

King James's School Newsletter

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Assemblies

There are a mix of assemblies taking place next week. Year 11 and Year 9 have a Remembrance Day assembly led by Mr Green linked to our school value of RESPECT.

Year 7,8,9 and 10 have an assembly led by Mrs Knight focused on Anti Bullying week which is 10-14th November which has the theme 'Power for Good' this year. This is linked to our school value of RESPECT.

Year 11 also have Leeds City College coming into school to speak to the students about Post 16 courses they have available. This is linked to the school value of ENGAGED.

King James's School Values

As you will know from previous communication, we place great importance here on our core values of being ready, respectful and engaged.

Students have had assemblies this week reminding them what these values look like, both in and out of the classroom.

We use the language around being ready, respectful and engaged to act as a crucial signpost and reminder to students about the standards that we set here at King James's School.

Please see the posters below which give more detail around each value.

We are approaching the end of Learning Cycle 1 when parents will receive a report on their child's progress over the next few weeks. Within each subject area, each member of staff will also report where each student is at in terms of being ready, respectful and engaged. We will be using the criteria outlined on the attached posters to decide whether your child has fully met (Green), partially met (Amber) or not met (Red) each of our values.

We hope that moving forward this will provide greater consistency in how we communicate your child's progress to you as parents.

We appreciate your support and welcome your involvement, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

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.

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.

Attendance Percentage



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

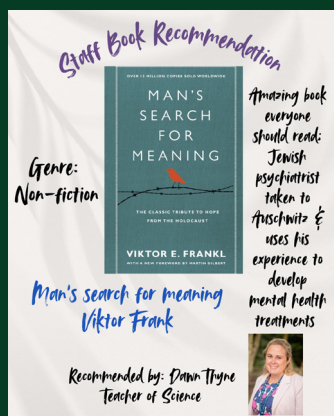
IN LESSONS

- 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.

This week's Staff Reading Recommendation



Please note that the staff recommended reads are for KS5 students and adults.

Allergy Awareness

We would like to inform parents that we have a number of students in school who have a severe allergy to nuts. Whilst we are not a "nut-free" school, as part of our commitment to the health and safety of all students we kindly ask that parents are mindful of this if sending snacks and packed lunches into school.

Thank you as always for your support.



Reminder- Absence Procedure in Sixth Form

All unexpected absences must be reported online by 8.30am (illness/last minute appointments etc).



Time off for PLANNED absences must be requested online at least 5 days in advance and evidence uploaded (uni open days/ practical driving test/ specialist medical appointments)

The Sixth form team are always happy to help with any questions about absences - sixthform@king-james.co.uk.

U15 Girls' Football Victory!

On Thursday night, the U15 girls' football team played against Fulford in the County Cup. It was a really good game of football and it could have gone either way. Our girls gave everything and they showed incredible pride to wear the KJS shirt. Every single player put in 110% from start to finish and it was a brilliant team performance, with KJS winning the match 2-1.

Player of the match went to Mia F for her solid defending.

We are so proud of the way in which the girls represented the school and the fantastic attitude they showed.



House Competitions

House football/netball will take place on the following dates and times next week:

- Year 7: Friday 14th November – P4
- Year 8: Monday 10th November – P5
- Year 9: Tuesday 11th November – P4
- Year 10: Thursday 13th November – P5
- Year 11: Tuesday 11th November – P1
- Sixth Form (Boy's Football): Thursday 13th November – After School
- Sixth Form (Girl's Netball): TBC - After School
- Sixth Form (Girls Netball): TBC- After School



JUST KEEP
Breathing

Anxiety Webinar

Thursday 20th
November
4pm - 5pm

This webinar is aimed at parents or young people needing support and advice

The webinar will focus on:

- Understanding what we mean by anxiety
- Understanding different types of thoughts
- Exploring techniques for managing anxiety.
- Breathing and grounding techniques.

