

Friday 7th June 2024

# King James's School Newsletter

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## The Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the final half-term of the year! I hope you had a lovely break and were able to enjoy the amazing weather last weekend.

**Clare Martin**  
Headteacher

## Bebra

Welcome to the town's German visitors who arrived yesterday from Bebra. We hope you have an enjoyable visit getting to know Knaresborough and our community.

## Knaresborough Bed Race

Good Luck to the teams involved in this year's Bed Race. Our car park will be available to the public between 8.00 am until 7pm for £5. The money will go towards MacMillan Cancer Research and school fund.

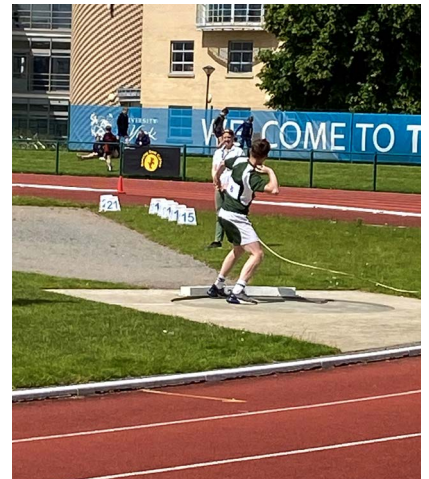
# MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



## Sporting Success

The joint Year7&8 athletics team were winning their regional 'A' final on Wednesday but got pipped at the last by two other schools. They narrowly missed out on qualifying for the National finals in Stoke but performed superbly as a team.

The Year 7 boys football team beat the county champions St John Fisher on penalties after an enthralling 3-3 draw. The crowd was electric and helped us to a deserved victory. I'm sure they will fill in the details when you speak with them.



## Uniform

Please help us maintain high uniform standards throughout this period of 'summer uniform'. As a reminder, students do not have to wear blazers or jumpers, but do still need the correct footwear, ties, and have shirts tucked in. Please help us by supporting the emergence of false eyelashes, acrylic/gel nails, and rolled-up kilts, in particular. Please note that from Monday 10th June students arriving to school with false lashes and/or inappropriate nails will be placed in our consequence system until the issue is rectified.



## Pre-Loved Uniform

As Year 11's and Sixth Formers are in their final few weeks of exams, please could parents consider donating their uniform to school for use by other students. Please leave donations with reception – ideally washed and ready to wear. Thank you!

## Attendance

Thank you for your continued support so far this year, regarding your child's attendance. As a school we have continued to remain above national average throughout the year and are currently above our figures for last year as a result of your help and the necessary pastoral support from school that some of our students require.

Over the next 6 weeks students will be completing their final Learning Journeys for each subject (Year 7 & 8) coming to the end of Key Stage 3 (Year 9) and continuing with exam syllabuses (Year 10 and Year 12.) There are also a number of enrichment events planned such as House competitions, extra curricular activities, careers events and end of year rewards celebrations planned.

It is therefore vital that children, in terms of their personal development and academic progress are in school every day, unless they are too unwell to attend. [Please see attached guidance.](#) We would also appreciate it if holidays are not taken during term time. Legally we are not allowed to authorise these. Thank you for your continued support

## Visits to our feeder Primary Schools: 17th May- 7th June - Welcome to the KJS community

We have had two wonderful weeks visiting our Year 6's in their Primary School setting. This year our 270 students are coming from 40 feeder schools, and we aim to visit them all in their own school, before they come to visit us at King James's for their Transition Days on 3rd and 4th July. We find visiting students in their own environment helps to support the formation of vital relationships, builds confidence and allows for those very important face to face conversations to happen with their existing Year 6 teachers.

We would like to take this opportunity to say how delighted we have been to get to meet the "Class of 2024" and what a wonderful bunch they are – inquisitive, energetic and polite, the future certainly looks very bright!

## Parking

Please could parents and sixth formers refrain from using the car-park at Brimham's Active for collection/drop-off or parking.

## #SaferSummerTogether



Coming this summer on social media... #SaferSummerTogether! 6 weeks of tips and activities from CEOP Education and partners helping parents and carers to keep their children safer online this summer and beyond.

Follow us on Facebook (CEOP Education) and X/Twitter (@CEOPeducation) for more on how to get involved.

## Book Donations and Parent Reading Survey

As part of our reading strategy, we are encouraging students to read subject related texts which can be books, magazines and online publications. If you have any books or magazines which are subject related e.g. Horrible Histories that you could donate to school to build our subject libraries, please send them into school with your child or drop them off at Reception.



We really appreciate your support encouraging your child to read outside school and would welcome your opinions and ideas about reading by completing the questionnaire in the link below. There is also a link to the World Book Day website which explains six ways to encourage reading for pleasure. Happy reading!

[Parental Questionnaire](#)

<https://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/our-approach/>

## Vacancies

Current vacancies at KJS include the following:

- Senior ICT Technician
- Cover Supervisor/PE Technician
- Year Managers
- General Teaching Assistant
- HR Assistant
- Teacher of Languages
- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Drama

Further details are available on the school website:

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

## The Week Ahead: 10th June 2024

### Personal Development Focus: RESPECTFUL - Honesty

*"Do I sometimes use stereotypes and show prejudice?"*

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Year 12 Mock Exams House rounders and softballs	Year 12 All Year Groups	All week	
Tue	House rounders and softball	All Year Groups		
Wed	Year 10 Pastoral Evening Year 8 Physics Olympics House rounders and softball	Year 10 Year 8 All Year Groups		Please check on arrival
Thur	Year 9 Pastoral Evening Year 10 Mock Textiles Exam	Year 9 Year 10		Please check on arrival
Fri	DofE Assessed Expedition Year 10 Mock Textiles Exams	Year 10	All Day	



# IF YOU ARE FINDING IT HARD TO FEED YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY



**PLEASE POP IN TO ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY GROCERIES IN HARROGATE OR KNARESBOROUGH TO SEE IF WE CAN HELP**

## COMMUNITY GROCERIES - LOCATIONS & OPENING TIMES

<b>ADDRESS</b>	New Park Grocery New Park Primary Academy Skipton Road Harrogate HG1 3HF	Gracious St Methodist Church Chapel Street Knaresborough HG5 8AN
<b>OPENING HOURS</b>	Tuesday 11am - 3pm Thursday 9.30am - 3pm Last Entry @ 2.45pm	Friday 8am - 3pm Last Entry 2.45pm
<b>CONTACT</b>	Chris - 07835 354810	Simon - 07434 639911

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