



JHC

JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

8 August 2025

Te Hautoka



Principal's Comment



Mike Newell
Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you to parents and whanau who attended our Student Learning Conferences and Parent Teacher interviews across both campuses on Wednesday evening. I trust the conversations with our teachers, along with our regular reporting and Hargest Way grades gives you confidence in the

progress your child/ren are making and next steps for further achievement. For our senior students the focus is on our upcoming school evidence exams and CAA's. Even though we are only in August the end of the academic year is fast approaching with only 10 school weeks left for our Year 12 and 13 students before they go on external exam leave.

The big news this week has been the announcements surrounding the proposed changes to NCEA. These proposals signal one of the largest pieces of educational reform since the inception of NCEA. The removal of Level 1 wasn't surprising to many, as close to 40% of secondary schools nationwide had already opted out of offering it. The staging of the proposed changes ensures the curriculum change programme can be implemented first. There will be many views as to the relative merits of the current NCEA system and the proposed New Zealand Certificate of Education (Year 12) and New Zealand Advanced Certificate of Education (Year 13). There is more detail around these proposed changes in this newsletter and information on how to have your say on the proposals. What ever the

final outcome you can be assured that students at JHC will continue to receive a high quality education.

As the end of winter sports season approaches, I would like to wish all of our teams good luck for the various playoffs and finals. To all of our staff, student and community coaches and managers, my thanks to you all for volunteering your time and sharing your expertise with our students. Good luck also to the various teams competing at Winter Tournament Week.

To our choir Cantabella, all the best for your performances at the Big Sing Cadenza next week.

Lastly, my sincere thanks to the many students that helped showcase JHC at our recent Open Day. As usual it was a very busy day with hundreds of excited prospective students and their families seeing what we offer. It is heartwarming to see the pride our current students have in their school and to see them engaging with the families on Open Day.

Ngā mihi
Mike Newell
Principal

Whānau Report

He toa, he toa, ko Hākena e!

A warrior, a warrior, 'tis Hargest!

Ngā mihi i tēnei wā tonu mei. Tēnā tātou. A highlight to finish out Term 2 was most definitely the Senior Campus Interhouse Haka Competition. A huge thank you to our students, teachers and especially to Pā Greg Houkamau and Loretta Schmitt who both found time in their busy schedules to judge our competition with their experience and flair.

Ko te pae tāwhiti whāia kia tata. Ko te pae tata whakamaui kia tina!

Keep your aspirations close. Fulfill those aspirations as they become achievable!

Ko te tumanako he pai te wā nei i runga i a tātou katoa. It is the hope that all is well for our Hargest whānau at this time.

A big mihi to our Kapa Haka for their haka whakatau for our visiting International students. Showing our visitors who we are and where we come from is such an important step to start our relationship with them. Their performance was well received and has already helped to teach our visitors a little about the tikanga of Aotearoa. Ko te amorangi ki mua, ko te hāpai ō ki muri. The leaders at the front and the workers behind. This whakatauki

symbolises the role each of our Kapa Haka members instill in their working as one. Each taking the role necessary to create a wonderful environment and experience. Ngā mihi.

We are getting prepared to stand at Polyfest and the importance of collaboration and working as one is an essential part of our preparation. We look forward to sharing our bracket with Murihiku. Best wishes to all our roopu who are standing at this celebration of culture and identity. We look forward to the unity and pride you gift to Hēmi Hākena.

MURIHIKU POLYFEST 2025

When: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August

ILT Stadium Southland
9:00am - 3:00pm Daily

GOLD COIN ENTRY for whānau and spectators.

Hei kona mai.
Matua Neitana



Matua Neitana Tane



From the Boardroom



Toni Green
BOT Presiding Member

Kia ora koutou,

Serving on the Board of James Hargest College continues to be a challenging and rewarding role. It offers an insight into our school, the place we charge with educating our future generations. At the board table we see first hand the genuine desire of our leadership team, and our Heads of Department, to constantly strive to meet our Mission "to equip all our students to

create the best possible future for themselves and their world." The last couple of years have seen significant work being done on our curriculum to ensure what we are providing sets up our young people for whatever they want to achieve next. Key decisions such as the removal of NCEA Level One, the introduction of a Cambridge International course and the remodeling of the Year 9 structure and courses in the curriculum have all been discussed at length around the board table. These decisions have wide reaching implications for our students and the Board is able to ask probing questions and delve deeply into the rationale for any change before it is given Board approval. This is a valuable process and these key changes have been made with the needs of students at the center always. The current proposals for significant change will be no different. We are fortunate to have such a strong staff at James Hargest College who always put the learners and the learning first.

