



**KING
JAMES'S
SCHOOL**
**SUMMER
SCHOOL 2021**
PARENT GUIDE

Take learning to a new level with our free 'Summer School 2021'

King James's School are excited to offer your child a place on our [free Summer School](#). An academic and enrichment focus those year 6 children that have found remote learning challenging or those that will benefit from additional support. We are mindful of the challenges of this year, and the impacts on those transitioning from primary to secondary school. The [Education Endowment Foundation \(EEF\)](#) finds that, on average, pupils attending a summer school can make up to 2 months' additional progress (compared with pupils who do not attend).

This opportunity is to help our year 6 pupils to '[step up to secondary school](#)' – providing a dual focus of supporting educational needs, but also a great chance for pupils to meet fellow classmates and make important connections prior to starting school in September. Our Summer School is NOT a replacement for any transition activities and no pupil, who is transitioning to KJS, in September, will be disadvantaged by not attending this. In line with Government guidelines our Transition days will have to take place in Primary school bubbles. Each bubble will visit KJS for their Transition event on either the 1st, 6th, 7th and 8th July.

The summer school is a two week programme, running from [Monday 2nd – Friday 13th August](#). This is a unique experience that will immerse your child in new experiences, inspiring them to demonstrate their interests, discovering untapped talents and encouraging them to take risks to acquire new knowledge, which will spring-board them into September. Our jam-packed program will provide a range of activities for your child with academic content from subjects including:

1. Academic engagement from subjects including English, Maths and Science
2. Fun enrichment activities too, like PE, art, cookery, games and DT
3. A celebration event for all students who complete the summer school
4. An educational visit

Lunch, snacks and drinks during the day will be provided, or students are welcome to bring their own.

With King James' own teachers leading this program, we want your child to learn by having fun this summer. The bespoke activities have been designed by teachers who have the academic and social wellbeing of your child at the heart of the plan.

We feel this is a fantastic opportunity to help ease the transition process – allowing pupils to familiarise themselves with their new school environment, meet new teachers and make new social connections in preparation for September. We hope that this will help pupils enjoy new experiences and increase confidence.



Staffing



Ashley Atkinson - Head of Boys PE Summer School Lead Coordinator

Just a quick introduction to me- I am Ashley Atkinson, head of Boys PE at King James's School and I will be leading the summer school for 2021. This is an amazing opportunity to provide an additional support for those who need it most. For pupils who have been disadvantaged by lockdown and have fallen behind, through no fault of their own, this is real commitment to allow them to catch-up. I know that coming into King James's School in the summer will play a vital role in supporting children's learning, in (re)-building relationships and in supporting children's health and well-being. These are worth investing in!! The summer school will help year 6 pupils to 'step up to secondary school' developing self-esteem and confidence prior to September. Keep an eye out on your emails as further exciting news regarding enrichment experiences is to follow!

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions:
summerschool@king-james.co.uk. I look forward to welcoming your child at

Fiona O'Brien - English Teacher Curriculum Coordinator

Hello, my name is Mrs. Fiona O'Brien, an English teacher from King James School. Designing the summer school curriculum has been so rewarding. Your child will have an interactive and exciting experience where key learning concepts from KS2 and bridging concepts for KS3 have been targeted through a wide range of fun and interactive sessions. All participants will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in all areas of learning through the facilitation of subject specific teachers. I have had the valuable experience of supporting and leading summer schools for 4 years and transition days over 7 years. These have instructed and informed my understanding of the importance of the social wellbeing of your child. A positive experience in transitional tailored environment allows the students to reflect on misconceptions, showcase their talents and importantly, gain confidence as they progress into secondary school. I am so excited for your child to experience this bespoke curriculum designed to engross their interest, empower their talents, and extend their abilities. I cannot wait to get started!



