



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer

We know that exam results day may seem a long way off at the moment, however this letter aims to give you some advice about how exam results will be communicated, how parents and carers can support their children and what support services will be available if things do not go according to plan.

GCSE Results Day

GCSE results day is on Thursday 22nd August 2024.

We will be issuing results between 9.00am – 11.00am in the Sixth Form Centre and we will be delighted to have students back on site to collect their results.

On results day, we are here to help. Staff will be in school from 9.00am - 2.00pm on Thursday 22nd August to offer advice for those students who may need some extra support.

If students are unable to collect their exam results on 22nd August, they can either:

Have their results posted home

Students will need to provide a stamped addressed A4 envelope with either a 1st or 2nd class stamp to cover postage. If they are using an A4 envelope, this will require a large letter stamp.

Results are posted out on results day, therefore students will not receive them until a few days later. Stamped addressed envelopes should be handed into reception by the end of term.

Ask someone to collect them on students' behalf

We will need written permission from the student stating that it is okay for someone else to collect their results for them.

If results are being collected by anyone other than a KJS student, ID will need to be shown.

If your child's results are being received by one of the methods outlined above, **please note that we will require advance notice of this.**

In exceptional circumstances, and with prior arrangement, results can be emailed to students, however, please note that emailed results will be sent later Thursday afternoon and can **only** be sent to student school email addresses not personal ones. Please note that results cannot be given out by telephone.

How parents can help

At this point most students will need reassurance that whatever their results turn out to be they will have your support. Even when students don't quite achieve the grades they need, they do find alternative pathways and courses. Whilst we all hope that our children have achieved excellent results that give them the options they are hoping for, it may be useful to remind them often over the next few weeks that success in life is never determined solely by academic achievements. Talking through the different possible outcomes and working out a plan B can help manage expectations. Whatever happens there will always be choices to make and these choices are easier to consider before the emotions that results day can bring.

Careers advice

Mrs Morgan, our Careers Advisor, will be available at the following times to offer advice and guidance to Year 11 students across the federation:

Thursday 22nd August 2024 – from 9am until 4pm

Friday 23rd August 2024 – from 8.00am until 3.30pm.

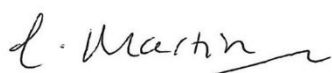
Any student requiring support from Mrs Morgan can leave their contact details with a member of staff on the day. Mrs Morgan will call to arrange a telephone discussion or meeting when she is free. Alternatively, students can contact Mrs Morgan themselves via email on morgank@king-james.co.uk. Please note Mrs Morgan will be using a temporary school number on these days so please do accept calls from 01423 798722.

In addition, representatives from Harrogate College and York College will be in school on results day, who will be able to offer guidance about the course options they can offer. Please see the information below for more details about careers advice and support.

If you have any further questions or require any further information, please contact school on 01423 866061 or by email admin@king-james.co.uk.

We wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck with their results and we look forward to seeing them from 9am on 22nd August.

Yours faithfully



Mrs C Martin
Headteacher



Year 11 GCSE Results Day – Useful Parent/Carers Information and Frequently Asked Questions.

You are waiting for your GCSE exam results this August – you may be feeling calm or slightly anxious. However you may feel, we offer some gentle words of advice and guidance. When picking up your results there are some things to remember....

FIRSTLY, DON'T PANIC - Whatever happens, there are always productive and positive options you can pursue. There will be a team of people to help support you on results day (and after) and to help you with any queries you may have. There will be sixth form staff, Yr. 11 staff, our careers adviser (Karen Morgan), and a representative from Harrogate FE College and Harrogate College apprenticeships.

WHAT CAN I DO BEFOREHAND? - Be prepared. Arrive on time to collect your results, bring a pen, notepad, water bottle and mobile phone with you. Be prepared to wait on the day if things need sorting out, so don't book yourself onto a shift at work that afternoon!

PLACE OFFERS – what do I do if I don't get the grades I expected? – Do not assume you haven't been offered a place at your chosen college, training centre, apprenticeship or school. Always check directly with them. If you have not met your conditional offer they may have an alternative offer for you - or can signpost you to other courses elsewhere.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS? – If you are not accepted at your first choice then you will need to start looking again at the options. Some of you will already have a safety plan. There are useful links and telephone numbers at the end of this handout.

Your main options are: -

- ***Continuing your education at a school sixth form or college*** – speak to the school staff, speak to colleges. Colleges often have many different types of courses at different levels. Whatever your grades they will have a suitable level course you can choose from.
- ***Going into training through a vocational study programme (apprenticeship or traineeship)*** – you may prefer to start work rather than continue in school or college. That is an option- the difficult part is doing the right apprenticeship. Are you ready to start work? Are you a good timekeeper? Do you know the job you want to do? Do you know what you will do as part of the training?

Further Education

School 6th form – make sure you see someone in the school 6th form team you have applied to.

FE Colleges in the region – check direct with them, or speak to the careers adviser.

- Harrogate College – www.harrogate-college.ac.uk/studywithus/ Tel 01423 879466
- York College – www.yorkcollege.ac.uk – Tel 01904 770770
- Leeds City Colleges – www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk Tel no - 0113 386 1997
- Askham Bryan College – www.askham-bryan.ac.uk Tel 01904 772277
- Leeds College of Building – www.lcb.ac.uk – Tel 0113 222 6000

Apprenticeships

See what apprenticeships and traineeships are available at www.apprenticeships.org.uk. You can search by job idea and postcode for those vacancies nearest to you.

What Advice and support will be available?

There will be plenty of support available on the day. There will be school 6th form & Yr. 11 staff available. We will also have our school Careers Adviser - Karen Morgan, who will be available on results day and the day after (remote, telephone and email).

In addition to support from school there is support available via the National Careers Service.

National Careers Service: Call 0800 100 900 or use webchat 8am to 8pm Monday- Friday 10 – 5 Saturday and bank holidays. The National Careers Service (NCS) will run the Exams Helpline this summer (as in previous years). We are still awaiting further information re the opening times of a GCSE exam results helpline (usually this is until 10pm). We will issue an update when the NCS release this information later this term along with any new dedicated numbers.

Specific Careers information

Do not forget as a King James's student or parent you have access to eCLIPS – our online careers library support. www.eclips-online.co.uk/ Password kingj22

There are many helpful leaflets– including these which may be the most helpful on results day.

- Choices at 16 - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/1.10
- Choosing Level 3 courses - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/2.15
- How to find a job - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.10
- Jobs requiring few or no qualifications - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/1.15
- Apprenticeships and work-based learning - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.16
- Coping with interviews - www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.13

Good luck!

Mrs K Morgan
Careers Adviser