



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

30th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to celebrate with our year 11 students at their prom last night. They all looked amazing, and it was great to see them so happy and relaxed now the exams are over. More details about the event can be found below. We look forward to seeing them on results day and to most of them joining our sixth form in September. Our Year 13 prom is this evening, so there are more celebrations to come as we wish them all well for university or careers.

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1. The Week Ahead: 3rd July 2023

Personal Development Focus: ENGAGED – Determination				
<i>How to positively stand up for and speak up for what you believe in?</i>				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	House Drama	All	6pm	S1
Tues	House Drama GCSE Geography trip	All 10	6pm All day	S1 Scarborough
Weds	Industrial Action: Open for Year 10 & Year 12 only			
Thur	Year 6 Transition Day Manchester Velodrome trip	6 9 & 10	All day 9.30am	Around school Manchester
Fri	Industrial Action: Open for Year 7 & Year 12 only			

2. Community Liaison

We had several very useful meetings with our local community over the last two weeks, including with the Knaresborough Community Hub, members of Knaresborough town council, and the police. It is great to discuss how we can work together to enhance support and positive activities for young people. Today, we also met with our local primary headteachers to consider how we can share best practice across all our fantastic schools and improve transition for students. We are committed to partnership working and to using opportunities such as these to strengthen community links and will keep you informed as this work progresses.

3. Year 11 Prom

Last night we celebrated the Year 11 prom in true KJS style! The school was completely transformed into a magical party venue. Students arrived by various modes of transport – from fast cars to campervans and tractors – and walked down a red carpet to the main entrance to the applause of staff, parents and the local community. They looked absolutely stunning; the sunshine radiating off

the many sparkly outfits, and their faces beaming with happiness – it was a joy to greet them. The hall was decked with balloons; a glitter dancefloor; lit-up ‘cocktail’ tables; and a huge ‘PROM’ sign of bright lights. The entertainment was provided by a fantastic band made up of fellow Year 11 students, whose playlist captured the spirit of the evening – the dancefloor was packed with dancing all night long. A DJ provided music in between sets; a magician wowed people with disappearing cards; and our own catering team provided a fantastic barbecue.

4. Attendance

We are pleased to report that our school’s attendance is higher than the national average, reflecting our school community’s commitment to education. I just want to remind parents that, in line with government guidance, holidays cannot be authorised during term-time, except in exceptional circumstances. It is unlikely to be granted for the purpose of a family holiday.

5. Strike days

School will be **open for Years 10 and 12 on Wednesday 5th July**. Please can you ensure that students **bring in revision materials. They will also need their PE kit if they normally have PE on that day.** Students will do some supervised independent study during the day which will be a good opportunity to consolidate their learning at the end of the academic year. School will **open for Years 7 and 12 on Friday 7th July**. Students will need their **PE kit and they will need to bring a reading book.**

School will be closed for all other year groups on those day. If teachers are not striking, they will set work on itsLearning for year groups that are not in school to complete at home.

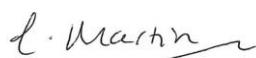
6. Year 8 Football: Double Champions

Following on from lifting the H&C Area Cup in May, the boys have become double champions by beating Northallerton School in the final of the County Cup. The final score ended 7-0, with all 16 boys playing a vital part in the win. Starting their first-round game in Whitby, the boys have defeated teams across North Yorkshire to reach the Final. The year 8 boys have grown in confidence throughout the year, and this is an amazing achievement! A very proud Mr Atkinson.

7. Student Achievement

One of our Year 13 students, Samantha Crebbin, has been awarded the honour of Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for the RAF in North Yorkshire. In this role she was present when King Charles visited York in Autumn 2022 to unveil Queen Elizabeth II's statue at York Minster, and again when he was at York Minster for the Maundy Thursday service at Easter; this time he shook her hand and spoke to her about being at Sixth Form. She also attended the Coronation Concert at Windsor as a guest. She achieved all of this whilst studying for four A-Levels which she has taken this summer.

Best wishes,



Clare Martin