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# King James's School Newsletter

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## The Headteacher's Message

It has been lovely meeting so many parents this week at Year 9 Options Evening and Year 11 pastoral parents' evening. It is so important to work together at all stages of this journey – from helping students make informed subject choices to supporting them through the final exams. I hope parents and students received the information and support needed and went away confident and reassured for the coming weeks.

Clare Martin  
Headteacher

## GCSE Maths Revision

Just 103 days to Maths paper 1.

Follow our Instagram @kjsmaths for a daily question for each tier which will hit our Story at 7am ready to try over your cornflakes or on the bus!

Weekly revision workshops continue on Wednesdays in L51 (3.15-4.15)



## Federation Vision

Parents will be aware that King James's and Boroughbridge High School federated in 2021. Governors and senior leaders have recently reflected on our shared vision and values and agreed the statements below. We hope you agree that this captures our commitment to working together to increase opportunity and excellence for young people in our community.

A federation of schools united and strengthened by a shared commitment to working collaboratively, to limitless aspirations for every student, and to unlocking the potential in our community.

### Values

- Fostering a positive learning climate for all
- Promoting academic success and high standards
- Encouraging positive, confident, and respectful citizens
- Equipping students for success in a changing world
- Building a culture of collaboration and partnership across the federation



## Year 10 Football Success

On Friday last week, the Year 10 boys football team managed to win their national cup match on Friday, 3-1. It was a long trip to a windy Carlisle, but the boys battled well and are now into the quarter finals of the National Cup. This is a fantastic achievement and we can't wait for the next stage of the competition!



## School Production

Congratulations to the technical crew, band and cast of School Production 'Return to the Forbidden Planet' who were in on Sunday 10-3 for a tiring day of technical rehearsal! They were outstanding and have performed in assemblies all week for all year groups!

Programmes, costumes and refreshments have arrived and we are gearing up for a busy show week next week! Tickets are selling out fast but there are still a few available on the door for each night (6th, 7th and 8th) if you haven't managed to grab yours yet! Just £7.50 for students and £9.50 for adults!



## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary in Knaresborough is looking for a young person to benefit from a one-week residential leadership course to be held during the summer of 2024.



The Rotary youth leadership award course (RYLA) is designed to allow young people to experience at first hand the challenge of leadership. This course is open to young men and women who are over 16 at the start and under 18 on the day the course concludes. The course contains a mixture of physical and mental challenges that allow participants to experience leadership, team building, communication, and problem-solving skills. These are based on both indoor and outdoor activities including water activities, orienteering, raft building and presentations

Rotary has been running these courses for over 25 years and has helped many young adults to develop their personal skills as a leader. Rotary is proud of the system of helping to develop the leaders of tomorrow and looks forward to meeting and working with many more in the future. The course takes place at Hebden Hay, a Scout hostel situated in the Hardcastle Crags valley above Hebden Bridge.

The course dates for 2024 are

Course 1 Sun 21st July to Friday 26th July 2024

Course 2 Sun 28th July to Friday 2nd August 2024

Full sponsorship, and transport to and from the course, is available through Rotary in Knaresborough. The course staff are made up of a team of professional instructors and Rotarians from around the Yorkshire area who supervise the activities and offer feedback to the awardees on their performance. Awardees must be at least 16 and not have attained 18 years of age at the start and finish of the course.

For more information and application forms contact Rotarian Deborah Wilson at [dw.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:dw.rotary@gmail.com)

## Quantum Theatre - Macbeth

This Tuesday, we had the pleasure of hosting Quantum Theatre, who brought Shakespeare's Macbeth to life in an exclusive performance



for our Year 11 students. The dynamic portrayal of the classic texts deepened KJS students' knowledge of the characters, plot, themes and stagecraft, crucial for their GCSE English Literature examination.

The Quantum Team and their four-person cast used their acting skills, lighting and sound to significantly enhance students understanding and the production was well-received by all our students. Year 11 were a credit to the school, actively engaged throughout and reflective during feedback sessions in English lessons.

The English department would like to thank both Quantum Theatre and the whole of Year 11 for making this event such a success!

The UK Government's Department for Education is conducting research to understand how education settings such as schools could be supported with their sustainability goals. They're looking for opinions from parents, carers, students and people that work in the sector to better understand their view on sustainability. [Complete the short DfE research survey online by 7th February 2024.](#)

## Pride History Month – February

LGBT+ History Month is celebrated nationally every February as an annual commemoration of the history, achievements and contributions of LGBT+ people in the UK. Over the next month, as part of our tutoring programme, KJS students will be exploring this year's theme of 'Medicine – Under the Scope'. This celebrates LGBT+ people's contribution to the field of medicine and healthcare as well as provides a positive opportunity to promote equality and diversity for the benefit of all.



## The Week Ahead: 5th February 2024

Personal Development Focus: Engaged - Determination "to action positive change to support my community"				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	School Production 1		7.00pm	S1
Wed	Sixth Form Taster Day School Production 2	11	7.00pm	S1
Thur	Y11 breakfast visit to Sixth Form School Production 3	11	8.45 - 9.10am 7.00pm	Sixth Form Centre S1
Fri	END OF SPRING TERM 1 Year 9 Options Deadline	9		

## GCSE and A Level parent revision evenings



There will be a GCSE parent revision evening for Year 10 and 11 on Monday 19th February and an A Level parent revision evening for Year 12 and 13 on Monday 26th February. Both will take place at 6pm in S1.

These meetings will explain the best ways to revise and how to support students in preparation for their exams. We will also discuss the revision opportunities and sessions available for students at school. In addition, Mr Giles will discuss exam rules and regulations and there will be opportunities for you to ask questions.

We look forward to seeing you at these meetings and working with you during this important time.

## Safer Internet Day - 6th February

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. The theme this year is centred around the theme



Co-ordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

of 'Inspiring Change: Making a Difference, Managing Influence, and Navigating Change Online.' KJS will be among other organisations in the UK delivering resources to advocate the safe, responsible, and positive use of digital technology amongst our students. More useful information specifically for parents and carers about how they can support can be accessed by clicking here.

## House events

This week saw students participating in a range of different house events at KJS. The boys competed in house rugby whilst the girls competed in house football. In addition to this, a number of our year 10 + 11 students competed in the Intermediate Maths Challenge!

The overall results are below. The scoring system included points for wins, sportsmanship and levels of participation.

House Rugby	House Football
1. Wharfedale	1. Wharfedale
2. Airedale	2. Airedale
3. Nidderdale	3. Nidderdale
4. Swaledale	4. Swaledale

A clean sweep for Wharfedale! Well done to all those who took part in the house events this week!



## National Apprenticeship Week

Next week is National Apprenticeship week and there are lots of different events and activities that you and your child can take part in to learn more about apprenticeships



and what they can offer. KJS students have also been and will be receiving assemblies from guest speakers from ASK (Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge for schools and colleges programme) to help increase further awareness about post-16 and 18 opportunities.

Amazing Apprenticeships has a host of resources to help parents/carers understand apprenticeships and decide if it is the right path for your child. The page can be found here. In addition, we have been made aware that there are a number of virtual events during the week with speakers from Parliamentary Digital Service and the House of Commons.

The events will take place via Microsoft Teams during the week commencing 5th February. To register attendance, please send the name of the session you would like to attend with an up-to-date email address to [hocapprenticeships@parliament.uk](mailto:hocapprenticeships@parliament.uk) no later than 4pm on Friday 2nd February 2024. A Microsoft Teams link to the event will be sent prior to the event.