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Dear Parent / Guardian

I write to update you on a couple of developments in school.

1) **6th Form**

When I wrote to you before the half-term break, I mentioned that the King Edward VI Foundation was working to expand a mixed 6th Form provision at King Edward VI Lordwood School for Girls for young people who attend King Edward VI Schools in South Birmingham, providing strong pastoral care as well as rigorous academic standards to enable our pupils to achieve great things after they finish Year 11.

Free Transport Every Day

In order to make this feasible for our leavers, there will be a King Edward VI Sixth Form coach leaving Turves Green every morning and returning to Turves Green every afternoon, at no charge for our students.

Fantastic Results

I recommend this excellent provision at the King Edward VI Lordwood Girls Sixth Form on the basis the superb results achieved in 2022 as well as the ambitious plans to further develop provision. In 2022 the average A Level grade attained was a 'B', with very many candidates attaining three As and access to the very best universities. This provision builds upon the high aspiration we encourage here and takes it to the next level.

A Wide Curriculum

With a current choice of twenty-two A Levels and five vocational diplomas and T Levels, we believe that very many of our leavers will find something to suit their career ambitions and interests, and we anticipate a further expansion of options over the next few years.

Entrance Requirements

Inevitably for such highly aspirational provision, the entry requirements are challenging, and will generally require an average GCSE grade of a 5 or higher and often a 6 in the specific subject. We will be ensuring that boosters and support are available for those pupils who are keen to attend this provision and plans will be announced to extend that support via masterclasses by King Edward VI Sixth Form staff. Details of entry requirements can be found here:

<https://lsg.kevibham.org/sixth-form/pathways-entry-requirements/>

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6th Form Open Evening

I will be attending the Open Evening on Wednesday 23rd November 5pm-7pm at the Sixth Form – directions can be found here: <https://lsg.kevibham.org/contact-us/> . We may also be providing mini-bus transport for those Year 11s who wish to attend unaccompanied by parents and more details will follow if there is demand for this. I hope you are able to join me – and this invite is not exclusively for the parents of Year 11s but also other parents and pupils thinking ahead.

2) Bagels

Whilst we continue to receive reduced supplies of bagels, we are supplementing our free breakfasts with crumpets and will continue to provide a healthy breakfast for any pupil who wants one at least for the rest of this academic year and hopefully in future years.

3) Dangerous Behaviour

In some less positive news, we have had to suspend a small number of Year 9 pupils from school in recent weeks after silly arguments between friends, have led to a fight. Whilst this sort of thing is common in many schools, we are not willing to allow this sort of immaturity become the norm here, and therefore I reserve the right to reluctantly permanently exclude children who endanger themselves and others in this way.

4) Christmas Dinner

We are arranging Year Group Christmas Dinners this year. These dinners will take place during Period 4 on specific days and pupils will still get a normal lunchtime break in addition. These events hopefully will add some festive cheer to an otherwise very education-focused half-term. There is no charge for these meals for any pupils.

Year 7 and Year 9 will have their separate Year Group Christmas Meals on Wednesday 14th December, Year 8 and Year 10 on Thursday 15th December and Year 11 on Friday 16th December. Parents who send their child in with packed lunch may wish to reduce what they pack on the relevant day!

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher