

Friday 29th November 2024

King James's School Newsletter

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Year 12 Art and Photography trip to Leeds

Year 12 artists and photographers had a great trip to Leeds to photograph new public sculptures by artists Yinka Shonibare and Pippa Hale which will form part of their A-level coursework. Students were engaged and purposeful throughout the day and weren't put off by the rain showers- well done to Year 12 and the Art department!



Learning Cycle Reports

Please look out for Learning Cycle 1 reports – now available on the MyChild at School app. Any issues in accessing the reports, please contact your child's year team.



Our School Values of Ready, Respectful and Engaged underpin our expectations at King James's School and students with strong foundations in these areas make consistently good progress and reach their potential as they move through school.

At King James's School, we strive for all our students to be meeting these values in the majority of their subjects (recorded as green on their Learning Cycle Report.) Next week, if your child is currently not achieving this you will be notified by their year teams about the additional support or actions that will be made during Learning Cycle 2.

In order to support your child, please could you review their Learning Cycle report with them, reinforcing the importance of being Ready, Respectful & Engaged, regularly check MCAS for updates on attendance, punctuality and behaviour as well as actively encouraging them to make some positive changes. Thank you in advance for any support you can provide from home.

Well done to those students who have achieved greens for Ready, Respectful and Engaged in all their subjects! These students' achievements will be celebrated in their Rewards Assemblies next week.

- Year 7 – 33%
- Year 8 – 26%
- Year 9 – 13%
- Year 10 – 29%
- Year 11 – 19%

D60 Detentions

A key part of our behaviour strategy is the use of our 'D60' after-school detentions. Unfortunately, some students are choosing not to attend this detention meaning that their sanction is escalated to time in our Consequence Room.

If there is a valid reason why a detention needs to be rearranged, we always try to work with parents and move it to another day. However, as I am sure parents can appreciate, a lot of the time there is no such valid reason and students are simply trying to avoid the sanction which undermines our behaviour system.

Please could we ask parents to support us by sending us an email if there is a need to rearrange a detention, in advance of the detention. Otherwise, the detention will be escalated as per our behaviour policy. Thank you.

Rewards and Recognition Assemblies



The Associate Assistant Headteachers will be using assembly time next week to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements, efforts and positive contributions of individual and groups within the year group.



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.

Year 13 mock exam revision

There are five weeks until the start of the Year 13 mock exams after Christmas. To support our students, each subject has devised a revision programme which should be followed to ensure they have secure knowledge of the topics and content assessed in their exams. There are also useful revision materials to teach students the best ways to revise. The link to the revision page on the website is here with all the resources your child need. We wish all students the very best of luck and do not hesitate to contact us if you need any more guidance about revision.

<https://www.king-james.co.uk/year-13-a-level-revision/>



Careers

Year 8 students enjoyed a career focused assembly on Tuesday delivered by Megan and Jasmine from Grantley Hall. Megan and Jasmine talked about the variety of jobs available at Grantley Hall and the apprenticeships and training programmes they offer. This assembly was a part of the Year 8 careers education programme that focuses on Exploring Future Pathways.



Year 9 students had the first of 3 assemblies that focus on helping them with their Year 9 options process which takes place in January. Miss Baker delivered an assembly on the different pathways students can take at the end of Year 11 with a specific focus on Apprenticeships. There will be assemblies delivered by Harrogate College and UTC Leeds after Christmas which offer information about vocational and technical pathways. This assembly was part of the Year 9 careers education programme which focuses on Exploring Personalised Progression Pathways.

Careers education starts in Year 7 and continues all the way through to the end of Year 13. It is delivered through PSHCEE lessons, assemblies and tutor time activities. There are also careers specific events throughout the year. If you haven't yet taken a look at our Careers Education Programme, please follow the link which will take you to the careers section of the school website.

Election of Parent Governor

As you will have seen in the correspondence sent out to parents/carers this week, we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join our governing board.

Across the Boroughbridge High School and King James's School Federation we value positive and purposeful partnerships with parents, understanding the benefit that this brings to our students. One of the most significant ways in parents and carers can contribute to the strategic direction of the school is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

Parent governors are valued members of the team and play a vital role in contributing towards the strategic direction of the Federation.

More information, including details on how apply and the full application pack can be found [here](#).

The Week Ahead: 2nd December 2024

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	Primary Maths Challenge Christmas Concert Towton Battlefield Society		7.00pm	S1
Wed	Hospitality & Catering Mock Exam	11		
Thur	Catch up photographs MFL Mock Speaking Exam	Various 11	Morning	
Fri	Hospitality & Catering Mock Exam School Council Meeting	11		

Movember 2024 Campaign Overview: Making a Difference Together

This month, we embarked on our Movember journey with immense pride, and the awareness and engagement it has inspired within our school community have been nothing short of incredible. Here's an overview of what we've achieved together so far:

Week 1: Getting Started

We kicked off Movember with enthusiasm, rallying teachers to join the cause. Myself (Mr. Phillips), along with Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Berry, Mr. Foster, Mr. Bell, Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Waters, Mr. Hall, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. Dumont, Mr. Green, and Mr. Frey, all signed up to brave the shave. With an initial fundraising target of £1000, we made our stand by removing all facial hair to support men's mental health and inspire meaningful conversations with students about this vital cause.

Week 2: Spreading the Message

To deepen engagement, we created a Movember video featuring teachers sharing personal stories about their involvement. This was shared with students during form time, sparking important conversations about men's health. You can view the video here: [Movember Video](#).

The campaign gained even more traction when the Stray Ferret, our local newspaper, featured an article about our efforts. This exposure allowed us to extend our message beyond the school community. You can read the article here: [Stray Ferret Article](#).

Week 3: Building Excitement

This week was all about engagement and fun. Students eagerly guessed which teacher would be chosen for a live beard shave during our livestream. Excitement buzzed throughout the school as the reveal unfolded: Mr. Keeble was the mystery man! Students even voted for the moustache style—settling on Hulk Hogan's iconic handlebars.

The live event brought the whole school together, emphasising the importance of Movember while fostering a sense of community. Students were so inspired they challenged us to raise our target to £4000. Thanks to their support and enthusiasm, we've already reached an incredible £3805!

Week 4: Celebrating Success

As the final week unfolds, the moustaches are looking fantastic! Students have now voted for their Mo King (best tash) and Mo Joker (most creative or worst tash). The winners, as voted by the students, are:

- Mo King: Mr. Bell, whose meticulous moustache earned him the crown!
- Mo Joker: Mr. Ratcliffe, for his thick, slick, and creative tash that captured everyone's imagination!

The results of the vote have been a lot of fun, but what has truly taken my breath away is the amazing commitment shown by staff and students throughout this campaign. The energy, support, and enthusiasm from everyone have been truly inspiring. Your efforts, and the generosity from the wider school community, have made this campaign something special.

Once again, thank you all for your incredible support and generous donations. With your help, we're making a real difference in raising awareness about men's health and mental health. If you're able to help us reach our ambitious £4000 target, we'd greatly appreciate your contribution.

[Donate to Movember](#)

Let's keep the momentum going for Movember!

Free Parent and Carer Autism Training

NYC Inclusion provide free parent & carer Autism training. There is a downloadable course and a 2 day face to face course in Northallerton on 5th & 6th February 2025. To book on / download the training, register on the NYES website and put parent in the job title/organisation boxes and 'attend training course' in reason section.

If needed NYES can be contacted -
Email: nyes@northyorks.gov.uk or
Call: 01609 533222

[Unlocking Autism for Parents & Carers 2 Day Course | NYES Info](#)

<https://nyes.info/Event/234730>

Chrismouse trail in Knaresborough

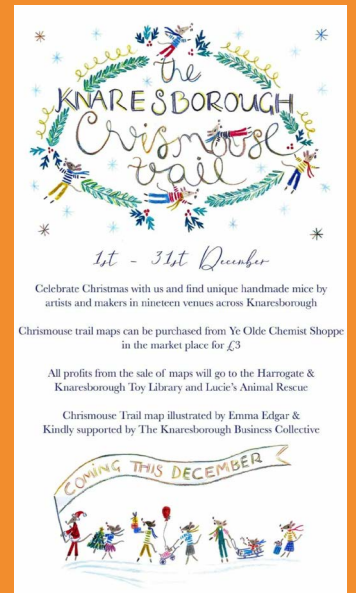
Celebrate Chrismouse with us and find unique handmade mice by artists and makers in 19 venues across Knaresborough.

