

Friday 15th December 2023

# King James's School Newsletter

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## The Headteachers Message

The festive season came to KJS this week as staff and students enjoyed our delicious Christmas dinner. Many thanks to the catering team who do a fantastic job! How such a small team manages to produce amazing dinners for over 1600 people is beyond me – a big thank you to them all!

Clare Martin  
Headteacher

## Spreading festive cheer

Some of our students have been spreading the festive cheer with members of the community, starting with the Christmas concert last week, followed by a visit to the Chain Lane Community Centre to play Christmas music for some of the elderly members of our community.

Yesterday, they visited Aspin Park Primary School to play carols for the children.

## Student Support Group News

The Student Support Group has once again entered a tree into the St John's Christmas Tree Festival. Their Harry Potter themed tree is decorated with Golden Snitches and letters delivered by owls to Harry made by the SSG students. The tree celebrates 'The Magic of Christmas'. The Christmas tree festival is on until Saturday 23rd December with over 70 trees to enjoy. Go and have a look.



On Friday 1st December the SSG students also enjoyed a magical Science and Engineering demonstration, courtesy of Professor Purkis, a STEM ambassador. They experienced explosions, messed around with motors, saw sparks flying and made some very unusual circuits. It was a very exciting lunchtime!



## STEM Club news

STEM Club made some amazing posters demonstrating the 6 stages of Mitosis today. This is usually an A Level topic and the pupils did amazingly well to understand the difficult concepts and then to demonstrate it using paper plates and pipe cleaners!



## Importance of Being Earnest

This week saw the return of the KJS Studio Production with a group of Year 11 and 12 students performing a dynamic version of The Importance of Being Earnest. The students rose spectacularly to the challenge of the complex and wordy Wilde classic and to produce a fizzy and lively performance, delighting audiences on Monday and Tuesday evening. The success of the production is a testament to the talents and dedication of the cast and the strength and culture of our Drama Department.



## The Week Ahead: 18th December 2023

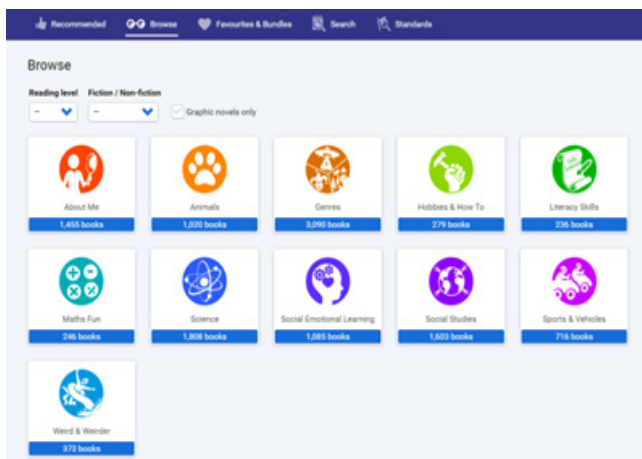
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"Staying true to my values - actions can speak louder than words"				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Year 11 3D Design Mock Exam	11		
Tue	Year 11 3D Design Mock Exam Year 7 Festival Year 8 Christmas Disco	7 8	9.00am 5.00pm	St Johns Church S1
Wed	Christmas Concert Royal Readers Cake Stall Senior Prize Giving	8	Lunchtime Lunchtime 7.00pm	Library S1
Thur	Year 7 Christmas Disco	7	1.15-3.15pm	S1
Fri	School closes to students at 12.35pm			

## Library news

Jólabókaflóðið (the Christmas Book Flood) is an Icelandic tradition that involves gifting books to others on Christmas Eve. The tradition began after World War II when many gifts were in short supply, but books were readily available. This has become a much-loved tradition that has a huge impact on book sales and charts in Iceland. Here are our favourite recommendations for this winter.



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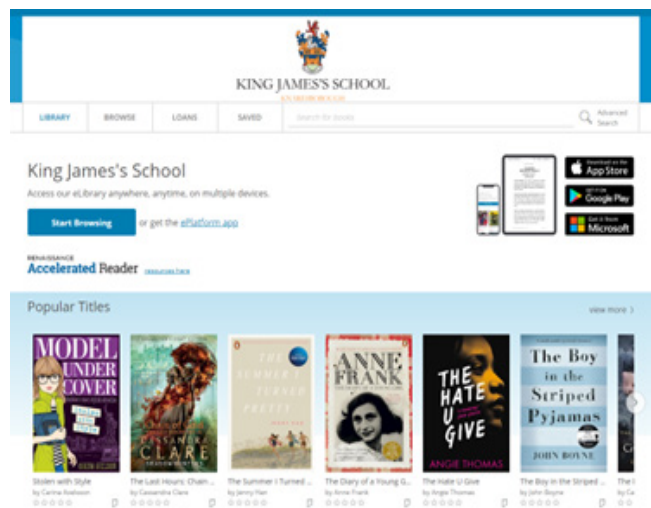


## Skrentny Creative Writing Competition

We are hosting our sixth annual Skrentny Creative Writing competition this term, with prizes available for KS3, KS4, KS5 and Staff entries. This year's theme is 'The Window', and you can write in whichever form you choose: poem, short story, monologue, graphic novel, even song lyrics. The deadline is 31st December 2023 to give you chance to make use of the holidays if you wish to. Good luck!



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## Student Council Updates

Knarborough Voice are keen to take on board the views of our students regarding their future vision for the town. Our school council obtained 'student voice' from every form within every year group and attended a meeting at the Community Centre last week where they presented the feedback, impressing their audience with their articulate and mature delivery.

In addition, the SPACE (Social Place for Activities, Community and Enjoyment) bus visited school last Friday and was our venue for the Student Council meeting. The group were given a tour of the bus and its facilities

and then they enthusiastically discussed all the potential ways in which the school community might be able to benefit from the SPACE bus moving forward. The Student Council have also been delivering "You said, We did" assemblies to KS3 this week, providing students with feedback and updates on the recent agenda items and the actions that have followed.



## Year 11 Rewards trip

On Thursday 14th December, 82 students spent the evening at Xscape Castleford as part of the year group's rewards package. Students and staff enjoyed an evening of Bowling, Dining out, Go Karting, Arcades, Crazy Golf, Karaoke, Laser Tag and more. The students were a credit to the school as they took up the opportunity to relax after a busy Mock exam period. Thank you to the staff; Mr Nicholson, Miss Ramplin, Ms Jones, Ms Allgar, Mrs Davies, Mrs Blythe, Mr Gordon and Mr Hall for giving up their free time to enable this trip to go ahead.



## Year 10 Pizza and Movie Night

On Thursday 14th December, Year 10 students enjoyed a movie and pizza night in the Library. They chose to watch the Christmas favourite "Elf", relaxing on beanbags whilst eating popcorn, sweets, chocolate and pizza of their choice.



## Flu vaccination clinics

The Harrogate School Immunisation Team are offering another flu vaccination clinic in Knarborough. Any parent who missed their child's flu vaccination the first time around, will now be able to book an appointment by calling 01904 237 695. Or alternatively they can drop into the clinic on Monday 18th December, 3-4.30pm.

The Wellbeing Community Hub, 79 Stockwell Avenue, Knarborough HG5 0LG

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 22nd December, we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children and Children in Need. Students will have the option to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their blazer or school jumper. If students do not wish to participate, they must wear their normal school uniform. Students will have the opportunity to make a voluntary donation to the above charities via Parentpay from Monday 18th December.



## Final day of term

A reminder that school closes at 12.35 on the last day of term, Friday 22nd December 2023.

