

10 March 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian

**1. Snow Days**

I'm really sorry we had to close yesterday. It became apparent that not enough staff were able to make it in with major roads closed or blocked despite our planned later start, with parents and pupils facing the same issues. I hope that the planned later start at least saved many, if not all, families the inconvenience of the journey. To lose another day today is very frustrating, but in line with all other local schools, I felt the need to prioritise safety. Roll on spring!

**2. CANCELLED - Saturday Clubs and Boosters 11<sup>th</sup> March**

As it does not look like the snow will be gone before temperatures drop to -7 degrees overnight, I think it best to cancel boosters and clubs for tomorrow. Another apology!

**3. Saturday boosters**

Saturday boosters continue to be a success, despite tomorrow's cancellation, with students gaining a lot from these sessions. The Saturday sessions for Maths, English, Science and French will now be extended until just before the exams start. Saturday boosters will now be running from 9:30 - 11:30 on the following dates:

18<sup>th</sup> March

25<sup>th</sup> March

2<sup>nd</sup> April

29<sup>th</sup> April

6<sup>th</sup> May

There is still a limited number of places available for this extra support. If your daughter would like to request a place at Saturday boosters, please contact Mr Chesterman  
[d.chesterman@nsg.kevibham.org](mailto:d.chesterman@nsg.kevibham.org)

**4. Golden tickets**

Pupils who have been consistently modelling our school values of "work hard, be kind" have been awarded EPraise points for school culture. The students with the most EPraise points in each year group have been awarded Golden Tickets in assembly. Each week new students who are consistently hard working, kind, respectful and show good manners will win Golden Tickets that will entitle them to a fun activity at the end of the half term.

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**5. Faulty Fire Sensor**

In the midst of a minor blizzard on Wednesday, we had an unplanned fire evacuation. This was due to a fault with a sensor. The same issue then reoccurred during the after-school extra-curricular sessions. I just wanted to let you know that none of our pupils were to blame and to assure you that the fault is being urgently addressed.

**6. HSBC CEO Ian Stuart Talk**

Hundreds of our pupils and a number of pupils from other schools attended the Ian Stuart Talk on Wednesday evening. The event was a huge success and I would like to thank parents for facilitating the attendance of their children. I felt it was noteworthy that our pupils engaged better with the event than pupils from other schools, listening attentively and asking perceptive questions. Ian Stuart, clearly impressed, has invited us to organise visits to the HSBC HQ to meet with their graduate apprentices to discuss routes into, and roles within, the company.

**7. Year 7 Parents Questionnaire**

Thank you to the large number of Year 7 parents who were able to find the time to complete the online parent questionnaire. We were incredibly pleased with your responses indicating a really strong commitment to our school.

**8. Strike Days Reminder 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March**

In addition to the current weather disruption, the industrial dispute between the government and the National Education Union shows no signs of imminent resolution. Therefore, we will be asking Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 to work from home on the two strike days next week unless parents are key workers or you particularly feel that your child would benefit from being in school for specific reasons. I will write before next Wednesday with a further reminder and other details.

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones  
Headteacher