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# KING JAMES I ACADEMY NEWS



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HELLO EVERYONE!  
WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST ISSUE OF OUR  
NEW YEAR 8  
NEWSLETTER. WE  
HAVE HAD AN  
EXCITING FIRST HALF  
TERM AND SOME OF  
OUR GREAT  
STUDENTS HAVE  
BEEN INVOLVED IN  
THE NEWSLETTER  
CLUB, WHERE THEY  
HAVE RESEARCHED,  
INTERVIEWED AND  
BECOME MINI-  
JOURNALISTS TO  
CREATE A  
WONDERFUL  
NEWSLETTER  
BURSTING WITH  
STORIES AND  
INFORMATION  
STRAIGHT FROM THE  
ACADEMY. WE HOPE  
YOU ENJOY!

# Interview– Mr Bishop

Written by Lucas, Toby & Shea

Interviewing Mr Bishop was a fantastic way of understanding how the role of Head of Year is so impactful upon us as students. Mr Bishop shared with us his goals of wanting Year 8 to be the top year group in the school for Attendance, Class Charts Points and Excellent Behaviour. This will be achieved by new reward incentives being introduced later in the year, which are currently still a surprise to us! So hopefully in our next issue, we can reveal those to you.

Mr Bishop chose to be Head of Year 8 as following on from his role as a Form Tutor, it became apparent that he loved working with students in the pastoral system. As Head of Year, Mr Bishop can support all of his students, not just in their every day subjects, but also by making them more rounded members of the Academy and society.

## E–Safety

E-Safety is about being safe online, on a number of platforms such as online games, social media, surfing the web etc. King James I teaches us, as students, the importance of understanding how to be safe online. Websites that may be dangerous cannot be accessed by students, we know which websites are trusted.

[PRESS HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BEING SAFE ONLINE](#)

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*Mr Bishop*

### TOP CLASS CHART POINTS

Axshayan M- 103  
Michael O- 95  
Ava J- 90

### 100 CLUB Attendance Winners

Leighton B  
Ted M  
Shea M

## Student Support

Written by Lucas & Shea

Today we interviewed Mr Jinks, one of our Student Support team for Y8. He informed us of how he loves his role within the Academy and enjoys seeing multiple students and helping them. He believes it is great to tell somebody how you are feeling and express your emotions as it could be damaging if you were to keep it to yourself.

Mr Jinks also incorporates his attendance role into the Student Support role, he feels that encouraging the students to attend school will help them to overcome feelings such as nerves and also give them the opportunity to socialise and create new friendships, which are fantastic for the students mental well-being.



# School Council

Written by Emily



In Y8 they have a School Council meeting to help the teachers understand what the students would like to have introduced into the Academy. School Council meetings are run once a month, all of the students in the council come together with Miss Thwaites to discuss each form classes ideas. Some ideas were to have a water fountain in the Agnew Building and to have some organised games at break and lunch times (with an allocated notice board displaying the times/games on etc). Raising money for charity is also discussed, and how the school can come together to fundraise!

# Football

Written by Macauley & Shea

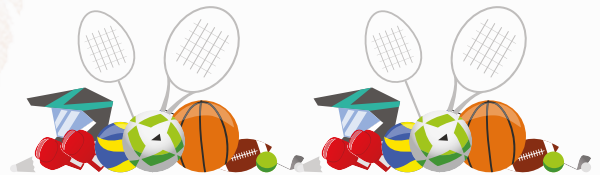


Sports News! Our Y8 football club is underway and we have had a brilliant start to the term, it has been an extremely popular club among Y8 students and the first few sessions have seen skills such as passing, dribbling and shooting.

The Year 8 Football Team are feeling hopeful for their future games and hope to get some wins in the bag!

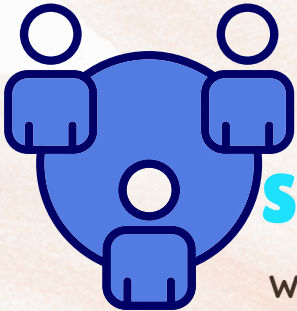
We have had three successful students who are representing King James for the U13 District Football Team, Charlie Broom, Leon Monaghan & Nevan Lamb. A fantastic achievement for these students.

PE in King James is excellent because there are many sports to learn about. In the first term of school you do football and volleyball. Other sports you do in PE are basketball, hockey, netball, cricket, softball, badminton, tennis, trampolining and many others. PE is fun because its super active and you get to be on your feet, so it's also brilliant for your health and fitness. In PE you can also learn about the muscles in your body and how they function. PE is one of the most loved subjects in the King James Y8 group.



# Socialising in Y8

Written by Toby & Emily



It has been fantastic to socialise this year within the Year 8 year group. Last year due to Covid it was more difficult to mix with others, so this year friendships have blossomed! Being able to move around the school is great and gives Year 8's a new feel to their education as its a new opportunity to explore.

This year, Year 8's have also had the chance to do more practical lessons and bring out their creative side in subjects such as Music and Food. Being able to explore these classrooms and all the fantastic facilities has boosted the interested in the creative subjects.

# Read to Succeed



“Read to Succeed is a new reading initiative introduced into the Academy. We have Reading Lessons within our school timetable and these help us to realise our true potential for reading and also the power reading has. Reading helps us with spelling, grammar, punctuation and also our creative side. Reading has allowed our imaginations to grow, as we are able to create stories and visualise them too! Helping us to learn more about the world and be inspired to dream, think, lead and positively impact our actions in day to day life. We have been challenged to read a book/text of our own choice every day, this will help us to improve academically as well as benefit our mental well-being by reading for pleasure.”

# After School Clubs

Written by Emily & Brooke

## Gusto Lingo

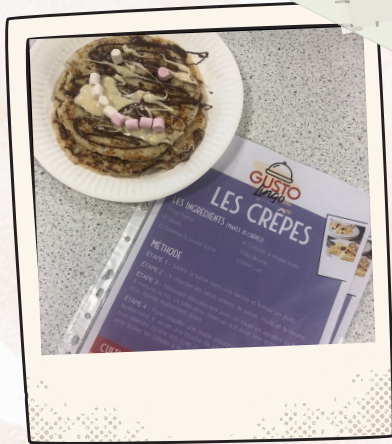
Today we went and interviewed Mr Blood, who is a Food Technician within the Academy. He has recently started an after school club called Gusto Lingo, along with languages teacher Miss Grand.

Each week, members of the club are challenged to cook a dish from another country, however as a challenging twist...the instructions will be in the language of that country too!

Mr Blood thinks the club is a great idea because it teaches students to learn some advanced cooking skills along with learning a new language.

Both him and Miss Grand are overwhelmed by the amount of students wanting to join Gusto Lingo and he is pleased that students are so eager and enjoying themselves! Mr Blood believes himself and Miss Grand both have a good youthful energy and want to give the students the best opportunity to challenge themselves.

This club will help students enhance their language skills and cooking skills simultaneously through a number of techniques. Mr Blood & Miss Grand are looking to introduce more students to languages, cooking and culture, as every week his favourite part is to see what the students have produced along with what they have learned!



Written by Toby

Last year, Miss Stephenson set up a group to challenge some environmental issues! This group was made in order to raise awareness of the local, national and worldwide issues so that we can tackle what we can at the Academy, and to make a difference! At the moment Miss Stephenson is organising the collection of drink cans, tin's, batteries, crisp packets & stamps to recycle them for charity. The charity's involved are Children's Cancer Research & The Royal National Institute for the Blind.

## Careers Fair

Next November, there will be a Careers Fair held at the Academy. A Careers fair is important for a number of reasons, it gives students an idea of what career options are available locally and nationally, what different job roles involve and what qualifications are needed to open doors to their future. Planning ahead and having goals is important! Specifically for Y8 students, with the hope that it gives the students some thoughts around which options they may want to choose for their GCSE's.

