



King Edward VII School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of a very busy and successful autumn term, I thought it would be helpful for me to provide you with an update on some of the achievements of the first term of 2019-2020.

School Improvement Plan 2019-2020

- Work has been undertaken in relation to the new OFSTED Framework 2019 with particular reference to a new category called the 'quality of education'. All schools are expected to construct a 'a curriculum that is ambitious and designed to ensure all students gain the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life'.
- New governors have been recruited to the School's Governing Board to expand the skills set and knowledge.
- Year 7 and Year 12 students have settled very well into their new School learning community supported by the School's induction programmes.
- All staff have taken part in a range of training opportunities based on teaching and learning, curriculum design and safeguarding.
- Two members of staff have volunteered to be the Eco Leads for the School with a view to setting up an Eco Committee comprising of staff, students, parents and a link governor. The first planning meeting was highly successful and more information will be circulated shortly.
- The School's Marking, Assessment and Feedback Policy has been reviewed with curriculum leaders.
- Additional independent learning spaces for Post 16 students have been created, including fully equipped ICT facilities and three more classrooms.
- The School has spent £30k on purchasing text books for Post 16 students so they can access them on a deposit loan scheme. This means all students have access to all the text books they need to study successfully in the Sixth Form.
- Students continue to have access to a wide, rich set of experiences outside the classroom to enhance their personal development e.g. Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Year 9 visit to The University of Sheffield campus, sporting, music, art and creative opportunities.

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- Fifteen Year 12 students have gained a place on the Discover Programme at The University of Sheffield after passing a very challenging selection process based on widening participation and academic criteria. They will now be supported by this sustained outreach programme in medicine, dentistry, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Law, Arts/Humanities and Social Science.

The School newsletter for December 2019, which will be circulated before the end of term, celebrates the amazing opportunities that students have accessed this term.

Communications

In addition to the established ways of communicating with you i.e. letters, email and texts, the School is making much more extensive use of our Twitter account. We are showcasing and celebrating the successes of individuals, groups and the School. Please sign up and follow us on Twitter.



Staffing

The following colleagues have left the School this term. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for their significant contributions to the success of the School:

- Ms Sara Brannan – Teacher of Art and Photography
- Ms Laura Drabble – Education Manager

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The following colleagues have been appointed to posts this term and I will be delighted to welcome them to the School on the 6 January 2020:

- Mr Warren Hayes - Teacher of Art, Photography and Textiles
- Mrs Caron Robinson - Administration Manager, Lower School
- Mrs Francesca Tebbett - Teacher of English

Key dates for the spring and summer terms

- Thursday 9 January 2020 - Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening
- Thursday 16 January - Key Stage 4 Information Evening for Year 9 Parents
- Wednesday 5 February - Training Day – School closed to students
- Tuesday 11 February - Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening
- Monday 17 - Friday 21 February - half term week - School closed
- Thursday 27 February - Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 4 March - Year 11 Revision Evening
- Tuesday 10 March – Spring Music Concert – Upper School hall
- Thursday 12 March - Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 18 March - Post 18 Transition Information Evening
- Thursday 19 March - Science GCSE Presentation Evening
- Thursday 26 March – Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening
- Monday 30 March – Monday 13 April – Easter holiday – School closed to students. School reopens on Tuesday 14 April
- Friday 8 May – May Bank Holiday – School closed to students
- Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May – Spring Bank week – School closed to students
- Tuesday 16 June - Year 6 Information Evening
- Monday 22 June – Year 10 work experience for two weeks
- Monday 6 July – Sports Day
- Friday 17 July – last day of term

I would like to remind you that the last day of the term is Friday 20 December 2019. The School will close at the end of period three at 12.25pm. Students who wish to stay for lunch can do so. The School will re-open for all students and staff on Monday 6 January 2020.

Should you require any further information, support, help or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact King Edward VII School.

I wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Linda Gooden
Headteacher