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King James's School Newsletter

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Message from Mr McIntosh

A very warm welcome back to our students after the summer break. It has been encouraging to see all students settling back in so quickly. The behaviour around school and the attitude to learning has been excellent in all areas of school life.

Once again we have been celebrating a fantastic set of exam results this summer, both at GCSE and A-Level. Last year's Year 11 cohort made above expected progress, with over 120 students gaining entry into our sixth form. Our A-Level results were just as pleasing, with 91% of those students who applied for university gaining a place, and 83% of them getting their first choice.

We welcome your continued support in reinforcing our values of Ready, Respectful and Engaged with your child. Our external school gates open at 8.20am and all students should be on site by 8.40am. Your support around a punctual start to the day is important in ensuring that all students are ready to learn.

I really look forward to welcoming you all to school and sharing more information around our vision and values at next week's Expectations Evenings.

Thank you again for the role you play as parents and we greatly welcome and look forward to your continued support.

Mr McIntosh.

Welcome to Year 7!

This week we have welcomed our new Year 7 students who have made a fantastic start to life at KJS. We have seen them settle in brilliantly during their first week, looking smart in their uniforms and ready to take on the challenge of their school journey.



Staff have been thoroughly impressed by their politeness and positive attitude, as well as how quickly they're learning to navigate their way to lessons. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning and eagerness to engage in school life.

School Values - Update

It has been wonderful to see all our students back in school this week, looking so smart and ready to learn. The start of a new term is an important time to reinforce our school values and remind students of the positive impact these have on both their own learning and our wider school community.

This week, all students have attended an assembly where:

- our new Values Poster was introduced and explained,
- our Rewards and Consequences system was outlined, with the key message being "Own your choices."

We encourage all parents and carers to regularly check MCAS to see any recognition or consequences your child has received. Talking about these at home helps to celebrate successes and support your child in building positive habits throughout the year. Further explanations will be given in our Expectations Evenings, the details of which are outlined below.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Expectations Evenings

Next week we will be holding a series of Expectations and Support Evenings, which will reaffirm expectations of students and the role parents play in supporting school, as well as outlining key dates and providing important information for all year groups. Letters have been sent out by email which provide further details about these evenings, which will all take place in Chaloner Hall. Dates and times are as follows:

Year 7 - Tuesday 9th September, 5.30pm
Years 8 & 9 - Wednesday 10th September, 5.30pm
Year 10 - Thursday 11th September, 5.30pm
Year 11 - Thursday 11th September, 6.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you to the above events.

Welfare checks from our safeguarding, pastoral and attendance team

A reminder to all parents and carers that if students do not attend school for an extended period of time (10 days+) then school have a duty to carry out a welfare check with the student. This can be a home visit, a drop in at school or a Teams call.

We appreciate these situations are often sensitive, but we thank parents/carers in advance for their understanding and support in facilitating these visits.

Assemblies

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

Year 7 will have an assembly led by Mr King linked to our school value of READY and focused on 'settling in' designed to make students feel confident and supported as they begin life at King James's School.

Year 8 and 9 have assemblies led by Mr Berry linked to all 3 of our school values, READY, RESPECTFUL and ENGAGED and focused on supporting students understanding of the vision values and expectations of the year ahead.

Year 10 have a 'Prepare, Practice, Perform' assembly led by Mrs Eastaugh linked to our school value of ENGAGED and focused on approaches to revision, encouraging students to prepare thoroughly, practice consistently.

Year 11 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 12 & 13 have assemblies led by Mr McIntosh and Ms Watson linked to all 3 of our school values, READY, RESPECTFUL and ENGAGED and focused on supporting students understanding of the vision, values and expectations of the year ahead.

Student Health & Wellbeing

Congratulations to Miss Jarrett who was appointed as Student Health and Wellbeing Coordinator at the end of last term. Miss Jarrett takes over the role from Mr Phillips.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Phillips, who worked tirelessly over the last year to raise awareness around mental health and equip our students with practical strategies to manage their wellbeing. Thank you Mr Phillips!



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:

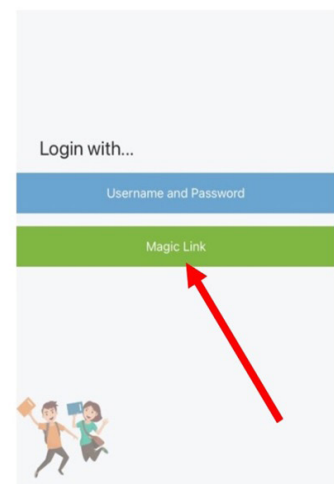
- To enable students to develop the skills needed for independent study.
- To enable students to meet the demands of examined courses including coursework where relevant.
- To review, practise, broaden and consolidate learning which has taken place within the classroom, including in preparation for assessment.

