

Friday 14th February 2025

King James's School Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

A huge congratulations to all the cast, crew and band involved in 'Queen: A KJS concert'! It was fabulous to see so many of you out to support our wonderful, talented students! More photographs of the fantastic event can be seen at the end of this newsletter.

It is your support that is able to keep our productions, House Drama nights and concerts going and to allow us to offer these opportunities to our students so thank you! Look out for our Studio Production performances in June, and House Drama coming up in July! It's all go!



Year 10–13 Parent Revision Evening – Monday 24th February

The exam season for our students is fast approaching. The external exams begin in May for Year 11 and 13 students, and Year 10 and 12 students will have internal exams in June. To help our students prepare we are holding assemblies, providing revision support in lessons and form time, and there are lots of revision materials available on the website.

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

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

This year we are also holding a parent revision evening which both students and parents are invited to. This will take place on Monday 24th February from 6pm-7pm in S1. Join us for an evening specifically for parents and carers where we'll explain how you can best support your child in preparing for their exams.

During the evening, we will explain the best ways to revise and how to support students in preparation for their exams. We will also inform you of the revision opportunities available for students at school. In addition, Mr Giles will discuss exam

Thought for the Fortnight

We have enjoyed raising the profile of National Apprenticeship Week this week and it is National Careers Week 3rd – 8th March. Miss Baker will be delivering assemblies during National Careers Week to all Year groups so we wanted the Thought for the Fortnight to links to this and encourage students to think about what experiences, skills and qualities are important for them as they navigate their future careers .



The Thought for the Fortnight for the weeks beginning 24th February and 3rd March is:

“It's not what you achieve, it's what you overcome. That's what defines your career.”

The Key Takeaways are:

- The journey from school to your employment will not be an easy one. There will be ups and downs but don't be embarrassed by your failures, learn from them and start again.
- School presents a wealth of opportunities to build employability skills, don't let them pass you by. Engage with the opportunities available.
- It doesn't matter if you don't know what career you want to go into. There is so much you can do now that will help put you in a strong position to be successful in any future career you choose.



Careers

Grantley Hall Careers Fair

We are lucky to have Grantley Hall come into school each year to support our Careers Programme. On Monday 17th February they are holding a Careers Fair/recruitment event. The event starts at 5pm and finishes at 7pm and will take place at Grantley Hall from 5pm until 7pm. There will be several managers showcasing their departments and willing to speak to people who are looking for a new role, be it full time, part time or a casual position.

Clifford Chance Work Experience Opportunity

Whether you're considering a solicitor apprenticeship or exploring the traditional university route, this exclusive Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience Day is your chance to gain first-hand exposure to the legal world during February half term.

Law firms are highly competitive, and work experience like this makes your application stand out. If you're serious about a legal career, this is your chance to connect with a Magic Circle firm, learn from the best, and take your first step towards a successful career.

Event Details:

Date: Friday, 21st February
 Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm
 Location: Zoom (Virtual)
 For: Year 11 and 12 students

Register Here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CliffordChance-WEx-Day>



Assemblies

Mrs Eastaugh will be delivering assemblies to Year 7,8,9 and 10 the first week back after half term on Reading Strategies and a build up to World Book Day which is on Thursday 6th March.

We are very grateful that PC Powell took time out of his week to come into school to deliver assemblies to all year groups on the dangers associated with Snus. The link below takes you to the video he showed to students in the assembly

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0js8g2j>

Cross Country Congratulations!

Islay C in Year 9 represented North Yorkshire at the Inter-Counties cross country event on Saturday 8th February. Due to her performance that day and in the North Yorkshire championships, she has now been selected to represent North Yorkshire in March at the National Year 7 cross country event in Northampton. Well done, a great achievement.

The Week Ahead: 24th February 2025

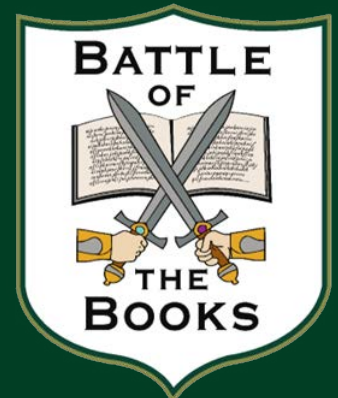
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Second Half Spring Term starts Parent Revision Evening	10-13	6-7pm	S1
Tue	Battle of the Books Literary Competition			
Wed	Year 9 Meningitis/DTP vaccinations Philosophy and Ethics Conference	9 12 & 13	Throughout the day	Leeds
Thur	Y13 Textiles Mock Exam Y12 Pastoral Parents Evening	13 12	Various 4pm	
Fri	Y13 EAPI Exam	13	Various	

Battle of the Books

We are very much looking forward to defending our title in this year's Battle of the Books literature competition. The competition was set up by Mrs Bryden, our Head of Learning Resources, to encourage reading for pleasure by bringing together students in Years 9 and 10. Schools from across the region will be arriving at King James's on Tuesday 25th February (16:30-18:30) to compete to win the Michael Rosen Trophy and a school prize from our event sponsor, Castlegate Books in Knaresborough. We are delighted to have Regie Rigby, literacy consultant and owner of Destination Venus comic store in Harrogate, as our quizmaster for the evening.

Good luck to the following students:

- M Akast
- R Beardwell
- J Brodie
- S Fisher
- M McKay
- A Lowe
- O Rowntree
- A Whitaker



Yorkshire CREATE

We're excited to announce a new initiative for young people aged 11-17! Join us on Saturdays from 5-7pm from Saturday 22nd February for Space to CREATE, a free space to explore your creative side through arts-based activities.

Thanks to the fantastic support of Knaresborough Rotary, we'll be using Knaresborough Revolution's Space Bus and Gracious Street Church Hall to offer a variety of fun, hands-on workshops and classes, including specialist workshops across a range of art forms (including drama, singing, painting, creative writing, pottery painting and more), as well as an arts-based games club supported by Warhammer Alliance.

Run by Yorkshire CREATE, this is your chance to get involved in a range of arts, meet new friends, and let your imagination soar.

What's on offer?

- Specialist workshops across a range of art forms
- An opportunity to express yourself through art
- A welcoming space to relax and make new friends
- The chance to work towards Arts Award qualifications

Sign your child up here: <https://forms.gle/CrWb6JKfjk4UZt5D9>





IAPWA

YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

IAPWA (International Aid for the Protection & Welfare of Animals) was founded in 2009 to provide protection and improve the welfare of animals in need. Today we are an international animal welfare charity, driven to provide a lifeline for animals around the world.

Our Youth Ambassador Programme (YAP) runs from January to September 2025 and is open to all children between the ages of 11-18 who feel passionately about animal welfare and would like to help raise funds and awareness for our wonderful charity.

What's in it for you?

- Gain valuable skills (organisation, public speaking, presenting, research etc.) and mentorship from industry professionals
- Satisfaction and experience of contributing to a worthwhile social cause
- Prestige and recognition of becoming an IAPWA Youth Ambassador and possibly the 2025 IAPWA Youth Champion at our annual awards ceremony

Become an Ambassador

- Meet a fundraising target
- Raise awareness for the charity
- Contribute to a world where all animals are treated with compassion and respect

**SIGN UP
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Prom Night Celebrations

THURSDAY

JUNE | 26TH | 2025

ARRIVALS 6:30PM - 7:00PM
HELD AT KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY