

Friday 12th July 2024

# King James's School Newsletter

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## Last day of term

A reminder (if you needed it!) that school closes at 12.30pm on the last day of term, Friday 19th July.

## Lockdown drill

*Thank you for preparing your children for the lockdown drill that took place today. Students were extremely sensible, following procedures discussed with them by form tutors in advance. If any children were unsettled by it today, please reassure them that this is a normal drill to help us keep safe in the very unlikely event that we may need to use it – just like a fire drill.*



## House Drama 2024



## Free School meals

Are you eligible for free school meals? It only takes a minute to apply and it could save you up to £450 a year, as well as bringing in additional income to the school budget. Please see the website below – it only takes a minute to apply and you get an instant decision. Please do it now in time for September. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

## Year Managers

We are still in the process of recruiting Year Managers. Please spread the word about this exciting opportunity. It is a hugely valuable role – supporting students with their wellbeing, behaviour, and attendance, and working with yourselves as parents and carers. The role would suit people from a range of backgrounds, including new graduates, people considering a career in teaching, people wanting a career change or to re-enter the workplace after raising family etc. What is important is their personal qualities, drive, and ambition to make a difference for young people. More details can be found on our website.

Next Friday, we will hold assemblies with students to inform them of who their Year Manager will be for their year group. We will also communicate this to parents in next week's newsletter.

## Great Yorkshire Show trip

On Tuesday Mrs Garbutt and Mrs Walker took the GCSE Food and Hospitality students to the Great Yorkshire show. Students completed research work that will help with controlled assessment in Year 11, looking at food provenance, food production, seasonality, and food preparation and cooking techniques.

Despite the absolutely terrible weather, (it literally never stopped raining all day!) everyone enjoyed themselves. Students and staff enjoyed watching cookery demonstrations, eating free food samples, watching the sheep shearing, and looking at the amazing variety of farm animals on display!



## SSG at Carlton Lodge

Sixteen students and staff from the Student Support Group made their annual 3 day residential visit to Carlton Lodge near Thirsk. The mixed age group from year 7-12 took part in a wide range of activities from archery, bushcraft, orienteering, paddleboarding and canoeing as well as testing their nerves on the high ropes, leap of faith and zip wire.

Some of the students were visiting for their fifth time whereas for others it was their first ever visit. They all gelled together and helped each other in the problem-solving tasks, the Egg Challenge, After Eight games, Wink Murder and a disco amongst other things.

The staff at the Centre along with King James's staff were all highly complimentary about the positive attitudes of the SSG students who were often out of their comfort zones undertaking all the exciting tasks and challenges during the residential visit.

They also showed their independence by making their own beds, sandwiches for lunch, washing and drying up, setting and clearing the table and through their personal care.

Mrs Keogh and Mrs Vaux are very proud of the group who are excellent ambassadors for King James's School once again.

Same time next year...



## The Week Ahead: 15th July 2024

### Personal Development Focus: RESILIENCE: Resilience

"How do my behaviours and habits impact the world?"

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	GCSE PE Inspiration Day Y10 Enrichment Activities	10	P4 and 5	
Tue	Y7 Enrichment Activities and BBQ	7	P4 & 5	
Wed	Y8 Enrichment Activities and BBQ	8	P4 & 5	
Thur	Y9 Enrichment Activities and BBQ	9	P4 & 5	
Fri	Y12 Rewards morning Awards Celebrations School closes for the summer	12 All year groups	P3 12.30	

## Music at the Great Yorkshire Show

This week, some of our talented students attended the GYS and played four sets throughout the day, Although it was very muddy the rain stayed away! The students sounded absolutely amazing and we had so many compliments not just on the music, but how well the students conducted themselves around the show.



## Sports Day

Last Friday saw the annual Sports Day take place. The atmosphere was incredible, and it was great to have the whole school together enjoying the afternoon.

This year included some staff races for the first time - well done to all staff who competed as well. It really did add to the atmosphere of the afternoon and the students absolutely loved it!



## Vacancies

Year Manager(s)  
37 Hours per week, permanent  
Term time only (+2 weeks and training days)  
NYC Grade F (£22,931-£24,533)

HR Assistant  
31.25 hours per week, permanent.  
Term time only  
NYC Grade D: Up to £25,119 FTE  
Closing date: 17th July 2024

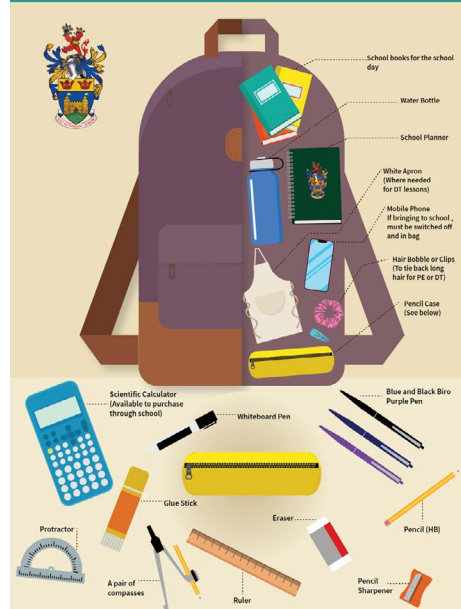
Advanced Teaching assistant  
31.25 Hours per week, permanent,  
term time only  
NYC Grade D (up to £23,893 FTE)

General Teaching Assistant  
30 Hours per week, permanent,  
term time only  
(up to £23,114 FTE)

Closing date: 12th July 2024

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