22 July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

The 2018-2019 academic year has been very productive and successful for King Edward VII

School. Collectively, we have accomplished much in order to achieve even greater success for

students, the School and the communities that we serve. We have, for example:

* Achieved the key objectives set out in our School Improvement Plan 2018-2019
* Consolidated the work of a number of governors’ working groups: volunteering, employability skills and the Sixth Form Strategic Group
* Introduced a new continuing professional development (CPD) strategy for teaching and support staff so they remain at the forefront of best practice in terms of teaching and learning
* Started to close the attainment gap for targeted groups of students
* Completed further work on enhancing the academic language of students in light of much more challenging GCSE, A Level and BTEC courses
* Provided more opportunities for students to take part in activities to broaden their understanding and experience of different career pathways, e.g. activities with The University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University as part of The Higher Education Progression Partnership (HEPP) and a Year 8 skills development day with external employers
* Encouraged more students to take part in extra-curricular opportunities, e.g. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) activities, trips and visits both home and abroad, music, sports and drama
* Taken part in an Online Safety Pilot Scheme targeted at Year 8 students
* Attracted a large number of applications, based on parental preference, for Year 7 places which means the School is over subscribed again for 2019-2020
* Attracted a record number of applications for our Outstanding Sixth Form for September 2019
* Continued to work in partnership with our main primary and junior feeder schools with a particular focus on transition arrangements and developing curriculum based work with reference to the new OFSTED Framework 2019 and the ‘quality of education’
* Continued to work with The University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University, alongside other universities and organisations, in order to provide the best opportunities for our students

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My six community based drop in meetings, at various venues across the City this year, have

been successful. This outreach work is very important to the success of the School because it

provides additional time for parents, carers and community members to meet with me, other

members of the Leadership Team and governors in their local community.

This year conversations have been wide ranging and included focused discussions on the

following:

* How classes are grouped for different subjects i.e. setting or mixed ability teaching
* The excellent challenge offered to students to ensure they achieve their targets at each key stage
* Keeping children safe in light of the national crisis relating to the use of weapons by young people. King Edward VII School has an exceptional Personal, Social and Health Education programme from Year 7 to Year 11, amongst numerous other preventative strategies, to educate our students on how to stay safe.
* Positive feedback on the new colour-coded progress reviews at Key Stage 3 for students, parents and carers

In 2019-2020, five further drop in meetings will take place during the year. I will circulate the dates to you in my September 2019 letter.

**Staffing**

The following members of staff will be leaving King Edward VII School at the end of the summer term. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for the outstanding service they have provided collectively, over many years, for students and the School.

Mr J Berry Teacher of Science

Mrs A Blanchflower Teacher of Languages - French

Mrs S Davies Teacher of History

Mr K Drakeley Teacher of Geography and History

Mrs M Foster Key Stage 3 Science Technician

Mrs S Godley Curriculum Leader of Religious Education and Philosophy

Mrs J Hopper Curriculum Leader of Key Stage 3 History

Miss V Howard Teacher of History and Extended Project Qualification Coordinator

Mr T Hutchinson Teacher of Geography and Post 16 Safeguarding

Dr C Jarvis Curriculum Leader of Modern Foreign Languages

Miss H Lewis Curriculum Leader of Art and Photography

Mrs P Willcock Upper School Librarian

Mrs A Lynch Teacher of Science

**Key dates for your calendar**

* Wednesday 24 July 2019 is the last day of term and the School will close at 12.25 for students. Students can stay on site to have their lunch but should make their way home after their meal.

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* Tuesday 3 September 2019 is the start of the new School year for students in Years 7

to 11:

* Year 7 8.50am – students to go straight to the main hall
* Year 8 10.05am – students to go straight to the main hall
* Year 9 10.40am – students to go straight to the main hall
* Year 10 10.00am – students to wait outside in front of the main steps to be

called into the assembly hall

* Year 11 11.00am – students to wait outside in front of main steps to be called

into the assembly hall

**Post 16 - Year 12 and Year 13**

  Monday 2 September 2019 1.00pm - 4.30pm – Year 12 BTEC Enrolment

  Tuesday 3 September 2019  8.45am - 4.30pm – Year 12 Enrolment

  Wednesday 4 September 2019 8.45am-4.30pm – Year 12 Enrolment; from

1.00pm enrolment for those on waiting list

  Friday 6 September 2019 - Year 12 Induction Day at King Edward VII School

from 11.00am - 3.00pm

  Monday 9 September 2019 – lessons start for Year 12 and Year 13

students; attend tutorial registration at 8.50am to collect timetable

**Staff training days 2019-2020**

* Monday 2 September 2019
* Friday 27 September 2019
* Wednesday 5 February 2020

**Groupcall (text and email message system for parents)**

It would be helpful if you could ensure that King Edward VII School has your current contact details: landline number, mobile telephone number and email address. If you need to update your information please send an email to Jo Jackson (PA) at [jjackson15@kes.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:jjackson15@kes.sheffield.sch.uk)

Finally, I would like to thank you for your commitment, throughout what has been a successful and exhilarating year, to King Edward VII School and for supporting the education of your child/children.

Have a wonderful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



**Linda Gooden**

**Headteacher**