

Educational excellence for our City

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Dear Parent / Guardian

I write with a number of updates:

1) Equipment

We want all our pupils to be 'learning ready' by ensuring they all have the correct equipment in lessons. It wastes learning time when students have to ask teachers or friends to borrow basic equipment.

In order to support your child, we are providing every pupil with a pencil case, pencil, rubber, pen and ruler.

The expectation is that your child takes care of this equipment, does not break or misplace it and brings it to school every day. Basic equipment checks will take place every day during form time and all pupils are expected to ask their Form Tutor (or Head of Year if they didn't attend form time) for a replacement if equipment is lost or broken. If your child has their own equipment and does not wish to have the school-provided equipment there is no obligation to do so however, they must bring the basic equipment into school every day with them.

2) Year 11 Revision Space

In addition to the boosters which run every day after school, Year 11s are welcome to arrive early in the morning. From 8am every day, Room 1 is staffed and available for quiet revision. Mr Chesterman is also providing pastries.

3) New Clubs and Activities

We now offer over 50 clubs and activities each week, six days a week. We have around six hundred attendances at these activities each week – a phenomenal achievement for our school. Our new clubs (Squash, Mandarin, Boxing and Fencing) have started very positively. As ever – thank you for your support in encouraging and enabling your child's participation. As these opportunities continue to expand – if you have any suggestions or contacts which could lead to a further expansion please let us know (enquiry@nsg.kevibham.org).

4) Attendance

As you are aware, excellent attendance at school is the biggest single factor in ensuring young people thrive in education. I am pleased to share that our whole school attendance continues to rise and is above national averages. I appreciate that this is largely due to the efforts of parents – thank you.

Yours faithfully

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