



The James Hornsby School

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11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have noticed that we have made some changes to the way we log our reward points on MyChildAtSchool (MCAS). We no longer have multiple reasons for rewards and have moved to the following system:

+1 is for everyday positive/ kind behaviour from our students

+2 is for 'student of the lesson' - those students who staff feel have stood out in their lessons, this could be for an excellent piece of work, positive attitude to learning, great focus throughout the lesson or a willingness to keep on trying something until they were successful.

+5 is for 'student of the week' in a subject. Students are selected by class teachers and then referred to either their Head of College or Head of Faculty for going above and beyond our expectations.

+5 attendance - students will receive this if they have attended every day of the school week.

+10 SLT - staff can refer to SLT to award 10 points for a student who has demonstrated any of the school's values through their own attitude and behaviour.

+20 Headteacher - staff can nominate students to the Headteacher to give 20 points for something absolutely outstanding.

We are hopeful that this new tiered system will allow greater discourse around the excellence our students show on a daily basis and will also show the students that staff at every level care deeply about how successful our young people are being.

Reminders: Thursday 17th September – we will be closing at 1.30pm due to Open Evening.
Friday 18th September – students will start 1 hour later than normal, they must be on-site for 9.30am and will have registration before going to period 2.

Kind regards

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Calendar dates:

Monday 14th September – Year 9 Cambridge University talk

Thursday 17th September – Early closure due to Open Evening

Friday 18th September – Late start - students must be onsite from 9.30am and go to form class

Tuesday 22nd September – Year 8 Careers Assembly

Thursday 24th September – Royal Opera House Trip for Performing Arts Year 10 and Sports Awards Evening

Monday 28th September – Year 7 Baseline Learning Assessments and Student Council Week

Wednesday 30th September – Year 7 & 8 Road Safety Event

Thursday 1st October – SLT Drop in for Parents and Carers

Monday 5th October – Year 11 PPEs (Round 1)

Monday 12th October – Attendance Focus Week

Thursday 15th October – Primary Maths Event and Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Tuesday 20th October – Year 7 Disco and Year 8 Trip to Boulogne

Wednesday 21st October – Year 10 Tate Modern Trip, Year 10 Geography Field Trip, Year 9 STEM Trip and Enrichment Day. Break up for half term at normal 3pm time.