

Friday 19th April 2024

# King James's School Newsletter

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## The Headteacher's Message

We are very fortunate to have strong links with our key partner primary schools and today was our cluster meeting of Headteachers. We were joined by Councillor Hannah Gostlow to discuss the formation of a Knaresborough Youth Council – an exciting plan to involve young people in local democracy and decision-making. This will give young people the opportunity to have a voice, discuss relevant issues, engage with decision-makers and contribute to improving the lives of other young people within our community.

We will keep you updated as to how this progresses.

Clare Martin  
Headteacher

## Ofsted and CQC

North Yorkshire's education, health and social care services are being jointly inspected by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to see how well they meet their responsibilities towards children and young people with SEN and disabilities (SEND).

They would like to hear your views about the support that your child/young person receives and how it has helped your child. You can provide your views by completing an online survey. What you share will be treated in confidence:

Children and Young People - <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-CYP/10299835>

Parent/Carer - <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer/10299835>

Parent/Carer easy read version – <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer-EasyRead/10299835>

Practitioners - <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-Practitioner/10299835>

Guidance, Easy Read and more information can be found [Area SEND inspections: information about ongoing inspections - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/area-send-inspections)

Your views are important and will help Inspectors to understand your child/young person's experience of the SEND arrangements in North Yorkshire.

The survey links and guidance can also be on the [SEND Local Offer | North Yorkshire Council website.](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/SEND-Local-Offer)

The surveys will close at 9am on 23rd April 2024.

A paper/word copy of the survey is available – please let us know if you are unable to access the online link.

Thank you in advance for your help with the arrangements for the inspection process.

## Home to School Transport Consultation

As you will be aware the Council is currently consulting on changes to the North Yorkshire (NY) Home to School Travel Policy. This is available via the NY website [Home to school travel policy - consultation | North Yorkshire Council](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/home-to-school-travel-policy-consultation)

Please note the deadline for the consultation including any responses has been extended to 26th April 2024.

If you have any queries or would like to request data in relation to your school please email [H2Stranportreview@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:H2Stranportreview@northyorks.gov.uk). Alternatively please contact Lisa Herdman, Lead for Admissions.



**KNARESBOROUGH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2024**

**FREE EVENT**  
SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**WHEN & WHERE?**  
10AM UNTIL 4PM  
AT ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
STOCKWELL ROAD  
KNARESBOROUGH  
HG5 0JN

**WHAT'S ON?**  
FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT  
LIVE MUSIC GAMES  
TASTER SESSIONS  
DANCING GIFTS  
INFORMATION

**FOOD & DRINK**  
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE, PROVIDED BY ST JOHN'S PTA OR BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC

**FEATURING**  
SOME OF THE FINEST COMMUNITY GROUPS OUR TOWN HAS TO OFFER!  
COME ALONG, MEET THEM AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

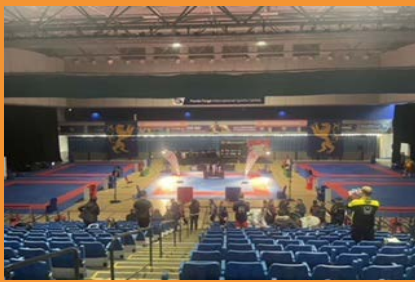
INSPIRE YOUTH

SCAN OR CODE FOR MORE INFO

FOR MORE INFO GO TO: [knaresboroughconnectors.org.uk/community-festival](https://knaresboroughconnectors.org.uk/community-festival)

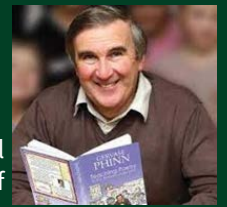
## Student achievement

Congratulations to Lottie H in Year 8 who has just competed in the English National Karate Championships. Good luck in the British Nationals in two weeks time Lottie!



