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King James's School Newsletter

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The Headteacher's Message

As we have now reached half term, I would like to wish all our families a very restful break. Many students are mid-way through the exam season and so will be deep into revision, but I do hope that everyone uses this chance to reset a bit, get some fresh air, and catch up on sleep.

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Issuing of exam results

If a student is unable to collect their own GCSE or A-Level results on results day, they must write/sign a letter and give it to the person collecting results on their behalf to bring in; please note that the person collecting the results must also bring a form of ID with them.



In exceptional circumstances, results can be emailed to students, but only to their school email address. The request must come from the student, and please note that there will be a delay in receiving results by email as we will be dealing with students that are in school.

Staffing

This week we say farewell to a few colleagues including Miss Ramplin and Miss Appleyard, Pastoral Officers who will be well known to parents of Year 10 and 11. From September, we are increasing the number of pastoral staff in year teams, so we can provide even better student support. This is such a rewarding role for anyone interested in working with young people. Please spread the word – details of Year Manager opportunities can be found on our website.

Football Success

The Y8 team won the Area Cup against a physical Asheville team 3-0. In torrential rain, a large crowd watched the lads put on a glittering display of football. They passed the opposition off the park and scored three great goals in the second half. Every player in the team played their part in a dazzling display of champagne football. Mr Bell, who has coached the lads for the last two years, was delighted with both the victory and the performance, making up for the lads finishing runners up to St Aidans in last year's final. Congratulations to the lads for training hard all year with regularly over 40 lads present. Thanks also to the parents and pupils for turning up in such horrendous conditions.



AL Chemistry Practical Day



Y12 chemistry pupils have enjoyed a day working at Priestley Laboratory in the University of Leeds, synthesising paracetamol. The staff from the University of Leeds patiently guided the pupils through the process and our Y12 Chemists successfully

manufactured and purified crude paracetamol. They then spent the afternoon to analyse their product using Thin Layer Chromatography and Infrared Red Spectroscopy. The day was full-on but they worked well together and are happy with their results..



80th Anniversary of D-day landings

'To mark the 80th anniversary of the D-day landings in Normandy on 6th June 1944, the history department will be delivering assemblies to all year groups on the day. In addition, there will be other departments within school commemorating the event with various activities in their lessons.'

Athletics

Well done to all those who took part in the English Schools Athletics competition in York. A big congratulations to the Junior Boys team (who came first on the day) and the Inter Boys team who have made it through to the Regional A final, in York. The Inter Girls were also successful, and are through to the Regional B final in Middlesborough. We wish all the students good luck and are very proud of how they have conducted themselves in these competitions.

After half term, we also have the Area Athletics competitions, which involves students in year 7 - 10 participating against 9 other schools at QE.

Swimming Dangers

Following the brief period of warmer weather, some of our students have been swimming in the quarry on Boroughbridge Road. We have been asked to issue a warning regarding the dangers of swimming in the quarry at the moment. As well as the normal hidden objects and cold water, there is also a severe blue algae situation at the moment in the quarry which is highly toxic and will make the students very poorly (can kill a dog in 10 mins).

Please can we ask for your support in discouraging students from swimming in the quarry.

Vacancies

Current vacancies at KJS include the following:

- Senior ICT Technician
- Cover Supervisor/PE Technician
- Year Managers

Further details are available on the school website:

<https://www.king-james.co.uk/vacancies/>

We wish everyone a enjoyable May Half-term break and look forwarding to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd June.

May Half Term Activities

North Yorkshire Council are running an action-packed Adventure Club in the May half term school holiday that will get young people active, outdoors and in touch with nature. A mix of land and water programmes suitable for ages 8-13, activities could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. Dates are 28, 29, 30 and 31 May and you can choose from either Beverley Park Outdoor Education Centre in Pateley Bridge or East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre in Whitby. Find out more and book now at <https://outdoored.co.uk/adventure-clubs/>

To find out more about family activity days, for adults with young people aged 8 years upwards, and to book places, visit <https://outdoored.co.uk/family-activity-days/>

Uniform

A reminder of our uniform expectations for after half term. Students are expected to wear the correct uniform each day around the school site including footwear that meets our requirements. Please remember that extreme lashes, acrylic/gel nails are not permitted and kilts must be worn at an appropriate length at all times.

In addition, to support our pre-loved offering please can we ask for any donations of unwanted uniform items. All items (including ties) will be gratefully received especially from our Year 11 leavers and those moving key stages!

Year 7 Punctuality Competition

'As part of the punctuality push, Miss Key has an ongoing competition, rewarding the form with the least lates. Last week, 7S1 enjoyed a Monday morning treat, as they were the only form with zero lates. This week has been a close one, between 7A1, 7N1 and 7S2, who as of end of play Thursday had gotten to all lesson on time. Keep an eye on the Y7 Instagram account for the winner. It is likely to cost Miss Key in sweet treat after the half term!'



The Week Ahead: 3rd June 2024

Personal Development Focus: RESPECTFUL - Honesty

"Do I sometimes use stereotypes and show prejudice?"

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	House Rounders/Softball Week			
Tue	German Rhine trip Parents Information Evening		6.00pm	Sixth Form Centre
Wed				
Thur				
Fri	LC3 reports to students	All years		