

Friday 27th September 2024

King James's School Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

We are starting our preparations for Open Evening which will be held on 10th October 5.30pm-8.30pm. Please spread the word and encourage families with children in Year 6 to come and visit our fantastic school!

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Thought for the Fortnight



The Thought for the Fortnight for the weeks beginning 23rd and 30th September is:

"Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it. Right is right, even if no one is doing it"

Key Take Aways are:
Always try and do the right thing because it is the right thing to do, not because someone is watching.

Student Wellbeing

At KJS, we are committed to fostering a supportive and thriving environment for all students. As part of our ongoing efforts, we are seeking feedback from both students and parents on wellbeing at our school. Your input is invaluable in helping us improve the support we provide, and we believe that working together is key to ensuring everyone can Be well, Do well, and Live well.

For students, a wellbeing survey was shared during form time. If your child hasn't had the chance to complete it, I've attached the link here: <https://forms.office.com/e/qahKyrPVjm> so they can do so at their convenience.

In addition, we're very eager to hear from parents as well. We encourage you to take a few moments to complete the parent survey attached below. Your thoughts and feedback will help us work together to make positive changes and ensure the wellbeing of our entire school community. Please find link to parent's / guardian's survey here: <https://forms.office.com/e/wnHJG80MaW>

Thank you for being an essential part of this process. We look forward to hearing from you and continuing to work together for the success and wellbeing of all our students.

Charlie Phillips, Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Check you are registered to vote

Residents across North Yorkshire are being reminded to check that they are registered to vote at their address so that everyone who has the right to take part in upcoming elections can have their say on decisions that affect them.



Like all UK local authorities, every year North Yorkshire Council's elections team is required by law to confirm whether the details held on the electoral register are correct.

Households with teenagers should be aware that the electoral register can be important for getting a credit rating, which is required when applying for a mobile phone contract or credit card. From age 16 British citizens and qualifying Commonwealth or EU citizens living in the UK can be added.

The letter or email people receive from the council will set out what they need to do, and recipients are asked to respond as soon as possible to prevent costly reminders being posted out. Households that have not responded before mid-October should expect a visit from someone to get the information needed in person.

Anyone concerned about the risk of scams should be reassured that the council will never ask for bank details as part of the annual canvass. There are also examples of the forms online, so people know what questions to expect.

A revised register will be published on December 1. Find out more about the annual canvass in North Yorkshire and registering to vote at www.northyorks.gov.uk/annualcanvass

Let's Talk Active

Let's Talk Active is part of North Yorkshire's series of Let's Talk conversations to listen to people who live and work in North Yorkshire. They want to hear from you! Please fill in the online survey here www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk, pick up a paper copy of the survey from: the library, email letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk, or calling 0300 131 2131 (please say 'Let's Talk' when prompted).

They would like to know if you are physically active, what is important to you about being active, and any barriers you face. This will help to develop council leisure facilities and community-based sport and leisure services now and in the future. Watch a short clip about the campaign here https://youtu.be/nBG5FRZGw_0



The poster features the North Yorkshire Council logo on the left and the 'Let's Talk... Active' logo on the right. The central text reads: 'Let's Talk Active! Fill in the survey to tell us; if you are physically active, what is important to you about being active, and any barriers you face. www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk'. Below this, it says 'Or scan the QR code' next to a QR code. At the bottom left, a yellow box states 'Survey closes 4 November 2024'.

Assemblies - week beginning 30th September 2024

Year 7 – 11 – Building a More Inclusive Society delivered by Miss Moss (Head of History Department).

This assembly will raise the profile of Black History Month and focus on understanding diversity, recognising contributions, promoting empathy & understanding, role models and challenging stereotypes.

Year 12 & 13 – Minds Matter delivered by Mr Gordon (Head of PSHCEE) and Mr Phillips (Student Health & Wellbeing Coordinator).

This assembly will raise the profile of World Mental Health Day and focuses on common mental health issues, identification, strategies to help and promotion of support networks in and out of school.

Mrs Eastaugh will also be delivering an extra assembly to Year 7 on Homework.

The Week Ahead: 30th September 2024

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	Senior UKMT Maths Challenge			
Wed	Year 7 Pastoral Parents Evening	Year 7	4.30-7.30pm	Main school
Thur				
Fri				

Staff book recommendation

This week's staff book recommendation is from our receptionist, Mrs Artindale. "How to Kill Your Family" by Bella Mackie.



Geography Fieldtrip

On Tuesday this week, the Year 13 Geographers went to various locations to collect data for their NEA (non-examined assessments). We were very fortunate that the weather held for us and the students were able to collect good quality data. The Physical Geographers went to The East Yorkshire Coast, the Human Geographers went to Leeds, Harrogate, York - all over! This coursework is worth 20% of their final grade and we are looking forward to the work that they are going to produce. Just for the diary - the deadline for the Introduction draft is Monday 14th October and the Methodology is due in on Monday 21st October. The students performed admirably and were a real pleasure to accompany on the field trip. Mr Keeble, Head of Geography



Careers

Young Professionals are running a Parents / Guardians Information Evening. This event brings together 12 of the world's leading companies coming to share their insights and knowledge on how parents and guardians can best help their son/daughter on taking their next steps after school.

This event is designed to provide valuable insights into how you can support your child in making informed career choices when they leave school. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn how to help your son or daughter gain a foothold in the world of work with the many major brands from various sectors who will be joining us for the event. Details of the event are shown opposite.

This event will touch upon applying to corporate roles and the application process, commercial awareness and how young people can develop these skills as well as highlighting degree apprenticeships, what they are and key deadlines to make applications.

Understanding your Teenager's Brain

Adolescence is the second most rapid period of brain development after the first few years of life. Teenage brains are reshaped in this period, and hormonal and developmental changes have a natural impact on how young people feel about their world as well as how they express themselves.



Understanding your teenager's brain can help you to understand and read their behaviours and how you might best support them in this critical period. The relationship you share remains one of the most important for nurturing their wellbeing and helping them to thrive as kind, sociable and resilient people throughout their lives.

The Understanding Your Teenager course costs only £9 and the modules include:

- Teenagers' Brain Development
- Teenagers and Reading Faces
- Risk taking
- Sensitive to rejection
- Teenagers and sleep

There are also two courses for your teenager themselves to take:

- Understanding your Feelings (for Teenagers only!)
- Understanding your Brain (for Teenagers only!).

And another one for parents about Understanding the Impact of the pandemic on your teenager.

Careers Event Details:

Date: Thursday, 3rd October 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Agenda:

6:00 PM - 6:05 PM: Welcome from Young Professionals

6:05 PM - 6:30 PM: Skills Session – Commercial Awareness & Career Guidance

Forvis Mazars, AICPA & CIMA, Wates, Mishcon de Reya

Learn what employers are looking for in students, and how parents can help their child develop the right skills for the corporate world.

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM: The Recruitment Process

PwC, Clifford Chance, Amazon, Experian

Tips on how to prepare your child for online tests, assessment centres, and interviews to give them an edge in the recruitment process.

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM: Degree Apprenticeships Explained in full

KPMG, BDO, Linklaters, Evelyn Partners

Understand what apprenticeships are, how they can benefit your child, and how they compare to university.

Sign up below to secure your place

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPYourchild-theirFuture>

Student Leadership Opportunities

Miss Baker has delivered assemblies over the last 2 weeks highlighting the opportunities students have to learn beyond the classroom. One of these opportunities is the Student Leadership Programme. There are a range of roles available that are outlined on the Student Leadership page of the school website. The deadline for all applications is Monday 7th October. Please talk through these opportunities with your child to see if there is an opportunity they would like to apply for.

Applications for the roles can be made by clicking on this link: [Student Leadership Application](#)

In addition to the leadership opportunities in school, there is also the opportunity for students to apply to be a part of the Knaresborough Youth Council and help shape the future of Knaresborough. Local Youth Councils enable young people to get involved in local decisions, and influence change in their own communities. By joining your local Youth Council students will meet other passionate, innovative young people, and have the opportunity to become actively involved in democracy.

To find out more about the Knaresborough Youth Council, please click [here](#).

To apply for a place on the Knaresborough Youth Council, please write 150 words on your personal strengths and two big issues you would like to work on, that young people are facing. For details on how to apply for this role, please see the flyers at the end of this newsletter. The deadline for applications is Friday 11th October.



Open Evening

Thursday 10th October 2024



'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 departments 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.

Dear whom it may concern,

We would like to introduce you to the new Knaresborough Youth Council and have attached more information for you on how to get involved.

➤ **What is a Youth Council:**

The Youth Council was a proposal made by Year 6 students from last July who were taking part in the Young Leaders initiative at Knaresborough St. John's Primary School, and we have been working with the support of North Yorkshire Council since then to ensure their ambition was realised.

Youth Councils across the county give young people the opportunity and support to work on the issues that matter the most in their own neighbourhoods.

"Our local Youth Councils enable young people to get involved in local decisions, and influence change in their own communities. We support you to come together both virtually and in person, amplify your voices, and to have a say in the issues which affect you in your own neighbourhoods. By joining your local youth council you will meet other passionate, innovative young people, and have the opportunity to become actively involved in democracy." (North Yorkshire Council)

Watch this video to find out more about Local Youth Councils:

<https://youtu.be/gC8UdDi0Dt4>

➤ **What have other Youth Councils got involved in?**

Skipton Youth Council concluded their anti-social behaviour campaign with funding secured for Inspire Youth to run a longer-term outreach service from their mobile youth bus! They continue to meet with their Community Safety Working Group on this. They're moving onto their Keep Skipton Tidy campaign, running a litter picking competition in schools and youth organisations, and working with the Tobacco and Substances team at North Yorkshire Council to look at the vaping issue.

Harrogate Youth Council have secured a collaborative project with Fearless, the anonymous reporting service for young people from Crimestoppers UK, to help increase reporting of harassment, without the concerns of being known to have called it out. They are also working with the Mental Health Support Teams for North Yorkshire Schools, to collaborate in finding better ways to support young people. They had a shout out from Roman Kemp during his campaign to get schools to sign a Mental Health Declaration (like the declaration for physical support if a pupil has an injury from a school activity).

➤ **How you can get involved:**

Our aim is to have two Year 6 representatives from each primary school in Knaresborough, and two representatives from each year group at King James Secondary School & Sixth Form, 2 representatives from the Forest School and 2 representatives who are home educated.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like more information about the Youth Council.

Thank you & best wishes,

Jess Ward & Rowena Lloyd

P.S. We are also running a competition to design a logo for the new Youth Council and information on how to enter is also included in the letter.



Inspire Youth Yorkshire
9-10 Half Penny Close,
Knaresborough, HG5 0TG

Email: youthcouncil@inspireyouth.uk

Dear potential participant,

We are very excited to tell you about a new Youth Council that is being set-up in Knaresborough to allow young people from Year 6 to Year 13 to raise & discuss issues that are affecting them or their community - giving young people a voice!

Getting involved in the Youth Council could also provide experience in fundraising & bid writing, setting meeting agendas & chairing meetings, and knowledge about how local democracy and elections work.

Youth Council meetings are likely to be held straight after school in a community venue in Knaresborough (including snacks!), and you would just require collecting after the meeting by your parent/carer.

Would you like to nominate yourself?

Your school, will have 2 places on the council in September, for an elected 'Youth Councillor' and a 'Deputy Youth Councillor' to represent those who are home educated. If you would be interested in taking part in the Youth Council and would like to nominate yourself, please could you submit the following to us:

Write 150 words on your personal strengths and 2 big issues you would like to work on, that young people are facing.

We have attached a form for you to submit your statement of values on and return to the address above (post box or by email) by **Friday 11th October 2024**.

Competition to design a logo?

We would also like your help in designing a logo for the new Knaresborough Youth Council and therefore we are running a competition, which is open to all students currently in Year 6 to Year 13, to submit a logo design by **Friday 11th October 2024** (to the details above – by post box or email).

We are happy to take pencil/pen drawings or designs created digitally, as the finished design will be edited to allow it to be used for high resolution print or online.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Jess & Rowena

YOUR NAME:	YOUR SCHOOL (if applicable) or CONTACT DETAILS:
CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR (if applicable) & AGE:	CURRENT CLASS (if applicable):
KNARESBOROUGH YOUTH COUNCIL – LOGO COMPETITION ENTRY:	

Closing date for entries is 11th October 2024 – you can hand in to your school reception, email youthcouncil@inspireyouth.uk or drop off/post to 9-10 Half Penny Close, Knaresborough HG5 0TG

YOUR NAME:	YOUR SCHOOL (if applicable) or CONTACT DETAILS:
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CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR (if applicable) & AGE:	CURRENT CLASS (if applicable):
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150 words on my personal strengths and 2 big issues I would like to work on, that I feel young people are facing:

Closing date for entries is 11th October 2024 – you can hand in to your school reception, email youthcouncil@inspireyouth.uk or drop off/post to 9-10 Half Penny Close, Knaresborough HG5 0TG