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13<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we begin to reach the end of the year and look towards the Summer Holidays, I am writing to inform you of some practical arrangements for the end of term and to inform you of a number of planned changes at Kelvin Hall School from September 2022.

### End of Term Arrangements

The final day of school this year is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. This will be an early finish with Year Groups leaving at the below times.

- 12:30 – Year 10
- 12:35 – Year 9
- 12:40 – Year 8
- 12:50 – Year 7

### Start of Term Arrangements

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 will be staff training days and the school will be closed to students. School will open to all students on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. New Year 7 students will start the school day at 08:40, and other year groups will join later in the day. A schedule with exact times and arrangements will be shared with you before the end of term.

### Meal Costs September 2022

From September, the price of the ‘meal deal’ is increasing at Kelvin Hall School from £2.10 to £2.25. This is the first increase in prices since September 2015, which represents a significant amount of time we have endeavoured to keep the cost of school meals to the minimum. We will always continue to source the most cost effective supplies and services, however, we have seen significant increases in our external supply and delivery costs over this seven-year period, particularly in the last 18 months.

We do believe this still represents great value for money as students get a healthy main meal, dessert/fruit and drink for this price and we are always delighted that so many of our students enjoy our healthy and tasty school meals.

If you believe your child is entitled to a free school meal, then please take the opportunity to apply for free school meals. Detailed information and guidance regarding free school meals can be found on the following link on the school website:

<https://www.kelvinhall.net/free-school-meals>





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## School Day September 2022

We will be extending the finish time for all year groups at Kelvin Hall School from the academic Year 2022/2023 to 15:15 Monday to Friday. This change is from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

This is due to:

- An increase in the amount of time students will be given for both lunch and break in the next academic year.
- Recent advice published from the 'Department for Education', March 2022, regarding the recommended minimum length of the school day for all schools nationally.

## Mobile Phones at Kelvin Hall

We believe, along with an increasing number of educational professionals, that students would benefit from a complete break from the pressures mobile devices can give when they are in school, including the pressures from social media and the distractions that they bring. Therefore, from September, we are recommending that students do not bring their mobile devices to school. Many other local schools have had this recommendation in action for a while.

When referring to mobile devices, this includes; mobile phones, audio/music devices, video devices, etc. We appreciate that some students have a long journey to and from school and that parents and carers may feel more reassured if they are able to contact their child during this journey. For this reason, students will be permitted to bring a mobile device into school, as long as it is switched off (not just on silent mode) and in their bag out of sight from the time they enter the school grounds until they leave the school grounds at the end of the day.

Students who do not comply with these expectations will have their devices confiscated and other escalating sanctions may be put in place. More information about this will be shared in our end of term newsletter, alongside a reminder of our other rules and routines.

## Change of Management Information Systems

The school is changing their management information system next year to 'Arbor'. Part of the reason for this change is to improve our systems for communicating with parents, as a result of the parent feedback survey this year. Arbor will bring into one place all of our basic, behaviour, rewards, attendance, and academic information for students.

The system has an online parent portal and an app for parents. This will replace the current Class Charts system for logs of positive and negative behaviour, and will also provide parents with instant access to other information for their child including their attendance and academic information. You may notice that communications from the school from the start of the school term look a little different and text messages come from a different number.

In September, once Arbor is set up, we will share access details and instructions with all parents, and support them in getting started.





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## Wellbeing Dog Consultation

The school is currently consulting on the addition of a Wellbeing dog to our staff team. You should have received a letter about this earlier today. Please consult this letter if you would like to hear all about 'Lizzie' the Wellbeing dog and share your views with us about whether she should join our team.

As always we will be providing an end of term newsletter with any additional information we feel you may need to know. I wanted to give some additional notice for the items above. If you like any additional information or to discuss any of these items further, please contact [info@kelvinhall.net](mailto:info@kelvinhall.net).

Yours sincerely,

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