At the board meeting this week, a huge number of trips are on the agenda. These range from sporting to cultural to educational and service based, as well as everything in between. My thanks again to the staff who

make these myriad of opportunities possible. There are currently four overseas trips in the planning stage. This is a huge undertaking for the staff leading these trips and we know students appreciate all your hard work to make sure these run so smoothly. These experiences contribute to making our kura such a wonderfully diverse place where opportunities abound.

Thank you too to the whānau who have opened their homes recently for our International students. My own family has hosted students over a period of 8 years for differing lengths of stay and we have all found it a valuable experience and a great insight into other cultures for our children. Some of those families we still keep in regular contact with. Learning about another culture and way of being can be difficult for young people in Invercargill, and having a student living with you and sharing aspects of your daily life can make a huge impact on kiwi kids and their ability to think a little more beyond their own experience. If you are interested in hosting, make contact with Kylie Hodson who does a great job supporting families who welcome students from all over the world into their homes, Kylie's email is khodson@jameshargest.school.nz

Congratulations to those of you who have put your name forward for the Board of Trustees. Nominations closed this week and voting papers will be issued next week. The new Board will take office from the 17 September. I encourage all whānau to take time to read the information provided by each candidate and vote based on who you think will best serve our school community. The Board is the governing body of its school and responsible for setting the policies by which the school is to be controlled and managed. It is a weighty yet rewarding responsibility that our current board takes seriously.

Ka kite
Toni Green
BOT Presiding Member

PTA Report



Jo Wilson
PTA Chairperson

Kia ora from the PTA!

Firstly I would like to start with saying a huge thank you to the PTA team for all their help and hard work, at the BBQ for open day. The sun was shining, people were happily exploring the Junior Campus and our team were having fun and having fantastic chats with lots of different families.

Thank you to the staff who also helped out behind the scenes and on the day, we really appreciate your help when you have so much else on your plate.

This year we were lucky to have three junior students who helped us out. They did a fabulous job and it was great for them to talk with the Year 6 students about their perspectives, what they get up to and how much they enjoy their time at Junior Campus.

For the PTA, our next steps are setting dates for our uniform days, getting a finished constitution presented to the team and hopefully approving some new and exciting proposals.

He waka eke noa
We're all in this together

Ngā mihi nui
Jo Wilson and the PTA team

PTA Meeting Dates

The next PTA meeting will be held in the Brigadier's Room at the Senior Campus, scheduled to start at 7.30pm.

Thursday 21 August
Tuesday 5 November



Social Science Fair

Junior Campus

Last Term the Junior Campus Social Science Fair Enrichment Group entered the Social Science Fair held at the Workingmen's Club. We had approximately 50 students enter the fair and we came away with a number of prizes.

Congratulations to the following prize winners:



Student	Project	Prize
Annie McCann	H & J's More than just a store	First: Heritage Merit: Year 7 & 8
George Ramsay	Game Over	First: Sport & Leisure
Ellim Kim	My Heritage	First: Genealogy Merit: Other cultures
Jacob Annan	Apricots Don't Grow Underwater	Second: Farming Merit: Year 7 & 8
Aliana Rees	Burt Munro's Life Story	Merit: Biography
Hazel Stevenson	Christchurch Earthquake	Merit: Year 7 & 8 Merit: Disasters
Tahlia Leask & Zoe Rooney	Hospice Southland	Merit: Year 7 & 8
Sunny Kim	Content Farms	Merit: Hobbies
William Wishart	A Southland Delicacy	Merit: Food
Maria Clark	History of Animation	Merit: Animation
Chris More & Theo Paganelli	Beeping Monitor, Beating Hearts	Merit: Health



James Hargest College - Board of Trustee Election 2025

Nominations closed on Wednesday 6th August 2025 for our school board elections and as there were more nominations than positions available the election will be continuing to a vote.

The James Hargest College School Board received a total of 11 nominations for five vacancies when nominations closed.