Enjoy the Chrismouse 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 Chrismouse 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 Chrismouse Trail is kindly supported by the Knaresborough Business Collective.

The Chrismouse 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.



Christmas in Knaresborough

We are pleased to promote all of the community activities and events that are taking place in and around Knaresborough during the festive season. The information attached to the newsletter outlines what is on and when. There is a wide range on offer. We hope you are able to fit some of these into your calendar this year.



The Annual Skrentny Creative Writing Competition 2024

A reminder about the above competition, where we invite parents/carers, staff and students to participate in our annual creative writing competition.

Do you aspire to be the next voice of your generation? If so, this competition will be perfect to get you started on your creative writing journey. Your challenge is to write no more than 1,000 words based on the title 'Dear Diary..'

You might decide to write a short story, a poem, a graphic novel, song lyrics, a diary or perhaps a diary entry of your favourite fictional or historical figure. It's entirely up to you!

The competition will be judged externally, and prizes will be awarded for the best entries in KS3, KS4 and KS5. There will also be additional categories for entries from staff and parents/carers.

Further details on how to enter can be found below:





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<p>FREE until JAN 25</p>		<p>Understanding the Teenage Brain Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.</p>
<p>Thursday 5th Dec 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>		<p>Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p>
<p>Tuesday 17th Dec 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>		<p>Facing Defiance Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course</p>
<p>Tuesday 7th Jan 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>		<p>Anxiety-Based School Avoidance Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.</p>
<p>Thursday 9 Jan 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>		<p>AUTISM: Improving Communication Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.</p>

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November Time

The Winners!



Mr Bell

MoKing: Best and Boldest 'stache



Mr Ratcliffe

Mojoker: Funniest and most creative 'stache



Our wonderful 'staches

Congratulations to all our Movember participants and a huge thank you to everyone who supported the cause!

Together, we've raised **£3805 so far, with just **£195** left to reach our **£4000** target! Your contributions are making a real difference in supporting men's health and mental health.**

Let's finish strong—together, we can hit our goal!

[Donate Now](#)

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this amazing campaign!"

Christingle Service

This Sunday, 1st December



10.30am, St John's Church, Knaresborough
All welcome to this lovely, joyful, service
to mark the start of Advent.

The Outdoor Nativity

TUE 24TH DEC 18:00 PM - 19:00 PM

The performance will begin with a formal announcement by the Knaresborough Town Crier at 6pm in the market square.

Boxing Day Tug O' War

THUR 26TH DEC 11:30 AM

This will take place at Low Bridge, stretching across the river between the Half Moon Pub and Mother Shipton Inn.

Lantern Workshop

FRI 29TH NOV 16:30 PM

Join us at Gracious Street Methodist Church where you can make a lantern, join the Light Parade at 6pm from the Castle Grounds to the Market Place. Refreshments served.

Christmas Cracker Question Time

THUR 5TH DEC, 19:00 PM

Put on your Christmas jumpers and join the authors at Knaresborough Library talk about their books. This event is free, booking is essential via the library.



Bright Friday Christmas Lights

FRI 29TH NOV 18:00 PM - 20:00 PM

Your Christmas starts in Knaresborough when you join the local community for the big switch-on of the town's festive lights, along with late-night shopping, music and Christmas refreshments and Father Christmas on a sleigh! Make a lantern or bring a torch and join the parade from the war memorial at 18:00 pm to the market place Christmas tree. You don't want to miss this amazing event.



Knaresborough Connectors link local residents to groups and activities. We also offer support, advice and training. Please visit our website to learn more.

www.knaresboroughconnectors.org.uk



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Knaresborough Duck Race

WED 1ST JAN 2025 13:00 PM

The duck race supports local charity, Henshaws and begins at High Bridge, next to the entrance to Mother Shipton's Cave. Get your tickets from Knaresborough Cricket Club.

Christmas Craft Workshop

SAT 7TH DEC - SUN 8TH DEC
11:00 AM - 16:30 PM DAILY

Join the Knaresborough Connectors at number two Butter Lane (in the alleyway between Cafe Nero and Thomas the Baker) for card and xmas tree decoration workshops using recycled materials. Free drop in event with a free gift!

The Kingfisher Kiosk Silent Disco

16+ EVENT: FRI 20TH DEC 18:00 PM - 20:00 PM
FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT: SUN 22ND DEC 15:00 PM - 17:00 PM

Dance to your favourite Christmas songs and Pop from across the decades with wireless headphones. Food and drink available.

Family Celebration

SAT 21ST DEC, 15:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Gracious Street Church is hosting a free family Christmas Party! Come and join the fun.

Resurrected Bites Artisan Market

SAT 7TH DEC 12:30 PM - 16:30 PM

Gracious Street Methodist Church hosts christmas themed stalls featuring art and craftsmanship of local artists or stop by the café for some food or beverages.

Knaresborough Christmas Market

SAT 7TH DEC - SUN 8TH DEC
10:00 AM - 17:00 PM

Local artists will be performing in the Knaresborough Christmas Market. A free Park and Ride is available from the GSPK car park (HG5 8LF) on Manse Lane to Chapel Street. Fireworks Finale!

Christmas at the Kiosk

SUN 22ND DEC 11:00 AM

The Kingfisher Kiosk are hosting Christmas event with a day full of stalls, musical performances, children's activities and a visit from a special guest!

Free Christmas Dinner for those in need

WED 25th DEC 13:00PM

A free dinner at Two Brothers Restaurant for anyone in genuine need from the Knaresborough area. Meals are also delivered to those who need them. Register interest by emailing knaresboroughcdd@gmail.com or calling Bruce on 07958 653084.



Forest Moor W1 Christmas Fair

SAT 16TH NOV 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us at Calcutt village hall for a market of craft items, jewellery and book stalls. Huge clearance sale of new, quality fabric craft items.

Henshaws Christmas Craft Fair

SAT 30TH NOV 12:00 PM - 17:00 PM

Come along for crafts, creative workshops and much more. This event is FREE to attend! For just £5.00, your children can visit Mr & Mrs Clause in our cosy grotto.

St John's Christmas Tree Festival

SAT 7TH DEC - SUN 22ND DEC

Visit the church and see the beautiful Christmas tree displays by local groups..

Opening Times:

Monday - Friday 12-5pm
Saturdays 10am-5pm
Sundays 12 -4pm



Knaresborough Lions Christmas Afternoon Tea Party

MON 2ND DEC 14:00 PM - 18:30 PM

Limited places are available for the Tea Party at St. John's Hub. Transport can be provided. To reserve your space ring Lisa on 07581034632.

Church Services

Gracious Street Methodist Christingle Service: Sun 1st Dec, 10:00 AM
Gracious Street Methodist Christmas Eve: Tue 24th Dec, 11:30 PM
Gracious Street Methodist Christmas Day: Wed 25th Dec, 10:00 AM
St John the Baptist Midnight Mass: Tue 24th Dec, 21:30 PM
Holy Trinity Christmas Day Eucharist: 25th Dec, 10:00 AM

Christmas Concerts



Knaresborough Choral Society

SAT 30TH NOV, 19:30PM

Messiah with Carols at Holy Trinity Church. Tickets Adult £15 or 18 years & under free!

St Mary's Singers

SAT 2ND DEC, 12:00 PM

Pop along to St John's Church to hear the choir sing at the festival.

Christmas Concert

SAT 7TH DEC, 19:00 PM

Knot Another Choir are performing at the United Reform Church with tickets available on the door.

Orb Community House Band

MON 16TH DEC, 14:00 PM

Knaresborough Library hosts this free event, no need to book just come along.

Knot Another Christmas Concert

THUR 19TH DEC, 19:00 PM

Holy Trinity Church plays host to a concert performed by Knot Another Choir to raise money for Henshaws.

Knaresborough Silver Band

SAT 21ST DEC, 19:30 PM - 21:30 PM

£10.00 adults, children free. Email knaresboroughsilver@gmail.com to reserve your ticket for the event at King James School.

Knaresborough Silver Band

MON 16TH DEC, 18:00 PM

The band join Santa's Sleigh as it visits Knaresborough estates, HG5 8AX, Free event.

Pasrkrun Events

SAT 21ST DEC, 9:00 AM: Santa hat themed parkrun (optional).

WED 25TH DEC, 9:00 AM: Christmas themed fancy dress (optional) with fizz and mince pies on offer at the finish line.

WED 1ST JAN, 9:00 AM: New Years Day parkrun and the best way to kick off the New Year.