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King James's School Newsletter

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Visit to Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre

KJS RS department took 50 students to Beth Shalom Holocaust Memorial museum on Wednesday 4th July. We were so lucky to be able to listen to Janine Webber's testimony. Janine delivered her testimony to 50 students at the age of 93. Her story was compelling; one of kindness, courage, and suffering. A testimony that was heartfelt by all who attended.

Our students were superb and asked some very poignant questions. They were a credit to the school.

The opportunity to hear these testimonies is becoming harder as the years pass, but these remarkable, heartbreaking stories of children in the Holocaust are an important historical record of the tragedy of the holocaust and a tribute to those who survived.

We are running another trip on the 15th July with 50 more year 9 students.



Boxing Champion

We are incredibly proud to share the fantastic news that Year 11 student Eddie L has been crowned Yorkshire Junior Under 75kg Champion following his recent success at a major boxing event held on Friday 30th May. The event, hosted at Ripon Bowling Club and overseen by Boxing England, brought together top young talent from across the region.

Eddie, representing H Hour Boxing Club in Harrogate, put in an outstanding performance to secure a unanimous decision victory in a hard-fought contest.

Eddie has been boxing since the age of 9, and this latest success marks a significant milestone in his sporting journey. His coaches praised his determination, discipline, and skill, which earned him not only the title but also the respect of his competitors.

Congratulations, Eddie – a truly well-deserved win and a brilliant example of hard work paying off!



Student Achievement

Oscar M in Year 10 has been competing in sailing dinghy racing since the age of 9. This year he will be competing in various regional championships. His main events will be the Topper National Championships at Largs Scotland and the RS Feva National Championships at Dalgety Bay, Scotland.



Oscar is a member at Ripon Sailing Club (just outside Knaresborough) which can provide beginner sailing courses and race coaching.

Thought for the Fortnight

The Thought for the Fortnight for the week beginning 2nd and 9th June is linked to PRIDE month.



“Human rights are universal, indivisible and interdependent. They are not reserved for the few – they apply to everyone, everywhere. It is essential to reaffirm this fundamental principle and join forces to make it a reality.”

- Key Takeaways are:
- Human rights belong to everyone.
- All Human rights are equally important. They can't be separated or ranked.
- Human rights must constantly be protected and promoted.
- Achieving true equality and justice requires teamwork.



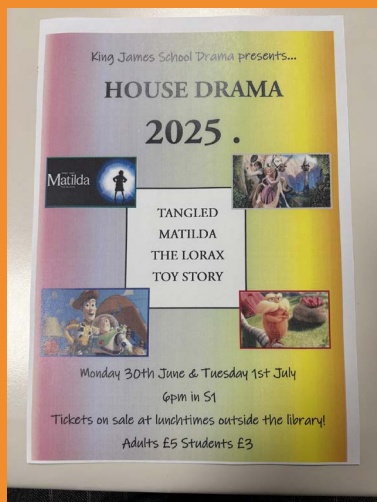
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School Production 2026

We will soon be announcing our next school production. Auditions will take place in September so keep your eyes peeled for more information.

House Drama 2025

The wait is over! Our annual House Drama competition is taking place on Monday 30th June and then Tuesday 1st July will be prize giving night! Tickets are £3 for students and £5 for adults and will be available for sale outside the library at lunchtimes from next week for card or cash payments! Shows this year include Toy Story, The Lorax, Tangled and Matilda and students from Year 7-13 are working hard on and off stage to bring together a fantastic evening for you! Don't miss out! Who will take the trophy for best show this year - Wharfedale, Nidderdale, Airedale or Swaledale?! Come and cheer on your house!



Drama Instagram Account

If you want more news or information about all things Drama and Performing Arts, please follow our Instagram account @KJS_Drama_Dept. It is the place we share all our news. We would like to take the time to thank you for your ongoing support for the department. Your involvement and support when purchasing tickets makes it possible for us to continue to provide opportunities and experiences for our students. Thank you!



