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King James's School Newsletter

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The Headteacher's Message

It was lovely to see our Year 11 Class of 2024 celebrating their 5-year journey at KJS last night at the prom. It is always a joyous evening – the end of all that hard work and the testing examination time, and the start of their long summer! As ever, students looked amazing and arrived by various modes of transport (please see photos below). Thank you to all their teachers and pastoral staff, who have supported them along the way and to those who organised last night's event. We are delighted that most of them are returning to our sixth form next year and hope they fill these next 10 weeks with lots of relaxation and happy times.

It is Year 13's turn tonight, photos to follow next week!

Clare Martin
Headteacher

French trip

In the very early hours of Monday 17th June, Year 7 students departed on the French trip to Saint Omer to improve their language skills and immerse themselves in the French culture. They had a fantastic time learning about snails and trying them, making their own bread in the Boulangerie and befriending some goats whilst learning about the process of making goats cheese.

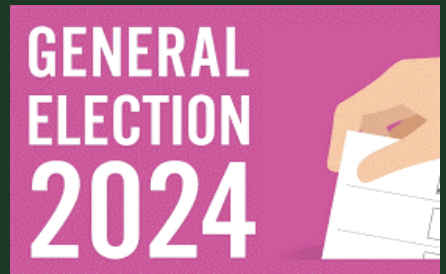
The students thoroughly enjoyed the theme park and the activities at the château, which included crêpe making, archery tag and rocket launch. They had several opportunities to practise their language skills and all managed to order their own ice cream in French. We arrived home Thursday evening, exhausted but having had a great time!



General Election 2024

The Members of Parliament that represent North Yorkshire will be chosen by you in the election on Thursday 4 July 2024. In North Yorkshire there are seven parliamentary constituencies that North Yorkshire Council is responsible for.

- Harrogate and Knaresborough.
- Richmond and Northallerton.
- Scarborough and Whitby.
- Selby.
- Skipton and Ripon.
- Thirsk and Malton.
- Wetherby and Easingwold.



You must be registered to vote in this election by 18 June 2024. Find out if you are registered and how to vote at www.northyorks.gov.uk/election2024.

To see the list of candidates standing in the election in your area visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/election2024.

You can cast your vote however it suits you – in person, by post or by proxy, which is when you identify someone to vote on your behalf. If you are voting in person you will need to bring a Photo ID to your polling station. You can make sure you have an accepted form of identification here, www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/how-vote

If you don't have an accepted form of identification, you can apply for free voter ID by 5pm on Wednesday 26 June. Apply for free voter ID here: www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

You can vote from home if you can't or don't want to go to your polling station on election day. Registering to vote by post is easy - you'll simply need to prove your identity. Apply for a new postal vote or cancel an existing one, before the deadline of 5pm on Tuesday Wednesday 19 June at www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/apply-postal-vote

You can apply for a trusted friend or family member to cast your vote by proxy at your polling station at www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/apply-proxy-vote

Apply for a proxy vote for this election before the deadline of 5pm on Wednesday 26 June.

To find out where your polling station is, enter your postcode here: www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/how-vote.

You can also call 0300 131 2 131 (please say 'Election' when prompted) to request information about how to vote.

The Week Ahead: 1st July 2024

Personal Development Focus: RESILIENCE: Resilience <i>"How do my behaviours and habits impact the world?"</i>				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	KS3 House Week 4 House Drama 1 Y10 Art Mock Exam	KS3 All 10	All week 6.00pm	S1
Tue	House Drama 2	All	6.00pm	S1
Wed	Year 6 Transition Day 1			
Thur	Year 6 Transition Day 2			
Fri	Sports Day	All	Afternoon	Field

Careers Fair

On Monday 24th June we hosted a Careers Fair for all our Year 10 and Year 12 students. We had a host of exhibitors from universities, colleges, sixth form, apprenticeship providers and employers (local, national and international). Our students were able to find out about the wide range of study and career options available to them post 16, post 18 and at Graduate Level. Employers who were present included Taylors of Harrogate, Coffey Geotechnics Ltd, Labcorp Drug Development, WM Morrison Supermarkets Ltd, Saffery Champness, Specsavers, Virgin Media O2 and more!

Feedback from exhibitors was extremely positive. We welcomed back previous students - who could speak about their pathway to employment and the employment opportunities within their organisation. We would like to publicly thank the employers and organisations who took part in the event - they did so with enthusiasm and commitment -giving their time freely to support our students.



Our students found the event helpful. It has given them much to think about and will help them with making their career plans over the next year.

Please note - We had hoped to hold an early evening event for parents and students alongside this day - but had to make adjustments due to the flood damage. We hope to run an evening event in the autumn term for parents and students for parents and students.



Sports Day

This year's Sports Day will be held on Friday 5th July and will be a Non-Uniform Day. Students are asked to attend school wearing their House colours. There is a £1 voluntary donation on Parent Pay which will include a free ice-pop in the afternoon! This year, the funds raised will go towards providing new sports equipment in the PE Department and also go towards the KJS Legacy Fund. This fund is used to offer financial support to our students who go on to compete at an elite level in a variety of different sports.



Freedom Performing Arts

Good luck to Freedom Performing Arts who depart for Prague on Monday to represent England in the World Finals of the Dance World Cup. Many of our girls are part of the team and we are incredibly proud of their great achievement.



Not only have they reached such a prestigious level, but the girls have also raised over £15,000 to fund their trip. Good luck to them next week!

Your Sustainable Future Project

We have been fortunate this week to have had a number of employers in school working with groups of year 9 students on a project that has given them invaluable experiences of different workplaces and encounters with a range of employers. The project has followed the theme of 'your sustainable future' and challenged them to think about the considerations employers now need to make as we head towards 'net zero'. The organisations that took part were; Burendo, Zest, Drax, TSYS and HM Probation. Students had the opportunity to visit the employers sites on Wednesday and had some fantastic first hand experiences! A big thank you to all involved!