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**



The Week Ahead: 8th September 2025

Day	Event	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	Y7 Expectations Evening	Year 7 Parents	5.30pm	Chaloner Hall
Wed	Y8 & 9 Expectations Evening	Year 8 & 9 Parents	5.30pm	Chaloner Hall
Thur	Y10 GCSE Support Evening Y11 GCSE Support Evening	Y10 Parents Y11 Parents	5.30pm 6.30pm	Chaloner Hall Chaloner Hall
Fri				

Attendance

It has been wonderful to see our students return to school this week. The start of a new year always brings a mix of excitement and nerves, for students and staff alike, and that's perfectly natural. We want to reassure you that these feelings are part of settling back in, and we are here to support every child as they get into new routines.

You may have seen the recent news highlighting how important regular attendance is, especially in these first few weeks. Getting the routines right at the start of the year helps to generate good habits which will last during the year ahead. Beyond the clear link to academic progress, being present helps students build friendships and form strong relationships with their teachers, connections that make a real difference throughout the year.

At our school, we set a 96% attendance expectation, which enables them to 'Set No Limits on what they achieve'. That's the equivalent of not missing more than 8 school days in the year. The government defines persistent absence as attendance below 90% (around 19 missed days a year). To ensure we can give the right support at the right time: To make tracking easier, we've introduced a few new steps this year:

Students will record their weekly attendance with their form tutor in their planner. Parents will be notified if attendance begins to dip, this is simply to help you keep track alongside us.

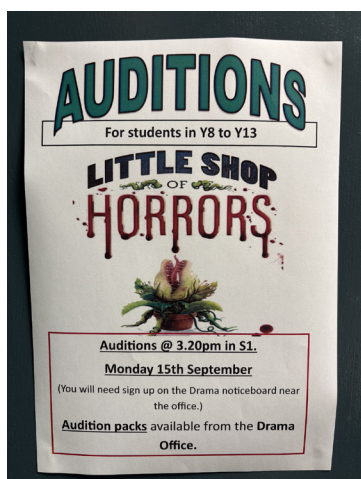
A few important reminders:

- Holidays during term time: fines are now in place for absences of 5 days (10 sessions) within a 10-week period. A holiday form must be completed, and if you believe you meet the criteria for an exception, you will have a chance to explain this on the form. Even if a holiday is not declared, if we receive evidence, it will still be recorded as such.
- School times: The day begins at 8:40am. Students must arrive before 9:15am to receive their morning mark, and between 1:15 – 1:45pm for their afternoon mark.
- Punctuality: Due to the link between punctuality to school and attendance, If a student is late more than twice in a week, parents will be notified, and the student will be placed on an attendance tracker for two weeks. If there is no improvement, we will invite parents in to explore ways to move forward together.

Above all, please know that our goal is to see every child succeed and attendance is a crucial aspect of this. We will support you and your child every step of the way, and we deeply value your partnership in helping us maintain high attendance and punctuality. Communication between school and families is the key to positive outcomes.



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School Production 'Little Shop of Horrors' Auditions!

As we announced before summer, this year's school production will be the cult classic 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Auditions are open for all students Years 8-13! It's a chance to be part of something spectacular and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

Collect an audition pack from the Drama office that will tell you what to prepare, sign up on the noticeboard outside the Drama Office and we will meet in S1 straight after school on Monday 15th September for auditions! We are so excited to get started!



KJS shared values of READY



“Succeeding at KJS starts with arriving at school mentally, socially and emotionally ready.”

Set no limits on what you can achieve

IN LESSONS



We show we are organised by arriving on time & having the correct equipment for lessons.



We behave by following instructions promptly & staying on task.



We communicate effectively with our teachers by completing homework on time & catching up with work.

Attendance Percentage



AROUND SCHOOL



We show we are ready by wearing our uniform correctly both in school & in the community.



We behave in a resilient manner & attend school every day we can.



We communicate daily with members of staff to help us solve problems.

Daily Lateness Equates to...



KJS shared values of RESPECTFUL



“Treat others as we would want to be treated ourselves, showing kindness and understanding.”

Set no limits on what you can achieve

IN LESSONS



We show good listening skills by giving our full attention to others when they are speaking.



We behave in a way that embraces diversity and makes everyone feel valued & included.



We communicate with empathy and try to understand other people's perspectives before we respond.

AROUND SCHOOL



We show patience & good manners by walking around school quietly & calmly on the left.



We behave safely & take responsibility for our own actions.



We communicate politely, using appropriate language which is considerate towards others.

KJS shared values of ENGAGED



“Be proud of the work we do, the people we are and the difference we can make at KJS.”

Set no limits on what you can achieve

IN LESSONS



We show aspiration by embracing opportunities to learn & challenging ourselves.



We behave by being motivated to learn, resilient and having a positive mindset.



We communicate by taking part positively in class discussions & responding to feedback.

AROUND SCHOOL



We show commitment through our involvement in opportunities outside of the classroom.



We behave as role models to others by always meeting the KJS Values



We communicate positively by listening attentively & responding thoughtfully.