

Friday 24th November 2023

# King James's School Newsletter

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## The Headteachers Message

Four more weeks until Christmas! If you're like me and haven't given preparations much thought yet (if any!) it's a bit of a scary prospect. But if you're a student or staff member in school, four weeks is a long time; it's been a long term, and people are getting tired.

Please could families continue to support school by making sure students remain 'Ready' for school (getting to bed early, being organised, arriving on time); 'Respectful' (with a positive attitude to staff and their peers) and 'Engaged' (continuing to work hard and participate in extra-curricular opportunities) until the end of term. Thank you.

Clare Martin  
Headteacher

## Parents of Year 11 Students

We have been really impressed with how Year 11 have approached their mock exams this week – please congratulate them. Their focused attitude bodes well for the final exams in the summer.

## Equipment and exams reminder

Unfortunately some students are coming to school without bags and/or equipment for the day. Clearly this limits their ability to engage with learning and also interrupts the flow of the lesson as the teacher has to make provision for them. We would appreciate it if parents could check that students are 'ready' for school by having the necessary books and equipment for the day – thank you.



For students undertaking exams, the following are important reminders:

- Bring all stationery/clear pencil case to your exam, especially calculator & pen.
- Check your timetable or the seating plan in the boy's gym for your seat number before entering the exam hall.
- Arrive on time.
- If you have lost your exam timetable, please see your form tutor or request a copy from the exams office.

## Ofqual guides for students

Ofqual have published an updated guidance document: [Ofqual's Student Guide for 2023/24](#). It is worth parents reading this and discussing with students as it contains important information about the 2024 grading process, access arrangements, malpractice and reviews of marking. Malpractice penalties have increased significantly since the pandemic, specifically students taking mobile phones or watches into the exam hall (but not necessarily looking at them).

## Training Day and End of Term Reminders

A reminder that Wednesday 29th November is a staff training day and school is closed to students. It is also worth noting that we close at 12.30pm on the last day of term, Friday 22nd December.

## MCAS Behaviour

Please note that from Monday 27th November, all positive and negative balances on MCAS will be reset to zero. This is in order to support and encourage students to make positive changes at the start of a new Learning Cycle.

## Geography Fieldtrip



Year 12 Geographers went over to Leeds this week to carry out some Human Geography Fieldwork. It was a fantastic day and provided a great opportunity for the Year 12s to see the urban processes we have been studying in class in a real -world context and practice a variety of different fieldwork skills that they could use as part of their Independent Investigations in Year 13.



## Year 7/8 Rugby Team Success News



Huge congratulations to the Year 7/8 rugby team on their victory away at Rossett School on Wednesday night. A fantastic 8-2 victory in the team's first game of rugby union together. Well done!

## Drama News

Look out for tickets coming out soon for KJS Studio Production of 'Importance of being Earnest' on the evenings of 11th and 12th December.

## Warhammer Club Open Painting Competition

Thursdays afterschool in the Library.  
3.20 - 4.00pm

The Warhammer club invites everyone to come along and paint a miniature for a friendly competition. Come along for a friendly, zero-pressure environment, whether you have never painted Warhammer before or are a seasoned pro! We have 20 miniatures left to paint, so spaces are limited. Ask Mr McCabe in the Library for more details.



## The Week Ahead: 27th November 2023

### Personal Development Focus: Engaged - Aspiration

*"Being the best version of myself and setting no limits"*

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Year 11 mock exams continue Townton Battlefield Society in school	11	3.00pm	
Tue				
Wed	<b>TRAINING DAY</b> Deadline for Rotary Shoebboxes	<b>ALL</b> All	<b>School closed to students</b>	
Thur	Year 9 Stockeld Park Christmas trip	9	3.45pm	Stockeld Park
Fri				



# IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST



King James's School presents:  
The Importance of Being Earnest Studio Production  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

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6pm – The Circle

Tickets £2.50 – Sign up on the Drama Notice Board and  
pay on the night. Payments by card preferred.