



Dear Parent / Carer

I write with a number of brief updates:

1. Open Evening - Tuesday, 23rd September

School will be closing for Open Evening at 12.40 pm on Tuesday, 23rd September 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. **Please email d.tipping@nsg.kevibham.org to order a lunch for your child, please tell them to collect it from the canteen before they leave.**

In addition, we will have a late start on the Wednesday following Open Evening. **Pupils must arrive by 11.30 am.** Registration will take place at 11.30am for 10 minutes. Period 3 will start at 11.40am. Any problems with this please contact the school office on 0121 464 8346.

Thank you to all those families who are enabling their child to attend the event and represent the school. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

2. Attendance

Parents, pupils and staff have been making a huge effort to sustain great attendance this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for the brilliant job you are doing to support your children in being successful at school.

3. Uniform

The uniform standard of our pupils has been much improved this year. Please contact your child's Head of Year if you seek any clarification, particularly around skirt style or length.

4. After-School Clubs

So far there has been an impressive 505 attendances at after-school clubs. This is great, because children who regularly attend after-school clubs are happier and more settled in school and, therefore, achieve more. The full programme of sessions can be found on our website here: <https://nsg.kevibham.org/students/clubs-extra-curricular-opportunities/>

5. Sparx Maths homework

Sparx Maths homework is an essential part of learning and helps pupils consolidate key skills each week. Homework will be set every Wednesday and is due the following Wednesday. To support pupils, we run an after-school club on Wednesdays. Pupils who complete their homework early (by Monday) will also earn additional merits.

6. Year 11 GCSE Success Evening

We are holding a GCSE Success Evening for Year 11 parents on **Thursday 18th September at 6:00 pm**. This event will provide valuable information on how you can support your child



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throughout this crucial year. Please sign up via Arbor to confirm your attendance.

7. ClassCharts

A reminder that all parents and pupils should have an active account on ClassCharts. This platform allows you to stay informed about positive behaviour, homework, and any concerns. Working together in this way ensures the best support for our pupils.

8. PSHRE Curriculum

I am aware that some parents may be concerned with a series of lessons delivered in Year 9 PSHRE. While there has been an issue around the delivery of these lessons with one class which has been addressed, I would like to assure parents that the content of these lessons are fully in line with the [National Curriculum](#). Our Year 9s are currently learning about politics in PSHRE. This topic covers political parties, elections and how Parliament works. The aim is to encourage pupils to understand that in a democracy there will be a range of different viewpoints and that these differences should be respected. Pupils also learn about how and why laws are made.

I also very much appreciate parents raising any concerns they may have, to help us improve, rather than discussion on social media platforms.

9. Year 7 Break, Lunch and End of the Day

For the first two weeks of term, Year 7 have left lessons before break, lunch and at the end of the day five minutes early. From Monday, their timings will be the same as other year groups. I also wanted to share how impressed we are with our new Year 7s – they have started brilliantly, settling well and showing considerable application.

Yours sincerely

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher