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King James's School Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

I am sure that this week we have all had moments of reflection watching the ceremonies marking 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz. As we strive to live in a society where diverse cultures are celebrated, it highlights the importance of our role as schools and parents in educating young people and promoting tolerance, respect and understanding.

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Driving onto school site

Please could we remind parents not to drive onto the school site when dropping students off in the morning or picking them up at the end of the day. The number of cars around the school entrance in the morning and after school poses a risk to students' safety.

As part of the Park & Stride Scheme, a free car parking permit is available for use at York Place car park. This can be used to park for up to 20 minutes free of charge between 8.15am-8.35am and 3.20pm-3.40pm, Monday to Friday. The permit holder will have a maximum of two registration plate numbers on the permit. 50 permits are available from the main school Reception. Thank you for your support.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and Time to Talk

Next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and Time to Talk day is Thursday 6th February.

This year is the 11th Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and it aims to encourage children, young people and adults to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. This will help them grow and develop resilience to cope with what life throws at them.

Time to Talk Day is the nation's biggest mental health conversation. It's a day for friends, families, communities and workplaces to come together to talk, listen and change lives.

Understanding mental health is essential for well-being. We will be raising the awareness of these days during tutor time and sharing information and guidance that we hope will encourage open conversations, helping students feel safe to express their emotions and feel heard, valued and supported.

You can find out more by visiting these websites

https://timetotalkday.co.uk/?gad_source=1&gbraid=0AAAAA-qB3mDYCHsH4G8Q8NIByVqnmnCD&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIIdS_0b6aiwMV85hQBh03pzkJEAAYASAAEgL1SvD_BwE_

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about/>

Wellbeing

The Go-To is the home of well-being and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire. Their offer includes support for young people and parents/carers to help find the right help and support for young people, to help stay well, whatever is going on in life.



Young people's Mental Health support in North Yorkshire

The Go-To has a number of resources to help you.
www.thegoto.org.uk

The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

NHS

The banner features a purple background with a white circle containing a gear and a plus sign. Below the text, there is an illustration of a young woman with dark hair lying on a blue mat, using a laptop. The NHS logo is in the bottom right corner.



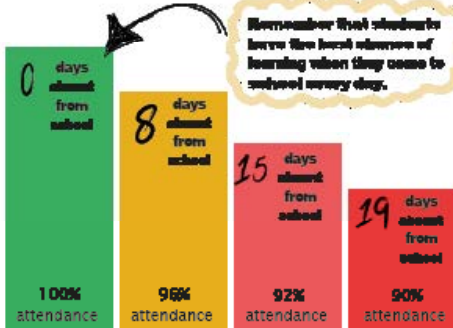


Boroughbridge High School & King James's School Federation



One Page Guide- attendance

We expect pupils to attend school consistently and **only be absent from school when they are too unwell to attend, or in rare and exceptional circumstances agreed upon by both caregivers and the school as being entirely unavoidable and/or in the student's best interest. We ask caregivers and students to aim for school attendance of 100%.**



Remember that students have the best chance of learning when they come to school every day.

WHAT CAREGIVERS NEED TO DO

My child will be off school today and it wasn't expected. Call school before 8:45am. If your child attends King James's School, then you can also complete a form [here](#). Explain why they are not in school.

I would like to keep my child off school to attend a medical appointment. If you have not been able to book an appointment outside of the school day, then for students at Boroughbridge High School, you must complete [this form](#), or for students at King James's High School, use [this form](#). If you cannot access these forms, then call school. Please do this as soon as possible and expect a request for supporting evidence to be made.

I would like to keep my child off school to attend a very special family holiday. We will not typically authorise family holidays. If you still wish to make such a request, then for students at Boroughbridge High School, you must complete [this form](#), or for students at King James's High School, use [this form](#).

