

Friday 17th January 2025

King James's School Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

It was fantastic to showcase our sixth form to so many students and parents last night - thank you for coming! As ever, we are happy to welcome students from other schools so please do spread the word. We have an amazing team who provide excellent support to students, as well as highly experienced teachers with the expertise to help students succeed at the highest levels. Just last week, three of our Year 13 have received Oxbridge offers! We are so proud of them, and all of our students. As Ofsted said, students really do 'flourish' at KJS Sixth Form!

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Nurture Hub

A huge thank you to parents who have supported us so far in the hub with our breakfast provision- it has made an enormous difference. Breakfast is fundamental to a productive start to the day and providing this for our most in need students can be transformative. We have updated our 'wishlist' and would be incredibly grateful to any further donations. Please see the wishlist here: [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk).

Attendance

At the end of the autumn term an amazing 240 students had 100% attendance. What a fantastic achievement – well done to all of them!!

Evidence shows that students who start the term with 100% attendance are more likely to maintain this all year. Please could parents work with us to reinforce these high expectations, so we prevent any lost learning and give students the very best chance of success.

This free NHS service may assist in getting students back to school or college following a minor illness. It allows children and adults to get quick access to healthcare advice as they can walk into a pharmacy and access the service, removing the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. More details [here](#).

Catch Up!

If students are unavoidably absent, on return to school they should catch up on any work they have missed. All departments have catch-up plans in place to support this. Please check your child has caught up and asked for any additional help and support they may need.

The graphic features the King James's School logo and a QR code at the top. Below is the 'Catch Up!' title with a clock icon and the tagline 'Close your knowledge gaps'. A checklist follows with five items:

- CHECK** what you have missed
- ASK** your teacher or buddy
- TAKE** work home to catch up
- COPY** up missed work
- HAND** work in to show your teacher

Thought for the Fortnight



The Thought for the Fortnight for the weeks beginning 20th and 27th January is:

“Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.”

As we start 2025 with new year resolutions on our mind and as we enter the options process for Year 9 and Year 11, we are encouraging students to reflect on this quote during tutor time.

The Key Takeaways are:

- Your potential is unlimited.
- Everyone starts somewhere.
- Your mindset and perseverance play a more significant role than your starting point.
- Progress is possible regardless of where you begin.
- Don't dwell on the obstacles or barriers that appear to be in your way, focus on your actions, decisions and opportunities ahead.

Assemblies

We have a mix of assemblies taking place next week.

- Year 7 are having an assembly focused on prioritising others, delivered by Mrs Sanghera.
- As part of the Options & Careers programme, Year 9 have two assemblies next week focused on the GCSE options process.
- Year 10 have a guest speaker from Oddballs Foundation coming into school to raise awareness of Testicular Cancer.
- Year 11 will be having a presentation on Apprenticeships with the aim of developing students' understanding of Apprenticeship opportunities at Post-16 and Post-18.

Virtual Work Experience Opportunity for Years 11,12 and 13

Lloyds Banking Group Work Experience Day in Leeds
Dive into the World of Finance and Digital Banking.
Saturday 8th February

Lloyds Banking Group is a world-renowned commercial, personal and investment banking management firm and are also the UK's biggest Bank. LBG have over 30million customers and around 60,000 employees globally as well as being a FTSE 100 company. Under the Lloyds Banking Group business, they also own Halifax and Bank of Scotland as well as other financial institutions such a Scottish Widows.

During this event, you'll have the chance to meet and engage with professionals and apprentices who have first-hand experience in various roles at the bank, take part in workshops, career development sessions as well as lots of networking.

Careers

The Year 9 options process is in full swing and all parents have been emailed the latest Careers newsletter. You can access a copy of the Year 9 Careers Newsletter by clicking this link.

Careers Newsletter

On Tuesday 11th February, Harrogate College will be hosting an Open Event at Harrogate College, from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. Students & parents are encouraged to attend to take a look at the facilities, chat with tutors and submit an application for their desired course(s).

Please find the booking link for the Harrogate College Open Event here:

<https://harrogate-college.ac.uk/contact/events/feb-open-event/>

Alongside the Open Event, there is also an Apprenticeships and Jobs Fair, which is open to anyone interested in finding an apprenticeship or looking for employment. Exhibitors include Grantley Hall, British Army, North Yorkshire Police and many more.

To book a place at the Apprenticeships and Jobs fair, please use the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeship-and-job-fair-tickets-1110081145589>

The day will take place on Saturday 8th February. The morning session runs from 10:00am–12:30pm and the afternoon session runs from 14:00–16:30pm. Please click the link below to sign up and select which time slot you'd like to join. You can also bring a parent/ guardian along with you if traveling from outside of Leeds.