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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: 367 112 853 219
Passcode: 673Uw3ej



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

teww.wimtwsa@nhs.net



The Week Ahead: 10th November 2025

Day	Event	Year	Time	Location
Mon	House Football & Netball Week Catch up Photographs			
Tue				
Wed				
Thur				
Fri	Children in Need (non uniform day)	All		

KS3 Drama Talent Show

For one night only, our brand-new KS3 King James's talent show will be in S1 on the 3rd of December!

Featuring musical theatre numbers, singing, dancing and acting from a huge number of talented year 7, 8 and 9 students and choreography and support from fantastic year 11 students! They are working so hard in their rehearsals!

Joining them, our drama council will be there with raffle surprises, theatre themed bake sale goodies and refreshments! It's going to be a night to remember and tickets are available on parent pay so get yours for just £5 before they sell out!

Your support at these events is what keeps us able to continue putting on shows and opportunities for our wonderful students so thank you in advance!



Children in Need



It is BBC Children in Need on Friday 14th November.

Fundraising aligns with the KS3 and KS4 Citizenship curriculum. As a school, we are hoping to raise money and awareness of this important charity by having a non-uniform day on Friday 14th November. In return for wearing casual clothes, we are asking for donations via Parent Pay. Parent Pay will be set up allowing donations to be made from Friday 7th November to Monday 17th November.

To ensure the day has a good balance of fundraising fun and students meeting our values, we are asking students to ensure they follow the non-uniform expectations that are outlined below:

- Non uniform days are a chance to express your personal style, so pick clothes that represent you and make you feel good within the school's guidance.
- The schools guidance for non-uniform days are - Comfortable clothing. No low-cut tops, crop tops or very short shorts or skirts. Please avoid clothing that exposes too much skin. No clothing with inappropriate language, symbols or images.
- If you have PE on a non-uniform day you must still bring your PE kit.
- Behaviour expectations in lessons and during unstructured times remain the same and students are expected to meet them.

Attendance

The first week back at school has certainly started with a bang, and not just because many of us enjoyed the Bonfire Night celebrations. It's been wonderful to see our students return with enthusiasm, ready to learn and take on the new half term.

We did notice a slight dip in attendance on the last day of term and again on the Monday we returned. We completely understand that there has been a lot of illness going around recently, but we'd like to kindly remind families to plan holidays and days out during school breaks wherever possible. Every day in school really does make a difference and we truly appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain excellent attendance.

There's plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks, including our Parent Workshop taking place on Monday, 10th November, 6:30 – 8:30pm. We will be joined by Jude Crooks from Wellspring Therapy and Training, who will be leading a session on "Strengthening Connections", focusing on the importance and value of parental emotional availability in conversations with your children. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time, simply click [here](#) to register.

We're also excited to launch more opportunities this term for students to earn Recognition Points for attendance. Keep an eye out for details of this term's Attendance Competition, with special rewards in the run up to Christmas. Watch this space...

	Whole School	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
20 - 24th Oct	90.9%	94.3%	92.8%	86.8%	89.6%	90.9%

** Free Parent Workshop **

Join us and Jude Crook,
CYP Counselling Services Manager from
wellspring therapy and training, on

Monday 10th November, 6:30 - 8:30pm
as she explores the following:

Strengthening Connections

The importance and value of parental
emotional availability in conversations with
their children



Click [here](#) to register

A UK DfE-commissioned review in 2018 found that emotional wellbeing is a key protective factor against persistent absence. --
Source: DfE, 2018 – Mental health and wellbeing in schools

A 2021 Ofsted report noted that emotionally secure children are more likely to re-engage with school after long absences. --
Source: Ofsted (2021) "Why do children miss school?"



Careers Opportunities

Years 10, 11 12 and 13

'In Conversation', invites students to submit questions to experienced industry professionals. Professionals will share their experiences, provide insight into potential career paths and offer tips and guidance to students while answering their questions in a live Q&A-style webinar. This is an excellent opportunity for students to gain real-world insight directly from professionals and better understand what it's like to work in different industries.

The events are suitable for all students in years 10–13, whether they are just starting to think about their future or are actively preparing applications.

'In Conversation' Webinar Series Schedule

Each webinar starts at 6pm (UK time). If you are unable to attend live, you can still register to automatically receive the webinar recording.

Monday 17th November

Creative Design: In Conversation with Billie Walker
Psychology: In Conversation with Vicky McKechnie

Tuesday 18th November

Law: In Conversation with Sophy Lelliot
Investment Banking: In Conversation: with Rob Angel
Digital Media: In Conversation with Karl Mok

Wednesday 19th November

Entrepreneurship: In Conversation with Rahmon Agbaje
Engineering: In Conversation with Bhavik Bhatt
Medicine: In Conversation with Dr Obaid Syed

Click on the link for more details and to sign up [click here](#)

Years 12 & 13

On Monday, November 17th, from 2:30pm to 5pm, there is an exclusive in-person event with PwC—one of the world's leading professional services firms—right here in Leeds. Open to all, this event aims to inspire and support students interested in professional services to apply for PwC's Flying Start Degree programmes in accounting.

About PwC

Working at PwC will help you build technical knowledge, in-depth expertise and a broad commercial understanding of how the business world works. You'll learn how leading global organisations manage risks and seize opportunities across borders. You'll develop the communication, leadership, and collaboration skills to work with all kinds of people and advise a wide range of clients. You'll sharpen your analytical and problem-solving capabilities, learning to interpret data and turn insight into evidence-based decisions and long-term strategic thinking. PwC looks for people with agile, curious minds who can adapt quickly to change and embrace technology. If you are keen to collaborate as part of a team, seize opportunities and go the extra mile to make a difference, it could be the place or you.

During this event, you'll have the chance to:

- Discover PwC's Flying Start degree programmes, designed for those who want to kickstart their careers while studying.
- Explore career paths in Accounting.
- Learn what PwC looks for in candidates and how to stand out from the crowd.
- Network with PwC professionals and get firsthand advice from women thriving in the business world.
- This experience can be used on your CV or LinkedIn profile, enhancing your applications for future opportunities and helping your CV truly stand out.

Spaces are limited, so apply through the link below to secure your spot as soon as possible.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PwC_Leeds

King James' School Wellbeing Fair

Date: Thursday 27th November 2025

Time: 4:30–6:30pm

Location: S1

Parents & Carers – You're Invited!

Come along to our Wellbeing Fair, organised in the style of a Careers Fair, where you'll have the chance to speak with a wide range of professionals about how to support your child's health and wellbeing. Whether this is something you're currently concerned about or simply want to be prepared for the future, this event is for you.

What's Happening:

- Meet professionals offering advice on mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing
- Support and guidance for parents and carers
- Musical performances by students throughout the evening
- Opportunities for private follow-up discussions with services where needed.

We recommend allowing 30–45 minutes to give yourself time to visit all the stalls. You are welcome to arrive anytime between 4:30 and 6:30pm.

This will be a lively and welcoming event, designed to help you feel informed and supported.

Please confirm your attendance here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/cK5nFhqEdS>

KING JAMES' WELLBEING FAIR

Supporting Parents & Carers to Support Their Children

 Thursday 27th November

 4:30–6:30pm

 Room S1

What's Happening:

-  Meet professionals offering advice on mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing
-  Get support and guidance tailored for parents and carers
-  Enjoy live musical performances by students throughout the evening
-  Opportunities for private follow-up discussions with services

Why Attend?

Whether you're currently concerned or simply want to be prepared, this event is designed to help you feel informed, empowered, and supported.



For family or friends who step up to raise a child.

Harrogate & Knaresborough

Kinship Care Support Group

First Thursday of each month
11am to 1pm

Knaresborough Library
Market Square, Knaresborough HG5 8AG

**Are you raising the child of a relative or a friend?
Join our peer support group, run by fellow kinship carers.**

- Our peer support group offers kinship carers, with any care arrangement, the opportunity to meet, listen, share and support others facing similar challenges
- Free to join and new members are always welcome. We meet in term time. A group for adults only.

