

King James's School Newsletter



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Under 13 Netball

On Friday 20th March, the U13 girls took part in the Area Netball tournament. They played some fantastic netball and held their own against some very tough opposition, beating Ashville, Ripon, St John Fishers and Harrogate Grammer B team. They only lost by 1 goal to both St Aidans & QE, and their determination and work rate was exceptional. They finished 4th in the Area, only missing out on 3rd by 2 points.

It was a great afternoon of Netball and the girls should be very proud of their performance.

We also wish them luck as they continue their success in the Area Cup with matches this term.

Thank you to all the parents who came to support, as well as to Maddie from Year 11 who has helped to coach the girls this year.



Message from Ms Oakley

Dear parents, carers and students,



Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you had a good Easter, despite the erratic weather and that our students are ready for what looks to be a busy term filled with exams, performances, educational trips and visits and preparation for September!

Good luck to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who face their public examinations – I have been most impressed by their dedication and positive attitude and look forward to celebrating some outstanding results with them this summer.

Life beyond the school gates – celebrating our students!

Just before the Easter holidays one of our sixth formers had the opportunity to meet Tom Gordon MP at the Wellspring Centre where she has been undertaking work experience. Alicia not only got to organise the visit, but Tom Gordon took the time to write the following message about her: “We also wanted to give a shout-out to Alicia, who was clearly very well-researched and articulated her points and concerns brilliantly. She is a real credit to herself, to Wellspring, and to King James’s School.” Thank you to Alicia for making us proud



Thank you as always for your on-going support,

Kind regards,

Miriam Oakley

Assemblies

We are delighted to welcome back to KJS Lilly from Yorsexualhealth who will be delivering an assembly to Year 10 focused on Sexual Health. Yorsexualhealth provide free and confidential sexual healthcare across York and North Yorkshire. They are part of York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and work in partnership with City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council. To find out more about what Yorsexualhealth offer, please visit their website <https://www.yorsexualhealth.org.uk/>

Year 11 & 13 have assemblies next week led by their Associate Assistant Headteachers, focused on preparation for the upcoming exam period.

Year 12 have a careers focused assembly delivered by Miss Baker where they will learn how to utilise our online careers platform – Xello

Year 7,8 and 9 have assemblies delivered by their Associate Assistant Headteachers, focused on Year group priorities.

The Week Ahead: 20 April 2026

Day	Event	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	GCSE Geography Coastal trip 1	10	All day	
Wed	GCSE Geography Coastal trip 2	10	All day	
Thur				
Fri	Sixth Form Fundraising			

Year 10 and 12 exams

Year 12 exams take place for two weeks beginning 8th June and Year 10 exams for two weeks beginning 15th June.

Subject revision programmes and useful advice on effective revision strategies are now available on the school website. Students should follow these programmes and use them to make weekly revision timetables. There are also some links to some excellent online revision tools.

We wish all our students the very best of luck in their exams!

<https://www.king-james.co.uk/year-12-a-level-revision/>

<https://www.king-james.co.uk/year-10-mock-exams/>

[BBC Bitesize/ GCSE](https://www.bbc.com/education/gcse)

[https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/](https://www.senecalearning.com/en-GB/)

[https://quizlet.com/gb](https://www.quizlet.com/gb)

Engaged Reset

This week all our students have been involved in the KJS 'Engaged - reset'. They have had an assembly to support them with their learning in the classroom when we talked about the importance of listening and engaging in discussion.

We expect students to present work neatly and complete work to the best of their ability. All students should be proud of the work they do.

We have also talked about the importance of independent learning. We expect all our students to complete homework on time and to the best of their ability. When their work is marked, we support students to improve their work in purple pen so that we can see when they are making progress.

It is very important that all students are ready for lessons and carry a pen, pencil, ruler and purple pen so that they can engage quickly in lessons.

Your support with engaging our students to learn is very much appreciated.

Cases of Headlice in school

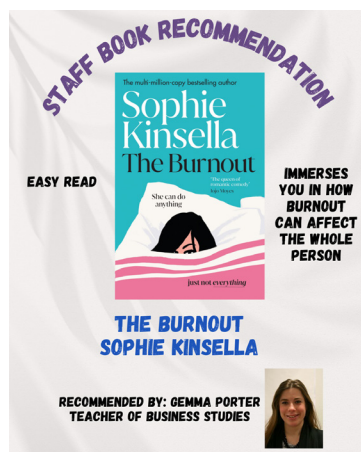
We have been made aware of a number of cases of head lice in school. Head lice can spread easily through close contact, therefore we kindly ask that parents and carers remain vigilant by checking their child's hair regularly and treating promptly if any lice or eggs (nits) are found. Early detection and treatment help prevent further spread within the school community.