Dan Berry - Head of Year 9 Enrichment Coordinator

Hello, my name is Mr Daniel Berry, I am Acting Assistant Head and Learning Manager for Year 9 here at King James' School. I began my teaching career here at King James, took on a new challenge for a couple of years at a High School in Leeds and because I loved King James so much, returned for a second spell two years ago! I am very much looking forward to this August and the prospect of a fun, interactive and enrichment filled Summer School programme. The plans we have in place are very exciting and will allow students and parents to have a flavour of what life will be like at King James School from September, introducing you to our values and expectations as well as providing the opportunity for you to meet some of our subject staff and getting to know the endless corridors of our unique school building. I very much look forward to welcoming you through the doors, see you all very soon.



The Practical Points

- **Selection of pupils:** To make the summer school equitable and transparent, all pupils and families who initially registered their interest will be able to apply. Given that the summer school will only be accepting a set number of students, it is likely that applications will be higher than places available. Should this occur, we reserve the right to allocate on a needs basis. It is our full intention to offer places to everyone who applies.
- **2 week programme:** We recommend your child attends both weeks of the summer school to fully reap the benefits of both the educational and enrichment opportunities. We are however aware that as a family you may have other commitments over the summer holidays, therefore would accept students if they are able to attend 1 FULL week. (2nd-6th) or (9th-13th.) Please state this on the enrolment form.
- **Whilst there is no charge for the summer school, it is essential that you are committed to at least one of the two weeks, should you decide to enrol. Once places have been allocated, we are unable to offer them to any other families.**

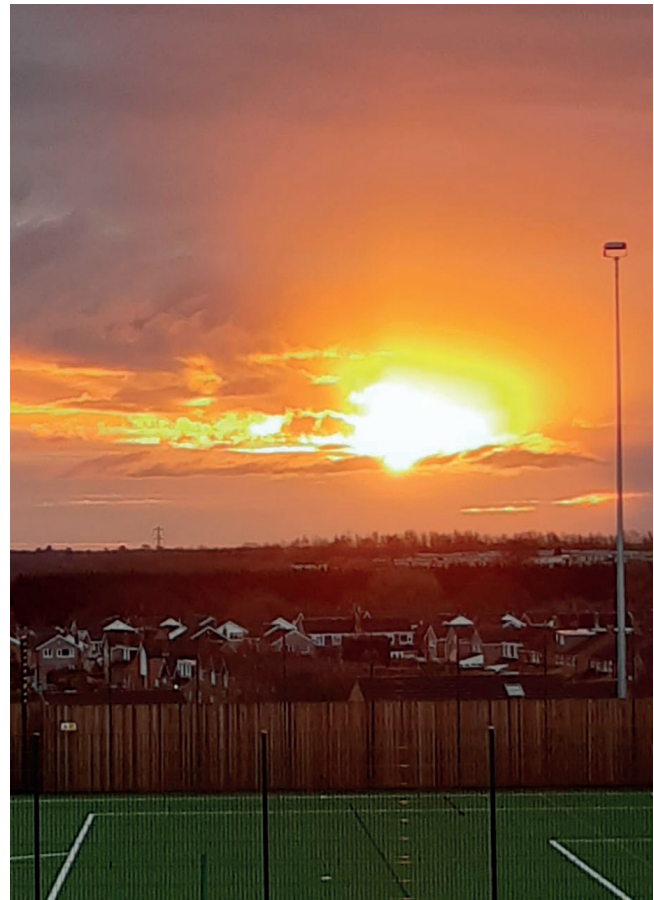


- **Timings:** The Summer school day will start at 9.30am (Please arrive at KJS from 9.00am for morning briefing/refreshments. The summer school day will end at 3.00pm)
- **Drop-off and pick-up:** You will need to highlight on the enrolment form how your child will be collected at 3.00pm. Those being collected, will remain on site until the named responsible adult has arrived.
- **Supervision:** All pupils will be supervised at all times; this includes breaks and lunches.
- **Food:** Morning refreshments and a hot/cold lunch will be provided, completely free of charge, to all pupils. The weekly menu will be sent out at the start of the week. Those wishing to bring a packed-lunch, can do so, but food must not be shared. Please state on the Enrollment Form for if you would like food supplied by the King James's catering team.
- **Travel:** If you are eligible for school transport and would require this for summer school please email: summerschool@king-james.co.uk and we will discuss the most appropriate way to support this.