If you'd like to join or have any questions please contact:

Aileen - 07792680497 / aecmorris@gmail.com or
Angela - 07505560376 / angela.webber@ntlworld.com

Scan the QR code or visit kinship.org.uk to learn more about the free advice, support and workshops available to all kinship carers



Charity Registration: 1093975

Spotlight on SEND

What support is there for students and their families in North Yorkshire?

We're pleased to highlight the comprehensive support available in North Yorkshire for children, young people and families navigating special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The North Yorkshire Council SEND Local Offer brings together information on education, health, social care and voluntary sector services — all in one place. Whether you're a parent or young person you'll find key support such as:

- A community directory via North Yorkshire Connect to find local activity, childcare and support groups.
- Guidance on requesting an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and how the process works.
- Access to local services for early-years, schools, further education, health, social care, and supported employment.

Visit the website to explore what's available, and feel free to contact the SEND team for further help.

Together, we can make sure every child and young person in North Yorkshire gets the support they need to thrive.



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SEND Local Offer

Discover Democracy - UK Parliament Week Event with Tom Gordon MP

As part of UK Parliament Week, Tom Gordon MP will be hosting an event for young people aged 10-18 to 'Discover Democracy' and we would love to share the opportunity with your pupils.

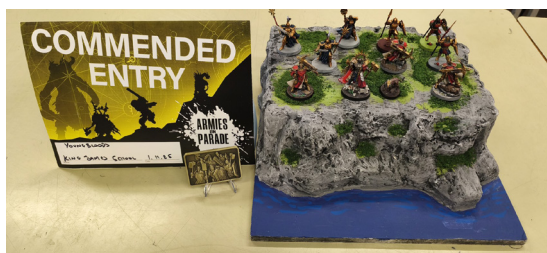
The event hopes to introduce pupils to politics through an interactive Q&A session with Tom, followed by a quiz. It's a great chance for students to learn more about Parliament, ask their own questions, and feel empowered to take an interest in politics.

The poster opposite gives all the relevant information; more details and a registration form can be found here: <https://www.tomgordon.org.uk/discover-democracy-event-20th-november-2025>

Warhammer Club

Our Warhammer Club entered the local store painting competition this week and won the manager's commendation for the Youngbloods (Under 16) category!

Huge congratulations to the members who took part, and we look forward to seeing your entry next year!



DISCOVER DEMOCRACY

WITH TOM GORDON MP

Join your local MP for a fun and interactive session to celebrate UK Parliament Week!

The evening will include a talk from Tom about his experience in Parliament, a Q&A to ask your question about how politics and Parliament works, then test your knowledge in a Parliament Quiz.

Open to young people aged 10-18. Come along, get inspired and discover how your voice can make a difference!

THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER
HARROGATE LOCATION
6-8PM

**SIGN UP ONLINE
IN ADVANCE**

TOMGORDON.ORG.UK



**UK
PARLIAMENT
WEEK**



This Week's Student Book Reviews



The books are about a teenage spy called Alex Rider who is recruited by MI6. The series consists of 13 novels, and they are amazing to read if you like action or spy books. I would recommend this series to Year 7 and above.

I would rate this book 5/5 stars.

Immy Y12



This book is full of wonderful uniqueness that kept me turning every page. It is a book of self-realisation, love and hardship and will carry you through the journey of Louisa Clark and William Trayner. I'd recommend this book for teens and up!

I would rate this book 5/5 stars.

Evelyn Y12



10-14 November 2025



**POWER
FOR
GOOD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Every year, bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and silence helps it grow.

That's why, this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online.



Together, we can use our Power for Good to end bullying — for good

- **Report It** – tell a trusted adult, such as a teacher or family member, about what is happening.

If you don't feel comfortable talking to someone you know, there are also helplines that you can contact for advice.

- **Be an Ally** – if you see someone else having a hard time, stand up for them and make it clear you are on their side.
- Call a friend you haven't spoken to in a while
- Offer your seat on public transport to someone who may need it more than you.
- Smile and say hello to people you pass every day.

**Be a
BUDDY
NOT a
BULLY**