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Dear Parent / Guardian

I write to update you on the first week back at school and highlight a number of items of interest.

1) 2024 Leavers Results

We had some great individual results over the summer. Results in Geography, History, Graphics and, in particular, French, were spectacular. The Sciences, Maths and English results all steadily improved from 2023. While we feel as a school there is always room for further improvement, we feel that we are on course to help deliver for all our pupils.

2) Open Evening

Our Open Evening is rapidly approaching on Tuesday 17th September. We will be talking to pupils next week to ask for their help in representing our school at the Open Evening. I appreciate that the efforts pupils put in to help at Open Evening can be inconvenient for families. School will be closing for Open Evening at 12.40pm so that staff and pupils can make final preparations for the evening. Lunch will be available at 12.40pm for any pupil who wishes to take it. In addition, we will have a late start on the Wednesday following Open Evening. Pupils must arrive by 11.30am. I would like to thank you in advance for your support in this.

3) After School Boosters

After school booster programmes will be up and running from Monday onwards. Every Year 11 is welcome. Attendance surged at these boosters last year, and we have been able to identify a strong link between booster attendance and results for individual pupils.

4) New Year 7s

Our new Year 7s have been incredibly brave through what has for some been a nerve-racking few days. Our immediate impressions of our new Year 7s is that they are a great group of pupils. We very much welcome any concerns or observations any parents of our new Year 7s may have, either by phone or via email (enquiry@nsg.kevibham.org).

It has also been great to see older pupils being so kind and welcoming toward our new Year 7s. Our Year 11 'Pals' in particular are doing a brilliant job.

Headteacher: Mr Neil Jones



5) Class Charts app and new rewards and behaviour system

Our new rewards and behaviour system, designed to better recognise the ‘invisible heroes’ – those hundreds of fantastic pupils who work hard, attend on time and who are kind and respectful whilst also making sure that sanctions are immediate and consistent enabling pupils to have a fresh start every day which will further improve the school experience for all of our pupils. It is fantastic that almost all parents/carers have already downloaded the app – your support and efficiency is appreciated. If you have not managed it yet, please follow the instructions of the earlier letter from Mr Chesterman, or use this link.

<https://nsg.kevibham.org/class-charts-information>. If you would like some technical help please email it-support@nsg.kevibham.org.

A reminder of how the rewards system will work:

Staff will be encouraged to give more positive praise and Merit points. Each morning, pupils can earn up to 2 Merit points:

1. Being in form on time with the correct uniform
2. Having all the necessary equipment

Pupils will also receive further Merits for a range of other reasons such as great classwork, homework and for supporting the school culture for example.

Merit points will be used for weekly recognition in form and assembly, half-termly certificates in success assemblies, and reward trips and activities.

A reminder of how the behaviour system is working:

To help pupils learn from their mistakes and start each day afresh, we are implementing same-day detentions. Pupils will receive behaviour points (BP) for poor behaviour, such as being late to lessons or disrupting classes.

- 1 BP = Warning for the day
- 2 BP = Final warning for the day
- 3 BP = 15-minute same-day detention
- 4 BP = 30-minute same-day detention
- 5 or more BP = 45-minute same-day detention

The following reasons will also generate an automatic same day detention:

Removal from lesson = 15 minutes

Truancy from lesson = 30 minutes

Late to school (after 9:15) = 15 minutes



6) Clubs

A new academic year is a great time to encourage our pupils to try something new. As you may be aware, we offer a fantastic range of after school (from Monday, 9th September 2024) and Saturday morning clubs (from Saturday, 14th September 2024). All clubs are free of charge, from Football and Self-Defence through to Cookery and Creative Writing. Our ambition to go beyond the 700 club attendances a week we were beginning to attain last academic year. Our evidence suggests that children who regularly attend clubs have better attendance and achieve better outcomes. Please have a careful look through the attached clubs and booster schedule and encourage your child to attend as many as possible.

[Extra-Curricular and Clubs Calendar Autumn Term 1 2024](#)

7) Lost Property

We have an abundance of lost property in school from the last academic year, coats, water bottles, glasses, jewellery etc. We would like to offer parents/carers/pupils the opportunity to come and have a look through the lost property. After October half term, any unclaimed items will be donated to Rubery Swop Shop. The school is not responsible for items of property brought into school which gets lost, although every effort will be made to find lost property.

8) Arbor

To remind parents/carers if you haven't already done so to download the Arbor app. This can be done through your mobile phone's app store. This allows you to receive correspondence from school, pay school trips and top up your child's lunch account. If you would like some technical help please email it-support@nsg.kevibham.org.

9) Attendance

One thing I wanted to highlight for all parents is the very clear link we identified between attendance and results for the year group who took their GCSEs over the summer. Those young people who attended almost every day did substantially better than those with patchier attendance. It is very clear that the biggest difference we can make to any child's live chances is to work together to ensure good attendance.

10) School Canteen Prices

The King Edward VI Trust's catering contractor AiP have increased food prices due to inflation. Our Free School Meal allocation is increasing from £2.65 to £2.75 to support people meeting these



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price rises. Please click on links below to see menu/price attachments. The key point I would urge parents to discuss with their child is that a meal deal (main meal and dessert) is reasonable value. If children buy soft drinks from the canteen rather than refill their water bottles at our many water fountains, it is easy to run out of money for a decent lunch. I would also like to ask parents to stress to their child – if they ever encounter any issues in getting a lunch for any reason for them to tell me or other members of staff on lunch duty and we will resolve it for them as quickly and quietly as possible without any embarrassment. No child should ever miss lunch.

[Canteen Price List](#)

[Canteen Menu](#)

Apologies for such a long letter! I will do my best to keep it brief in future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'NJ'.

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher