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King James's School Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

It was lovely to meet parents at this week's Expectations Evenings. To work together in close partnership makes a huge difference to the way we can support students through school, so we really value the time you give up to attending events and information evenings – thank you.

For parents who are unable to attend, presentations can be found here.

Clare Martin
Headteacher

BBC Bitesize

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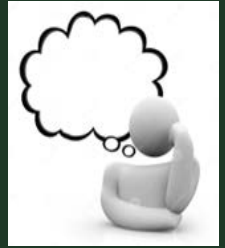
Parents may be interested to know that BBC Bitesize has launched curriculum-relevant resources for students including interactive activities and [award-winning games](#) for KS3, and video-rich self-study modules for GCSE which include [quick-fire quizzes](#), [exam style questions](#) and [revision podcasts](#). Useful resources to help students catch up with any work, reinforce learning, or revise key knowledge.

Personal Development

'Thought for the Fortnight' is a new activity that will be a focus in all 3 Key Stages during Tutor Time.

The aim of Thought for the Fortnight is

- to encourage students to think on a deeper level & promote discussion
- to encourage students to think about and discuss their self-development
- to encourage students to display an acceptance of others lifestyles and beliefs
- to challenging stereotypes
- to provide an opportunity to promote the school values and values that are important to the wider community



Thought for the Fortnight for the weeks beginning 9th and 16th September is "You are who you are around". We encourage parents and carers to open discussions at home linked to the Thought for the Fortnight. You may want to talk about what message the quote is trying to get across, why it is important and how it can be applied to everyday life.

The key messages we want students to take away from these discussions are:

- The people we spend most of our time with impact on how we think about things, how we act on things and on the decisions we make on a daily basis.
- You need to surround yourself with people who will help you achieve your goals, support your beliefs, and are the kind of people who you want to be.

Assemblies

Year 7, 8 & 9 – Learning Expectations delivered by Mrs Eastaugh. This assembly is linked to the school value of ENGAGED and focuses on 'Set no limits on what we can achieve', homework, presentation, outstanding work and additional reading.



Year 10 & 11 – Learning Beyond the Classroom delivered by Miss Baker. This assembly is linked to the school value of ENGAGED and focuses on opportunities students have to develop themselves by becoming involved in opportunities outside of the classroom such as extra curricular clubs, enrichment trips, House events, leadership opportunities.

Year 12 – Studying at 6th Form delivered by Ms Watson. This Assembly is linked to the school value of ENGAGED and focuses on study skills and activities which can be completed outside the classroom as an essential element of 6th Form study.

Year 13 - Post 18 Planning & Preparation delivered by Mr Churchill. This assembly is linked to the school value of READY and focuses on applications for university, apprenticeships, & jobs plus planning for the 'next step' beyond KJS.

Measles, chicken pox and shingles

Please may we ask for your cooperation in a vitally important matter? One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for cancer. This puts the pupil at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles. The best way to protect a pupil from measles is for all pupils to be immunised against measles. Please discuss measles immunisation with your GP if your child is not already vaccinated. If you suspect your child has measles you should let school know immediately.

Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. Please let us know immediately if you suspect that your child has chicken pox. It is also very important that you let us know if anyone in your household has shingles.

Your own child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupil with cancer may be at serious risk. We depend on the cooperation of all parents and know that we can rely on your help.

Uniform

Thank you for supporting the high standards we expect of our students' uniform. They have come back looking extremely smart, which is fantastic, a great start to the year!

We do still have an issue with eyelashes and false nails, however. In line with the planner, can I draw your attention to page 14 please and these rules particularly:

- No false eyelashes
- Nails should be an appropriate length. Acrylic, gel nails and nail varnish is not permitted

We have tried to work with students and be reasonable regarding eyelashes, allowing students to wear discrete lashes, but unfortunately this is not working. To assist and provide clarity for both parents and students, we feel the guidelines need to be clear and not open to interpretation. We have students who have extreme false eyelashes or extensions which are unacceptable for a school setting.

We have therefore decided that, from Monday 23rd September, we will not allow any form of false eyelashes or extensions. Hopefully this will give enough time for students and parents to make any necessary arrangements and adjustments, so that from Monday 23rd September, we have clarity, fairness and consistency for everyone.

Please could you make sure that any lashes or extensions, including those professionally applied, are removed by then. This will ensure that from that date we will not need to make any parental contact regarding this area.

Expectations Evening

Thank you to all of those who attended our expectations evenings over the last week. For anyone that was unable to attend or wish to find the information provided, we have uploaded our expectations booklet and all the presentations to our website. <https://www.king-james.co.uk/expectation-evening/>

Careers



We have been made aware of a virtual work experience opportunity for students in Year 9 and above.

Students will be able to learn more about what is involved in the drug development process and the interesting and varied careers available in this field. We encourage the following students to sign up:

- Students in year 9 who are considering GCSE options
- Students in years 10/11 who are considering post-16 options
- Students in years 12/13 who are considering future options (University / Apprenticeships / Employment).

Program Highlights:

- Live talks with industry specialists
- Discover how a drug is developed for market
- Learn about the various job roles and career opportunities in Science
- Explore support careers available to you

Program Dates:

- Monday 14 October, 18.00-19.00: Introduction to Labcorp
- Tuesday 15 October, 18.00-19.00: Biology careers at Labcorp
- Wednesday 16 October, 18.00-19.00: Chemistry careers at Labcorp
- Thursday 17 October, 18.00-19.00: Apprenticeships and support roles at Labcorp

Please use the link below to sign up:

[Virtual Work Experience Opportunity](#)

SYMPOSIUM

"A FORMAL MEETING OF EXPERTS OR SPECIALISTS TO DISCUSS TOPICS OF INTEREST"

YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS BRIAN FORSHAW, PROFESSOR KATE ADAMS & ANDREW WILKINS



Yesterday.

Mother Shipton

Brian Forshaw is a local historian and Chair of the Knaresborough Historical Society. Brian will talk about Knaresborough's Mother Shipton and her prophecies.



Today.

Children's Imaginary Friends

Kate Adams is Professor of Education at Leeds Trinity University. A former primary school teacher, she has taught in universities in Scotland and England. Her research explores children and young people's experiences of phenomena which might be termed imagination, spiritual, religious, psychological, supernatural or paranormal, and explores how we can interpret the same experience in different ways. The young person's perspectives are at the centre of her work, which show that many keep such experiences hidden for fear of ridicule or disbelief.



Tomorrow. The future of Health Services

Andrew Wilkins is a UK futurist, conference speaker, podcaster and founder of FUTURE OF HEALTH – a new think tank exploring the long-term vision for holistic health in a technology enabled 21st century. Andy grew up in Knaresborough and moved to London to study Physiology and Psychology. He has always had big dreams and on leaving University formed a rock band to pursue fame and fortune. When this didn't work out, he was forced to change direction and worked at BT for 10 years before launching a career as an independent strategy and innovation consultant.



**7PM FRIDAY
11TH OCTOBER**
KING JAMES'S SCHOOL, KNARESBOROUGH.
TICKETS £15

Knaresborough
Rotary

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FOR TICKETS

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU BOOK ONLINE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE.
TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM KNARESBOROUGH BUSINESSES.

The Week Ahead: 16th September 2024

Theme: New Beginnings

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue				
Wed	Year 12 Expectation Evening	Year 12 parents	7.00pm	Chaloner Hall
Thur	Nurture Parents Evening			
Fri	Flu vaccinations	Years 7 - 11		S1

Rotary Young Leader's Award

Earlier this week, two of our year 13 students, Lewis Jauncey and Tom Gill, gave an excellent presentation to Knaresborough Rotary Club on their Rotary Young Leaders Award (RYLA) course experience.



Rotary International is one of the largest service organizations in the world with the mission to “provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders”. The course allows young people to experience at first hand the challenge of leadership. This course is open to young men and women who are over 16 at the start and under 18 on the day the course concludes.

The course contains a mixture of physical and mental challenges that allow participants to experience leadership, team building, communication, and problem-solving skills. After every activity, the teams are given the opportunity to evaluate their performance and gain feedback, at an individual level, from a mentor. These are based on both indoor and outdoor activities including water activities, orienteering, raft building and presentations. Rotary has been running these courses for over 25 years and has helped many young adults to develop their personal skills as a leader.

Rotary is proud of the system of helping to develop the leaders of tomorrow and looks forward to meeting and working with many more in the future. Applications open in the Spring so look out for the posters. The course also fulfils the residential section of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award.

Wellbeing

Message to Parents from Charlie Phillips – Student Health & Wellbeing Coordinator.



I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Health and Wellbeing Coordinator at King James's School. As I step into this role, my primary focus is to ensure that every student feels supported in their mental health journey. I am deeply committed to making a positive impact and fostering an environment where students not only feel safe but also empowered to take charge of their wellbeing.

At King James's, we recognise the importance of mental health, and I am eager to collaborate with our passionate students, staff, and the wider school community to create initiatives that resonate with our students' needs. We believe that student involvement is key, and I encourage all students to share their ideas and participate in the programs we will be rolling out.

I will be keeping you informed of our progress and upcoming initiatives through this newsletter, as well as across our other media platforms. Together, we can make King James's a place where every student thrives both academically and emotionally.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to working with you all.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that Vaccination UK will be in school on Friday 20th September to administer flu vaccinations to students in Years 7-11.

Please use the link below to give your consent or to advise if you DO NOT wish for your child to have a flu vaccination :

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>



Teaching and Learning – homework and catch up

Our drive to raise achievement means that we set high expectations for our students. We expect our students to engage positively in their lessons and produce work of the highest standard. This also means that students need to ensure they do catch up work when they are absent so that they close their knowledge gaps and complete homework to the best of their ability. Homework is set on Bromcom so that both students and parents can access this from home. Please support your child to download the Bromcom student portal app using the QR code as shown below. If your child has problems logging onto the app please ask them to see the IT technicians for support.

Year 7 students are being taught how to do this in their IT lessons. All other students have been given instructions about how to do this last year.



Year 7 students are being taught how to do this in their IT lessons, but the basic principle is:

1. Download 'Bromcom Student app' using the relevant QR code shown
2. Create a 5 digit pin code that you will need to remember
3. Select to use a Magic Link and type in the School ID 11433
4. Enter your email address e.g. 24asmith@king-james.co.uk
5. Now open your school email on the same device and verify the link



School Production Auditions

We were thrilled to have so many amazing students audition for 'We Will Rock You'; over 140 students auditioned, proving once again that KJS is bursting at the seams with talent. As we speak, the creative team are working hard to curate the cast list and are facing the unenviable task of making the final selection. The cast list will be posted on the drama notice board Monday 16th September at lunchtime with the first rehearsal being after school on Tuesday 17th September in the Circle.

The creative team would like to thank everyone for so bravely and wonderfully auditioning and hope those who are unsuccessful this time will try again for future opportunities. We look forward to working with the students to produce 'We Will Rock You' for your enjoyment next term - look out for updates!



Extra Curricular Clubs

PE extra curricular clubs are up and running. Check the timetable attached and see what is available. No trials, everyone welcome. We'd love to see you there. Messages, information and success will also be shared on Instagram.

@kjs_pe_dept

Information regarding all extra curricular clubs that will run at lunchtime and after school is now available on the school website and can be viewed by using the following link:

<https://www.king-james.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/ExtraCurricularBooklet2425.pdf>

Extra - Curriculum Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
10, 11 & 6th Form Netball - RBU & RWA 11 & 6th Form Football - KHL 10 & 11 Fitness - JKE	7 Football - KWI 7 - 9 Football - ECH GCSE Practical - RBU 10 & 11 Fitness - LBR	7 Netball - RBU & NLA 8 Football - KHL 9 Football - DBE 10 & 11 Fitness - JPE
Thursday	Friday	Who can attend? ● Boys only sessions ● Girls only sessions ● Mixed group sessions 6th Form are invited to join all fitness suite sessions
7, 8 & 9 Rugby - SFO 8 & 9 Netball - LBK, LHO, LCR 10 Football - AAK 10 & 11 Football - RBU 10 & 11 Fitness - RTA	10 & 11 Rugby - PMC 7- 6th Form Basketball - ECH (Fitness Room Closed)	