

Friday 10th May 2024

King James's School Newsletter

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The Headteacher's Message

This week, we wished Year 11 and Year 13 students 'Good Luck!' at their leavers' assembly, celebrating the end of this stage of their school life and the start of the exam season.

For Year 13 students, this marks the end of a seven-year relationship and all our staff wish them every success for their exams, university, and careers.

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Fake exam papers online

As we move into the exam season, there has been a rise in recent years of cases where students have attempted to access fake exam papers online and on social media platforms. Accounts claiming to sell this year's papers are almost always scams and students should report such accounts to teachers.

Exam boards are monitoring such sites and students do risk being disqualified from their exams if they are found to be conducting searches or communicating on these websites, even if the papers they access are fake. It is really important that students take heed of these warnings.



Year 11 students also marked the end of an era with a celebratory assembly on Wednesday, before heading off on their study leave, ahead of their GCSE exams.



Leaving Celebrations

The Year 13 students celebrated in style as they went on study leave for their A-level exams on Wednesday. They had a wonderful Leavers assembly, put together expertly by Mrs Sewell. The event included speeches and musical items from staff and students and finished with a whole year group sing along. Huge thanks to 'Yellow number 5' who performed and accompanied other acts!



Road Safety

Please could parents speak to children about road safety when travelling to and from school – particularly when crossing King James Road at the front of school. There is an increased amount of traffic due to the new leisure centre, and it is difficult for drivers to see.



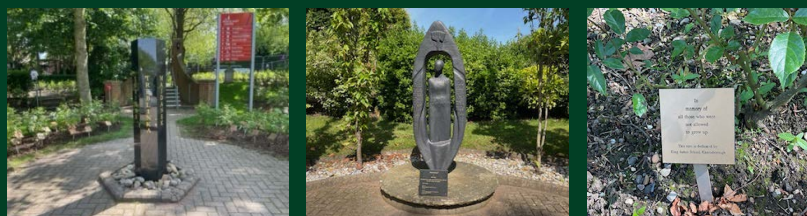
We have had Highways come to look at the situation and they are making some minor changes, but children should be encouraged to use the zebra crossing and to be fully aware of traffic coming in all directions when crossing the road. .

Flood Disruption

Unfortunately, we had a flood last weekend which has caused significant damage to several rooms, halls, and dining areas. Students have been very sensible in responding to room changes. Unfortunately, we expect that significant repair work will need to take place over coming weeks and months, so we are likely to have further impact on day-to-day operations. We will keep you informed but thank you for your support in advance.

Beth Shalom Trips

The RS department have led two very successful trips to the National Holocaust Memorial Museum, Beth Shalom. 100 year 9 students had the opportunity to engage in a formative series of activities, including visiting the museum with its highly resourced artefacts, hearing survivors' testimonies, expert insights into the nature of antisemitism past and present, and the chance to ask questions and reflect on their learning. Both groups of students behaved impeccably and were highly praised by the staff at the centre.



Opal Coast - Parent Information Evening

A reminder for parents of those students participating in the French Opal Coast trip - the information evening is taking place on Monday 13th May at 6.00pm in the Sixth Form Centre.

Please could all parents remember to bring along their child's passport and GHIC/EHIC cards to hand in at this meeting.

Book Fair

The school Book Fair will continue to run next week, until Friday 17th May 2024.

We encourage all our students to come down to the Library during lunchtime to browse the collection of books available. Books from various age categories will also be available to order online and these can be viewed on the [school website](#).

Vacancies

Current vacancies at KJS include the following:

- Head of Faculty: Art & Photography
- Teacher of Art
- Teacher of History
- Teacher of Chemistry
- Year Managers
- Food Technician

Further details are available on the school website: <https://www.king-james.co.uk/vacancies/>

The Week Ahead: 13th May 2024

Personal Development Focus: RESPECTFUL - Empathy

"What small changes can I make that will make a big difference to others?"

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	A-Level Art Exam Day 1 A-Level Photography Exam Day 2 Y12 Drama Farce Performance French Opal Coast trip - Info evening	13 13 12	All day All day 6.00pm	Sixth Form centre
Tue	A-Level Art Exam Day 2 A-Level Photography Exam Day 3 English School's Athletics	13 13	All day All day	
Wed	A-Level Art Exam Day 3 A-Level French speaking exam	13 13	All day Various	
Thur	Y12 Geography Coastal trip	12	All day	
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