



# KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

## KNARESBOROUGH

19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The exam season has got off to a great start this week – thank you for the support of all Year 11 and Year 13 parents/carers during this period. Please remind your child/ren that before all GCSE core exams taking place in the morning between now and half term, we offer free breakfast in the dining hall. Teachers are around to support with any of those last-minute nerves, and it's good to be well fed and watered before tackling the exams. Please do encourage them to join us!

In this letter you will find:

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### 1. The Week Ahead: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

<b>Personal Development Focus:</b>				
Next week in tutor time students will be reflecting on the value of 'respect' and focusing on the importance of honesty. Our assemblies to each year group will explore the concept of 'building a culture of listening' to support well-being and will be delivered by Mr Gordon.				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tues	Pastoral Parents' Evening	10	4pm-6.30pm	S1
Weds	Immunisation catch-up Manchester Royal Exchange Theatre trip	9 12	Morning	Manchester
Thur	Student run charity cake/book sale	All	Break and lunchtime	Library
Fri	End of half term			

### 2. Year 8 Parents' Evening

We have been made aware that a small number of parents have been unable to make appointments for some subject staff this year. This has occurred as a small number of staff have multiple Year 8 classes. If this is the case, please feel free to contact the school on [admin@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk) so we can pass this onto the class teacher who will be able to provide you with that crucial feedback at a later date. We will be looking into how to resolve this issue for next year.

### 3. Careers Programme

This week, as part of our Post 18 careers programme, Year 12 students had a presentation and question and answer session with ASK apprenticeships. This provided students with an insight into pursuing an apprenticeship route at the end of Year 13. In addition to this, Year 12 Business and Economics students enjoyed a fascinating talk from Leeds Bradford Airport CEO Vincent Hodder. Vincent provided an insight into economic and business issues that impact on the strategic operations of Leeds Bradford Airport. He particularly focused on the importance of lifelong learning and the range of exciting career opportunities that the aviation sector has to offer young people today.

We know parents and carers of King James's students work in diverse careers across a range of industries. We are always looking for support with our careers programme in a variety of ways. This could be through volunteering to talk to our students on your career/business or be on a stand at our careers fair. If you are interested in supporting us, please contact [careers@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:careers@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk).

### 4. Year 12 Homework Trial

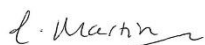
We are going to trial using Student Portal and MCAS to set homework for Year 12 students, with a view to using it with all students in September. The benefit of using an online system means that parents/carers and students will be able to see homework that has been set and the date it is due. We hope this will improve the quality of homework completed and support students in their organisation of homework so that they meet deadlines. We will initially launch the online system called 'Student Portal' with Year 12 students next week. They will be able to access their student portal on their phone or via the internet. After May half term, homework for Year 12 will be set by teachers using this system. From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, parents of Year 12 students will be able to see their homework via MCAS. This is a trial period so we will ask for your feedback before we consider launching it with the whole school in September. We thank you in advance for your support and welcome your feedback.

### 5. Roadworks at the front of the school

Northern Powergrid needs to return to King James's Road to complete excavation, cable laying and jointing works to provide the electricity connection to the new Leisure Centre opposite King James's School. Work will recommence on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May. There may be 4-way control for the school re-opening on the morning of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. There will be disruption to traffic and school buses after the school holiday period, but this unfortunately cannot be avoided. The Granted Streetworks Permits for this connection work run until Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. If you can make alternative arrangements to drop students off nearby, that would really be appreciated.

Finally, I wish to remind you that next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, we break up for half term. I am sure we are all looking forward to having time to enjoy this spring weather by getting outdoors and spending time with family and friends. In the meantime, have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely



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