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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break. I just wanted to take the opportunity to update you on a few details before the start of term.

We were delighted to see so many happy faces at both the GCSE and sixth form results days in the summer. Due to the hard work and dedication of both students and teachers, we did not see the dramatic decreases in results that were seen elsewhere across the country. All headline figures for 2023 exceed those achieved in 2019 (nationally all results have returned to the pre-covid levels seen in 2019). The average grade for A-levels was a C= (compared to a C- in 2019) whilst the average grade for vocational qualifications was a Distinction- (compared to a Merit+ in 2019). In year 11, 82.4% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in both maths and English (compared to 72% in 2019) and the average point score for Ebacc subjects has increased from 4.8 in 2019 to 5.11 this summer. We are very proud of each and every student and I am sure you will join me in congratulating these students and the staff who supported them in achieving such fantastic results.

Over the summer, we have undertaken a significant amount of work to improve the school environment for students. We have renovated two computer rooms with new furniture, computers and air conditioning. We have also added air conditioning to a room that students often find uncomfortably warm in the summer and painted several classrooms. One of the classrooms on the top floor has been converted into a new DT lab which will allow us to introduce design and technology as a discrete subject from September. The flooring on the ground floor corridor has been replaced and we have also replaced 10 of the more dated interactive whiteboards to help students with their learning. Based on feedback from students, the link corridor has been adapted so the lunch/break queue will now be indoors, this will ease congestion in the school canteen and make lunchtime a more enjoyable experience.

I am sure that the students will be happy to see all these improvements when they return to school this week. As a reminder, Year 7 and Year 12 students return to school at the normal time of 8:30am on Wednesday 6th September. Year 12's should enter via the entrance on Knightlow Road, Year 7's should enter via the Lordwood Road entrance between 8am and 8:25am. All other year groups return on Thursday 7th September.

In advance of the new term, I just wanted to remind you of a few things:

- School starts promptly at 8:30am. All students should be through the gate before 8:25am so they are in their review rooms before the bell goes at 8.30am.
- Given the small catchment area of the school, a large majority of students should be able to walk to school, if this is not practical please can you ensure that you help to keep our school community safe by driving carefully and respectfully. Ideally dropping students off and collecting them in the surrounding areas rather than actually on Lordwood/Knightlow Road. Please can we also politely request that parents do not park across or turn on our neighbours driveways.

Headteacher: Mrs Kerry Cooney



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- All communication will be sent via the KEVI LSG App. Please can all parents download this app as soon as possible. The school calendar is available via the app and we encourage parents to subscribe to the calendar so it automatically appears on your electronic diary.
- Please ensure that dinner accounts have been topped up prior to the start of term. This can be done via the KEVI LSG app. We highly recommend that parents set up an automatic top up so students are never without sufficient funds to purchase food.
- We do expect students to wear the correct school uniform from the first day of school, this includes the removal of any nail extensions/nail polish/piercings (we only allow 1 small plain silver/gold piercing in the lobe of each ear). If you need more information the uniform guide can be found via the following link: <https://lsg.kevibham.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Uniform-guide-1.pdf>
- We expect all students to put any mobile phones, smart watches, electronic devices in their lockers at the start of the school day. Any student without a locker, should hand in electronic devices on their way into school.
- Students will NOT require their PE kit on Wednesday 6th September and Thursday 7th September. After this they should bring their kit whenever indicated on their timetable. Students in Y9, 10 and Y11 will be permitted to continue to wear the old yellow and navy PE kit for 1 more year. Y7 and Y8 students should be wearing the new navy/white PE kit. All students should wear either navy blue tracksuit bottoms (any plain navy tracksuit bottoms are permitted), Akoa navy/white skorts or shorts, or navy leggings containing the school logo.
- At the start of each year we always have a large number of students asking for parents to be contacted to bring in forgotten equipment/PE kit. This is not sustainable and doesn't encourage students to become the independent young people that we aspire for them to become. We will therefore only contact parents in extenuating circumstances.

The first day of school will be a pastoral day where students will receive timetables etc. During this day, we will be explaining the changes that we have made to the schools behaviour and rewards policy. The new policy will support the school in embedding the school values of 'be ready', 'be respectful' and 'be resilient'. We will also be introducing the school lockdown procedure to students. All schools are expected to have a lockdown procedure that details what students/staff should do in an emergency situation e.g. corridor blocked due to medical emergency, toxic fumes in the local area. This will be introduced to students in a sensitive and factual way and we encourage parents to discuss this with their child when they return home.

I look forward to seeing all the students when they return in a few days.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K. A. Cooney
Headteacher