

Friday 19th September 2025

King James's School Newsletter

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Home to School Agreement

This year, our Home School agreement will not be in the student planner as in previous years. The Home School agreement will be sent out electronically to all parents of students in Year 7 – 11.

The Home School Agreement outlines how we can work together to give your child the best possible education. It is a shared agreement between home and school, setting out how we will support one another to help your child succeed. We encourage you to read it through with your child and complete the attached form to confirm your support.

Own your choices. Celebrate Success

At KJS, our values of Ready, Respectful and Engaged are at the heart of everything we do. To help our students understand the importance of these values, we have updated our rewards and consequences system so that every child can take responsibility for their own choices.

Rewards

We want to celebrate students who consistently make positive choices. They can now be recognised through:

- Recognition Points – for good attendance, punctuality and positive behaviours.
- Daily Lesson Points – for meeting, exceeding or going above our school values.
- Tutor & Subject Student of the Week – for achievements linked to our weekly themes.
- Most Valued Pupils – celebrated once every half term within each year group.
- Golden Tickets – awarded at the end of each learning cycle for outstanding contributions.

Parents and carers can view all rewards through the MCAS app, making it easy to share in your child's successes so you can celebrate with them at home.

Recognition Points – The easiest way to gain points each week.

Please use MCAS to track these each week with your child. If they get the foundations right – being in school, on time and making good choices - they will continue to flourish and thrive.

Students can gain a maximum of 15 automatic points each week :

- 1 point each day they are in school = a maximum of 5 per week.
- 1 point each day they are not late to any lessons = a maximum of 5 per week.
- 1 point each day they get things right and receive no negatives - a maximum of 5 per week.

Students have made a really positive start to the new year as shown in the table opposite.

Uniform Reminders

A reminder about the uniform expectations:

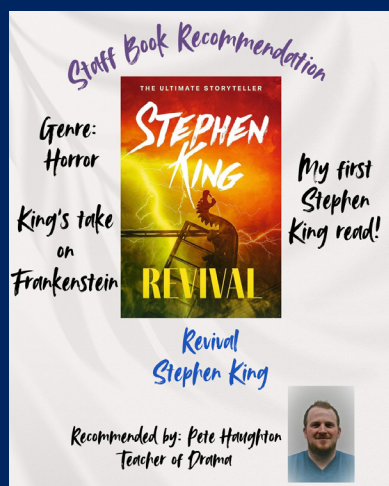
- Minimal modifications to kilts.
- Top button done up when wearing a tie.
- Shirts tucked in.
- Formal black footwear or plain black, flat, leather-looking leisure shoes . No trainer soles.
- No heavy makeup (including false eyelashes or nails).
- Minimal jewellery that does not distract from the learning environment or breach health and safety guidelines.
- No outdoor clothing including the KJS hoody) to be worn in the building.

Thank you for your support.

Year Group	Average Points
7	14.43
8	13.69
9	12.61
10	12.44
11	13.30
12	14.36
13	13.81
Whole School	13.41

READY RESPECTFUL ENGAGED

This week's Staff Reading Recommendation



Assemblies

Assemblies next week are varied and aim to meet the specific needs of each year group.

Year 7, 8 & 9 have a 'Learning Beyond the Classroom' assembly led by Miss Baker linked to our school value of ENGAGED and focused on extracurricular, enrichment and leadership opportunities that are available for students to engage in and the importance of these in developing their personal qualities.

Year 7 have a second assembly led by Mrs Eastaugh linked to our school value of ENGAGED and focused on learning expectations and supporting students understanding of homework, presentation, catch up and additional reading.

Year 8 have a second assembly led by Flt Lt C B Crebbin, RAFAC Officer Commanding 1953 (Knaresborough) Squadron Air Training Corps, who will be talking to the Year 8 students about joining the Cadets recruitment.

Year 9 & 11 have assemblies led by Mrs Cermak which are linked to our school value of RESPECTFUL and focuses on Black History Month and encourages students to develop a deeper understanding of diversity, recognising contributions, promoting empathy and challenging stereotypes.



