14th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As the year draws to a close, it is great to celebrate the many achievements of the year – look out for our special newsletter next week to share in some of our happy memories.

Just this week, we have had Sports Day and Wellbeing Day – both have been a tremendous success. Next week, each year group is looking forward to a celebration assembly, a barbecue, and 'fun on the field', before finishing for the summer holidays. A reminder that we close at 12.30pm on Friday, when we wish all our school community a well-deserved break over the holidays.

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1. The Week Ahead: 17th July 2023

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	End of year celebratory BBQ	7	12:45	
Tues	Geography trip – Leeds	12	9am-6pm	Leeds
	End of year celebratory BBQ	8	12:45	
Weds	End of year celebratory BBQ	10	12:45	
	Art on a Summer Evening	-	3.30-6.30pm	Chaloner Hall
Thur	End of year celebratory BBQ	9	12:45	
	Employability Skills Workshop	12	All day	
Fri	End of summer term – school			
	closes at 12.35			

2. Bastille Day

Bastille Day celebrations took place today at lunchtime. Students took part in competitions and made Eiffel Towers from cocktail sticks and marshmallows! There was lots of free French food on offer including croissants, madeleines and pains au chocolate and students practiced their speaking skills as they had to ask for them in French!

3. German trip to the Rhine

On the evening of 9th July, 44 Year 8 & 9 students left King James's School for a trip to the River Rhine in Germany. During the stay in Koln, they went to the Lindt chocolate museum, and climbed the Cathedral tower, before going shopping in the city. The next day, they enjoyed a chair lift ride in Boppard, a cruise along the River Rhine and bowling in the evening. The final day was spent at the Phantasialand theme park with some great rides for all. It was a fantastic trip, and all the students were amazing.

4. Year 12 Parents/Carers - Homework Survey

In recent weeks, we have been trailing setting homework via a Student Portal app for Year 12 students and on MCAS (My Child At School) for Year 12 Parents/Carers to view homework. We are considering launching the homework system with lower school students next year. If you have not already completed the survey, we would appreciate feedback from Year 12 Parents/Carers - My Child At School Homework Survey

5. Art on a Summer Evening

Please see below the flyer for our "Art on a Summer Evening" which will take place on Wednesday 19th July 2023, from 3.30-6.30pm. This exhibition is a showcase of a selection of work from KS3 students alongside GCSE & A Level students and we look forward to welcoming you to view the outstanding work produced by these students.

6. Car Parking

Please could parents be aware of the double-yellow lines when dropping-off or collecting students on King James Road, York Lane and York Road. These lines exist to ensure the safety of road-users and/or pedestrians and so parking there could potentially lead to a serious accident.

7. Uniform

As you are aware, our uniform review has had two phases. This half term we have been asking students not to modify their uniform – to wear it correctly and with pride. We are pleased to report that students look much smarter, with most students wearing it correctly all the time without the need for any reminders. The second phase was to use feedback from parents, staff and students to identify potential 'tweaks' to the uniform and to reduce its overall cost. We will be sending out communications regarding this next week, so that parents are clear about any changes before making purchasing decisions over the holidays. Thank you for your support with this important element of our school ethos.

8. Summer Activities

MyExpeditionRocks is a local outdoor activity provider, who offer a range of outdoor climbing courses over the summer holidays. Please see the leaflets below for more details.

Best wishes,

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Clare Martin

Headteacher







