



# KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

## KNARESBOROUGH

9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to report that students have made an excellent start to the summer term. Many thanks to you all for the support of the drive to improve standards of uniform and punctuality – it has made a huge difference. Students look so much smarter and the need for reminders is reducing, meaning that we are continuing to enjoy the climate of positive relationships and ethos that King James's is known for. It is a happy school, where students are proud to belong and work together with teachers to achieve great outcomes.

In this letter you will find:

1. The Week Ahead
2. Message from Mr Bolger, Head of from Design & Technology
3. Bed Race
4. A plea from Knaresborough Scouts

### 1. The Week Ahead: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

<b>Personal Development Focus:</b>				
<b>RESPECTFUL –</b>				
<b>Tolerance 'exploring what it means to live in a democratic and tolerant country'</b>				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	<b>Start of Half Term 6</b>			
Tues	Geography Fieldtrip	10	9am-3.15pm	Arncliffe
Weds	UCAS HE Convention	12	9am-3.15pm	Leeds Beckett University
Thurs	Y9 Pastoral Parents Evening	9	4.00-6.30pm	In school
Fri	Geography Fieldtrip	10	9am-3.15pm	Arncliffe

### 2. Message from Mr Bolger, Head of from Design & Technology

The Design & Technology Department have always been extremely proud of the work our students produce with high levels of success at all key stages and great outcomes at both GCSE and A-Level (please see our Instagram page: dt\_kjs).

What underpins our success are the very high-standards we hold regarding health and safety (BSI), personal hygiene and safe-guarding of our pupils. Due to the nature of the subject, we have numerous British Standards (BSI) to adhere to in order to make our learning environment safe for all our students. This includes the use of all tools and machines in Product Design, Textiles and Food Technology, the wearing of personal protective equipment when necessary, along with good,

personal hygiene. While we are always working to make sure we provide a safe, welcoming and stimulating learning environment, it is only fully effective when our students take personal responsibility in playing their part in supporting our collective goals.

With this in mind, can I please remind you of the current expectations of students required to participate in Design & Technology practical lessons:

- Aprons must be worn at all times in workshops and kitchens
- Long hair should be tied back or up
- False nails or nail-varnish are never allowed in any area of DT (operation of machines and food hygiene)
- No evidence of drawing on hands or arms when working with food
- No jewellery to be worn on hands or arms

Can I thank you for your support in helping to make sure our students are set up correctly for their learning and continue to thrive in a happy, safe working environment.

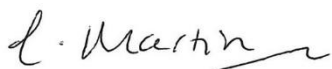
### 3. **Bed Race**

Please look out for and support the two King James's School beds during the Bed Race in Knaresborough on Saturday. The Year 10 bed is in the Alice in Wonderland theme, and the Sixth Form bed is in a Boxing theme. We are very proud of the students who have independently secured a place in the race and prepared themselves and their beds for it. It looks like it is going to be a fun and sunny day, so please come along and support this community event.

### 4. **A plea for help from Scouts**

Blind Jack Explorer Scout Unit is based in Knaresborough and provides an invaluable Scouting experience for 14-18 year-olds. Unfortunately, their leader is stepping down in the summer, which means the unit is at risk of closure. There are other assistant leaders who are more than happy to continue helping, but they need an overall leader due to their other commitments. If anyone would like to lead the unit – and save it from closure – please contact Elena Foster at [elena.foster@live.co.uk](mailto:elena.foster@live.co.uk).

Yours sincerely



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