

Friday 22nd November 2024

King James's School Newsletter

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Procedures for Snow Closures

We have had some beautiful wintery scenes this week and it has prompted us to remind parents of our procedures in cases where snow requires us to close school for the day. In the case of significant adverse weather, where we cannot guarantee the safe opening of school due to staffing levels or health & safety considerations, we aim to make the decision to close school by 7.30am. We will send a text to parents to let you know as soon as possible so that you can plan for the day. There is work for English, Maths and Science into a folder on ITS Learning called 'SNOW WORK'. Students should access this and complete work for each core subject. As a real snowfall is rare, we would like students to have time to get outside and experience the outdoors. Additional work is always available via Oak National Academy or BBC Bitesize.



Message from the Headteacher

This week has seen the start of our Year 11 mock examinations, and I am pleased to report that students have been treating these with the seriousness needed to get the most out of the experience. Thank you to parents who are supporting students through this potentially stressful time, I am sure it will pay dividends in helping them prioritise their study between now and the 'real thing' later in the year. Good luck Year 11!

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Remembrance Day

On 11th November, four of our students played the Last Post at various points around school to mark Remembrance Day. They played beautifully whilst students and staff paid their respects during the 2-minute silence.

Many thanks to:
Ella G (Y11), Daniel H (Y8)
Jacob P (Y9) and Jonathan S (Y12)



SSG Trip to Everyman Theatre in Harrogate.

The SSG group made up of students from year 7 to year 11 took part in their annual trip to the Everyman Cinema in Harrogate this week. They watched a film as part of the Into Film Nationwide Film Festival. The festival aims to make visiting the cinema accessible for all and bring learning to life by inspiring young people to watch and understand films.

The students travelled to Harrogate by train and enjoyed popcorn and sweets as they watched the film in luxury on the comfy settees at the Everyman. Lots of follow up work on the film will form part of their curriculum over the next few weeks.

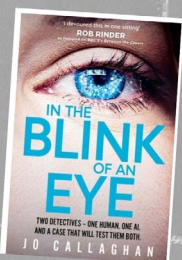
Everyone had a really good time with their friends and their behaviour walking through Knaresborough and Harrogate, on the train and at the cinema was exemplary.



& Juliet

On Monday evening, music students went to Leeds Grand theatre to watch the hit musical & Juliet. Staff and students were transported back to fair Verona and watched an alternative ending for Shakespeare's famous play 'Romeo and Juliet', with help from songs originally by the Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears and P!nk. If that wasn't magical enough we had a very snowy coach ride back through Leeds.

Mrs Porter
(Business department)
loves...



JO CALLAGHAN - IN THE
BLINK OF AN EYE

DCS Kat Frank knows all about loss. A widowed single mother, Kat is a cop who trusts her instincts. Picked to lead a pilot programme that has her paired with AI Detective Lock. AI versus human experience. Logic versus instinct. With lives on the line can the pair work together before someone else becomes another statistic?

STAFF BOOK
RECOMMENDATION

Thought for the Fortnight



Thought for the Fortnight for the weeks beginning 25th November and 2nd December is:

“A right delayed is a right denied” (Martin Luther King Jr).

Key take aways are:

- Human rights are basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world, from birth until death.
- Human rights apply regardless of where you are from, what you believe or how you chose to live your life.
- Human Rights Day is Tuesday 10th December. Mr Gordon will be delivering assemblies to all year groups.

House Events

The latest house events took place at KJS last week. The boys participated in house football whilst the girls participated in house netball. Below are the winners for each event so far:

Football:	Netball
Year 7: Nidderdale	Year 7: Wharfedale
Year 8: Wharfedale	Year 8: Airedale
Year 9: Wharfedale	Year 9: Wharfedale
Year 10: Airedale	Year 10: Nidderdale
Sixth Form: Swaledale	Sixth Form: Nidderdale



Movember Update: Week Three Highlights



As we enter the third week of Movember, the excitement at school continues to grow. Hopefully, you had a chance to read the email I sent out to all parents and guardians last week. If not, please take a moment to check out the article on the Stray Ferret about our campaign [here](#) and the Movember video we created to raise awareness, featuring staff members during form time [here](#).

