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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to welcome back learners for the summer term.

For Key Stage 4 learners the exam season is rapidly approaching. External examinations begin on 13 May and continue to 26 June. Exam timetables have been produced and will be distributed via Year Managers in the next few days. Attendance at these exams is essential for your child's future success. Revision support is available both in school and on-line. If you have any concerns about your child's progress or revision, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or Year Manager, who will be happy to help. We understand this is a very stressful time for both the learners and their families and we are offering support in the shape of assemblies and drop-in sessions for parents/carers. If you would like more information, please contact Mr Tait (taitp@kepier.com).

Our new building is living up to expectations and it is wonderful to hear the positive comments from learners, staff and visitors. The parents' evenings we have held so far reinforce the vast improvements in the space we now have. A member of staff commented to me that they felt the environment was making them a better teacher.

Phase 2 of the project now begins, the demolition and landscaping works. Over the summer you will see a massive change to the site. All works are due to be completed in time for the start of next term.

We always look forward to transition days for our new September starters. It is a great opportunity to welcome year 6 from, often, a small primary school, to the 'big' school. Activities will take place over two days, 1 and 2 July.

As always, our expectations remain high and we will continue to strive for outstanding standards in attitudes to learning, behaviour, attendance and uniform.

Just as a reminder, the next bank holiday is 6 May and half term is 27 to 31 May inclusive. As you will be aware, the school will not authorise holidays taken in term time, any such absence will be recorded as unauthorised, and the Local Authority could issue a fixed penalty notice.

Looking forward, I have included term dates for 2019/2020. Dates for parents' evenings and other key dates will be published at the earliest opportunity, however one confirmed date is Thursday 5 September for year 7 and year 11 photographs.

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Finally, you will notice a change of name, I am delighted to tell you that I was married over the recent break.

Yours faithfully

N Ashton.

Mrs N Ashton
Principal

Term Dates for 2019/2020

Autumn Term

From: Tuesday, 3 September 2019
To: Friday, 20 December 2019
Half Term: 28 October to 01 November 2019 (inclusive)

Spring Term

From: Monday, 6 January 2020
To: Friday, 3 April 2020
Half Term: 17 to 21 February 2020 (inclusive)

Summer Term

From: Monday, 20 April 2020
To: Friday, 17 July 2020
Half Term: 25 to 29 May 2020 (inclusive)

Inset Days (3 days)

Tuesday, 3 September 2019
Thursday, 19 December 2019
Friday, 20 December 2019

Bank Holidays

25, 26 December 2019, 1 January 2020 (included in Christmas Holiday break)
10, 13 April 2020 (included in Easter Holiday break)
4 May 2020
25 May 2020 (included in Half Term week)
31 August 2020 (included in Summer Holiday break)