Further information regarding what to look out for and treatment can be found using the following link:

[Head lice and nits - NHS](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tiff W in Year 7 on passing her Grade 2 Musical Theatre singing exam with Distinction. A star in the making!



Careers

The Aviation Academy

Are you a Year 9 or Year 10 student interested in learning about courses and careers related to the Aviation industry?

Visit the unique airside campus based at Leeds Bradford Airport, discover the offer of Vocational courses in Aviation and Cabin Crew, and Degree programmes in Aviation Management & Operations.

This event will allow you to tour the Aviation Academy facilities and give you the opportunity to speak with curriculum staff in a relaxed format, the perfect setting to start exploring your next steps after Year 11.

- Saturday 18 April 2026
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am (drop in anytime)

The Aviation Academy
Hangar 1, Southside Aviation Centre,
Leeds, LS19 7UG

REGISTER HERE: [Open Morning for Yr 9 & 10 \(Aviation Academy\) – Craven College](#)

Please note, to attend this event, you must register your details beforehand. Due to the campus being based airside at Leeds Bradford Airport, we are required to share this information with Leeds Bradford Airport Security.

If you have any further event queries, please email events@craven-college.ac.uk and their team will get back to you.

KPMG

KPMG are offering a free apprenticeship insight event on 28th April. KPMG Life in a Day is designed to give students a real insight into what their future could look like as an apprentice at KPMG. For more details, see details below:

Event Details

- Where: 1 Sovereign Square, Sovereign Street, Leeds, LS1 4DA
- When: 23rd April, 5.30pm-8.30pm.
- Who: Students aged 16–18 considering an apprenticeship in pathways such as tax, audit, technology, or finance.
- Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

What to Expect

Throughout the evening, students will rotate through a series of engaging, hands-on activities, including:

- Meeting current KPMG apprentices in our onsite café
- Taking part in team-based, real-world problem-solving challenges
- Trying out online tasks used in our recruitment process
- Getting a behind-the-scenes look at how we make a difference at KPMG every day
- Parents are invited to join us for a friendly meet-and-greet in our Parents' Café

Dinner will be provided in our canteen, and our Leeds colleagues will be available throughout the evening to chat, share insights, and answer questions.

By the end of the event, students will have:

- A clear understanding of KPMG and the apprenticeships we offer
- First-hand exposure to life inside a professional office
- Useful hints, tips, and guidance for applications and next steps

Registration

Students can register their interest [here](#)

York College Drop-In Sessions



GETTING SORTED

*Do you feel worried about new environments or situations?
Getting Sorted is a drop-in service to prepare you for starting at York College.*

**Drop in anytime between 10am - 3pm
on Tuesday 28th July 2026
& Wednesday 5th August 2026**

to find out more about:

*Bursary funding | Childcare funding | Careers and course choices
Support for students | Travel and bus pass applications
Finding your way around (optional tour)
Parents, carers, children and support workers welcome!*

No time information please contact: info@yorkcollege.ac.uk | www.yorkcollege.ac.uk
Support Services Hub, York College, York, YO1 1PE

The York College Wellbeing Team are offering drop-in sessions for any Year 11 students anxious or worried about starting at York College in September. The 'Getting Sorted' events are running on:

- Tuesday 28th July
- Wednesday 5th August

There's no need to pre-book and it's a great opportunity for students to come along at any point between 10am and 3pm on these dates to find out more and get any questions they have answered.

King James's School Careers Fair

We are excited to announce that our 2026/2027 Careers Fair will take place on THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER. Our Careers Fair is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore future pathways, connect with local employers, and gain valuable insight into a wide range of industries.

We are currently inviting businesses, organisations and professionals to take part in the Careers Fair.

If you would like to showcase your industry, share your experience, and help shape the ambitions of our students, please email us on careersevents@king-james.co.uk.



New resources for gaming and online bullying on the 'Kids online safety' website

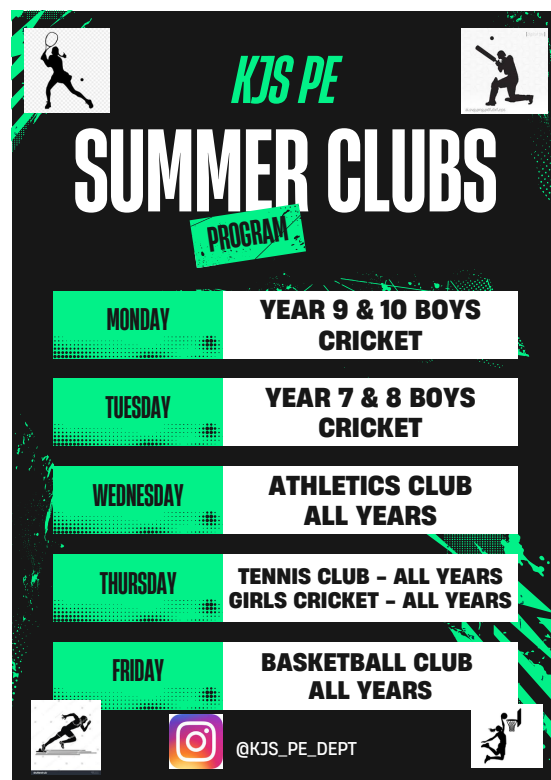
The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) have published new resources on the 'Kids online safety' website to help parents and carers understand and get support for online bullying and gaming.

These new sections are designed to help families and give them more confidence in talking to their children about what they're doing and experiencing online.

The updated content includes:

- how to spot the signs of online bullying
- guidance and support if a child is being bullied
- practical tips to help make online gaming safer
- information on age ratings and parental controls for games
- We continue to link to trusted charities and expert organisations where families can find specialist support, including helplines and further advice.

The updated Kids online safety website is available [here](#).



KJS PE

SUMMER CLUBS

PROGRAM

MONDAY	YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS CRICKET
TUESDAY	YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS CRICKET
WEDNESDAY	ATHLETICS CLUB ALL YEARS
THURSDAY	TENNIS CLUB - ALL YEARS GIRLS CRICKET - ALL YEARS
FRIDAY	BASKETBALL CLUB ALL YEARS

@KJS_PE_DEPT

Young Enterprise

Young Enterprise is a UK based charity that empowers young people to develop their financial capability, employability and entrepreneurial skills. Through their hands-on Company Programme students set up and run a real business for up to an academic year supported by Business Mentors.

Due to the value of Young Enterprise for the students, a local business 'HMCA' most kindly enabled a team via sponsorship. King James's Business Studies Teacher Mrs Porter became their Link Teacher and Young Enterprise Business Adviser Steven Dawson became their Business Mentor.

Consequently, after an application form process Y12 students – Bohdan, Hugo, Beau, Alicia, Lucy, Sophie, Finn, and Ted were selected, and 'Tote-ally' was established. Their business idea was a practical solution to a universal problem - everyone needs bags. The Y12 students felt it was sad to see how boring and ordinary most bags are, so they decided to change that with their unique customizable bags. They sourced blank 100% cotton bags and non-toxic fabric pens, recycled unwanted cardboard as a design mat within the bag, and produced desired stencils suggested by market research conducted.

On Tuesday 24th March, the Y12 Young Enterprise company 'Tote-ally' went to the North Yorkshire Young Enterprise Showcase event at Skipton Building Society Headquarters. The group worked well as a team to present their tote bag product; they were confident in front of a carousel of people visiting their trade stand asking them questions about their Young Enterprise journey to date; they answered questions well during an interview with the judges and they professionally presented their Young Enterprise journey via a presentation to everybody at the event. It was pleasing as a result and a proud moment for them all when they were awarded Best Creative Product and Runner up Overall Winning Company. (Which was very close to being Best Winning Company we were repeatedly told after).

Well done 'Tote-ally'!



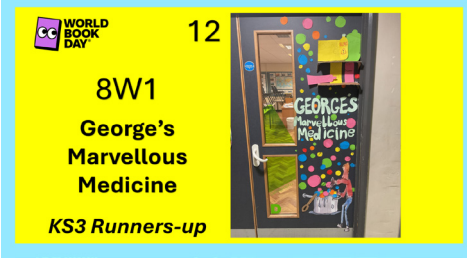
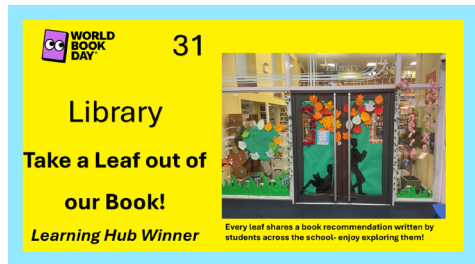
Get in touch:



Fully Booked! A Celebration of Reading: Dress Your Door Competition

Before the Easter break, a panel of local freelance artists and creatives at Yorkshire CREATE (a creative engagement organisation based in Knaresborough - www.yorkshire-create.co.uk) spent an enjoyable evening contemplating the winners and runners-up of our whole school 'Dress Your Door' competition. They were incredibly impressed by all the handmade made elements and the different ways of interpreting the books, creating characters and sharing the love of reading. Mrs Eastaugh and Mrs Bryden had the pleasure of visiting all of the prize winners this week delivering Cadbury Creme eggs and Celebrations chocolates. A massive well done to all of our students and staff who took part in the competition.

KS3 Winner	8W2 (Miss Ferguson): The Secret Garden
KS3 Runners-up	7W2 (Dr Brodie): Captain Underpants
	8N1 (Miss Blackwell): Peter Pan
	8W1 (Mr Gaskin) George's Marvellous Medicine
KS4 Winner	11N1 (Miss Crabtree): The Wizard Of Oz
KS4 Runner-up	10W1 (Mrs Taft): The Very Hungry Caterpillar
KS5 Winner	12W2 (Miss Brown): Moby Dick
KS5 Runner-up	12W1 (Ms Rose): Project Hail Mary
Learning Hubs Winner	Library (Mrs Bryden): Take A Leaf Out Of Our Book
Learning Hubs Runner-up	SSG (Miss Riley): The Explorer
Staff Winners	Mrs Hazleton: Black Beauty Mrs Sewell: Welcome To Hogwarts!



Year 11 Prom - Tickets On Sale Now! Our Night Under the Stars prom tickets are officially available to purchase on ParentPay.

Please note:

- All tickets must be bought before 12pm on 15th June
- No late purchases can be accepted so don't miss out!
- Tickets are selling fast

We can't wait to celebrate with you and make it an evening to remember!

Opportunities! Sixth Form & beyond

Bespoke opportunities for Years 12 & 13 updated weekly from KJS Sixth Form Knaresborough:

https://wakelet.com/wake/hO_PLuy0Xrky73rMfYrlr



Attendance

Spring is in the air...

And with it comes a fresh burst of energy and positivity across the school.

This week, we had the absolute pleasure of celebrating students who achieved 100% attendance during our 2-week Easter Challenge. An incredible 864 students reached this milestone, including those with exceptional circumstances and authorised absences, and we couldn't be prouder of their commitment.

As we shared in assembly, this achievement isn't about ticking boxes. It's about something far more important: being in school, staying engaged, and making the most of every learning opportunity. Every lesson really does count, and strong attendance plays a key role in supporting future success, including GCSE outcomes.

Looking ahead, as we enter the final term of the school year, we're continuing to encourage all students to aim high with their attendance. Whether it's working toward 90% to avoid being classed as persistently absent or striving for 96% in line with King James's expectations, every improvement matters, and every step forward is worth celebrating.

We've already seen fantastic progress of the 252 students between the 85% - 92% attendance at the end of last term, an impressive 164 (65%) have increased their attendance percentage over the 4-weeks, an average rise of 0.76%. Even more encouraging, around 35 students who were previously below 90% are now steadily moving away from being classed as persistently absent. That's a brilliant achievement and a real testament to their effort and determination.

As a reminder, for families whose child's attendance is currently below 90%, we may ask for medical evidence to support absences. This can include the following and should not incur any costs:

- A screenshot or Record from NHS 111
- Pharmacy Consultation Evidence
- Appointment Booking Proof
- Prescription or Medication Packaging
- Date specific Hospital / Clinic Correspondence
- E-Consult evidence

Finally, we want to emphasise that we are here to support you. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or there are challenges you would like to discuss, please feel free to get in touch. Working together, we can help every student make the most of their time in school.

	Whole School	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Year to Date	91.3%	94.8%	92.7%	88.4%	89%	91.5%	92.19%	90.7%

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15TH - 18TH APRIL 2026
Harrogate Theatre
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All authorised performance materials are also provided by MTI.

Sat 9 May

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