

Friday 20th September 2024

# King James's School Newsletter

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## Message from the Headteacher

I hope you have enjoyed the lovely autumn sunshine this week.

It is fantastic to see how well our Year 7's have settled into KJS. Next week I look forward to visiting primary schools to talk to Year 6 about our school. I will be accompanied by two Year 8 ex-students from each school who will share their experiences of our fantastic school.

Clare Martin  
Headteacher

## Equipment

Staff have been delivering the message to students of the importance of being equipment ready by having the necessary items for each lesson, which include the following:

Stationery (calculator, pens, purple pen, eraser, pencils, ruler, maths equipment, pencil sharpener), planner, PE kit and DT apron (when required).

We are giving students take up time this week to get prepared, but please do contact your child's form tutor if you require any support with materials. Starting from Monday 30th September we will log on MCAS any students coming to school unprepared so we can monitor this together. Thank you for your support.

## Assemblies - week beginning 23rd September

Year 7,8 9 – 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 and leadership opportunities.

Year 10 & 11 - Prepare, Practice, Perform: Achieving your best through effective revision delivered by Mrs Eastaugh. This assembly is linked to the school value of READY and focuses on approaches to revision, encouraging students to prepare thoroughly, practice consistently. Impact on exam performance. Strategies and resources.

Year 12 & 13 – Opportunities and Extra Curricular Activities delivered by Ms Watson. This assembly is linked to the school value of ENGAGED and focuses on opportunities students have to develop themselves by becoming involved in extracurricular and enrichment activities.

## House Cross Country



The arrangements for next weeks House Cross Country competition are as follows:

Tuesday 24th Sept P2 = Year 8  
Tuesday 24th Sept P3 = Year 9  
Tuesday 24th Sept P5 = 10L  
Wednesday 25th Sept P3 = Year 7  
Friday 27th Sept P4 = Year 10R

## European Day of Languages



We will be celebrating European Day of Languages in school by having a 'Languages Week' that involves students taking part in activities during tutor time. The aim of the activities is to raise the profile of languages around the world and the importance of learning and speaking other languages.

**Actions – Conversations take up time**

- ✓ Please have a BAO, PENCIL CASE AND PLANNER EVERY DAY!!!
- ✓ Wk beginning 30/9/24 students without equipment will be logged on Bromcom.
- ✓ Get sorted this week!

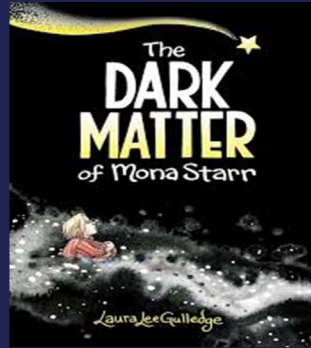
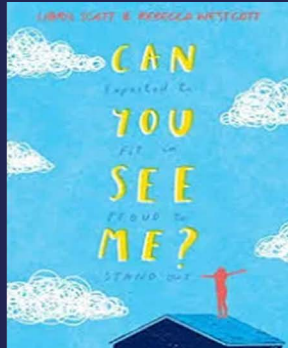
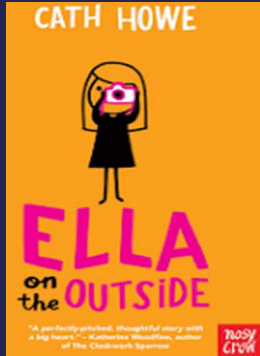
## Mental Health and Wellbeing

North Yorkshire Compass Phoenix have shared some resources to help support young people with transition and change. Below are some recommended books. There is also a text messaging service that students can use to access advice and support.

Ella on the Outside By Cath Howe (age 7 -11)

Can You See Me? By Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott (age 9 – 15)

Graphic Novel Dark Matter by Laura Lee Gullledge



## Exam access arrangement testing

Please be aware that we have got some specialist assessors coming into school on the 23rd and 30th September to meet with some KS4 and KS5 students to assess them for exam access arrangements (reader, scribe, extra time etc).

We are aiming to inform the students involved prior to them being seen and so this is just for awareness.

Parents/carers and students will be informed of any outcomes/results by a letter afterwards.

Please contact Alison Knight (Assistant Headteacher – SENCo) if you have any questions.

## Thought for the Fortnight

The Thought for the Fortnight for the weeks beginning 23rd and 30th September is:

“Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it. Right is right, even if no one is doing it”

Key Take Aways are:

Always try and do the right thing because it is the right things to do, not because someone is watching.



## Your Views are important to us

Please share your views on our school by completing the Ofsted Parent View survey, which can be found here:

[Give your views | Ofsted Parent View](#)

## The Week Ahead: 23rd September 2024

<i>Theme: Learning Beyond the Classroom</i>				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	Year 13 Geography Fieldtrip	Year 13	All day	
Wed	Year 13 Final Support evening Maths Olympiad for girls	Year 13 parents Sixth form (selected students)	6pm-7pm	Sixth Form Centre
Thur	School Photographs Years 7-11	Years 7-11	All day	S1
Fri	School Photographs Sixth Form	Years 12 & 13	Morning	S1

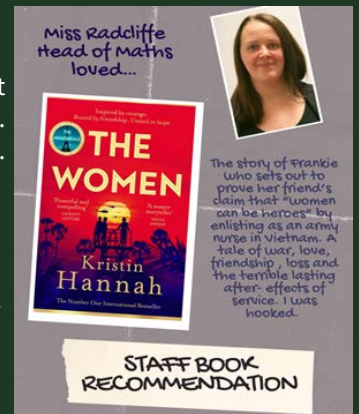
## Reading

As we aim to increase the amount of KJS pupils reading for pleasure we will be running various different competitions and initiatives in school to inspire pupils to pick up a book, kindle or device and read more. There is a wealth of evidence that reading is one of the best things pupils can do to achieve better outcomes.

Attached to this bulletin are the book recommendations for each year group which have been compiled by our excellent library team. These are also in the student planners.

Each week a member of staff will also be recommending a book they have enjoyed in this newsletter for any parents looking for inspiration!

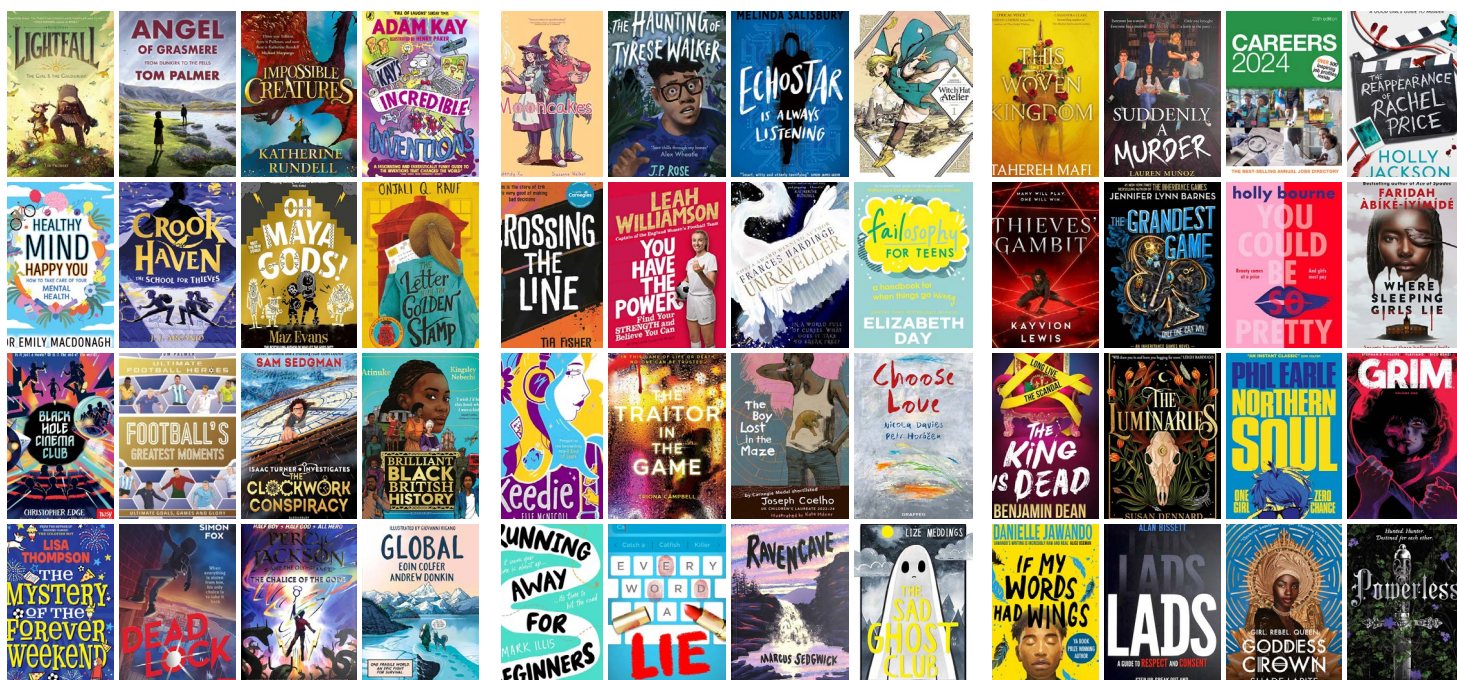
Miss Radcliffe - Reading for pleasure lead



### Year 7 Recommended Reads

### Year 8 & 9 Recommended Reads

### Year 10 & 11 Recommended Reads



## Eyelashes and Extensions

Just a reminder to parents that, as explained in last week's newsletter, from next week we will not allow any form of false eyelashes or extensions. We hope that, by letting parents and students know last week, there will have been time to have discussions at home and have any that are worn removed. This will ensure that no parental contact will be required next week.

## Careers

- Career Pathway Session - Careers in Healthcare - Fri 27th Sept 12.45 to 1.10 in SF4 (top floor of 6th form centre).

Our fortnightly 'Career Pathway' sessions continue, led by Karen Morgan our Careers Adviser. The lunchtime sessions are open to Year 10, 11, 12 and 13. Students interested in the healthcare sector will be provided with information about the different career pathways within the sector, and how to develop their ideas further and there will be the opportunity for Q&A. Interested students are welcome to attend - students can bring along their lunch and eat it during the session.

- Virtual Work Experience  
Year 10 and 11 students had a 'Learning Beyond the Classroom' assembly this week where they learnt about all of the opportunities, they have to become involved in activities and events outside of the classroom. They learnt about the benefits of being involved and how it will help them in life beyond King James's School. One of the opportunities presented was Virtual Work Experience through Speakers for Schools.

## Free Eye Tests for Children

North Yorkshire Council's Public Health Team has asked schools to encourage parents to please take your child for a FREE eye test.

Please see this leaflet for more information and check this website to find your local opticians:  
[Sight Tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk).

Please also encourage children and young people to manage their screen time and get outdoors more, which can often help improve their eyesight.