

Friday 6th October

King James's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Over the last couple of weeks, I have had the pleasure of visiting Year 6 pupils in their primary schools to tell them all about King James's. I took some great Year 8 students with me to answer their questions and it was lovely to hear them talk about how happy they are at KJS and about what a fantastic school it is.

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 and their families at our Open Evening on Thursday 12th October, when they will have chance to meet more of our staff and students, take part in fun activities, and explore our school. I hope you are enjoying this new-look newsletter. Please let us know your feedback, or if there is anything else you would like us to include in our weekly updates.

Best wishes for the weekend,

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Year 11 Expectations Evening

Thank you to parents /carers who attended the session on Tuesday evening. For those who could not make it, please find the link to the presentation [here](#). It was an incredibly useful evening, outlining key dates for the rest of the year and including inputs from Maths, English and Science about how to prepare for the exams and signposting excellent resources and sources of information.

House Cross Country

This week saw the start of this year's House competitions, with the annual cross-country competition. Using a course across our own fields, students from all years rose to the challenge to represent their House.

The final standings were as follows:

- 1st: Nidderdale
- 2nd: Airedale
- 3rd: Swaledale
- 4th: Wharfedale



McMillan Coffee Morning

Some of our sixth form students organised and ran a McMillan Coffee Morning this week, raising funds for the vital work carried out by the McMillan charity, including funding for nurses and the Supportline service, as well as a whole range of support for people affected by cancer.



Parental Engagement

We are delighted that parent expectations evenings, held over the last couple of weeks, have been so well attended and have enjoyed the opportunity of the year to meet parents. There is a vast amount of research showing the impact positive parental engagement has on students' progress, and we know how important it is to work together to provide effective support to students and their families.

To strengthen this relationship further and ensure good home/school communication, we hold pastoral parent evenings once a year. These are an opportunity to meet with your child's form tutor, who has an overview of how they are doing and is the first port-of-call for you if you have any concerns. Please pencil the dates into your diaries – we hope you will all be able to attend.

Pastoral Evening dates:

4th October 2023 - Year 7

13th December 2023 - Year 8

13th December 2023 - Year 12

1st February 2024 - Year 11

29th February 2024 - Year 13

12th June 2024 - Year 10

13th June 2024 - Year 9

Flu vaccinations

On 25th and 26th October, the Immunisation Team will be coming into school to provide Flu Vaccinations for students. The Nasal spray and IM will be offered to all students in Years 7-11. The nasal flu vaccine is painless, quick, and side effects are uncommon and generally mild. The IM vaccine is administered into the upper arm. Common side effects are mild and short-lived.

This winter there is a very high risk that the NHS could be overwhelmed with illness caused by influenza, as we have not been mixing with others as much over the past few winters. Children and young people who have the flu vaccine are less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family, especially those who may be at greater risk from flu, such as young babies, elderly people or friends and relatives with a serious health condition.

Consent must be given for your child to receive the flu vaccination. The consent link, as well as some frequently asked questions can be found [here](#). Further information about the flu vaccinations can be found [here](#).

The Week Ahead: 2nd October 2023

Personal Development Focus: ENGAGED- Aspiration "Being the best version of myself and setting no limits"				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Digital Photography Research trip	10	All day	York
Tue	Senior Maths Challenge	Yrs 12 &13	Afternoon	In school
Wed	Year 7 Pastoral Evening	7	4.00-6.30pm	In school
Thur				
Fri	Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition			

Student Leadership

Our Student Leadership programme provides opportunities for leadership and service in the school and wider community. It provides a platform for students to represent and be the voice for the student community, to work collaboratively on pertinent topics and to make a positive change. Please encourage your child to apply using the link below which can also be found on the school website under Student Leadership

<https://forms.office.com/e/SpSG7437Ad>



Attendance

There has been much in the media this week about the importance of attendance – something I talked about at parent expectations evenings. There is a clear relationship between GCSE outcomes and attendance and it is important for us to work together so that students have above 96% attendance and therefore the best chance of success. To help support parents, the UK Health Security Agency have produced “A parent’s guide to keeping kids healthy this school year.” It covers useful hints and tips and guidance around avoiding and dealing with infections that could affect a child’s schooling.

Read the new post: <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/08/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>



Open Evening

Thursday 12th October 2023



'TO SET NO LIMITS ON WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE'

King James's School
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Website: www.king-james.co.uk | Telephone: 01423 866061

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.



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