Keep an eye out for voting information

as this will be sent to all eligible voters on Wednesday 13th August 2025. The voting packs will contain all the details on how to vote in the election as well as candidate statements and photos from the candidates that provided them.

Voting will close at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025 and the results will be available on Tuesday 16th September 2025. The candidates who

receive the most votes will be elected to the board and the results will be shared with the candidates and our school community.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz

New Staff Welcome

Senior Campus



Carl Quickfall

I lived and worked in the Far North for almost 20 years. I came to New Zealand in February 2006. I am originally from South Africa. I will be teaching Chemistry 2 and 3. I will also teach Y10 Mathematics and co-teach Y10 and Y13 Science. I like to serve where there is need. I am waiting to be recruited by one or the other sports or cultural kaupapa. Last year I celebrated seven years of teaching at Kaitia College. Before that I taught for seven years at Broadwood Area School. I hope to find my own house here in Invercargill, maintain it well and do some gardening. My wife, Nehri, and I would also like to explore as much of the South Island as possible. I would like to thank all those who have helped me settle in here at James Hargest College and also the Invercargill whānau who gave temporary accommodation to my wife and I for the first two weeks after our arrival.

Staff Farewell



Tanya Haywood

Tanya joined James Hargest in 1998. During her almost 30 years at JHC, Tanya has impacted the lives of generations of students. A hardworking and diligent teacher of both Maths and Chemistry, she always had the interests of students at the forefront of her mahi. She wanted them to do their very best and would always offer tutorials and catch up lessons to help them achieve at the highest level. Any class fortunate enough to be assigned Ms Haywood benefitted from her warmth, kindness and genuine desire to help them succeed. Tanya was a supportive and collegial member of her departments, always willing to help colleagues and pitch in when things needed to be done. A technical guru, Tanya was often a go to person for staff with a myriad of tech based questions. She was always kind and considerate, helping staff grow their capacity and confidence in new areas. Tanya moved into a timetabling role alongside her classroom teaching. She worked with many others in this capacity and developed a strong understanding of the inner workings of the school, and how to make the very complicated puzzle pieces of such a big school fit together. Her emails to staff were punctuated with positivity, and phrases such as "have the best day possible" were frequently how she concluded helpful or informative communications with staff, students and whānau. Outside the classroom, Tanya also made a huge contribution to the wider life of the College. She served a long stint as TIC Rugby, went on numerous camps, coached, reffed and managed volleyball, led the SADD committee and jumped in to support students when they organised events or activities. There are not many areas of the place Tanya was not involved with over her time at JHC. We wish her all the very best with her future endeavours.

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua.

I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past.

Staff News

Congratulations

Mrs Jenny Song

on the safe arrival of her brand new daughter weighing 2.9 kg on the 6th of August!

Congratulations

Ms Jaden Leonard

on the safe arrival of her son on the 3rd of August! Staff are looking forward to visits and baby cuddles!



Disc Golf World Champion!

Alison Tweedie is the 2025 PDGA Junior Disc Golf World Champion in FJ15! This is her first major win! Amazing Alison! Well done. We are very proud of you!



