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King James's School Newsletter

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The Headteacher's Message

Our LA Advisor visited school yesterday to give us some feedback on Inclusion. We pride ourselves as being an inclusive school and were pleased to have the opportunity to showcase how we support children with special educational needs.

The feedback was extremely positive, with students sharing their experiences of the positive impact of the provision they receive.

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Physics Olympics

This week, saw four of our talented physicians take part in the Physics Olympics in York. After a challenging day of practical and theoretical challenges, the students came 8th out of 27 schools. Well done to them all!



Attendance and Safeguarding

Welcome to two new staff, starting next Monday, 17th June.

Gill Kingston is our new Senior Leader for Safeguarding and Attendance. Gill has already worked at King James's in Human Resources, but now joins the Senior Leadership Team as the strategic lead for safeguarding and attendance.



Phil Kent – Phil has a background as a Youth Offending Officer and joins us as Attendance Officer. All students having over 95% attendance is a big priority for us as it has a huge impact on academic achievement as well as overall wellbeing. Phil will be working to support families in overcoming challenges to improve attendance and to access the education needed to secure successful futures.

Athletics Success

On Monday 12th June, 47 King James athletes competed in the Harrogate and Craven schools athletics finals day. All of these students had competed a few days earlier at Queen Ethelburga's school and qualified for the final. Year 7-10 were represented and the finals day was at Leeds Beckett University. It was a great day seeing so many of our pupils competing hard and having lots of success. The atmosphere was positive and it was a great way to show what a strong year we have produced. On the day we had 28 individual top 3 finishes which is an outstanding achievement. 8 of these were 1st place and therefore became Area champions.

Area Champions

- Felix M - Hurdles & High jump (Year 7)
- Louie R- Discus (Year 10) - Also claimed the Area record
- Ben P - Discus (Year 8)
- Andrew M - Long Jump (Year 7)
- Ryan H - Long Jump (Year 10)
- Matthew Mc - High Jump (Year 9)
- Sophie S - High Jump (Year 7)
- Savannah M - High jump (Year 9)

Fancy a change in Direction?

We are on the hunt for fantastic Year Managers to join our pastoral team from September. Supporting a year group as a non-teaching head of year is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who enjoys working with young people and wants to make a difference. We welcome applicants from a variety of backgrounds – just as long as they can build positive relationships with students, parents, and staff, have a positive mindset and a commitment to education. If you would like to consider this hugely rewarding role, more details are available on the website.

Royal Readers

Last weekend, four of our Year 7 Royal Readers group attended the Children's Book Award Ceremony in Birmingham. The students were selected to attend this prestigious event after reading and reviewing all three of the shortlisted books.

Thank you to our library staff who took them to the event. They commented on what a huge privilege it was to be able to take such an amazing group of students. Their impeccable manners, from opening doors to kindly replenishing water glasses at their table, was commented on by members of the Federation.

Orla won the drawing that you can see in the picture attached, and she immediately offered to donate it to the Library!



Equipment

Along with being punctual and wearing the uniform correctly, one of the expectations around our value of being ready is that students arrive to school with the necessary equipment for all lessons.

A pencil case with basic equipment (pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener) is the minimum that students should have with them each day. Please support this by encouraging your child to ensure that they are ready with everything they need for the school day.

Mock Election

As General election fever grabs the nation, KJS students will have a wonderful opportunity to experience an election themselves. KJS are running a House mock election competition in which prospective (student) candidates from the most popular parties will have a chance to run a campaign, communicate their party's policies and do a speech. All students will be involved in voting to show them how an election works.



Miss Moss and Mr Foster would like to pass on their thanks to Charlie H in Year 10 and Tom M in Year 12 for their help with the competition.

House News

The latest house events took place over the last fortnight. The year 7-10 boys participated in house softball whilst the year 10 girls participated in house rounders.

Below are the overall results for events:

House Softball:

- Nidderdale
- Swaledale
- Wharfedale
- Airedale

House Rounders:

- Nidderdale
- Wharfedale
- Swaledale
- Airedale

Well done to the Nidderdale boys and girls for winning in their events!



Staff Award

Last Friday, Mrs Allison was invited to Knaresborough House as part of the town twinning celebrations for bed race and was presented with the Award for Services to Town Twinning in recognition of her work with the KJS German exchange programme. Many congratulations Mrs Allison and very much deserved.

The Week Ahead: 17th June 2024

Personal Development Focus: ENGAGED - Aspirations "Who are my positive role models in society?"				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Year 12 Mock Exams Opal Coast Trip Y10 Geography Fieldtrip	Year 12 Year 7 Year 10	All week Until Thurs 20th June All day	Bridlington
Tue	Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip	Year 10	All day	Bridlington
Wed	SSG Trip			
Thur	Year 9 end of year Maths Exams UCAS Discovery Leeds Y6 SEN transition day 2	Year 9 Year 12		Leeds
Fri	DofE Assessed Expedition (back up date)		All Day	