



# KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers

As the momentum of the school year gathers pace, Year 11 will fast be turning their attention to their options following GCSE's. Over the next couple of months, they will have discussions with our Careers Officer, Lucy Hazelton, who will rightly encourage them to investigate different pathways. Whilst many local sixth form providers have early open evenings and recruitment process, we at King James's wait a little longer and I wanted to explain to you why that is.

After a full term of Year 11, students have received Learning Cycle data, they have sat their mock exams and have had chance to experience the bulk of their GCSE subjects, which puts them in an informed position from which to make some important subject choices. Our open evening is on Wednesday 10th January 2018 and will be followed by a 'taster day', before the application deadline of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.

In the meantime, I will speak to all Year 11 students in assembly about how proud we are of our Sixth Form, and share with them some of our many success stories from 2017 where our outcomes were in the top 25% of post-16 providers, nationally. The Sixth Form prospectus will be issued around Christmas time and will include much more detail about the individual subjects on offer and the entry requirements. After the application deadline, all applicants will receive an individual post-application meeting with a member of the Sixth Form team.

Experience shows that our slightly later process leads to a better thought through application, with a smoother transition to Year 12.

Yours faithfully

**John O'Hara**  
Director of Sixth Form