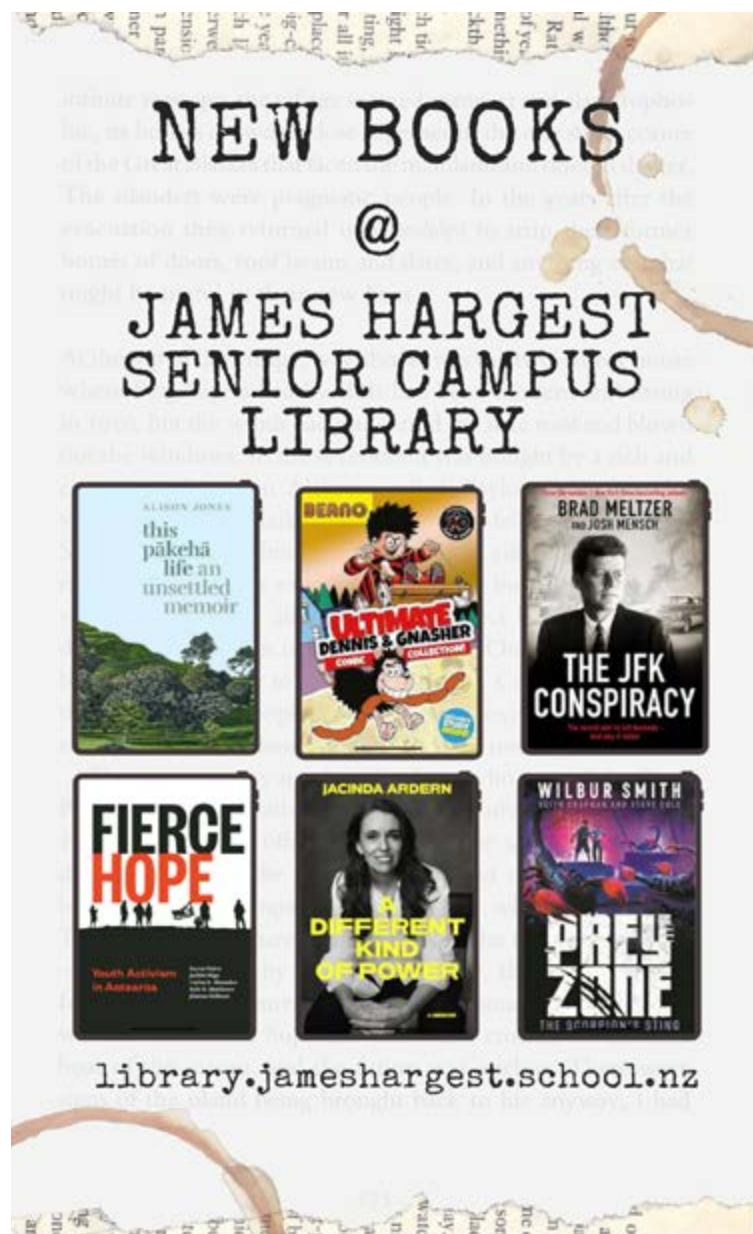
Term Dates for 2025

Term 3:

Friday 19 September: Last day of Term 3

Term 4:

Monday 6 October: Start of Term 4



Environmental Club

We are thrilled to share that our Environmental Club held a hui on the 21st of July to showcase the work they have conducted throughout the year so far. The students eloquently presented their findings and expressed their commitment to making positive changes for our environment at Kura. Their enthusiasm is inspiring, and we look forward to seeing their initiatives come to life!





Japanese Speech Competition

The Dunedin-Otaru Sister City Society Annual Japanese Speech Competition was held on July 23rd. Congratulations to the following students on their results:

Senior Section

1st Cissie Lung (Y12)
3rd Ben Richardson (Y13)

おめでとうございます
Omedetou gozaimasu

Prize Giving Trophies



Please return trophies to Reception. If you are now in Year 9 and have trophies from the Junior Campus, they can be dropped off at Senior Campus Reception.



Girl Guiding

Ellie McWilliam was presented with her Queen's Guide Award, which is the highest award in all of Girl Guiding. The Queen's Guide Award represents 13 years of her guiding journey and hard work. She was presented with the award at Government House by the Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro and His Excellency.

WHĀNAU KŌRERO

Sibling relationships are often a child's first and longest-lasting social connection. These bonds can offer companionship, support and opportunities to develop important life skills such as empathy, negotiation and conflict resolution. However, like all close relationships, sibling dynamics can be complex. Differences in temperament, age, needs and parental attention can all contribute to tension or rivalry. It's not uncommon for children to compete for attention, especially during times of change or stress.

As a parent or caregiver, your role in shaping the tone of sibling relationships is vital. Creating a home environment that celebrates each child's unique strengths and avoids direct comparisons helps reduce rivalry and fosters mutual respect.

By listening without judgement, teaching emotional regulation, and supporting each child's individuality, you can create a family culture where siblings feel secure and valued. This edition of SchoolTV offers insights to support young people in developing positive, lasting sibling bonds that can remain strong well into adulthood.

Here is the link to your Special Report
<https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/sibling-relationships-nz>



Sibling Relationships

A SchoolTV topic supporting modern-day parenting



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Empower confidence.

