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Dear Parent / Carer

I write to update you on a number of developments and opportunities in school:

1) Changes to the detention system

Our detention system is an area we need to improve. When a pupil receives a detention often there is a long delay between receiving the detention and sitting the detention. This means that sometimes sanction is not closely connected to the cause of the detention and therefore serves little practical purpose.

We will, therefore, be moving to daily detentions, which will mean that in most cases pupils will sit a detention the day after they have been allocated it.

In order to clear the back-log of historical detentions a small number of pupils have amassed, we will be removing the requirement to sit detentions awarded prior to Monday.

Parents will continue to be notified about detentions in advance.

2) Year 11 Maths

As we get closer to the summer exams we are making a number of changes to maximise the chances of every Year 11 securing the Maths grade they require for the next step of their journey:

- Form Time – Year 11 pupils will spend every available form time from Monday to half-term with their Maths teacher. Friday assemblies will also be cancelled to maximise this time. Please make every effort to encourage your child to arrive very promptly for the potentially crucial extra learning time.
- Maths Booster – which run every Wednesday will be extended to 4.20pm, using a ‘walking-talking mock’ approach which can really boost pupil’s confidence and understanding.
- Just a reminder – we have invested in the SPARKS package which all Year 11s have access to – the more pupils use this in their free time the more the software will adapt questions and support to areas of weakness. Please try to encourage your child to spend plenty of time on SPARKS.
- We will be inviting a number of Year 11s to Saturday Boosters for the next five weeks and will be in contact with the parents of the selected Year 11s over the next few days.

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3) Year 11 Revision Booklets

Just a quick reminder that the school has provided subject revision booklets specific to the exam boards for each subject. The more time and space your child has to employ these resources, free from distract, the better. Year 11s can continue to access Breakfast Revision from 8am before school if this is helpful.

4) Year 10 Work Experience

You may know that we are introducing work experience for Year 10 in the summer term this year. We are building up our list of business contacts and are asking you for your help in doing this.

If you own a business or know a business that would be happy to have a hardworking KEVI Northfield School for Girls pupil complete a week of work experience, in the last week of the summer term this year or in future years please can you let us know. It would be at no cost to the company as the school would carry out all the necessary checks.

If you know a business who is willing to support in helping our students have experience of the workplace in helping them to prepare for their next steps after leaving school, please contact our careers advisor Sarah Miles via email on: s.miles@nsg.kevibham.org

5) Staffing changes

We were joined this week by our new Head of Physics, Mr Parkes from KEVI Five Ways, Miss Holly Jessup, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and alumni Miss Millie Monahan, Cover Supervisor. Sadly, our Health and Social Care maternity cover for Miss Hall, Ms Kauser, is leaving for a permanent role elsewhere. Head of PE and Health and Social Care Mrs Vizor will be picking up these additional classes until Miss Hall returns. Ms Kauser has been brilliant in her short time here and will be missed by pupils and staff alike.

Two of our wonderful kitchen staff will be leaving us today as well. Ms Anderson is starting maternity leave - we look forward to meeting the new addition to Ms Anderson's family in due course. Ms Jones is taking up a role at West Heath Primary. I would like to thank Ms Jones for all her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best for the future.

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher