

Friday 2nd May 2025

King James's School Newsletter

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KS3 Art Club

KS3 Art Club, along with with Mrs Clitheroe, have been working on visuals for The Bed Race 2025. Look out for posters around the school in support of the KJS team!

Congratulations on music success

Many congratulations to Lottie H in Year 9, who has gained a distinction in her grade 1 clarinet ABRSM exam.

A fantastic achievement, well done



Start of exam season

As our Year 11 students begin their GCSE exam journey next week, starting with Business Studies Paper 1 on the afternoon of Friday 9th May, we'd like to wish them all the very best.

Our Year 13 students have already begun their final practical exams and written exams begin on Monday 12th May. We would like to wish them all the very best for their exams and future beyond KJS.

Please continue to support your child by encouraging them to look after themselves through: a good sleep routine, healthy and regular meals; hydrating, rather than energy drinks; exercise and fresh air; advance planning and preparation with revision schedules and ensuring they have all necessary equipment packed the night before. Paid work should be kept to a minimum during this period, and a good employer will support this.



Keep calm,
do your best, and
success will follow.
Good luck!



Year 11 students will have their final assembly on Friday 23rd May during Period 4.

Year 13 students will have their final assembly on the morning of Friday 9th May, where we will celebrate their time at KJS. Optional lessons and revision sessions will still be available until Friday 23rd May.

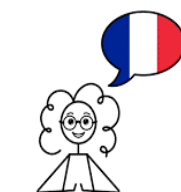
All Year 11 and Year 13 students have received a personalised exam timetable. A full schedule is also available on the school website.

We are extremely proud of every student; they have worked incredibly hard, and we are confident they are well prepared. We will continue to be here to support them throughout the exam period. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Year 11 and Sixth Form teams.

Language Speaking Exams

Well done to all those students who have done their French and German speaking exams this week. They all worked incredibly hard and did themselves proud.

“Gut gemacht!” “Bien Joué”



**BANK
HOLIDAY
MONDAY**



Careers Post-16

Our Careers Fair last week was a valuable opportunity for our Year 10 students to gather information on the range of Post 16 pathways that are available to them at the end of Year 11.

In June, many of our local colleges have Open Events which provide the opportunity for students to have a look around the college, explore the courses on offer and to see if it is a Post 16 pathway they would like to pursue. We encourage parents and students to visit the college websites to sign up for the Open Events that are taking place on the dates shown here:

Leeds City College – Thursday 12th June
[Leeds City College Open Event](#)

York College - Thursday 19th June
[York College Open Event](#)

Askham Bryan College – Saturday 21st June
[Askham Bryan Open Event](#)

Harrogate College – Wednesday 25th June
[Harrogate College Open Event](#)

Careers - Work Experience opportunities

Lloyds Banking Group

With over 60,000 colleagues and 30 million customers across the UK, Lloyds Banking Group is at the heart of the UK economy. From high street banking to cutting-edge digital innovation, they offer careers that matter, where you can make a real impact, right from the start.

Event: Lloyds Banking Group Careers Live: Gen AI

Date: Tuesday, 6th May

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Location: Online (tune in from anywhere!)

Who Can Attend? All students in school or college



Why Attend:

Finance today is about much more than money management – it's about innovation, people, and purpose. In this one-hour session, you'll gain insights into:

- How AI and large language models (LLMs) are driving change within Lloyds Banking Group
- The variety of early careers programmes, apprenticeships, and training pathways they offer
- Real-life stories from current apprentices and professionals who are shaping the future of finance
- The skills and mindset LBG looks for in the next generation of talent
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If you are interested in this event, please apply via the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG-Gen-AI>

Young Professionals Summer Conference

We would like to share with you the opportunity to attend the Young Professionals Summer Conference at The O2 Arena in London on Tuesday 15th July, 1:30pm – 5pm. All students that attend will get a professional LinkedIn headshot as well as a digital PDF link packed with CV templates, how to start a business, top tips on applying to corporate roles as well as lots of other useful content.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday 15th July

Location: The O2 Arena, London

Time: 1:30pm - 5pm

Who can attend? All students at school / university

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

This year's event will feature representatives from some of the biggest names in business, banking, finance, law, engineering, and technology. Some of the employers attending include; Goldman Sachs, BDO, Lloyds Banking Group, Rothschild & Co Legal & General, Grant Thornton, UBS, Linklaters, Farrer & Co, Charles Russell Speechlys, Browne Jacobson and many, many more still to be announced!

Please note that there is a booking fee of £26 to secure your place, this goes towards the venue hire, food and drink, goodie bags, downloadable resources for you to keep, as well as some of the incredible speakers we are booking for this event.

If you are interested in attending this event, please apply via this link : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-Summer-Conference-PM-Session>

Supporting your conversations

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/>

Assemblies

With Bank Holiday Monday and the Summer Exam season starting on Thursday, we have limited time this week for students to gather for an assembly.

Mr Green will be delivering his VE Day assembly to Year 8 & 9

Miss Burn will be delivering a sports celebration assembly to Year 7

There will be no year group assemblies in KS3 and KS4 during the Summer Exam Season due to the exams taking place in the assembly spaces.

Thought for the Fortnight

Mr Green is continuing to deliver his VE Assemblies this week and, in those assemblies, he uses a powerful quote from Winston Churchill.

“If you are going through hell, keep going”

We want students to reflect on and discuss this quote to open up conversations about resilience – What is resilience? What does resilience look like? What can we do to be more resilient?

The Key Takeaways are:

- It's important not to give up when things get difficult.
- It's important to seek support from people around you to help you when you are facing difficult situations.
- Things in life will be difficult. You can't avoid it so it's best to learn how to get through it.

The Week Ahead: 5th May 2025

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	BANK HOLIDAY			
Tue				
Wed				
Thur				
Fri	Year 13 Leavers Celebration	13	10am	

Attendance update

As we enter the final quarter of this academic year, we urge all parents and carers to exercise careful judgement when deciding whether your child is too unwell to attend school. Regular attendance is essential – not only for academic success through consistent learning and stronger performance in exams and assessments, but also for the vital social and pastoral support students receive during the school day.

According to the NHS guidelines, students with minor symptoms such as a mild cough, sore throat, or a cold are generally well enough to attend school. If your child begins to feel better partway through the day, we still encourage them to attend.

Please note, that the school reserves the right to request medical evidence to authorise their absence.

We value your continued support in promoting high attendance. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's attendance further, please contact our Attendance Champion, Mrs Sutherland.

Year 10 Geography trip to Bridlington

Our Year 10 Geography students recently had the opportunity to visit Bridlington for a day of data collection, and what a fantastic experience it was! Blessed with beautiful sunny weather, the students not only worked hard but also made the most of the day by enjoying some well-deserved time on the beach.

As part of their fieldwork, the students used oranges to measure the distance travelled along the shore, applying their skills in a real-world setting. It was a great blend of learning and outdoor fun. Despite the hard work under the sun, the students made time to enjoy the weather with some delicious ice cream, which was a perfect treat after a productive day.

We are incredibly proud of the excellent behaviour and positive attitude demonstrated throughout the trip. The students truly did King James's proud, and their dedication and teamwork were commendable. It's moments like these that highlight how well our students represent the school, and we look forward to more successful trips in the future!

