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# King James's School Newsletter

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## Message from the Headteacher

Many thanks to the parents who attended the revision evening. It was great to see so many parents there and get advice on how to support students in the exam period. The Parent Revision PowerPoint can be [accessed here](#). You can also access all the revision programmes that have been put together by the Heads of Subject on the website. We wish all our students taking GCSEs and A Levels this summer the very best of luck!

Clare Martin  
Headteacher

## National Careers Week 2025

National Careers Week is running from the 3rd to the 8th of March 2025. We will be raising the profile of National Careers Week through assemblies delivered by Miss Baker. The focus of the assemblies is transferable skills that will enhance employability, how students can utilise opportunities in school to develop these skills and how they will support future career pathways.

- [Parent handbook](#)
- [BBC bitesize - Careers](#)
- [Virtual careers fair](#)

## Visiting Speaker for Economics Students

On Monday, 55 Year 11, 12 and 13 Economics students were privileged to hear from Ben Crampton who came up from the Bank of England London office to talk to King James's Economic students on a range of economic topics and apprenticeships at the Bank of England. Ben gave an insight into the role of the Bank of England in overseeing monetary policy and financial markets in the UK. Students were very engaged and asked a wide range of questions on quantitative easing, crypto currency, gold reserves and career opportunities at the bank.

Ben discussed the wide range of opportunities for both school leavers and university graduates with the Bank of England. He explained the growing opportunities in the Leeds branch of the Bank of England. There is a wide range of different opportunities in the fields of Economics, Human Resources and Data Analysis. Any students interested in finding out more about Level 4 and Degree apprenticeships with the Bank of England can research further on their website - [www.bankofengland.co.uk/careers/early-careers](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/careers/early-careers)



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## Thought for the Fortnight

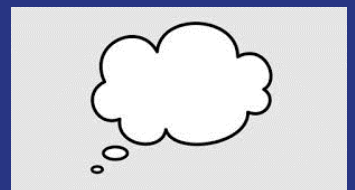
We have enjoyed raising the profile of National Apprenticeship Week this week and it is National Careers Week 3rd – 8th March. Miss Baker will be delivering assemblies during National Careers Week to all Year groups so we wanted the Thought for the Fortnight to link to this and encourage students to think about what experiences, skills and qualities are important for them as they navigate their future careers .

The Thought for the Fortnight for the weeks beginning 24th February and 3rd March is:

“It’s not what you achieve, it’s what you overcome. That’s what defines your career.”

The Key Takeaways are:

- The journey from school to your employment will not be an easy one. There will be ups and downs but don't be embarrassed by your failures, learn from them and start again.
- School presents a wealth of opportunities to build employability skills, don't let them pass you by. Engage with the opportunities available.
- It doesn't matter if you don't know what career you want to go into. There is so much you can do now that will help put you in a strong position to be successful in any future career you choose.



## Year 11 Prom - A date for your diary

Please save the date for this year's Year 11 Prom, taking place on Thursday 26th June @ King James's School.

With Miss Bramham as the chief organiser, you can be sure this will be an evening of glitz, glamour, and plenty of sparkle—so we fully expect to see you there!

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our Year 11 students and to send them off in style.

Further details will follow, but for now, mark your calendars—we'd love for you to join us!



## Onsite Forest School Provision Plans

We are thrilled to confirm that plans are in place for the launch of some on site Forest School provision here at King James's in collaboration with Born of the Forest.

The Knaresborough Lions have been fundamental in the launch of this due to a grant request that was made and accepted. A huge thank you to them.

Please keep your eye on the newsletter for more information to follow but in the meantime, if you have any of the items below that you no longer need and

wish to donate then please let us know.

- Scaffolding planks
- Old car tyres
- Plastic bottle crates
- Cable reels
- Wooden pallets
- Spades
- Leaf rakes
- Wheelbarrows
- Magnifying glasses
- Old decorating paint brushes
- Books about bugs, wildlife, birds - fiction or non fiction
- Guttering/pipes

Many thanks in anticipation of your support. Mrs Knight

## Knaresborough Youth Voice

We were delighted to welcome Mark & Sharon from Two Viz Think who created a piece of artwork that depicts our students views and hopes for the future. A group of 20 students from Year 7 to Year 10 were involved and the ideas contributed by our students will be used as part of the Youth Strategy which will be taken forward by the Knaresborough Youth Council, in the hope that positive changes will be made, and investment will be sought after to improve community life for young people. Some of the ideas are shown below.



## The Week Ahead: 3rd March 2025

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	Shrove Tuesday	All	12:30	Food Court
Wed				
Thur	World Book Day	All	All Day	Various activities throughout school
Fri	Learning Cycle 2 Report Data	All		

## Battle of the Books Literature Quiz



As the winner of last year's Battle of the Books competition, we were delighted to host this annual event on Tuesday 25th February.

Battle of the Books aims to encourage reading for pleasure by bringing together students in Years 9 and 10 and this year, fourteen teams from across the local area battled to win the coveted Michael Rosen Cup. Contestants answered questions over 6 rounds to prove their knowledge of literature.

After a hard-fought and very close contest, St. John Fisher Catholic High School took the title with King James's School Team B in 2nd place. Many congratulations to all our students who participated in the event:

Maggie A 10S2, Rowan B10A2, Jenny B 10A2, Sophie F 10S1, Aidan L 10A3, Mia M 10S1, Olivia R 10A1 and Alex W 10N1.

A huge thank you also to King James's staff and students who assisted and supported Team KJS throughout the evening.

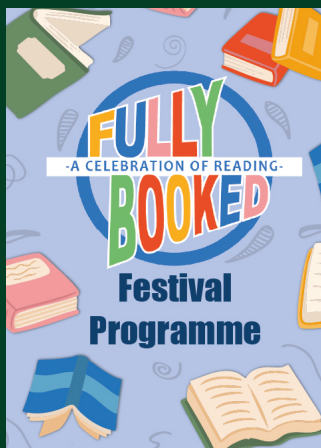


## Fully Booked! A Celebration of Reading

We are eagerly anticipating King James's whole school annual literary festival, *Fully Booked! A Celebration of Reading* which will run for one week from 3rd March. The aim of the festival is to promote reading for pleasure, wider reading and to further develop our students' skills in creative writing.

We have a packed programme of workshops, lunchtime events, literary-themed lessons across the curriculum and a multitude of competitions for our students to get involved in. On World Book Day (6th March), our school canteen has prepared a variety of literary dishes inspired by our favourite books for students and staff to enjoy. To add to the festive atmosphere, staff and Year 7 students are invited to dress up as characters of a particular book or book series for the day.

Please find [attached the festival programme](#). There really is something for everyone and, with your support, we are very much looking forward to an enjoyable and successful event.



# Book Recommendations



Years 7-8



Years 9-11



6th Form



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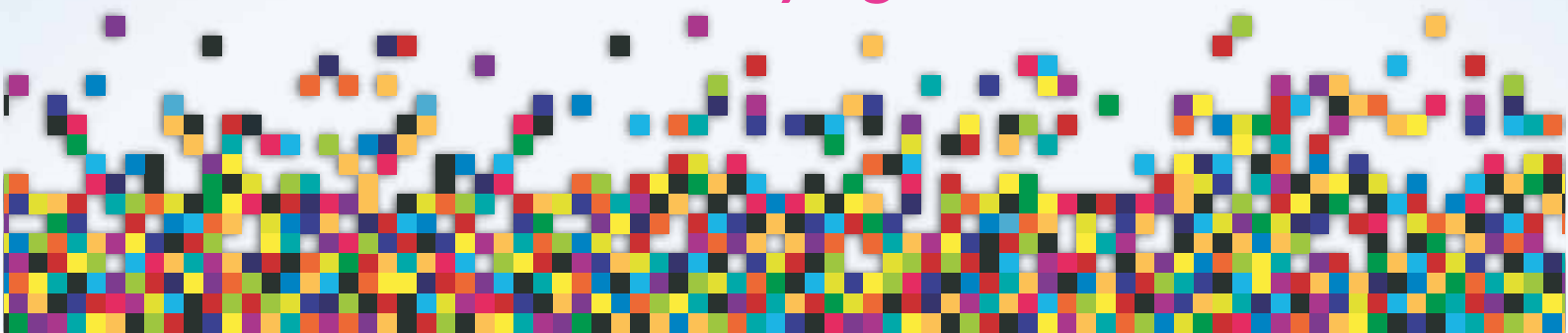
In Aid of **Martin House** Children's Hospice

**Friday 14th March 2025**

**King James's School, Knareborough, HG5 8EB**

**Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm**

**Tickets £10, to be purchased in advance  
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Harrogate Music Centre



# Musical Opportunities for All

Saturday mornings (during term time)

Time: 9.30 - 12:30

Venue: St Aidan's C of E High School

Please contact [emily.jones@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:emily.jones@northyorks.gov.uk) for more information.



New members get free ensemble membership for one half term!

# Music Centre Ensembles & Times

9.30 - 10.05	Musical Munchkins. For children ages 3-4
10.15 - 10.50	Sound Explorers. For children ages 5-7

9.30 - 10.45	Blast Off!
9.30 - 10.45	Concert Orchestra
9.30 - 10.45	Harrogate Youth Percussion Ensemble (HYPE)
9.30 - 10.45	HYJO (Harrogate Youth Jazz Orchestra)

11.15 - 12.30	Concert Band
11.15 - 12.30	String Ensemble
11.15 - 12.30	Youth Choir
11.15 - 12.30	Adult Ukuleles (Adult Ensemble)
11.15 - 12.30	Parental Guidance (Adult Wind Band)

For more information about our ensembles or to enquire about lesson availability, please visit [harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk](http://harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk) or contact [emilyjones@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:emilyjones@northyorks.gov.uk)

## We also offer tuition in the following disciplines:

- Bowed Strings
- Woodwind
- Brass
- Guitar & Bass Guitar

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