Day**

As you will be aware, the whole school participated in our first trips day this half-term. I accompanied Year 9s to Croome Park and was deeply impressed by the maturity, good sense and good manners shown by every single pupil who attended. Both other visitors to the Park and the National Trust staff commented on the qualities of our pupils.

**5) Attendance**

With so many things going on at school, we are keenly aware that pupils who are absent both miss out and fall behind. Whilst I appreciate the dilemma of parents often face when your child is under the weather, we really appreciate the approach of all those parents who have managed to maintain 100% attendance or close to it for their children. With some uncertainty ahead around the severity of flu season and Covid, every day counts.

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones  
Headteacher