



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

15th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Parental Evening. We hope that you enjoyed meeting the Year 7 team and your child's form tutor; found the evening informative and were able to ask any questions that you needed to. We believe this to be the start of a positive relationship with parents of our future Year 7 KJS students.

If any parents were not able to make it on this evening, you may find useful the ['New Starters Guide'](#) which can be found on the Year 6 Transition Page. It contains key information about the school and preparation for next year. There will be other opportunities within the first half term, to come into the school, with Expectations Evening on Tuesday 10th September and the Year 7 Pastoral Evening on Wednesday 2nd October. This will again give you the opportunity to speak with form tutors, as well as Mr King and Miss English, about how your child has settled into school.

Feedback from parents, staff and students about the Year 6 transition days was extremely positive. Despite some initial nerves, all students got involved in the day. They enjoyed meeting their forms and form tutors and got to experience some taster lessons too. Year 6 were also very lucky to see the winners of House Drama perform Mary Poppins and watch performances from a couple of other talented KJS students. We hope after the two transition days, students feel excited about joining us in September and got a taste of school life and ideas about the opportunities available to them outside of lessons.

As September may seem far away to students, there are things that we encourage them to do in preparation for that first day. Parents could take students through the new starter booklet and get them familiar with the school day and our core values and expectations around being Ready, Respectful and Engaged. Your child could also practise their journey to school, packing their bag and trying on their new uniform and PE kit.

I would also encourage you to look elsewhere on our website at the extra-curricular opportunities. Our aim for the new Year 7 is that they throw themselves into as many opportunities that they can. KJS is a school and a community, and we want students to thrive in their five years with us and flourish both in and out of lessons.

A video will be available shortly for students with details about their first day in September. Students who are feeling anxious about making the transition to high school may benefit from the additional resources also on the Year 6 transition page. As part of the academic transition on Tuesday 3rd September Year 7 will have a Maths and English lesson. In the lesson students will think about what excellent work looks like and discuss our expectations of students in Maths and English at KJS. Please can your child **bring an example of a piece of Maths and English work that they are proud of to school on their first day**. This could be their Year 6 exercise book or any other example of their best piece of work. It will be lovely to share this with their teacher and think about how they can build on this to make progress when they start at King James's.

We do hope you and your child have a lovely summer.

King Regards,

Mrs Holdsworth and the Year 7 Team