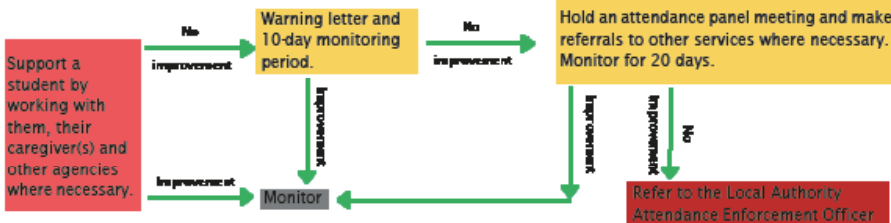
I AM FINDING IT HARD TO GET MY CHILD TO SCHOOL, WHAT SHOULD I DO?



Stay calm and explain to your child that you want to help them get the most out of their education. Contact school as soon as possible and ask for support because working together provides the best chance of improving school attendance. Let your child know that we are all working together to help them.

! INFORMATION ABOUT FIXED PENALTY NOTICES CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#). ON PAGE 66.

IF SCHOOL THINK THAT ACTION IS NECESSARY TO SECURE A STUDENT'S RIGHT TO FULL TIME EDUCATION, THEY WILL...



Ski Trip February 2026 (current Year 8 students)

Details of the above trip for current Year 8 students (Year 9 in 2026) are available on the school website via the following links:

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

<https://www.king-james.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Trip-Launch-Presentation-2026.pdf>



Thought for the Fortnight

Thought for the Fortnight for the weeks beginning 3rd and 10th February is linked to Time to Talk Day and Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

'A problem shared is a problem halved'.

Key take aways are:

- Opening up about your struggles and worries can ease the weight on your mind, provide support and lead to solutions.
- Sometimes writing is easier – check in with a friend over text.
- Talking side by side can be easier – try talking while walking.
- Listening is just as important as talking – ask someone how they are feeling.



Assemblies

We are delighted that students in all year groups will be able to get a taster of Queen: A KJS Concert in the preview assemblies this week. It's a fantastic opportunity for the students involved in the concert to perform to their peers. We are all looking forward to having a sneak preview before the performances on 12th and 13th February at 7pm.

Tickets for the concerts are on sale at lunchtimes outside the library and are £5. Payment can be made by cash or card.

UNLOCKING AUTISM FOR PARENTS TRAINING

Audience: All Schools
Cascade: Heads/School Business Managers/Admin team to Parents

FREE 2 day course for parents and carers of children and young people with communication and interaction needs.

This annual event is an opportunity to find out more about autism and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person. Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic. Children do not need to have a diagnosis of autism in order for parents to attend. Parents need to be able to attend both days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

[Click here to book.](#)

Please share this with parents via your own channels.

Careers

Year 9 GCSE options

Year 9 have another guest speaker coming into school next week as part of their GCSE options careers programme. Harry from Harrogate College will give the Year group an insight into what Post 16 qualifications are available and what qualifications are needed to access them.



We look forward to seeing Year 9 students and parents at the Year 9 options evening on Wednesday. Our careers advisor, Karen Morgan, will be available throughout the evening to offer information, advice and guidance so please pop in and see her.

Post-16 Applications

The Year 11 team alongside the careers team are working hard to support the Year 11 students with their Post 16 options.



Whether students are considering college, sixth form or apprenticeships, we are encouraging all Year 11 students to make their Post 16 applications by Friday 14th February.

Students have received a wealth of information through the Year 11 Careers programme and the Careers page of the school website is a great place to find the answers to any questions they may still have: <https://www.king-james.co.uk/careers-home/>

If students feel they need further guidance to make their Post 16 options, they can request a meeting with Karen Morgan (KJS Careers Advisor) through their form tutor.

Year 11 Taster Day

Year 11 are excited about their 6th Form Taster Day that will take place on Thursday 6th February. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to experience life as a 6th Form student and get a idea of what it is like to study A-Levels.



Workplace Experiences – Year 11 and 12 Females

PwC is one of the Big Four professional services firms, helping businesses across audit, tax, consulting, and technology. Their apprenticeship programmes offer a fully funded pathway into the industry, allowing you to earn while you learn and gain real-world experience at a globally recognised firm.

There is a PwC Females of the Future – Leeds event taking place on Monday 17th February. This is a unique opportunity to gain insight into one of the world's leading professional services firms, explore career pathways, and learn about PwC's degree apprenticeship programmes.

This event is designed to inspire and empower the next generation of female professionals by providing valuable career insights, networking opportunities, and practical guidance on the next steps in your career journey.

Event Details

Date: Monday, 17th February

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: PwC, Leeds Office

Who Can Attend: Year 11 & Year 12 female students

What to Expect

- Learn about PwC's degree apprenticeship opportunities, which provide an alternative route into professional services
- Gain insight into business, finance, and accounting careers at PwC
- Take part in interactive workshops designed to develop key skills for future success
- Hear from senior female professionals and apprentices about their experiences and career journeys
- Get application tips and advice on securing work experience and apprenticeships at PwC

Spaces are limited – apply now to secure your place.

Apply Here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3KHD9YT>

Careers continued.....

HM Treasury

HM Treasury is the UK government's economic and finance ministry, responsible for public spending, economic policy, and sustainable growth. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 12, Year 13 students who want to explore a career in business, finance, policy, or economics while earning a salary through an apprenticeship or graduate role.



Date: Wednesday, 12th February

Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

For: Year 12, Year 13,

Why Attend

- Explore Apprenticeships and Grad Roles at HM Treasury – Learn about opportunities in business administration, finance, HR, management, and policy.
- Discover the Government Economics Service Degree Apprenticeship Programme (GES DAP) – A unique opportunity to earn a degree in economics while working in government.
- Gain Insider Insights – Hear directly from HM Treasury professionals about their work and career journeys.
- Get Application Guidance – Learn how to stand out in the recruitment process and secure a role in a competitive sector.
- Live Q&A Session – Ask your questions and receive tailored advice from the HM Treasury team.

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HMTreasury-Insight>

Vacancies

SENCO
Full time
£MPS, UPS with TLS1a
Closing date: 10th February
2025

Teacher of Business & Economics
Full time
£NQT, ECT, MPS
Closing date: 11th February
2025

Teacher of Science
Temp Maternity Cover, full time
£ECT, MPS-£UPS
Closing date: 7th February 2025

Teacher of Music
Temp Maternity Cover, 0.8 fte
£ECT, MPS, UPS
Closing date: 6th February 2025

Exam Invigilators
Part time, Supply/Relief Term
time
£12.45-£13.05 per hour
Closing date: 31st March 2025

Lead Exam Invigilators
Part time, Supply/Relief Term
time
£13.05-£13.69 per hour
Closing date: 31st March 2025

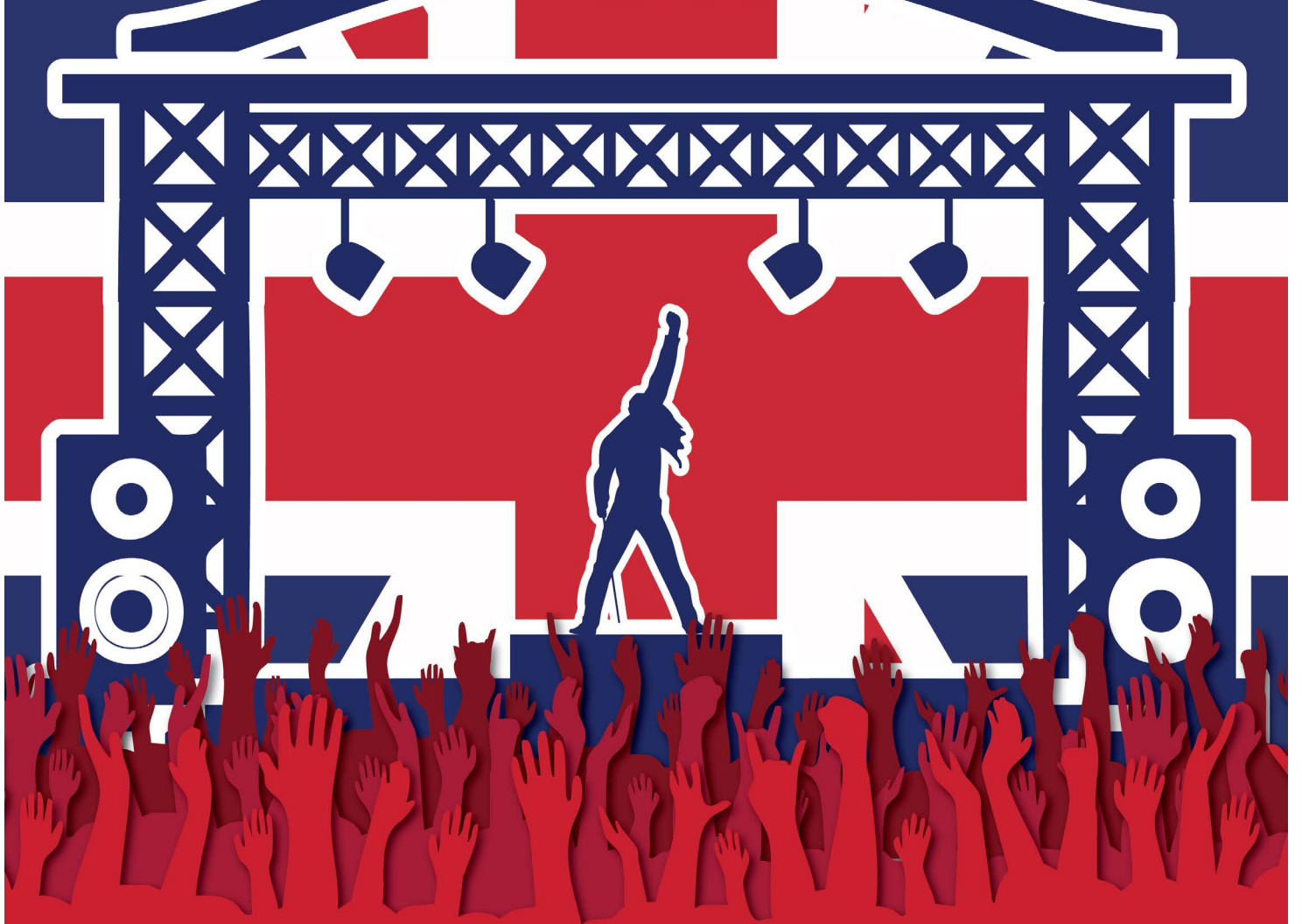
General Teaching Assistant
Part time, term time
£15,762-£16,009
Closing date: 3rd February 2025

The Week Ahead: 3rd February 2025

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	Macbeth Performance	11		
Wed	Year 9 Options Evening	9	6.30pm	In school
Thur	Sixth Form Taster Day	11	All day	Sixth Form
Fri				

QUEEN:

A KJS CONCERT



Date: 12th and 13th February 2025

Time: 7pm

Location: S1

Tickets £5



We're Recruiting

Tuesday 4th February 2025

Anyone from Year 8 upwards welcome!

1953 (Knaresborough) Squadron Air Cadets
Parade Nights every Tuesday & Friday, 7:00pm-9:30pm
Cadet Centre, Halfpenny Ln, Knaresborough HG5 0TG

Contact: oc.1953@rafac.mod.gov.uk
Socials: facebook.com/1953KnaresboroughATC
instagram.com/knaresboroughaircadets
x.com/1953_Squadron



ROYAL AIR FORCE AIR CADETS
the next generation

Knaresborough Youth Club



Music

Food

Support

Games

Arts & Crafts

Chill

Tuesdays

7-9pm

Gracious Street Church, Chapel St, HG5 8AN

Open to yr7+

50p per session