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Dear Parent / Guardian,

1) Staffing Change

After what will be nine years as Headteacher and over eight as Deputy Headteacher, I have taken the difficult decision to step down in the summer to pursue new challenges and hopefully find a better work-life balance. I have been deeply fortunate to be Headteacher of such a wonderful small school and throughout that time I have done my best to support our brilliant pupils and I have found this to be a hugely rewarding job. I deeply appreciate all the support I have received from pupils, parents and staff throughout this time. Our school is in great shape, with fantastic academic outcomes, stable and dedicated staffing, secure finances and heavily over-subscribed, and I am convinced that the talented team we have here will continue to take the school forward in the years to come.

2) Attendance Non-Uniform Day

After Year 8 narrowly won the Year Group non-uniform day before Christmas, we will be re-running the competition from Monday 19th January to Wednesday 11th February. The Year Group whose attendance is better than the national average for that year group will have a non-uniform day in the last week of half-term.

3) Year 11 Boosters

Following analysis of mock exam data, we are really impressed with the performance of our Year 11s, who secured a fantastic set of mock results overall. With GCSE exams rapidly approaching, we understand that sometimes just a couple of marks on one question can secure a higher grade. Key to having the skills and knowledge necessary to cross those grade boundaries is attendance at boosters. I strongly encourage all Year 11s to attend boosters as often as practically possible.

4) Upcoming Assessments

All year groups will have upcoming assessments for the second Data feed report. Mr Chesterman will write to parents separately to provide parents with dates for these assessments, topics to revise and tips on how you can support your child.

5) Careers information

You have been sent a narrated power point on Class charts today and this contains careers information about local career opportunities for pupils to access, which is called Labour Market Information (LMI). All pupils will be shown this in form time next week too. One of our aims this year is to help make parents/carers more aware of local career opportunities in

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Birmingham so you can help your child make better informed decisions regarding future career planning and next steps.

Introducing a new online career programme - Xello

From January 2026, we will be launching Xello, a new online careers education and future-readiness programme designed to support pupils from early exploration through to informed decision-making about their future pathways.

Xello will form a core part of our careers curriculum and will be available to all pupils. The programme offers a highly interactive and personalised experience, allowing pupils to:

- Build self-awareness by exploring their interests, skills, strengths, and motivations.
- Document their progress and create personalised future action plans, helping them set goals and track their development over time.
- Explore a wide range of career options and pathways, discovering the qualifications, skills, and experiences required for different roles.
- Create a shareable portfolio that showcases their interests, achievements, abilities, and aspirations—an invaluable tool for future applications to sixth forms, colleges, apprenticeships, and universities.

If you have any further questions, you can contact our dedicated careers advisor Mrs Miles on; s.miles@nsg.kevibham.org

6) Extra-Curricular Clubs

The new Spring term extra-curricular club calendar can be found on our website here: [Clubs & Extracurricular Opportunities – KEVI – Northfield School for Girls](#)

Please encourage your child to attend a new club this term and perhaps try something new? A reminder that the only two clubs pupils need to sign up for are Cookery and Trampolining, for all other clubs pupils can just turn up on the evening.

Yours sincerely

Neil Jones
Headteacher