Knaresborough Silver Band

Last weekend, four students from KJS (Dan H, Sam O-H, Ella G and Alicia M) travelled down to Cheltenham to play with the Knaresborough Silver Band in the Final of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain (Fourth Section). The students qualified with the band at the regional competition back in March, and travelled "down south" to represent the North of England, facing stiff competition from the other regions. The chosen "test piece" to perform was Edward Gregson's "Partita", a tricky original composition for brass band. The students have had a fabulous experience rehearsing for, and competing at national level and represented themselves superbly. Well Done!

Careers News

CAREERS FAIR – Save the Date!

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual Careers Fair on Thursday 23rd October 4pm – 7pm.

The event is designed to inspire and inform our Key Stage 4 and 5 students about the wide range of career paths available to them. We hope to see you there!

Amazing Apprenticeships have some fantastic webinars coming up this half term that we encourage parents, carers and aspiring apprentices to sign up for. The webinars will provide an abundance of tips, advice, and information around the topic of apprenticeships and technical education.

Each webinar lasts between 30 – 60 minutes and takes place on Zoom. Participants are required to sign up before the session and will receive an email confirmation and a reminder an hour before it begins. The webinars are recorded and shared with all registrants after the session.

To find out more, click on the link below:

https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/workshops-webinars/?utm_

The Week Ahead: 22nd September 2025

Day	Event	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	Y12 Geography Fieldtrip	13		
Wed	Y13 Final Support Evening	Y13 parents	6.00pm	Sixth Form Centre
Thur	School Photographs Maths Olympiad for Girls	Yrs 7-11 Yrs 12 & 13	All day	
Fri	School Photographs	Yrs 12 & 13	Morning	

Homework

King James's is a homework school. We expect our students to complete homework to the best of their ability and hand homework in on time. We want all students to write homework tasks and deadlines in planners and teachers will also set homework on Bromcom. This means you can access this from home on MyChildAtSchool so you can see what homework is set and can support your child in the completion of their homework. All students can access homework resources and deadlines set on Bromcom using the student portal so they can see what homework has been set on their phone. There will be more information for parents and students about homework outlined in the Parent Expectations Evenings and assemblies.

It is important students complete homework:

- To enable students to develop the skills needed for independent study.
- To enable students to meet the demands of examined courses including coursework where relevant.
- To review, practise, broaden and consolidate learning which has taken place within the classroom, including in preparation for assessment.

If you want more information about homework at KJS please read the website: [Homework - King James's School](#)

How to log-in to Student Portal

Getting the App

1. Download '**Bromcom Student app**' using the relevant QR code shown
2. Create a **5 digit pin code** that you will need to remember
3. Select to use a **Magic Link** and type in the **School ID 11433**
4. Enter your **email address** e.g. 24asmith@king-james.co.uk
5. Now open your school email on the same device and **verify the link**

Download on the App Store



GET IT ON Google Play



Login with...

Username and Password

Magic Link



Setting the Standard

As you will have seen from the expectations evenings, previous newsletter articles and your child's assemblies, we are keen to establish clear and positive standards around attendance, punctuality and behaviour.

Although we are only a couple of weeks into term, we are required to let you know whenever your child's attendance falls below 95%. Please be reassured that this is purely for your information at this early stage, as attendance percentages can look more concentrated at the start of the year and are very easy to improve.

This letter is simply part of our normal practice and is intended to keep you informed, so you can see how even a small number of days missed can affect the figures. Attendance is monitored throughout the year, and we will update you at the middle and end of each term if attendance is below 95%.

We very much appreciate the efforts you make to support your child's attendance and learning, and we know that sometimes absence is unavoidable. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's attendance, please feel free to get in touch with Cathryn Sutherland, our Attendance Champion, at sutherlandc@king-james.co.uk.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS FOR LEARNING



KNOW YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

**95% ATTENDANCE MEANS
2 WEEKS MISSED IN A
SCHOOL YEAR!**



KNOWLEDGE



House Cross Country

We are really excited to launch the first house event of 2025/26. House cross country will begin the week commencing Monday 29th September. The timings for each year group are outlined below:

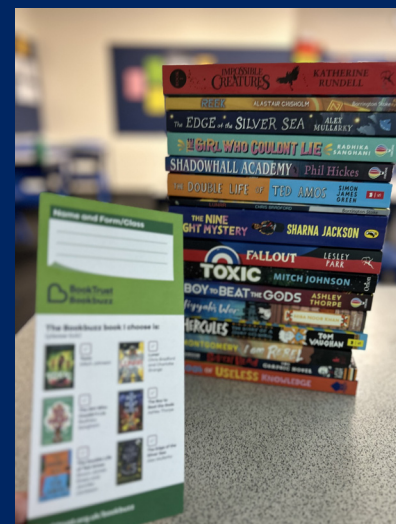
- Year 7 (whole year group): Friday 3rd October - P4
- Year 8 (whole year group): Thursday 2nd October - P3
- Year 9 (whole year group): Friday 3rd October - P2
- Year 10 (Right side): Tuesday 30th September - P3
- Year 10 (Left side): Wednesday 1st October - P4

It is important that all students have their full PE kit and are 'Ready' to represent their house with a determined, positive attitude. Which house will come out on top this year?

BookBuzz scheme

We are beyond excited to receive this year's shortlist for the BookBuzz scheme. All Year 7 students will be able to select one of 16 books to take home and keep for Christmas as part of the initiative which is subsidised by the charity Book Trust.

Year 7 will receive more about this on their launch day next Thursday and parents and carers should look out for more information by email next week.



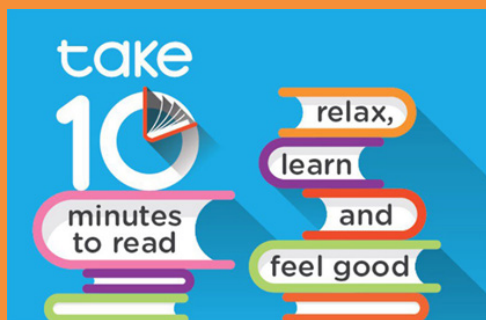
Reading

We encourage all our students to read outside school and to do this we are logging reading positives on MCAS.

Students also have a page in their planner to record books and articles they have read so that they keep a record of their reading at home.

Please encourage your child to read widely because it benefits our young adults in so many ways. The link to our reading page with our recommended reads can be found here.

[Reading - King James's School](#)



Harvest Festival Collection

King James's School has decided to do a collection for Gracious Street church again this year to help give back to our community. In gratitude for the harvest, we will collect food and household donations that will be shared between Harrogate Homeless Project and Resurrected Bites.

Items which are currently needed include:

- Washing up liquid
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Cooking oil
- Flour
- Sugar
- Mayonnaise
- Tomato ketchup
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned Peas / Carrots
- Tinned Fruit / Pears / Peaches / Fruit Cocktail
- Tinned Meat
- Cereals
- Pickled onions / Beetroot / Red Cabbage

Further information regarding the drop off point etc will be communicated in due course. Thank you for your support



Friendships Webinar

Thursday 25th
September
4 pm - 5 pm

This webinar is aimed at young people needing support and advice with friendships – whether starting at a new school, struggling to make or keep friends, or maintain friendship groups.

The webinar will focus on:

- Understanding what being a friend means.
- Explore thoughts, feelings and emotions linked to friendship.
- Explore Negative Automatic Thoughts.
- Stress bucket.
- Understanding yourself / personality types.
- Empathy.

Joining Information

To join our workshop please scan the QR code and follow the instructions to join using Microsoft Teams. You can also join using the following details:



Meeting ID: 385 520 131 987 3
Passcode: MX9vB3rH

If you have any issues logging on or any questions prior to the workshop please contact


teww.wimtsa@nhs.net



School Production Auditions



A huge congratulations and thank you to everyone who auditioned for 'Little Shop of Horrors'. You always make our job so difficult and we could have cast the whole show at least two times over with the amount of talent in the room! If you were unsuccessful this time round, please do not be disheartened and look out for opportunities like Studio Production, House Drama and School Production 2027, which will come around quickly to have a go again! To those who made it into our cast this time, a huge congratulations!

Our first cast read through will be Monday 22nd after school in the Balcony. Let's go!



Open Evening

Thursday 9th October 2025



'TO SET NO LIMITS ON WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE'

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