## Reading Evening with Gervase Phinn

Tuesday 7th May 2024, 6-7.30pm (Doors open at 5.30pm)



We are delighted to let you know that Gervase Phinn, a local author, is coming to school to talk about the importance of reading. We will also discuss the reading strategies we use in school and how parents can support from home. There will also be a book fair where you can purchase books. The evening is aimed at Year 7&8 parents but is open to all parents. This is a joint event with Boroughbridge High School and so we will also welcome parents from our Federation. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis. Please use the link/QR code on the attached poster to book your tickets. This should be a fantastic evening and we look forward to seeing you soon.

## Thank you

Mrs Kinsey-Stephens, our Family Support Officer, would like to thank you for all the donations of pre-loved uniform that we receive on a regular basis. It really does make a huge difference to those students and families who need it, so thank you again for your ongoing support.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Paula Eastaugh who has been appointed Assistant Headteacher. We look forward to Paula continuing to drive forward high-quality teaching and learning for students and facilitating the best opportunities for continuing professional development for our staff.

## Vacancies

King James's School is a great place to work, having a lot to offer to prospective candidates. First and foremost, the students here are great to work with and reflect the full range that you would find in any area. The local community is supportive of the school, the extra-curricular life of the school is rich and there is a vibrancy here which is difficult to match. Current vacancies include the following:

### Senior Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Full year, full time, permanent.

37 hours per week

NYC Grade JK: £35,745 - £40,221, Closing date: 23/04/2024

### Art Technician

Term Time Only plus training days

24 hours per week

NYC Grade C/D: £12,785 - £13,435  
Closing date: 23/04/2024

### Site Cleaner

Full year, 15 hours per week

NYC Grade B: £11.59 per hour

Closing date: 23/04/2024

### Head of English

September 2024 start.

Full time, permanent.

MPS or UPS with TLR (currently £13,172)

Closing date: 30/04/2024

### Attendance Officer

Term time only, permanent,

25-30 hours per week, Monday to Friday

NYC Grade G £18,888 - £20,572 (salary for 30 hours)

Closing date: 30/04/2024

## The Week Ahead: 22nd April 2024

### Personal Development Focus: ENGAGED - Aspiration

"Knowing my own strengths and personal qualities and realising their relevance to my future".

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	HPV Vaccinations 3D Design GCSE Exam (Practical)	8 11		
Tue	3D Design GCSE Exam (Practical) Young Enterprise Area Finals	11		
Wed	3D Design GCSE Exam (Practical) Musical trip	11		
Thur	Textiles GCSE Exam DofE First Aid 3D Design GCSE Practical Exam Junior Maths Challenge	11 10 11		
Fri	DofE First Aid Fundraising Cake Sale	10 13		



# Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?  
Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some  
understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by  
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at **FACE**

**THURSDAY 2nd MAY 7-9PM £24**

Available to book now [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

# Supporting a Child with ADHD

## Thursday 25th April



Join Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE for an online session that explores this topic and challenges stereotypes.

**[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**

(7pm to 9pm) £24

**Book now via the website**



Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Supporting your child with emotional regulation

A webinar providing parents/carers with information and practical ideas to support their child with regulating their emotions.

## Date and time

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 5:30pm

## Location

Online

## Further information

Please email [tewv.wellbeinginmind@nhs.net](mailto:tewv.wellbeinginmind@nhs.net) to register your interest and to receive your session link.

***Wellbeing in Mind Team** – We are a team of NHS staff working with school staff providing advice, support and training on wellbeing issues as well as forming a link between the 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.*





# Reading Matters!

An evening to inspire...

Presented by King James's School and Boroughbridge High School federation, we invite you to our **Reading Matters** event. We're offering a chance to browse our book fair, discuss the values of reading whilst exploring the variety of opportunities both schools offer. Furthermore, we will be providing you with information on how you can help support reading at home with your children.

We are delighted to be joined by Gervase Phinn, one of Yorkshire's most popular raconteurs, a best-selling author of hilarious and heartwarming tales from The Yorkshire Dales. This promises to be an evening to remember!



Gervase Phinn

**Tuesday 7th May 2024**  
**at King James's School**  
**5:30pm**

To secure your **FREE** place, please complete the attached form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sY30jh1Lh9K>

If you have any additional questions, please contact [admin@king-james.co.uk](mailto:admin@king-james.co.uk)

