

King James's School Newsletter

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The Headteachers Message

Dear Parents/Carers

This week I had another excellent meeting with various Knaresborough community groups, including the Town Council, Police, Chain Lane Community Hub, Harrogate and Knaresborough Fire Service, Inspire Youth, Rotary, and Knaresborough Wellbeing Hub in Stockwell. We heard about the brilliant work that takes place to engage students in positive activity in Knaresborough, impact of police projects on reducing anti-social behaviour, and how fortunate we are to have young people who are generally so well behaved in the community. All the services are committed to working together to ensure that Knaresborough remains such a friendly, welcoming and safe place for all the community.

Best wishes for the weekend,

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Extra-Curricular Clubs

A wide range of extra-curricular clubs are now on offer to students at lunchtime and after-school. Details can be found on the school website: <https://www.king-james.co.uk/extra-curriculum/>

Student Leadership Opportunities

We are proud of the number of different leadership opportunities that students can become involved in at KJS. We believe that such involvement encourages personal growth by developing leadership skills through the various form, year, House, school and community events that our leaders get involved in. Next week our students will be receiving assemblies about the range of opportunities and will be encouraged to apply using the link below which can also be found on the school website.

Closing date for application is 6th October. <https://forms.office.com/e/SpSG7437Ad>

House Activities

Next week sees the start of house competitions, with the House Cross-Country. Dates/times are below. Students must bring their PE kit on the allocated day and go straight to PE for the allocated time instead of their usual lesson.

Please encourage your children to take part.

Year 7: Tuesday 26th September - P1.

Year 8: Tuesday 26th September - P3.

Year 9: Monday 25th September - P3.

Year 10 (Right): Thursday 28th September - P4.

Year 10 (Left): Friday 29th September - P1.



Student Portal to access homework

Further to my message in the newsletter last week. I just want to remind parents and students that homework will be set on Bromcom from Monday 25th September. Parents and students will be able to view homework that has been set via MCAS and the student portal. Please can you also note that teachers might not mark work on the day it is submitted and so it might flag as 'overdue' until it has been checked by the teacher. We are working with Bromcom to try and find a solution to the 'overdue' issue. Students will receive a neutral behaviour event if homework has not been completed. Many thanks for your support with homework - Mrs Eastaugh

There are two options for students to access the homework.

For iPhones or iOS devices

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
5. Go to your school email address to verify the link.

For Android phones or the internet

1. Log on to www.bromcomvle.com (scan the QR code)
2. Select Microsoft login at the bottom of the page
3. Type in your email address e.g. 18jsmith@king-james.co.uk
4. Type in the password you use to log-in to a school computer.
5. School ID if requested- 11433



Park & Stride

Following the popularity of the Park & Stride scheme, we have reinstated it for another year. This scheme allows parents to park for free in York Place Car park between 0815-0835 and 1520-1540 during term time only. This is great for drop off and pick up. To register for the scheme, just come into main reception and sign up.

The Week Ahead: 25th September

Personal Development Focus: RESPECTFUL - Tolerance

"the importance of embracing diversity and being inclusive"

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	House Cross Country Week	7-10		
Tue	GCSE Support Evening Geography Practical visit	11 13	6-7pm All day	Chaloner Hall Coastal/ Knaresborough/Leeds
Wed	Year 12 Expectations Evening	12	6-7pm	Sixth Form Centre
Thur	School photographs	7-11	All day	Boys gym
Fri	School photographs Year 10 Art Research day McMillan Coffee morning	Sixth Form 10 Sixth Form	Morning All day Break/Lunch	Sixth Form Centre Yorkshire Sculpture Park Sixth Form Centre

Responsible Use of Social Media

During our recent expectations evenings I spoke with you about the importance of supporting your child around the responsible use of social media. It is essential that we work together to keep our children safe and we need your support in reporting any concerning online activity. My duty of care also extends to keeping my staff safe. Nationally and locally there has been an increase of cases where school staff are being targeted using social media with inappropriate comments, fake profiles and invasions of privacy. I would be grateful if you could speak with your child about how unacceptable such behaviour is and be vigilant when monitoring their online interactions, passing on any concerns to us - Mrs Handley

There is lots of support available around social media and internet usage, such as <https://www.internetmatters.org/>



Anti-Bullying Survey

King James's School is taking part in the United Against Bullying anti-bullying programme provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA). ABA is part of the National Children's Bureau (NCB); they are a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve our vision to: stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn.

In order to make sure that we are doing all we can to prevent and reduce bullying and to improve pupil wellbeing, we want to find out the levels of bullying in our school and to find out how our pupils feel about school.



For this reason, we are inviting all pupils at our school to complete an anonymous survey in Term 1. We will then ask pupils to complete the questionnaire again in Term 3 to see if the changes made have had an impact.

We will require parental consent for students to complete the survey. Further information about the ABA, the survey itself and the procedure for parents/carers to give their consent, can be found [here](#). Please note that the deadline for giving consent is Tuesday 26th September 2023.

A poster for an Open Evening at King James's School. It features the school crest and name at the top, followed by the text "Open Evening" and "Thursday 12th October 2023". Below this is a large photo of a group of students in school uniforms. At the bottom, there are four smaller photos of individual students. The slogan "TO SET NO LIMITS ON WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE" is written in a stylized font. Contact information for the school is provided at the very bottom.

Open Evening
Thursday 12th October 2023

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King James Road, Knaresborough, North Yorks, HG5 8EB
Website: www.king-james.co.uk | Telephone: 01423 866061

A poster for an Open Evening at King James's School. It features the text "Open Evening" and "5:30pm - 8:30pm" in large letters. Below this is a list of activities and times. A map shows the school location and nearby car parks. The slogan "TO SET NO LIMITS ON WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE" is written in a stylized font. Contact information for the school is provided at the very bottom.

Open Evening
5:30pm - 8:30pm

We would like to welcome prospective students and their parents/carers to visit our school and support you with the process of choosing a secondary school for your child. During the evening you will be able to listen to our Headteacher, Clare Martin; visit all our thriving subject areas, speak to our experienced staff and meet our talented and friendly students.

5:30pm - Parents/carers and Year 6 pupils from Meadowside School, Aspin Park School and Knaresborough St John's School are invited to attend the presentation.

6:30pm - Parents/carers and Year 6 pupils from all other schools are invited to attend the presentation.

5:30pm - 8:30pm - Staff and students will be delighted to welcome you into department areas where you will be invited to take part in subject based activities. You can arrange your evening around the presentation times outlined above.

Please note that there will be no parking on the school site, with the exception of blue badge parking at the front of school. Please allow time for parking; we suggest the use of the car parks or on street parking as indicated on the map.

Fisher Street Car Park
York Place Car Park
King James's School
Aspin Lane, on road parking

If you are unable to attend the event the prospectus is available on the school website, including detailed information regarding admissions.

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