

Friday 6th October

King James's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We were delighted to welcome Year 7 parents into school on Wednesday evening for the Year 7 Pastoral Evening. It was fantastic to hear how well the students have settled into life at King James's School, and are taking full advantage of the extra opportunities available to them.

Staff will be meeting with members of the School Council next week to discuss, amongst other subjects, ways in which we may be able to further improve the transition process moving forward.

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 students and their families at our Open Evening on Thursday 12th October.

Best wishes for the weekend,

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Mobile Phones

This week the government has issued new guidelines to schools about the use of mobile phones. The new guidelines allow pupils to bring their phones to school so they can be used on the journeys there and back but do not allow them to be used during the school day. This guidance underlines the policy already held by KJS and reinforces the expectation that students must keep mobile phones switched off and in their bags/pockets. Any mobile phones that are seen will be confiscated.

Vaping

In May a letter was sent to parents which was signed by all Harrogate Headteachers about our collective stance towards vaping - please see letter [here](#). Due to the unknown health risks, and emerging link to an increase in smoking in young people, we take a firm line towards students found vaping and our behaviour policy states that any student suspected of vaping on school site will receive one of our most serious consequences, including suspension. Parents who would like support in tackling this issue at home may find the following leaflet of information helpful:

[Vaping and e-cigarettes: The Facts for Parents and Carers](#)

McMillan Coffee Morning

Last week, our sixth formers ran a very successful coffee morning with the support of the Sixth Form team. It was incredible how many brought in home-made baking as well as contributions of shop-bought cakes - thank you to parents who supported.

Students raised an amazing amount of money which will help fund invaluable services provided by Macmillan nurses.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Personal Development

We are pleased to welcome Yorkshire Air Ambulance into school next week to deliver assemblies to years 7 to 11 about the fantastic work they do in our wider community.

KJS are also very proud to be one of approximately 350 schools across the country taking part in the 'Great Big Live Assembly' on Tuesday 10th October as part of Black History Month.

Harvest Festival

We are also collecting for Harvest Festival along with Gracious Street Methodist Church. All donations will go to Resurrected Bites Knaresborough and the Food Bank to help families in need. Donations of non-perishable goods would be gratefully received, such as tins, boxes of cereal, rice, jams, toilet rolls and bathroom products etc. No fresh produce please. All donations can be left in reception and will be collected by Gracious Street Methodist Church on the morning of Friday 13th October 2023, therefore all donations need to be in school by registration on that morning. Thank you so much for your valued support.



German Exchange

You may be well aware of the history of our German Exchange programme, which was started in 1974 by Mr Alan Hemsworth, a now retired teacher from KJS. 2024 will mark a very special anniversary: 50 years of our school exchange between KJS and Brüder Grimm Schule in Bebra.

We were hosts to our German students in April of this year and are very much looking forward to our return next March, our 50th exchange year. This is an invaluable opportunity for students in Years 9 and above to practise their German language skills as well as experiencing the food, local culture, geography and local history of this beautiful part of Germany.

There are still spaces available on this trip, for students in Year 9 and above, so if your child is interested in taking part, please let us know by emailing admin@king-james.co.uk by Monday 9th October 2024 at the latest. Please be aware that families who hosted this year will be given priority for their children to return. Thereafter students studying German in Years 9-11 will be given the opportunity, followed by any other students who are interested.

The Week Ahead: 9th October 2023

Personal Development Focus: ENGAGED- Aspiration "Being the best version of myself and setting no limits"				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	The Big Assembly Live "Black History Month"	All year groups	Assemblies	In school
Wed	Cross Country Cup Founders Day Theatre Royal Trip	Year 7 Years 11 & 13	Assembly 7.30pm	Chaloner Hall York Theatre Royal
Thur	Open Evening *School closes to students at 12.30pm		5.30-8.30pm	
Fri	TRAINING DAY School closed to students			

Homework

Many thanks for your support with homework. Most of our students are now able to access homework on their phone. Here are the instructions again for those who haven't managed to do this yet. Please see a more detailed guide attached to the newsletter. If your child has a problem accessing the student portal, please ask them to see the IT technicians in school. 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





Open Evening

KING JAMES'S SCHOOL
KNARESBOROUGH

Thursday 12th October 2023



'TO SET NO LIMITS ON WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE'

King James's School
King James Road, Knaresborough, North Yorks, HG5 8EB
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.