



Year 11 GCSE Results Day KJS Useful information and Frequently Asked Questions.

There will be plenty of support available on GCSE results day. Staff will be available to answer queries and to support you if you need help. Our Careers Advisor Mrs Morgan will also be available to offer help where needed. There is a list of useful contact numbers and email addresses at the end of this handout.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DO I DO IF GET THE GRADES I NEED FOR MY NEXT STEP?

Do check the information you have been given by your school, college, training provider or employer. Many will ask you to confirm that you have gained the grades you needed for their course/job and that you still intend to take up your place. **Do not forget to confirm your intention to accept if you have been asked to do so.** This will then secure your place.

WHAT DO I DO IF I DON'T GET THE GRADES I NEED? :-

Do not assume you haven't been offered a place at your chosen school, college, training centre or apprenticeship – especially if you have just missed one or two grades. Always check directly with the place you have applied to first - call them to let them know the grades you received and ask if you can start or if there is an alternative offer available.

- **If you have a query re a conditional place at King James's Sixth Form** - there will be a team of staff available to help you on results day and advise re next steps.
 - **Where you have not met your conditional offer - and you are unable to go on your first choice** - there may be an alternative course for you, or staff will signpost you to other courses available locally.
 - **Firstly**, contact the college/school/employer you have applied to. Make sure you have brought your phone (charged) and contact name and number of the people you will need to speak to with you.
 - **Secondly**, speak to school staff, or the Careers Advisor to discuss your back up plan and any new contact details you need. There are help contact numbers provided for several organisations at the end of this handout.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

If you are not accepted at your first choice, then you will need to start looking again at the options. Many of you will already have a safety plan - in which case now is the time to put this into action. If you are holding a backup place and need to use it – do contact them to accept the offer. If you haven't a back-up plan, then your main options are: -

- **Continuing your education at a school sixth form or a college** – speak to school staff, speak to colleges. Colleges often have many different types of courses at different levels. Whatever your grades they will have a suitable level course you can choose from. Speak to our advisor (or the national careers service helpline if it's the weekend or evening) if you are unsure about an offer which has been made.
- **Going into employment or training through a vocational study programme (apprenticeship or traineeship)** - You may prefer to start work with training - rather than continue in full time education at a school or college. This is an option, things to consider are: - Are you ready to start work/an apprenticeship? Are you a good timekeeper? Do you know the job you want to do? Do you know what training you will get? Speak to a Careers Advisor.

LOCAL CONTACT DETAILS

School Sixth Forms – make sure you see someone in the school Sixth Form team you have applied to. Staff at KJS will be here to help you on the day. If you have a place at another Sixth Form, contact them directly (you should have been sent information about what to do on Results Day). Also check with KJS staff.

FE Colleges in the region – check directly with them or speak to the Careers advisor. Remember all the colleges below will also have Careers Staff available.

- **Harrogate College** – www.harrogate-college.ac.uk/studywithus/ tel 01423 879466
- **York College** – www.yorkcollege.ac.uk tel 01904 770770
- **Leeds City Colleges** – www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk tel 0113 386 1997
- **Askham Bryan College** – www.askham-bryan.ac.uk tel 01904 772277
- **Leeds College of Building** – www.lcb.ac.uk tel 0113 222 6000
- **White Rose College of Beauty** - www.whiterosebeautycolleges.co.uk/our-colleges/harrogate tel 01423 527 994

Apprenticeships - See the apprenticeships and traineeships available at: -

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

You can search by job idea and postcode for vacancies near you.

GUIDANCE

There is help available. School staff will support you if you need help, or you can speak to Mrs Morgan (Careers Advisor). Staff will direct you to Mrs Morgan and advise when she is available. Mrs Morgan will also be available on the Friday (as well as Results Day).

If you need the Advisor's help you can book a slot whilst at school picking up your results or call and leave a message on 01423 798722 (this is a direct temporary school line for Mrs Morgan - reception will be staffed am only). If she is interviewing, Mrs Morgan will be unable to answer straight away. So do make sure you leave a message for her with your name, contact number and query - and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

Other available guidance support: In addition to support from school there is also support available via **National Careers Service** – Call 0800 100 900 or use webchat. Contact hours are – 8am to 8pm Mon - Fri, Sat 10am to 5pm - www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us. They can offer support outside of our availability should you get an offer the following week.

SPECIFIC CAREERS INFORMATION

Do not forget as a King James's student (or parent) you have access to eCLIPS – our online careers library support. www.eclips-online.co.uk/ Site licence requirements prevent placing the password on our website. Students have the password in their planner. It was issued to parents in the careers newsletter -sent Sept 2022. The password will also be on the leaflet in the student's results envelope.

There are many helpful leaflets– including these which may be the most helpful on results day.

- Choices at 16 - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/1.10
- Choosing Level 3 courses - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/2.15
- How to find a job - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.10
- Jobs requiring few or no qualifications - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/1.15
- Apprenticeships and work-based learning - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.16
- Coping with interviews - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.13

Good luck!

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