



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

7th June 2024

Dear Year 6 Parent/Carer

Visits to our feeder primary schools: 17th May- 7th June

We have had two wonderful weeks visiting our Year 6's in their primary school setting. This year our 270 students are coming from 40 feeder schools, and we aim to visit them all in their own school, before they come to visit us at King James's for their Transition Days on 3rd and 4th July. We find visiting students in their own environment helps to support the formation of vital relationships, builds confidence and allows for those very important face to face conversations to happen with their existing Year 6 teachers.

During these visits Mrs Holdsworth (Assistant Headteacher) has taken time to speak to all the students, so they feel informed and excited about King James's School, whilst easing any worries they have about moving up to Secondary school. From experience we know parents/carers speaking to their child about this initial visit can help and supports the transition process for both students and their parents/carers at home. We would therefore appreciate you chatting to your child about the following topics which were mentioned during these visits:

- **Our School Values - *Ready, Respectful and Engaged*** - These are the foundation of our school community.
- **A day in the life of a Year 7 KJS student** – We looked at what their timetable will look like.
- **Preparing to be *Secondary School Ready*** - We discussed ways of becoming more responsible and self-sufficient over the summer holidays.
- **The Transition Journey** – Important dates until October Half term 2024.

The Year 7 Team:

Along with Mrs Holdsworth, (Assistant Head) who your child will have recently met. We have appointed Mr King, who will become the Associate Assistant Head of Year 7 in September. Mr King is currently in charge of Transition and Year 7 at another school, and we are all looking forward to him joining the team in September. Alongside Mr King, we will also have two, non-teaching Year 7 Managers who will support in providing quality pastoral care, an effective learning environment and varied enrichment opportunities for the year group.

Communication:

Over the next few weeks we will continue to drip feed information through the Year 6 Transition page on the [school website](#) starting with a video introduction from Mr King next week. This will be followed by the introduction to other key members of staff, some transition activities, links to supportive material for parents and a New Starters Guide to King James's School, which should hopefully answer most of your questions. If you have any urgent or personal questions to ask please use yr6transition@king-james.co.uk

Key Dates:

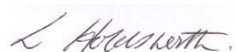
As parents/carers, you are a vital part of the transition journey and the King James's community, we have carefully planned a number of occasions over the next few months where you will have the opportunity to visit the school, meet members of staff and find out about how your child has settled into our school.

- **Thursday 4th July** – parents/carers will have the opportunity to attend an information evening and meet with your child's Form Tutor. Information and details will be sent out nearer the time.
- **Wednesday 11th September** – Year 7 Expectations Evening – Mr King and key members of staff will explain our school values and priorities for the year and how, as parents/carers you can support these from home.
- **October (Date tbc)** - Year 7 Pastoral Evening – parents/carers will have the opportunity to speak to your child's Form Tutor about how they have settled into King James's School.

We would like to take this opportunity to say how delighted we have been to get to meet the ***“Class of 2024”*** and what a wonderful bunch they are – inquisitive, energetic and polite, the future certainly looks very bright!

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your child(ren) into our school in July and becoming part of the King James's Community.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Holdsworth
Assistant Headteacher