



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Year 11 *Supporting Success Evening* last week. It was a pleasure to see so many families in attendance and to witness the shared commitment to ensuring our students achieve their very best this summer.

The evening focused on practical strategies to support effective revision, guidance on exam preparation, wellbeing during the examination period, and how we can continue to work in partnership to maximise outcomes for every student. Your engagement and support at home truly make a significant difference at this crucial stage.

Year 11 End of Timetable Arrangements

The final day of timetabled lessons for Year 11 will be **Friday 22nd May 2026**, prior to the May half-term break.

Up to and including this date, students are expected to attend school as normal. Lessons will be fully focused on structured revision, exam technique, walking-talking mocks, and final preparation for GCSE examinations.

The first written GCSE examinations begin on **Thursday 7th May 2026**, although some practical and speaking examinations will take place prior to this date.

Expectations During the Examination Season

To ensure students are fully prepared and supported, the following expectations apply to all Year 11 students:

- 100% attendance is expected until **Friday 22nd May 2026**
- Students must attend all lessons when they do not have a scheduled examination
- Full KJS school uniform must be worn at all times, including during examinations
- Students are expected to demonstrate excellent behaviour, effort and engagement
- All students must read and adhere to JCQ examination rules and regulations
- Students must bring the correct equipment for each examination

From **Monday 1st June 2026**, students are only required to attend school when they have a scheduled examination or are invited to attend a specific subject intervention or revision session.

Importance of Attending all Scheduled Public Examinations

The school has entered your child for these examinations, with examination entry fees paid by the school or Local Authority. Under the school's Charging and Remissions Policy, if a student fails to attend or complete an examination without a valid reason, the school may charge the parent or carer the full cost of the examination entry fee.

For example, the GCSE English qualification consists of two examination papers and GCSE Mathematics consists of three papers. Each paper costs £51.20, meaning that these five papers alone total £256.

We strongly encourage your child to attend all of their examinations and to continue attending school regularly in the weeks leading up to them. This will ensure they have the best opportunity to benefit from the remaining learning and achieve their full potential.

If you have any concerns about your child's ability to attend their examinations, please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can offer support where appropriate

Key Dates

- **Thursday 7th May 2026** – GCSE written examinations begin
- **Friday 22nd May 2026** – Final day of timetabled lessons
- **Tuesday 16th June 2026** – Final Assembly, shirt signing, yearbook distribution and leavers' celebrations.
- **Thursday 25th June 2026** – Year 11 Prom
- **Thursday 20th August 2026** – GCSE Results Day

Revision Support

Every subject has provided a structured revision programme to guide students in planning and organising their study time effectively. These include topic lists, recommended revision strategies, and details of additional support sessions.

You can access the full programme here:

<https://www.king-james.co.uk/year-11-revision/>

In addition:

- Students will be engaging in structured revision activities during form time. They must bring appropriate revision materials.
- Form tutors will support students in developing effective revision strategies, including retrieval practice, self-quizzing, spaced learning, use of revision cards, and exam technique.
- After-school, lunchtime and holiday intervention sessions are available to further support progress.

We strongly encourage students to follow a consistent revision timetable at home, balancing study with rest and wellbeing.

Year Book

The Year 11 Year Book is now available to purchase via ParentPay at a cost of **£15**. The Year Book is a professionally produced keepsake featuring student photographs, tutor group pages, memories from throughout the years, messages from staff, and highlights from their time at King James's School. It captures the spirit, friendships and achievements of this cohort and provides a lasting record of their secondary school journey. Please note that the **deadline for payment is 12 noon Friday 27th March**. After this date, no further orders can be accepted, so we encourage you to place your order before the deadline.

Year Books will be distributed prior to the final leavers' celebratory assembly on **Tuesday 16th June**. We encourage families to secure a copy, as it is a wonderful memento that students and families can look back on for many years to come.

Year 11 Prom – Thursday 25th June 2026 *“A Night Under the Stars”*

We are delighted to confirm that the Year 11 Prom will take place on **Thursday 25th June 2026**. This promises to be a truly special evening and a fitting celebration of our students' hard work and achievements.

The event will be themed *“A Night Under the Stars”*, creating an elegant and memorable atmosphere. Students traditionally embrace the occasion by dressing formally — whether in evening gowns or smart suits — and it is always wonderful to see the pride and confidence with which they mark the end of their Year 11 journey. Arrival to KJS from 6.30pm.

Tickets are priced at **£22.50** and can be purchased online through ParentPay (www.parentpay.com). The payment deadline is **12 noon Friday 12th June**. We anticipate this will be a fantastic evening, celebrating not only academic success but also the friendships, resilience and growth shown by this exceptional year group.

As we move into this final phase of Year 11, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure that every student feels confident, prepared and proud of their achievements.

We are incredibly proud of this cohort and look forward to celebrating their successes with you in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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