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Dear Parent / Carer

I don't know if it just me, but I have seen a change in the light in the mornings and nights and it is feeling more autumnal. Autumn is a time of change where the leaves change colours and fall and things begin to look and feel different. From the feedback I have been getting it seems like Keith Grammar School is in a change period where we are changing what and how we do things to focus on success and celebration as well as impact and practice. I look forward to continuing to work on improving learning, success and achievements over time.

Staffing

Last week we made two key staffing appointments. We appointed Iain Cunningham to the Teacher of Technical post and when Mr Tubbs returns will mean we have a highly skilled and focussed department with capacity to build exciting curriculum offers.

We also appointed Elodie Begou to the Acting Principal Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages while Mr Garner is on his secondment. The teaching commitment is currently being covered by German Teaching specialists.

Facebook

The Facebook page has taken off with over 8,000 views last week. Please keep following and sharing and asking people in the community to follow and share as well. The more places and people we can share the good work of the School to the better.

Your Voice Week

From week beginning September 22nd we are having a 'your voice' week where we will focus on listening to our key stakeholders. I have already begun that for parents with the survey I sent home at the start of term, and I will follow that up with another shorter one and will host a drop in with the HT. I will send a direct message with the details of that. Please remember that I have an open-door policy and if there is something on your mind you would like to discuss then just contact the school at any point.

The First Lego League

First Lego was launched last week with a expo and recruitment session held for pupils to sign up and be part of it. This year's theme is "unearthed" inspired by archaeology. The session was run by past participants who are keen to take on leadership and mentoring roles, inspiring younger pupils to follow in their footsteps to FLL success.

Thank you to the pupils and staff involved in organising the expo!
I am looking forward to seeing this flourish again.

Breakfast Club

Please remember there is a breakfast club offer on every day in HE from 8.15 - 8.45. This is a chance for young people to get some cereal or toast and a nice bit of chat before school starts.

Learning Visit

This term we are scheduled to have a Learning Visit from the central team at the council. This is a peer HT. This is scheduled to take place on September 29th and will be focussed on QI 2.3 - Learning, Teaching and Assessment and QI 3.1 Ensuring Well Being, Equality and Inclusion. I have been through many of these visits in my various roles and I can say that they are very worthwhile and will help us continue our improvement focus. There is often a space for parents to get their voice involved as well and I will put out more information when I get it.

Power Up Your Pedagogy

Continuing our theme of improvement, we will be working with international author and trainer Bruce Robertson in a variety of ways to improve pedagogy and learning and teaching. Bruce will be in school tomorrow to focus work with small groups of staff to upskill the whole community.

Parents Portal

Just another reminder that we are going to move to using parent portal as the main way to communicate and send reports home. We will review the percentages and start to speak with individual families on supporting them to sign up.

I hope you have a great week ahead

Kind Regards

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