

After a busy Christmas season, we have started the year with some exciting activities in school:

- The year 9 Active Citizenship fair raised £143.18 for a variety of charities including Young Carers and Martin House Hospice.
- The Year 7 Readathon raised over £2600 for seriously ill children in hospitals across the UK. Thank you to all parents who supported the students in this activity.
- Scholastic Book Fair sold £960 worth of books, 60% of which KJS can now spend on books
- On another exciting note, students in Year 7 who had committed to football training during their first term at KJS had the opportunity to work alongside professional sportsmen with a visit from Leeds United Scholars.

Basic Standards – punctuality and attendance

- Our focus in the next two weeks will be on punctuality. All students should be in school on time in the morning and for every lesson.
- Heightened sanctions will be implemented for any students who are late without an exceptional reason.
- Please support us in ensuring your child is at school on time every morning.
- Attendance remains high on our priority list – regular attendance is crucial both academically and in building resilience and skills for life.
- To put this into perspective, if your child's attendance is currently at 91-92%, this means that they have missed a full week of learning since September.
- Certificates are presented to students with 100% attendance – recognising the commitment of these students to making the most of school.
- Attendance will be linked to end of year enrichment trips, with attendance over 95% or a significant improvement required in order to participate.
- Excellent attendance will be a pre-requisite for ball attendance and references for Year 11

Attendance cont...

- Alongside our focus on punctuality, we will be running targeted assemblies for those students whose attendance is currently below the expected 95%.
- These assemblies will stress the importance of attendance and how students can be helped to improve their attendance.

Good news!

- We've achieved the Gold standard for careers advice in school.
- All our staff are now trained in CPR; we hope to roll this out to students with the help of the BHF.
- Our new hub continues to flourish, meeting the needs of students in supporting their curriculum.
- We continue our work with agencies such as the Prevention Team, targeting anti-social and risk taking behaviours amongst some of our young people.

To end, some staff news:

- We said goodbye to Mr Myers last week, our Year 9 Pastoral Officer, who is moving onto a new position within the Youth Justice system. We welcome Mr Nicholson to the Pastoral Team.
- Congratulations and best wishes to two members of our Pastoral staff:
 - Jackie Swales (Student Services Administrator) is now Jackie Bedford following her marriage at Christmas.
 - Mr McHugh has recently become a father again; Lorcan McHugh was born during the Christmas holidays.