This week, we treated the students to a live-streamed event during form time where a member of staff's beard was shaved off to leave a stylish moustache. Rumours swirled about who the mystery man might be, but we kept it under wraps until Thursday's big reveal. Initially, Mr. Kent appeared as the mystery man, but it turned out he was just a decoy!

The real surprise came when the students nominated Mr. Keeble for the honour. After some searching, we found him fast asleep in his classroom—perfect for the big moment! The students were thrilled to choose his new moustache style, voting for the iconic Hulk Hogan handlebar look. With cheers and laughter, Mr. Atkinson got to work with the razor while we thanked students for their fantastic support throughout Movember. The energy was electric as the final product—our very own “Hulk Keeble”—was unveiled to enthusiastic applause. Students rushed to see him, creating a wonderful buzz and positive atmosphere across the school.

Thanks to everyone's generosity and involvement, we've raised an incredible £3,182 so far! The students are determined to help us hit £4,000, so let's keep the momentum going.

Next week marks the final stretch of Movember, and we'll be announcing the winner of the Best Moustache competition alongside our final fundraising total.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to this fantastic cause, fostering important conversations about mental health and making such a meaningful impact.

Let's finish strong!"

https://uk.movember.com/team/2482311?utm_source=qr&utm_medium=mo_app&utm_campaign=movember&utm_content=app_share_team-space_qr



Assemblies

Assemblies this week all have a Careers focus.

We are delighted to have representatives from Grantley Hall coming in to deliver the Year 8 Exploring Career Pathways assembly.

Year 9 have an assembly on Exploring Progression Pathways delivered by ASK Apprenticeships.

Miss Baker will be delivering the Year 10 careers assembly which focuses on the steps students need to do in preparation for their careers and guidance interview with Mrs Morgan (Careers Advisor).

Children in Need



Our non uniform day last week raised a fantastic £1,657.00 for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for your support and generosity. The money raised will make a huge difference to children across the UK.

Careers

Insight to KPMG Virtual Event



Join Big 4 & Global Accounting Firm KPMG for their Virtual Insight Event on Monday 9th December, 5pm – 6pm

KPMG in the UK is part of a global network of independent firms that offers Audit, Consulting, Deal Advisory, KPMG Business Services, Tax & Law and Technology services. Like the organisations they work with, KPMG is truly embracing change, and creating a tech-driven, sustainable business that empowers their people to connect, collaborate and deliver exceptional work with a lasting impact on the world.

This is an incredible opportunity to hear from some of KPMG's senior leaders and to get an inside glimpse into the world of professional services.

Secure your place below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/29X225X>

Chrimouse trail in Knaresborough

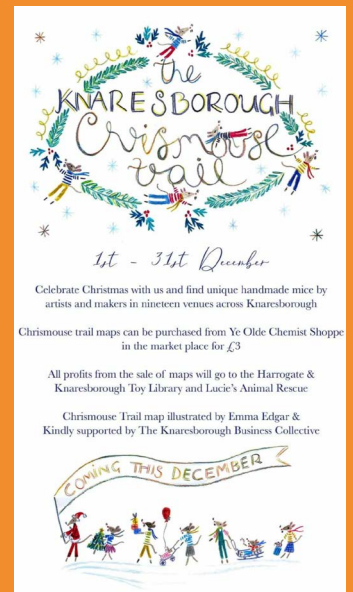
Celebrate Chrimouse with us and find unique handmade mice by artists and makers in 19 venues across Knaresborough.

Enjoy the Chrimouse magic as you wander the town's historic streets around the central Market Place and visit Knaresborough's wonderful local shops, galleries and cafes this Christmas.

The Chrimouse trail map can be purchased (for £3.00) from The Lavender Tea Rooms (Ye Olde Chemist Shoppe) on the Market Place. Profit from sales of the map will go to the Harrogate and Knaresborough Toy Library and Lucie's Animal Rescue. The Knaresborough Chrimouse Trail is kindly supported by the Knaresborough Business Collective.

The Chrimouse trail map has been illustrated by Emma Edgar.

To complete your festive experience, don't forget to visit the Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church, which runs from 7th-22nd December 2024.



The Week Ahead: 25th November 2024

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Year 11 Mock Exams continue Year 12 Photographic Research Trip	11 Various	Various All day	Leeds
Tue	Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip	12	All day	Leeds
Wed				
Thur				
Fri	Year 13 PA Theatre for Children assessment	13	Afternoon	In school