Whānau Kōrero

IMPORTANT DATES

CALENDAR

KAMAR PORTAL

WELLBEING PORTAL

NEWS & NEWSLETTERS

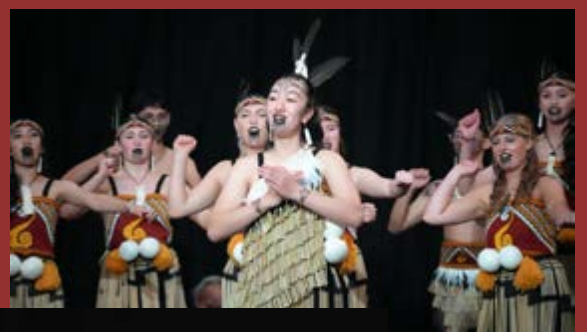


Te Hautoka 2025



Huge congratulations to our Hautoka roopu who prepared for months to stand on that prestigious stage. They were awesome! Powerful and poised. We were so very proud of you all. You have represented us with mana and integrity. You have set the wero for groups to follow.





Young Enterprise

I had a very fun weekend in Wellington through the Young Enterprise Scheme's Entrepreneurs in Action at the end of June. It was a 3-day event where we in total had 2 challenges to complete. All 11 teams were given a company to represent. My team had Accenture, a company that focuses on helping businesses with strategy, consulting, digital, technology, and operations. Our team consisted of business studies students from a variety of NZ cities. We also had 2 Alumni mentors who were in our shoes in the previous year, who were very helpful in guiding us throughout the weekend. We also had Sachi, who was absolutely amazing. She not only helped us guide through our challenge but also helped us as a team. She was the adult presence we definitely needed. Our first challenge was to market an agritech product in Latin America. We were given one whole day for this, and after 12+ hours of hard work, our team put together a 2-page research essay and presentation, which we then presented in front of everyone, including judges who were there from companies that helped make this weekend possible. After a long day, all our eyes were tired and red; however, it was worth it when we were announced as the winners for the first challenge.

We also had a second challenge where we had to create a product that helps with financial literacy in NZ. Similar to the first challenge, we wrote an essay and did a presentation. This challenge was harder than the first, but it was also when we bonded the most as friends. This challenge was also more fun as we got to go to the Deloitte headquarters after a quick walk through Wellington city. Even though we didn't get any prize for the second challenge, the weekend overall was more than enough. It was one of the best experiences I have had and would definitely encourage future business studies students to apply for this event.

By Saranya Sarisa



Duke of Edinburgh



Congratulations to Olivia Stratford for gaining the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. The Gold Award is a prestigious and internationally recognized achievement that acknowledges a young person's dedication, commitment, and personal development. Olivia has completed a wide range of skills and services to gain her award, including a journey on Spirit of Adventure. Olivia will now be invited to a ceremony next year to celebrate her achievements and meet the Governor

General. Well done, Oliva. This is an amazing achievement. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is designed to challenge young people between the ages of 14-24 to attain standards of achievement and endeavour in a wide variety of active interests – to serve their communities, experience adventure and to develop and learn outside the classroom. Congratulations Nathan Alcock and Anna Tran who gained Bronze awards.



Rongohia te Hau

Every two years we embark on a process called Rongohia te Hau, or literally, "sensing or sniffing the wind" Rongohia te Hau is a Māori term used for the evidence gathering of culturally responsive practice and relationships within the school. JHC has recently completed the classroom walkthroughs where each classroom was visited. Rongohia te Hau walkthroughs are

a tool that gives schools a picture of their pedagogy. The tool asks 'how is teaching being done in our school?' It offers a snapshot - a slice in time - that provides a representative sample across the school that gives a picture of what the pedagogy could look like on any given day.

Our next steps are collecting evidence from staff, students and whānau surveys, and other relevant school wide data.. The Rongohia te Hau surveys ask

teachers, students, and whānau critical questions about their learning experiences. This evidence is then collated and analysed, then an action plan and next steps will be devised, specific to our context. Please take the time to complete our surveys when they arrive in your email. If you have any pātai about the process, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Email amcdowall@jameshargest.school.nz

ShowQuest National Finals

Congratulations to our Junior Campus Showquest team who were awarded Recognition for Culture at the Junior National Finals!
We are so excited for our incredible team: they worked so hard, made some awesome memories and created a fantastic show!
We're grateful for the support and guidance of our Senior Campus students Katelyn Street-Wilson, Charlotte Blair and Annie Zhang. Making it through to National Finals for the 4th year in a row is a highlight for us all, and we're extremely proud of all of the rakatahi who were involved!
The performance can be viewed following this link:
https://youtu.be/33_ON9FFJSA?si=lqraliUsqYKxfkHr



New Performing Arts Prize

Thanks very much to Meadow Bodkin-Allen for the donation of a new trophy to celebrate contribution to school productions. Meadow is a performing arts superstar who is studying her craft and performing in Australia currently. Thank you Meadow - we look forward to adding the names of the next generations of production stars to the trophy!



