



# KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

## KNARESBOROUGH

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Hello everyone,

I hope you and your families are well and you are starting to get your heads around the huge changes which have led to a much earlier finish to your sixth form studies than we expected.

There have been lots of announcements and guidance given to schools about how the exam results will be calculated this year. This guidance is not yet complete and we are expecting further information to be released from OFQUAL and the individual exam boards in the future. Behind the scenes in school we continue to use this information to produce guidance to support departments/staff in making these important decisions. It is a long process which we are all taking very seriously. Please can I remind you that schools have been told that they must NOT communicate predicted grades with students or parents so please do not contact staff asking them for these.

As the exams will not be taking place, schools have been asked to stop teaching Year 11 and Year 13 students. However, some students have contacted staff to request work and some departments are creating resources and sharing them with their teaching groups to help them prepare for their next steps. Look out for this information on email and/or Itslearning.

Finally, UCAS and the universities have been busy planning to support the students who have made university applications. The following bullet points are the main changes which you need to be aware of.

The government have asked all Universities for a further two week pause on making any new offers.

- 18th June is the new decision-making deadline (you can make decisions earlier if you wish).
- 6th July is the new date for the start of confirmation and clearing. (Clearing only for students who have applied and currently do not hold an offer or have declined all their offers)
- 13th August is A level results day. (Celebration!!)

The following links on the UCAS website are useful for students who are still undecided about their post-18 choices.

- Firstly Unibuddy, where YR13's can communicate with students on different courses at different universities to ask them what it's really like.

<https://www.ucas.com/chat-to-students>

- Secondly, this link from UCAS to their new virtual open day sites

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/open-day>

The UCAS website and social media channels are very useful and please ensure you keep checking the email address you used on your UCAS application for any specific messages for you.

If you are planning on going to university, don't forget to apply for your [student finance](#). The application process is now open.

Any students who are not planning on going to university, such as those looking for employment and/or apprenticeships, should keep in touch with Mr Churchill and Mrs Hazelton should you need any further advice or guidance.

That's it for now from me. I will be in touch again when there is more news to share with you. Keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all again, in person, soon! Remember the sixth form team are still here if you need us.

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