

Friday 6th December 2024

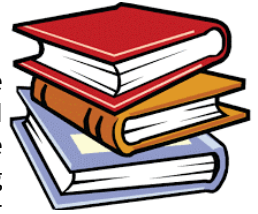
King James's School Newsletter

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'King James's is a reading school'

I am delighted to announce that the reading page of our website is now up and running! There is a lot of information about the importance of reading and how we are encouraging students at King James's to read widely. Please do look at the book recommendations which include subject related texts and novels for both students and parents. It is a great time to think about buying one of the texts for Christmas!



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

Message from the Headteacher

Christmas festivities are well and truly underway, with our fantastic music students providing an early celebration this week by showcasing their work. Please see below for some pictures from the event. Thanks to parents, family and friends who supported the event, and to students for all their hard work and practice. We are hugely committed to the arts and its importance to our ethos – a large number of students are also rehearsing for the school show which we also look forward to next term.

Clare Martin
Headteacher

The Bookbuzz books for Year 7 have arrived! Students will receive their books next week. Please discuss the book with your child. Talking about books is important so students can understand the text better and be more engaged with their reading. There is more information about Bookbuzz on the Reading page and in the link below. If you would like to contribute to this ParentPay is still open.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/>

Standards

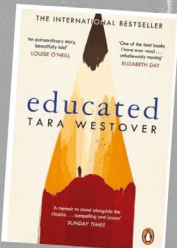
Despite the festive season, please support us in reminding students to maintain high standards and demonstrate our values of Ready Respectful Engaged, by: attending every day; being punctual to school and lessons; working hard in lessons; wearing full uniform; and being respectful around school and to others. We do not want standards to slip as every lesson / every day really does count.

Art Club

This term Key Stage 3 art club have done lots of different types of work including sgraffito, paper cut symmetry, creating craft pumpkins and looking at rangoli which are patterns created to celebrate Diwali. We created some really colourful patterns using bright coloured paper and folding and cutting. Then they were decorated and added to a group artwork. During December, we will be making seasonal art chosen by art club members. Thank you to art club members from Mrs Clitheroe for being so committed and enthusiastic!



Paula Eastaugh
loves...



educared
TARA WESTOVER

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

Chief of the book club
"This was a real...
unbelievable journey."
ELIZABETH GILFILLAN

Readers to read alongside the book:
"Unbroken" by Laura Hill
"The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak

EDUCATED - TARA WESTOVER
This is the true story of a girl who was determined to get an education. She was never put in school. At sixteen, to escape her father's radicalism and a violent older brother, Tara left home. What followed was a struggle for self-invention, a journey that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change it. This will make you reflect on the education you had. A must read and one to remember.

STAFF BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Thought for the Fortnight



Thought for the Fortnight for the weeks beginning 9th and 16th December is: “

No-one has ever become poor from giving” (Anne Frank)

The key takeaways are:

It’s important to realise that the act of giving can bring happiness to both the giver and the receiver. It doesn’t necessarily mean giving materialistic things but can also mean giving time, support, care, and love.

Although Christmas time is seen as a time for giving, it’s important to remember that being kind and generous are qualities we can practice in our daily lives, all year round.

Assemblies

Assemblies for Year 11 and 6th Form next week are linked to our school value of ENGAGED. We welcome Jasmine from Grantley Hall who will be discussing Post 16 and Post 18 career pathways and developing the students understanding of what makes a successful application and interview.

Assemblies for Year 7,8,9 and 10 next week are linked to our school value of RESPECTFUL. Mr Gordon will be raising the profile of Human Rights Day (10th December) with a focus on educating and inspiring students about the importance of human rights and their role in creating an equitable society.



Student Support group

The Student Support Group (SSG) enjoys supporting community events. A regular fixture in our calendar is the St. John’s Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival. This year’s themed tree is a Christmas Gonk, designed and assembled by the SSG students. If you visit the festival, which runs from 7th- 22nd December, we’re sure you’ll agree it looks fabulous.



Admission to the church is free and mulled wine and refreshments will be served in the church and the Hub.



Speakers for Schools



SPEAKERS
for schools

Speakers for Schools is a resource we use to support our Careers programme. They have a range of inspirational talks in their talk library that can help students develop their knowledge and understanding of different jobs and careers .

All the recorded inspirational talks featured in the library are available on demand and free of charge. Each video is categorised by speaker name, talk topic, and key stages suitability, so you can use the filters to help refine your search.

To explore what they have on offer, please click in the link below:

[Speakers for Schools Inspirational Talks Speakers for Schools](#)

The Week Ahead: 9th December 2024

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Saint Nikolaus celebrations Music Performance to Aspin Park Primary			
Tue	Christmas dinner 1 Y13 Parents Evening	7 & 8 13		
Wed	Christmas dinner 2 Y11 Hospitality & Catering Exam Y11 GCSE Sports Rewards Trip	9-11 11 11		
Thur	Y11 Hospitality & Catering Exam Y9 Ski trip Parents Information Evening	11 9		
Fri				

Sports Success

The Year 7 basketball team played their first ever match at Thirsk on Monday and won 12-10. They were fantastic and beyond excited to play. Thirteen players made the trip and were a credit in their approach.



Also well done to the girls who braved the deluge on Thursday night and played 3 7-a-side matches against St Aidans (we had 20 girls playing in total). We all got thoroughly soaked but had a great time. We lost 2 games (8-5 and 4-1) and won one 5-1. The girls' approach and attitude in appalling conditions was exemplary and I was incredibly proud of them. For some of the girls it was the first time they had represented King James's and they were an absolute credit! Also, huge thanks to the Sixth form students who came out to referee and did an amazing job and were also still smiling at the end!

Careers

Career Pathway session - Sport related Careers
- Tuesday 10th December 12.45 to 13.10 in SF4.

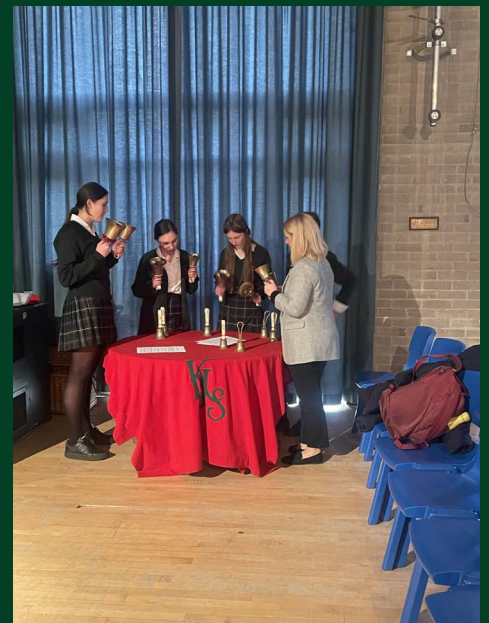
Our fortnightly lunchtime sessions continue. Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students interested in Sport related Careers are welcome to attend this session. Students will be provided with information about the different career pathways in the sector – from coaching and sports physiotherapy, to sports journalism. The session will be led by Karen Morgan, our Careers Adviser. (Students to arrive from 12.40 for a prompt 12.45 start). SF4 is a classroom on the top floor of the 6th form centre.

Students will be reminded about the session by tutors in form time. If you think your child will be interested do please let them know.

Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas concert took place on Tuesday evening in S1. Students performed a range of music including some festive pieces to a full house, and we concluded with the audience joining in with band and the choir singing a carol.

Well done to all performers, and thank you to all supporters!



Vacancies

Current vacancies at King James's School include the following:

Senior Safeguarding Lead

Full year
Full time (37 hours per week)
Permanent
NYC Grade JK - £37,035-£41,511

PE Technician

Term time only (inc Training Days)
Part time (27 hours per week)
Permanent
NYC Grade JCD- £15,199-£15,930

Teacher of DT Food (Mat cover)

Full time
Fixed period, mat leave cover
ECT, MPS or UPS

Purchase Order Administrator

Full year (open to term time only)
Part time (22.5 hours per week)
Permanent
£14,611-£15,313 (full year)

Site Manager

Full time (37 hours per week)
Permanent
Grade I, £33,366-£37,035

Attendance Officer

Term time only (inc Training Days)
Full time (37 hours per week)
Permanent
NYC Grade G - £22,697-£26,491

More information is available [here](#)