- **Equipment:** All books, stationery and anything not specified will be provided. All pupils are strongly advised to bring their own re-fillable water bottle. Bottled water will be provided everyday.
- **Uniform:** Pupils are not required to wear school uniform. Clothing that is suitable to spend the day at school is OK. We recommend wearing clothing that would be suitable for both curriculum and sporting enrichment activities.
- **Medical/important information:** All key information, including medical, contact and emergency contact information will be gathered from KJS. This will be collected as part of the Y6 transition process. Please confirm any dietary requests on the enrolment form
- **Safety:** KJS staff and volunteers, will, of course, consider the health and safety of pupils as our number one priority when planning the summer school.
- **Covid:** Every planned session will strictly follow governments and schools COVID policy and strict protocols will remain in place throughout, if necessary, to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone. We will follow a detailed health and safety policy so that all pupils, staff and volunteers are kept safe

Safeguarding:

As well as the need to plan for Covid-19 related safety concerns, there is of course a need to plan to ensure the general safety and well-being of all pupils, staff and volunteers involved in the summer school. We will adhere to a strict safeguarding policy that will also cover the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers. All aspects of DfE guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education will be followed.



We will ensure that a designated safeguarding lead (or a deputy) will always be available to discuss any safeguarding concerns and will follow a clear process should any safeguarding concerns be raised. Attendance will be carefully recorded and monitored, and families will be made aware of any absence immediately.

What to do next:

Firstly, we hope that you have found this guide informative, however, you may still have questions regarding the summer school. Please contact summerschool@king-james.co.uk if you wish to receive any further information. If you feel that your child meets the criteria for the summer school and you would like to be considered for a place, then please complete the enrolment link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/tjwGSA5anS>

Further information and finer details will be sent following confirmation of attendance.

Curriculum Overview

Just a taster.....

<i>Escape Room</i>	<i>M.Singh- Creating a children's book for nursery students.</i>	<i>Air resistance: Parachute/ save the egg</i>	<i>No Fixed Address</i>	<i>Stenciling: Graffiti t-shirts</i>
<i>Murder Mystery</i>	<i>Virtual Reading: Life on Mars. Space X. The Galaxy Hotel.</i>	<i>Polymers/ non-Newtonian fluid: Slime attack!</i>	<i>Gaelige: folklore</i>	<i>Venetian Mask making</i>
<i>Deserted Island</i>	<i>Solar energy: Solar Oven-marshmallow, chocolate smores</i>	<i>Moving with Hieroglyphics</i>	<i>Modern Art in Maths</i>	<i>Chemical reaction: Elephant toothpaste</i>
<i>Liquid density: Creating your own rainbow</i>	<i>The Local Newspaper Victorian Knaresborough</i>	<i>Sensory explosion: Developing sensory language skills through taste testing: our/ popping candy</i>	<i>Hugh de Morville: drama of the events of Thomas Beckett</i>	<i>Endothermic: Citrus suds eruption</i>
<i>Pirate Game (Values/ Fact Families)</i>	<i>Reaction of sound: Dancing Oobleck</i>	<i>Lego location challenge</i>	<i>Glow up! Neon art</i>	<i>Dragon's Den</i>
<i>Scavenger Hunt: know your surroundings</i>	<i>Chemical reaction: Bottle Rocket</i>	<i>Scrapyard Challenge</i>	<i>Garden Design</i>	<i>Stain glass costume: Butterfly/ Superhero/ Birds</i>
<i>Come dine with Us!</i>	<i>Chemical reaction: Create your own lava lamp</i>	<i>Flashcard Duel</i>	<i>Languages of the world Tag</i>	<i>Chains of molecules: Leak proof holed water balloon</i>



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