



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely meeting many of you at the expectations evenings this week, thank you to those of you who were able to make it, I hope you found it useful. For those parents/carers who were unable to make the evenings, the materials are available to view on the school website. We are committed to working closely with parents and are keen to develop opportunities to engage with school. Your attendance and feedback on these events are much appreciated.

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1. The Week Ahead: 18th September 2023

Personal Development Focus: RESPECTFUL - Tolerance				
<i>"the importance of embracing diversity and being inclusive"</i>				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	School Production Auditions	All	3.30-6.00pm	Drama Studios S1
Tues				
Weds	Year 13 Final Support Evening	13	6-7pm	Sixth Form Centre
Thur	Nurture Parents' Information Evening	Specific students	6-7pm	Library
Fri				

2. Open Evening – Thursday 12th October

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 6 pupils and their parents to our Open Evening on Thursday 12th October.

Starting at **5.30pm**, staff and current students will be excited to showcase their departments and to provide fun activities for children to get involved in.

There will be **talks at 5.30pm and 6.30pm** in the hall. To manage numbers, we have allocated these talks to different schools (see below). Families are welcome to explore the school at any time

until 8.30pm. Please note that, unfortunately, parking on our site will only be available to blue badge holders. Please walk to school if at all possible, or park in local car parks such as at Castle Yard, the marketplace or York Place or on Aspin Lane.

- 5.30pm – Aspin, Meadowside, St John's.
- 6.30pm – all other schools

3. Homework & Independent Learning – Paula Eastaugh

It was lovely to meet so many parents last week at the parent expectation evenings. In those meetings I discussed the value of homework and the launch of homework on My Child At School (MCAS). Independent learning is important to extend and revisit learning and we want all our students to be engaged with homework. To support with this, **from the 25th September** parents will be able to see on MCAS what homework has been set and the date that it is due in. We also want students to be able to access homework via the student portal app (student version of MCAS), so I will be sharing how to do this in assembly and with form tutors. Students will only be able to see their timetable and homework. It would be helpful if you could support your child by showing them how to download the app. Please follow these simple instructions to download the app onto your child's phone.

1. Download 'Bromcom Student app' in the app store (scan the QR code)
2. Enter a 5-digit pin code that you will need to remember
3. Select Magic Link and type in School ID 11433
4. Type in your child's school email address e.g., 18jsmith@king-james.co.uk
4. Go to your school email address to verify the link.



4. Attendance

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused some parents to feel less confident with assessing whether their child is well enough to be in school so the government and health professionals have produced some information (below) which we hope you will find helpful.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. To help you make decisions, please check the NHS have guidance [Is My Child Too Ill for School?](#)

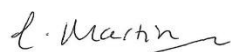
5. Uniform

Thank you for your support for instilling our high standards of presentation as we reverted to full uniform from this week. In response to feedback from parents and students, we have tweaked our policy slightly and students are now able to take off jumpers or blazers during lessons without asking permission from the teacher. We hope this will allow students to feel comfortable in classrooms without interrupting the flow of the lesson.

6. Timetables

Also in response to feedback, and as part of our review of the start of term, we have agreed that next year we will make timetables available for students to view during the last week of the summer holidays. We hope that this will help families prepare for the start of the year, with the caveat that we will not be able to respond to any queries until the first week back.

Best wishes for the weekend,



Clare Martin
Headteacher

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NHS

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Online courses available for parents and carers
FREE for North Yorkshire families and your baby

1. **Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby**
 Online course for everyone around the baby: Mums, Dads, Grandparents, friends and relations. Written by registered Midwives and NHS Professionals.

2. **Understanding your baby**
 Online course for everyone around the baby: supporting you and the new arrival. Written by Psychologists, Psychotherapists and Health Visitors.

3a. **Understanding your child (0-19 yrs) (main course)**
 Popular online course about being the best parent, grandparent or carer you can be. Award winning with trusted content.

3b. **Understanding your child with additional needs**
 Popular online course about being the best parent, grandparent or carer you can be. Award winning with trusted content.

4. **Understanding your teenager's brain (short course)**
 Find out what happens to the brain in adolescence and how this explains some of the changes you may have noticed in their behaviour.

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Go to www.ourplace.co.uk
 Apply the 'access code' for FREE access!
 Fill in some details to create an account
 To return to the course(s) go to www.ourplace.co.uk and sign in.
 For technical support contact:
 solihullapproach@heartofengland.nhs.uk
 or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

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26 NOVEMBER 2023

OUTDOOR POP UP Christmas MARKET

10am - 3pm

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£5 Per Adult (Aged 14 and Over)
 £2 for Children (Over the age of 3)
 Under 3's go free!

Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity
 Registered Charity Number: 1052042

Telephone: 01423 857408 Email: hofc@hpcn.net Website: www.hpcn.co.uk

Teen Textile Mondays!

Come and join us for some mixed media mindfulness with Alchemy Textile design. Learn some alternative printing and stitching techniques. Sessions to include, but not limited to, eco-printing, card making, lampshade making, sketch-booking, tool and mark making, embroidery and embellishment, fabric dyeing, clothes upcycling.



Ages 13-19. Sessions cost £15 including materials, cake and drink. Small materials surcharge for lampshade making session.
Book 5 sessions get 6th free.

Great to meet like-minded teen artists, get some new ideas for being creative and continue your textiles journey with some fun techniques.

Mondays 4-6 pm from 22nd Sept, Holy Trinity Church Hall, Briggate, Knaresborough. Call 07910140747 or message alchemytextiledesign@gmail.com to book. Limited spaces

Empower

Are you year 7/8?
 Want to feel better about yourself?
 "I feel more confident in school and in pressure situations"
 "It's proper relaxing"

Our next Empower course...
Thursday 5 October 2023
 6.00-7.30pm

Where...
 Wellspring House,
 78 High Street, Starbeck,
 Harrogate, HG2 7LW

Contact Natalie & Kelly to find out more...
 empower@wellspringtherapy.co.uk
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