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King James's School Newsletter

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The Headteacher's Message

On Wednesday and Thursday we welcomed 270 Y6 students who will be joining the KJS community in September. The students were introduced to their new tutor groups, experienced a variety of lessons and had the opportunity to watch the winning House Drama performance. Parents were also invited to meet their Form Tutors on Thursday evening.

Moving up to secondary school can be a challenging time for many but having made a number of visits to their primaries schools and arranging other visits to KJS, our students over these two days were amazing! They embraced the days with real positivity and enthusiasm and we worked very hard on creating firm foundations around our key Values of Ready, Respectful and Engaged, which we will continue to build on in September. We can't wait for you all to join us in September!

Clare Martin
Headteacher



Year 13 Prom 2024



Election Fever!

It has been election fever at KJS this week as some of our wonderful Y9, Y10 and Y12 students ran for various mainstream and independent parties. The campaigns were slicker than Alistair Campbell's in 1997 and the speeches put some of the world's leading Presidential and PM candidates to shame! Huge congratulations to Y9s: Alistair and Isaac, Maisy and Maggie, Callum, Aidan, and Evie, Y10s Charlie, Meg, Neve, Abdullah, Beau and Will, Ben and Ella and Y12s Joseph, Will, Tom, Adam, Esther and Hattie and Imogen.

We eagerly await the results of the House competition and we know these students could have a bright future in Politics!

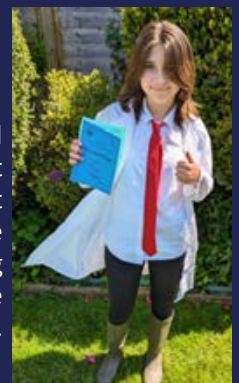
Student Achievements

Dance World Cup - Team England 2024

Two of our Year 12 students, Jessica J & Gracie W, have been selected to represent Team England at the prestigious Dance World cup competition in Prague with their dance school Freedom Performing Arts. The competition takes place this week from 1st - 7th July. Taking part in the Dance World Cup will be a cultural educational experience - 5000 dancers from 65 countries across the world take part!

Knaresborough Young Farmers Club

We wish Rebecca C in Year 7 good luck as she goes to the final at the Great Yorkshire Show next Friday representing both Yorkshire and Knaresborough Young Farmers club in intermediate level dairy stock judging.



Lockdown and Fire Drill

At King James's we take safeguarding and the safety of your child very seriously. It is important that we put procedures in place and plan even for those events that are very unlikely to occur. As part of this, we'll be practicing our lockdown procedure on Friday 12th July. We will also practice our fire drill.

What is a security lockdown and when would it happen?

A security lockdown procedure is a standard health and safety procedure, similar to a fire drill.

Our security lockdown procedure would be used when there is a threat to the safety of our pupils, staff and others in the school, and when it's safer for everyone to remain in school rather than evacuate. The aim is to keep people safe by confining them to a secure place of safety.

Situations where our security lockdown procedure may be used include:

- A potentially dangerous person or animal on the school site
- A disturbance or dangerous situation in the local community that could affect the school
- A nearby chemical incident or other risk of air pollution
- An incident related to terrorism

What is our school's security lockdown procedure?

- Students and staff will be notified that it's in lockdown by the bell ringing 10 times for 5 seconds at 3-second intervals.
- Students will sit on the floor in their own, or the nearest, classroom
- The teacher will put a table in front of the door, draw the blinds, and switch off the lights.
- In a real emergency, the emergency services will be called

About our upcoming security lockdown drill

Prior to practising this procedure with students, staff will take time to talk to pupils about security lockdown procedures and explain why they're important. They'll reassure students after the drill that they are safe, and will emphasise that practising procedures like this will make sure that the school remains a safe place to learn.

I must emphasise again that this is simply a drill, so that in the very unlikely event of such a situation in the future, our students and staff are fully prepared and can stay safe.

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

The Week Ahead: 8th July 2024

Personal Development Focus: RESILIENCE: Resilience <i>"How do my behaviours and habits impact the world?"</i>				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Rhine/Moselle French trip departs SSG Carlton Lodge Residential	8 SSG students	Return Thurs 11th July Return Wed 10th July	Germany Carlton Lodge
Tue	Y10 visit to the GYS	10	All day	GYS
Wed				
Thur	Physical Theatre exam performance Student music performance at GYS	12		
Fri				

House Drama

This week saw our annual House Drama competition set S1 alight! Led by 6th Formers, students across all year groups performed shows entirely produced by student input. Audiences across both nights were dazzled by the quality of each production. Judges (Mrs Bolger, Mrs Wallace, and Mrs Lawrence) were spoilt for choice and had the unenviable tasks of handing out individual and group awards. Wharfedale came out on top for their spectacular production of Mary Poppins. All students involved both on and off stage were credits to themselves, their houses, and the school – we're already looking forward to next year's competition! Photographs to follow next week.

Outdoor Experiences – opportunities during the summer holidays

North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service have been busy planning an exciting and inspiring range of experiences to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature over the school holidays. Get ready for an outdoor experience like no other!



Adventure Club will keep your young people busy with activities that could include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. There are also Family Activity Days where everyone gets a go! You could even get out on the water with friends and family for a Pay and Play canoeing session. Or if your young person wants to sail the seven seas, a two day accredited RYA Youth Sail course might be just the thing. There's something for everyone!

Join the team for an unforgettable summer of fun and adventure in the great outdoors at either Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre in Pateley Bridge or East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre in Whitby. Find out more and book now at www.outdoored.co.uk/summer

Vacancies

Year Manager(s)
37 Hours per week, permanent
NYC Grade F (£22,931-£24,533)

Closing date: 12th July 2024

HR Assistant
31.25 hours per week,
permanent. Term time only
NYC Grade D: Up to £23,893 FTE
Closing date: 12th July 2024

Scam Awareness

We have been asked to alert all parents & carers of a scam we have been made aware of. People have been contacted asking them to buy Apple gift cards. They have been asking learners to send them pictures, asking for their locations and telling them how much they love them! This has been reported to the National Action Fraud Agency and this [letter](#) gives further information.

Adult Learning Opportunities

Are you a parent, school staff member or family member interested in understanding and addressing the unique challenges faced by children with autism and special educational needs? Our Level 2 distance learning programmes provide essential knowledge and practical strategies to create a safe and inclusive environment for all children. Our courses include:

- TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Awareness of Bullying in Children & Young People
- TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
- TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Distressed Behaviour in Children.

Many more courses available! Visit: [Adult Learning North Yorkshire | Distance Learning Courses](#).

Contact Email: adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk

FEAST Holiday vouchers

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this summer. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in that email/text to redeem your voucher and request your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer across North Yorkshire.

Please note that an activity showing a waiting list does not always mean that an activity is full. To help ensure as many families as possible get to take part in FEAST, most activity providers will open a waiting list for all booking requests before confirming places. Please request a place and you will receive an email/text notification from Holiday Activities if your place is confirmed.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#). For a step-by-step guide on how to redeem your vouchers and book a place using HolidayActivities, watch this [video](#).