Drama Congratulations

We would like to congratulate our Y11 and 13 students on completing your courses and Drama/Performing Arts examinations! Good luck in all your future endeavours.

Studio Production Performance

Next week on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th, our talented cast will perform 'The Wonderful World of Dissocia' at 6pm in the Drama Balcony. There are still a few tickets available for the first night. Purchase these outside the library at lunchtimes or take a risk on the door - or email Mrs Houghton if you'd like to reserve a ticket. The cast and crew were in working hard over half term to bring a show that will make you laugh, cry and think! Warning - contains strong language and themes around mental health.



Hockey Success

Ivy R in Year 7 was part of the Hockey Mentors U12 Girls team that recently competed in the UK Indoor Hockey 2025 Grand Slam Championships at Derby Arena.

The team played brilliantly, competing against 18 of the best teams from across the country, and came away with a silver medal! It was such a fast-paced, intense and exciting event, and Ivy was absolutely thrilled to be part of such a talented group.



Pride Month

June is PRIDE month. During the month of June people around the world celebrate and support the LGBTQ+ community. Pride is about being proud of who you are and making sure everyone is treated with respect and equality, and we all continue to work towards a world where everyone feels safe, accepted and valued. Whether or not you are a part of the LGBTQ+ community, PRIDE month is about kindness, inclusion and standing up against discrimination.



We will be raising awareness of PRIDE month through tutor time activities and through the Thought for the Fortnight.

Assemblies

There will be no assemblies the week beginning 9th June due to GCSE and A-Levels exams.

The Week Ahead: 9th June 2025

| Day | Session | Year | Time | Location |
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| Mon | Year 12 Exams Week 1 | 12 | | |
| Tue | Employability Workshop Studio Production Performance | | | Drama Balcony |
| Wed | Studio Production Performance Y9 Pastoral Parents' Evening | 9 | 4.30pm | Drama Balcony In school |
| Thur | | | | |
| Fri | | | | |



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**** Free School Talk For Parents Who May Be Dealing With EBSA ****

**Monday 23rd June 7 -8:30pm
Sixth Form Common Room**

Understanding Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA): A Collaborative Approach with Lisa Poole

The term *school avoidance* doesn't always capture the full picture of what some children are going through. Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) is a complex and deeply felt experience — it's not about a child simply refusing to go to



school. For many families, it's not a matter of "won't" but "can't."

If your child finds attending school difficult, you're not alone. And it's not a failure on anyone's part—not the child's, not the parents', and not the schools. Instead, it's a signal that something needs attention, curiosity, and compassion.

This session invites parents into a shared space of understanding. Together, we'll explore some of the emotional and neurobiological reasons behind EBSA, offering insight into what children might be trying to communicate through their distress and how we can support them going forward.

Click [here](#) to register

Join us for a Tea & Tell on Specialist Care

Are you a parent or carer who supports an adult with learning disabilities, mental ill health, autism, physical disabilities, or sensory impairments?

We would like to hear your views and experiences of accessing specialist care support and services for the person you care for.

Your feedback will help shape and improve our future policies and practices.

Meet us for a coffee and a catch up at your local library:

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| Northallerton (DL6 1PT) | Monday 9 th June | 10:00am - 12.30pm |
| Harrogate (HG1 1EG) | Wednesday 11 th June | 10:00am - 12.30pm |
| Skipton (BD23 1JX) | Friday 13 th June | 10:00am - 12.30pm |
| Whitby (YO21 1EY) | Monday 23 rd June | 10:00am - 12.30pm |
| Selby (YO8 4EQ) | Wednesday 25 th June | 10:00am - 12.30pm |
| Malton (YO17 7LJ) | Friday 27 th June | 10:00am - 12.30pm |
| Scarborough (YO11 2NN) | Monday 30 th June | 10:00am - 12.30pm |

You can also share your feedback through our online survey until Monday 30th June 2025 – please scan the QR code:

