



# KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

## KNARESBOROUGH

5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your understanding regarding the industrial action on Tuesday, I fully appreciate how frustrating it must be for parents. I hope that negotiations will now resume and that they result in a satisfactory resolution for all parties.

I hope you had a lovely bank holiday weekend and are looking forward to any celebrations you may have planned for the King's Coronation. For those of you with no plans as yet, [Knaresborough Town Council](#) is hosting an event in the grounds of Knaresborough House on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 10am. A large screen will show the Coronation and there will be food and drink stalls on site, or families may take their own picnics.

### School Council

It has been a great pleasure for me to meet members of the School Council this week, and to listen to their views and ideas. We have begun to discuss the contentious issue of school uniform; how we wear it with pride and how it reflects our school values. We would also like to gain the views of parents so, if you have a couple of minutes, we would be grateful if you could fill in a [uniform feedback form](#).

### PE World Record Attempt

Next week, during PE lessons, students in Years 7–10 will be participating in the London Marathon attempt to break the World Record for the most pledges received for an exercise campaign in one month. They have been asked to pay a donation of £1 to raise money; half of which will go to charity and the remainder to help the development of sport through participation in fixtures and events.

### Careers Week

It has been Careers Week this week and the focus has been raising the profile of **Experiences of the Workplace** with several events taking place during tutor and assembly time.

- Year 10, 11 12 & 13 have had assemblies on Virtual Work Experience Opportunities.
- Year 10 & Year 9 have had an assembly from a guest speaker from Grantley Hall focused on career opportunities in hospitality.
- Year 10 & Year 12 have had an assembly from a guest Speaker from ISG focused on hidden career opportunities in construction.
- All year groups have been doing activities on 'Experiences of the Workplace' during tutor time this week.

### Personal Development

Our personal development focus for this Learning Cycle is based on; *"what it means to be a responsible global citizen and how I can have a positive impact on the wider community."* Students will be looking at our values of 'ready, respectful and engaged' and how these can underpin our role in society. Through various assemblies, activities and discussions they will be also looking at a range of character dispositions and how to potentially develop them. Moving forward we will communicate with you each week about the specific foci. Week commencing 8th May - students will be reflecting on the value of 'ready' and looking at the ability to use initiative to 'make your mark'!

## Safeguarding

We were pleased to welcome our local Schools Liaison Officer (PC Martin Powell) to deliver presentations on 'knife crime' and 'sexting' on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. This is in conjunction with assemblies that he has delivered to our students and is in line with recent talks that he has given at all the other local schools. We hope that those who attended found it useful and interesting.

## External Exams

External exams start in earnest this week, and so next Friday marks the start of study leave for Year 11 and Year 13 students. We wish them every success as they enter this intense period of study and the culmination of all their hard work.

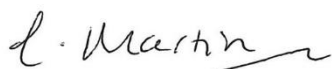
## The Week Ahead: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Personal Development Focus: Ready – using initiative to ‘make your mark’				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Bank Holiday – School Closed	ALL		
Tues	PE world record Attempt (all week)	Yrs 7-10, Y12	PE lessons	School field
Weds				
Thur	Geography trip to Saltaire	12	All day	Saltaire
	Spring Concert	Various	7pm	S1
Fri	Manchester pro-development football tour	8	Weekend	Manchester
	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice expedition	Various	Weekend	
	Start of Study Leave	11 & 13		

Finally, may I draw attention to the training day planned for **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** when teachers will be receiving training from an external provider on how to support literacy and reading within the classroom. Apologies for any additional disruption this causes families, but I am sure you will appreciate that it is important that staff have the best possible professional development and that this has the potential to support students of all abilities to make better progress. This date has been on our website, but I thought it worthwhile highlighting in case it has been overlooked in light of recent events.

I wish you a happy bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,



Clare Martin  
Headteacher