



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Pastoral Update

Dear Parents/Carers

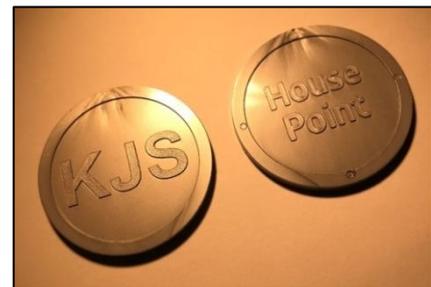
Improvements to Rewards and the House System

We are pleased to inform you of some exciting additions to our rewards and recognition systems. Your child's positive comments recorded on our information management system (Bromcom, which you can see on My Child at School) will now count towards bronze, silver, gold and platinum certificates. This replaces the old system of collecting stamps in planners and means we can congratulate students on their positive contributions to lessons and good work.



We have recently launched our KJS Community rewards tokens. These will be given to students from Year 7 to Year 13 to recognise when they 'do the right thing' and 'go the extra mile' for others, our school or the local community. Students will deposit the tokens in their appropriate house tube on our new 'Achievement Wall' and they will count towards our House Competition.

Four times a year the tokens will be counted and the winning house members' names will be entered into a rewards draw. The draw will take place in exciting year group assemblies and will hopefully add an element of fun and friendly competition. Students can increase their chance of their name being drawn for every positive comment on Bromcom they have received and if they have 98% or above attendance during that Learning Cycle.



We are also excited to launch our House Assemblies led by our soon to be appointed staff and Sixth Form Heads of House which will inspire our students and staff to get involved in house competitions, celebrate house achievements and improve communication. Next year we will add House competitions in subject areas other than sport and drama so every student can find a house competition which they can engage with. These additional rewards and recognition systems will help us to ensure that our ethos remains positive and inspires our community to be positive citizens.

Changes to the Pastoral team

After over 10 years of dedicated service to the school Andrea Stark, one of our School Nurses, has decided to return to ward nursing. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well. Please be reassured that we still have full time nursing provision in school to treat injury or illness which occurs during the school day but please remember that this service is not an alternative to seeing your GP or going to the A&E department.



A warm welcome to Mandy Simmons who joined our team in January as Sixth Form Pastoral Officer following Monica Wilson embarking on her new job as an Education Psychologist.

Reporting a student absence reminder

Thank you for your continued support in following procedure when your child is absent from school due to illness. Just a polite reminder that if any student from Year 7 through to Year 13 is unable to attend please ring the Attendance Line (01423 798728) and leave a message stating your name, your child's name and form, the nature of their illness and when they are expected to return. Failure to report an absence results in the Pastoral Team having to check registers, carry out physical checks for your child in school and then contacting home for safeguarding reasons. Sending a note to their Form Tutor explaining your child's absence on their return means the Pastoral Team will not need to contact you for explanation. Following these procedures avoids the team being taken away from their other duties and reduces the impact on the time they have available to support your child's pastoral care in school.

Mental Health Awareness and support



Each year we fundraise for a local charity as well as supporting national charity days. This year we have chosen Just 'B' who provide bereavement support for people in the Harrogate area. Over the years they have helped many of our staff, students and their families and we hope to raise funds and awareness to support their valuable work.

We are committed to raising awareness of mental health and promoting resilience and wellbeing in school. Mrs Handley (Assistant Headteacher, Pastoral) has completed the Youth Mental Health First Aid training to become our MHFA Champion. All our pastoral team, teaching assistants and teachers have attended Mental Health and Wellbeing Level 1 training delivered by Compass Buzz.



Some of our staff will advance to Level 2 training in the next few months to ensure they are even better equipped to support our students and each other. Students have all been informed of a new text messaging support service offered by Compass Buzz (see attached flyer).

Yours faithfully,



Mrs H Handley
Assistant Headteacher

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-4.30pm

Call us: 01609 777662 or Freephone 0800 0087452

Email: schoolmentalhealthproject@compass-uk.org

Web: www.compass-uk.org



BUZZ US

Compass BUZZ is launching a new innovative **text messaging service** called **BUZZ US** for young people aged 11-18. Young people across North Yorkshire will be able to text **07520631168** regarding any Mental Health and Wellbeing issues and receive advice, support and signposting from one of our Wellbeing Workers.



BUZZ US is confidential service where young people will receive an instant reply informing them if the service is open or closed. Within this message it will inform them that they can expect a reply within one working day and also where they can go to receive support if they need it sooner.

BUZZ US is a text messaging service run by **Compass BUZZ** for young people aged 11-18 who live in North Yorkshire

Text a wellbeing worker on
07520 631168
if you are experiencing any of the following:

- Bullying
- Anxiety
- Self Esteem
- Eating Problems
- Low Mood
- Stress
- Self Harm
- Emotions

We do not usually inform parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact Compass BUZZ. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other Compass BUZZ staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we've received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your doctor, visit a NHS walk-in centre or call NHS 111. If it is an emergency, dial 999 or visit A&E. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent Compass BUZZ sending messages to you by texting STOP to our number. Please respect your school's mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

Compass BUZZ is committed to ensuring the safety of young people and has consulted with other text messaging services, Local Safeguarding and Police to make sure that young people will receive the correct advice and support when they need it.

The service is open Monday – Thursday 0900-1700 and Friday 0900-1630 (excluding Bank Holidays).

Please contact 01609 777662 or Freephone 0800 008 7452 if you would like any further information.