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG-Fest-Leeds>

The Week Ahead: 20th January 2025

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue				
Wed				
Thur				
Fri				

Following the Post-16 Options Evening held this week, our Sixth Form Prospectus is now available to view on the school website



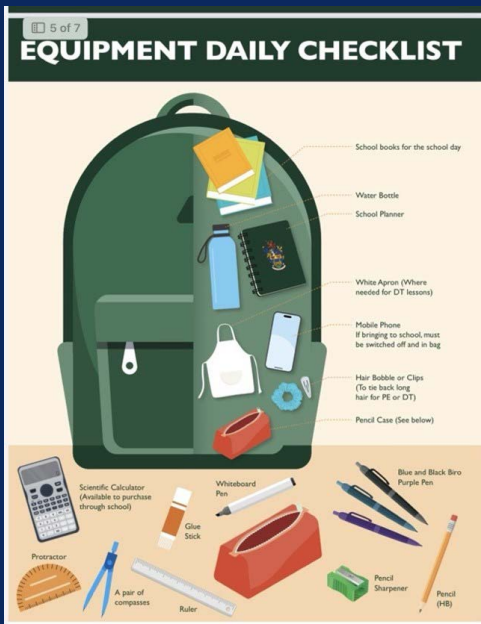
Election of a Parent Governor to the Boroughbridge High School and King James's School Federated Board

An email has been sent today to all parents/carers regarding the election of a Parent Governor. Please note that the deadline for casting your vote is 3.15pm on Friday 31st January 2025.

Supporting our School Values of Ready, Respectful and Engaged

Our school values are the foundations of our ethos at KJS and provide our students with a clear framework on how to succeed and become a well-rounded young adult. All our students are recognised and rewarded each week by achieving additional Recognition Points if they are attending school each day, being on time to all lessons as well as getting things right and not getting any negative entries on Bromcom. As a parent you will be able to support your children in making these good behaviour choices by checking MCAS, reinforcing their efforts and supporting them with any areas to improve.

Ways you can support from home at the start of a new term:



Ready:

- Ensure your child is coming to school fully prepared with a pencil case and school bag. You are now able to purchase pencil cases with the basic pieces of equipment on Parent Pay. These will be given to the students the day after we receive payment.
- Support your child by helping them establish a well organised morning routine so they get to school on time and attend tutor time to receive key messages and support at the start of teach day. Students are welcomed onto school site from 8.20am.
- Monitor MCAS for their punctuality to lessons and have conversations at home about the importance employers place on being on time & building good habits for their futures.

Respectful:

All students have had an assembly around Respect this week. We will be continuing to work with our students over the next term so they understand and appreciate what RESPECT should look like both in lessons, around school and in our local community.

Engaged:

To allow our students to focus and engage properly on their learning we ask all students to switch off their phones/ ear pods and keep them in their bags during the school day. The added benefit is without this distraction, they engage in social activities, develop their communication skills and get involved in extra-curricular activities which all support their mental well-being.

Students have been reminded about this over the past week and from Monday 21st January, if a student is seen with their mobile/ ear pods they will be confiscated and returned, by their year team, at the end of the school day.

If you need to get in touch with your child during the school day, please can you do this by calling Reception or emailing your child's year team. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Ready | Respectful | Engaged

Be punctual
Be properly equipped
Wear uniform correctly
Have a positive mindset
Complete homework and missed learning

Be kind to all
Use polite verbal and body language
Respect the learning environment
Ask and answer appropriate questions
Interact with others with respect

Get involved
Use all opportunities to learn
Be self motivated and use initiative
Learn from mistakes
Listen to others

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KJS shared values of Respect

“Be proud of the work you do, the person you are and the difference you can make at KJS”

Own your behaviour.
Treat others as you want to be treated yourself.

IN LESSONS

- We show support & understanding when others speak.
- We behave in an engaged manner on our work.
- We communicate in a positive way & always think first before speaking.

AROUND SCHOOL

- We show patience and good manners.
- We behave safely.
- We communicate politely, using appropriate language & volume.



Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys
NHS Foundation Trust

Self-Esteem Webinar

A Wellbeing in Mind Team webinar to understand:

- What low self-esteem is and how it is presented in children and young people.
- To learn about the importance of having high self-esteem and the impacts that low esteem has on our mental health, social relationships, and academic performance.
- To have a wider knowledge of how to support a young person when they are experiencing low self-esteem and how the WIMT can support if needed.

Date and Time

Monday 20th January at 6.00pm – 7.00pm

To Join the Meeting
Click on the LINK below:

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 363 816 123 967

Passcode: 3s3RV6XT

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/d3b6c6f1-ad1a-4d9f-ba2a-882ccb65a109@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>

Please email: tewv.wellbeinginmind@nhs.net if you have any queries or require further information.

Wellbeing in Mind Team – Team of NHS staff working with schools to provide advice, support, and training on wellbeing issues, as well as forming a link between school and other services supporting young people. This work includes direct support for young people experiencing mild to moderate mental health, such as anxiety and low mood, support to utilise online resources and develop skills, as well as classroom-based educational sessions in conjunction with the school's pastoral team to improve knowledge and understanding about wellbeing.