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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I write with a number of updates and reminders:

Year 11 support

As year 11's approach their final mock assessments and with their GCSE examinations just around the corner I want to remind you of the support that is available to them:

Y11 Breakfast club – Pupils can arrive in school any time from 8:00 am to revise independently in room 1. Pupils will be provided with pastries.

After school boosters - each night Pupils can stay behind after school for support from subject specialists with focus support on exam technique. We are pleased to see attendance at boosters continues to grow, to more than double the rate of attendance we achieved for last year's Year 11.

Monday - Option subjects

Tuesday - Option subjects

Wednesday - Maths

Thursday - English

Friday – Science

In addition, pupils are allowed to stay in school until 5:00 pm to complete independent revision and homework.

After School Clubs and Activities

As a school we are continuing to offer our Pupils as many extra-curricular opportunities from a wide range of areas such as Sport, STEM, Music, Arts etc to cater for a wide range of interests. Most weeks we now see over 700 attendances (in a school of around 750 pupils) each week. The pupils who do engage in the opportunities demonstrate a greater level of happiness in school and higher levels of attendance. Please see attached for a copy of the extra-curricular program for this half term and encourage your child to make the most of these opportunities. Please contact Mr Chesterman via enquiry@nsg.kevibham.org with any queries or suggestions.

Year 9 Futures Evening

We look forward to welcoming Year 9 pupils and parents for Futures' Evening this week on the 28th February. Please see separate letter you have received for information on booking your appointments.

Uniform reminder

Many thanks to all the parents who support the school daily by ensuring your children come to school on time each day and in the correct uniform. Sadly, we have noticed over the last few weeks an increasing number of Pupils who are not meeting the requirements set out in the school

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uniform guide ([School Uniform – KEVI – Northfield School for Girls \(kevibham.org\)](http://www.kevibham.org)). Please can we ask that you review this at home with your child to help us ensure we maintain the high standards that are expected from everyone. Can we also remind families that we do not permit any piercings except one stud in the lobe of each ear. We therefore encourage you to wait until the start of the summer holidays if your child would like any new piercings that do not meet these requirements.

Up to date named contacts and contact details:

It is vital that we have **AT LEAST 2** named contacts for every pupil on roll at King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls', this ensures we are able to contact a parent, carer or responsible adult in an emergency or if there is a safeguarding concern. Please ensure that you have provided school with this information, or if your details have recently changed please contact the school office to get them updated as a matter of urgency.

Online safety - Online Protection Checklist for the Home - Internet Watch Foundation

Within school we use filtering software to monitor and safeguard our school community when they are working online. The Internet Watch Foundation has released a checklist to help parents/carers reduce the risks to their children, while using the internet at home. The document contains a wealth of information and ideas about how to reduce potential vulnerabilities and how you can help to protect your child from online abuse, as sadly this is an increasing issue nationally. To access the published guidance please follow the link: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

Some of the most common issues that also arise online relate to cyberbullying via social media sites including via group chats. The following site created by 'Young Minds' contains some helpful information for parents/carers regarding talking to children about their social media usage: [Social Media & Mental Health | Guide For Parents | YoungMinds](#) .

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher