

Friday 8th December 2023

King James's School Newsletter

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The Headteachers Message

The Christmas spirit has arrived at KJS this week! Our Christmas trees are up – please see photos below – and last night's Christmas concert 'spiced up our lives' with students' renditions of various musical hits. Thank you to parents who were able to come and to the music department for their wonderful support of students.

Clare Martin

Drama News

Thank you and congratulations to the cast, crew and band of this year's school production 'Return to The Forbidden Planet'. They all came into school for the day on a cold and snowy Sunday to rehearse the show so far together and they did fantastically! They have been working so hard two nights a week since September and it is really coming together! Tickets are going to be coming out in the new year with shows on the 6th, 7th and 8th February!



A reminder also of next week's studio production of 'Importance of Being Earnest' on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th at 6:30 in the Drama Circle. Tickets are £2.50 to pay on the door and there are still a few left, you can sign up on the drama noticeboard or email Mrs Haughton to reserve a ticket!



Year 13 Parents Evening

Thank you to parents who met with the teachers of Year 13 students on Tuesday night – an important event as we work together to support students in their exam preparation and planning their next steps.



Sixth Form News

It has been great to get into the YR11 assembly this week to highlight the fantastic opportunities we offer in the Sixth Form at King James's. Our Sixth Form prospectus for 2024/5 is now updated and live on our website. You can access it by using the QR code below, along with other information about the Sixth Form.

Students and parents will get the opportunity to find out more about the Sixth Form at our Sixth Form Open Evening between 6:30pm and 8pm on Thursday 18 January. The following month on 7 February, those students considering a Sixth Form application will take part in our Sixth Form Taster Day. They will get the opportunity to sample 5 Sixth Form subjects and enjoy accessing the Sixth Form centre. This should help them to make their Sixth Form subject choices and get the feel what it's like to be a Sixth Form student. The Sixth Form application form is accessed via the Sixth Form website <https://www.king-james.co.uk/joining-our-sixth-form>.

Later in the year, all students who have applied will have an individual meeting with a member of the Sixth Form team, to chat through their application and make sure they are making the right choices.

We are very proud of our Sixth Form at King James's. Our results are very good and we know we support and enable students to progress onto their desired choices post 18. It was nice to see that OFSTED also noted our strengths when they visited earlier in the 2023:

"Students in the sixth form flourish. There is a broad range of subjects available. Pastoral support for sixth-form students is also highly effective"

"Students in the sixth form are well supported by a strong pastoral team. Personal, social and health education lessons continue in the sixth form. Students learn about healthy relationships and staying safe. They are prepared well for adulthood. Staff work with students to explore potential future careers and, according to students' interests, apply for university courses or jobs"

We look forward to meeting you and working with you to support your child's application over the coming months.

The Week Ahead: 11th December 2023

Personal Development Focus: Ready - Resilience <i>"celebrating success and coping together with set-backs"</i>				
Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	GCSE German mock speaking exams KJS Drama Studio Production Cyber Centurion Competition Carols at Chain Lane Centre	11 Various 12 Various	Various 6.00pm 11.00am-4.00pm 12.40-2.15pm	Drama Circle Chain Lane Centre
Tue	Year 7 & 8 Christmas Dinner Year 12 & 13 Christmas Dinner KJS Drama Studio Production	7 & 8 12 & 13 Various	Lunchtime Lunchtime 6.00pm	Chaloner Hall Chaloner Hall Drama Circle
Wed	Year 12 Pastoral Parents Evening Year 8 Pastoral Parents Evening Year 9-11 Christmas Dinner GCSE French mock speaking exams	12 8 9-11 11	4.00-6.30pm 4.00-6.30pm Lunchtime Various	Sixth Form Centre In school Chaloner Hall
Thur	Year 11 3D Design mock exam Year 11 Xscape trip Year 10 Pizza & Movie night Carol Singing	11 11 10	3.45-9.00pm 5.30-8.00pm 11:30am	Xscape, Castleford In school Aspin Park Primary School
Fri				



Christmas Dinner

Next week is Christmas Dinner. Further details are listed below and we look forward to sharing in this tradition together.

Christmas dinner dates

Years 7 & 8 - 12th December
Years 9-11 - 13th December
Sixth Form - 12th December



CHRISTMAS DINNER
Menu

Roast Turkey Breast (GF)
Pigs in Blankets with Stuffing*
OR
Mushroom Wellington (V)

Served With
Roast Potatoes (GF)
Roast Honey and Sage Carrots (GF)
Sprouts (GF)
Gravy (GF)

Chocolate Fudge and Marshmallow Cake*
£2.80
including pudding and a drink
*excluding juice burst

Please inform the kitchen or your Head of Year of any dietary requirements you have
*Gluten Free alternative available

Townton Battlefield Society

On Monday 27th November the history department hosted Chris, Chair of the Townton Battlefield Society. He gave a fascinating talk on the circumstances surrounding the Battle of Townton in 1461 and the battle itself, busting some myths along the way. The talk was invaluable for the A Level historians who attended and the day ended with a display of fifteenth century weaponry and even some demonstrations. Huge thanks from the history department to Chris.

TransDevGo App

Following the recent poor weather condition which lead to the cancellation of some TransDev services this week, if your child travels on a TransDev bus to school, they recommend students download the TransDevGo App for live updates.



Coat donations

Thank you for donations of pre-loved coats. We now have a selection available at Chain Lane Community Centre for anyone who would like drop in and see if there is anything suitable. Please continue to send any donations into school or drop them at the Community Centre. Thank you.

Languages Christmas Card Competition

The Languages Department has launched its 'Design a Christmas Card' competition, opens to all Year 7 and 8 students. Students need to research a non English-speaking country and design a card showing the traditions there. The deadline is the 16th December and there will be prizes for the most creative cards!

Sankt Nikolaustag

To celebrate Sankt Nikolaustag on the 6th December, when German children put out their shoes in the hope that they will be filled with sweets and treats the following morning, the Languages Department held an event at lunch time. Students were offered a selection of festive German food, including Stollen, Lebkuchen, Spekulatius biscuits and Wurst with traditional rye bread. Everyone was eager to try the new foods and there was hardly a crumb left by the end! Thank you to our Language Champions who helped support the event.