Motupōhue Hīkoi



The Hautonga wahine went on a hīkoi to Motupōhue recently. Whanaungagtanga me Manaakitanga were the key concepts of the hīkoi. Whanaungagtanga and Manaakitanga help rangatahi develop reciprocal relationships that support each other and the collective.



ERO Cell Phones Survey

The Education Review Office is carrying out some research to learn more about how 'Phones away for the day' is going. They want to hear your thoughts on what's working, what's not working, and what could make it better. Take 5–10 minutes to share your thoughts in this quick survey — your input really makes a difference.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/phones-away-for-the-day-parents>



Geography

Year 13

The two Year 13 Geography classes ventured to Colac Bay to spend the day investigating coastal processes as field research for their Internal Assessment. Students spent the day at a range of points along the beach to measure and observe the longshore drift, wave height, beach profiles, and sediment size. Colac Bay's weather put on a show for us and provided our ākonga with the opportunity to see first hand how natural processes shape our local coastline.



MINDS IN MOTION



Able Minds invite you to join our group for parents and whanau who have a child in their life with ADHD or Autism

We aim to **EMPOWER, EDUCATE** and **CONNECT** parents with free support from Able Minds

New location and night group:
Arts Murihku - Whare Taupua
34 Forth St

First Thursday of each month
1pm-2.30pm
5.30pm-7pm

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:
zavana@able.org.nz or 021360096
www.able.org.nz



Digital Technologies



Amanda Henderson was selected to attend We the Women, a groundbreaking two-day hackfest run by GirlBoss NZ at Spark HQ in Auckland over the July holidays. Alongside 100 other young women aged 17–25, she worked in a team to develop tech-based solutions to real-world issues aligned with UN Global Goal #5 – Gender Equality. It was the most valuable experience; collaborating with women from such diverse backgrounds and experience levels was truly life-changing. She gained a deeper understanding of what it takes to be an effective team member, how to turn an idea into a viable pitch, and built connections that will stay with her. She highly recommends We the Women to any girl in STEM—it's an inspiring and empowering experience.



Effort and Respect Awards – The Hargest Way

Junior Campus

Every term at the Junior Campus, we acknowledge and celebrate outstanding Effort and Respect (The Hargest Way) by awarding two students from each class with a special certificate. Term two's fabulous recipients were:

Year 7s awarded Outstanding Effort:

Eden (1), Jacob (5), Kayla (7), Noah (9), Pubuduni (10), Olivia (12), Annabel (14), Leo (16), Isla (18), Charlotte (20)

Year 8s awarded Outstanding Effort:

Gulliver (2), Briley (4), Ellim (6), Paige, Malia (11), Dhruv (13), Maisie (15), Leon (17), Amelia (19), William (21)

Year 7s awarded Outstanding Respect:

Mason (1), Cindy (5), Suné (7), Georgia (9), Travis (10), Vinny (12), Ranuli (14), Eliza (16), Rebecca-May (18), Devna (20)

Year 8s awarded Outstanding Respect:

Bella (2), Nishtha (4), Namika (6), Madisyn (Zaviar (11), Kyra (13), Jacob (15), Emily (17), Liam (19), Pippa (21)

Kei runga noa atu koutou - we are lucky to have you all!

Forever Bloom

Fabric and Felt
Scented Flowers
Tulip and Lavender \$5
Car Fresheners \$5
Make a bouquet \$15
(includes vase and 3 flowers)

Thanks for supporting our JHC Spain 2026 Trip

Contact: msmith@jameshargest.school.nz or any of the students travelling to Spain
Check out the Sunday Markets on 31st August at the Railway Station

HARGEST STUDY CENTRE

Senior Campus Library
Tuesdays 3.30 - 5.00pm

Get FREE help with Maths,
English, Science, Physics and
Chemistry, or any subject you
need a hand with.



Teachers, Librarian and Peer
Tutors available to help with
homework, research, exam
study, and classwork.

Afternoon tea provided by the PTA.

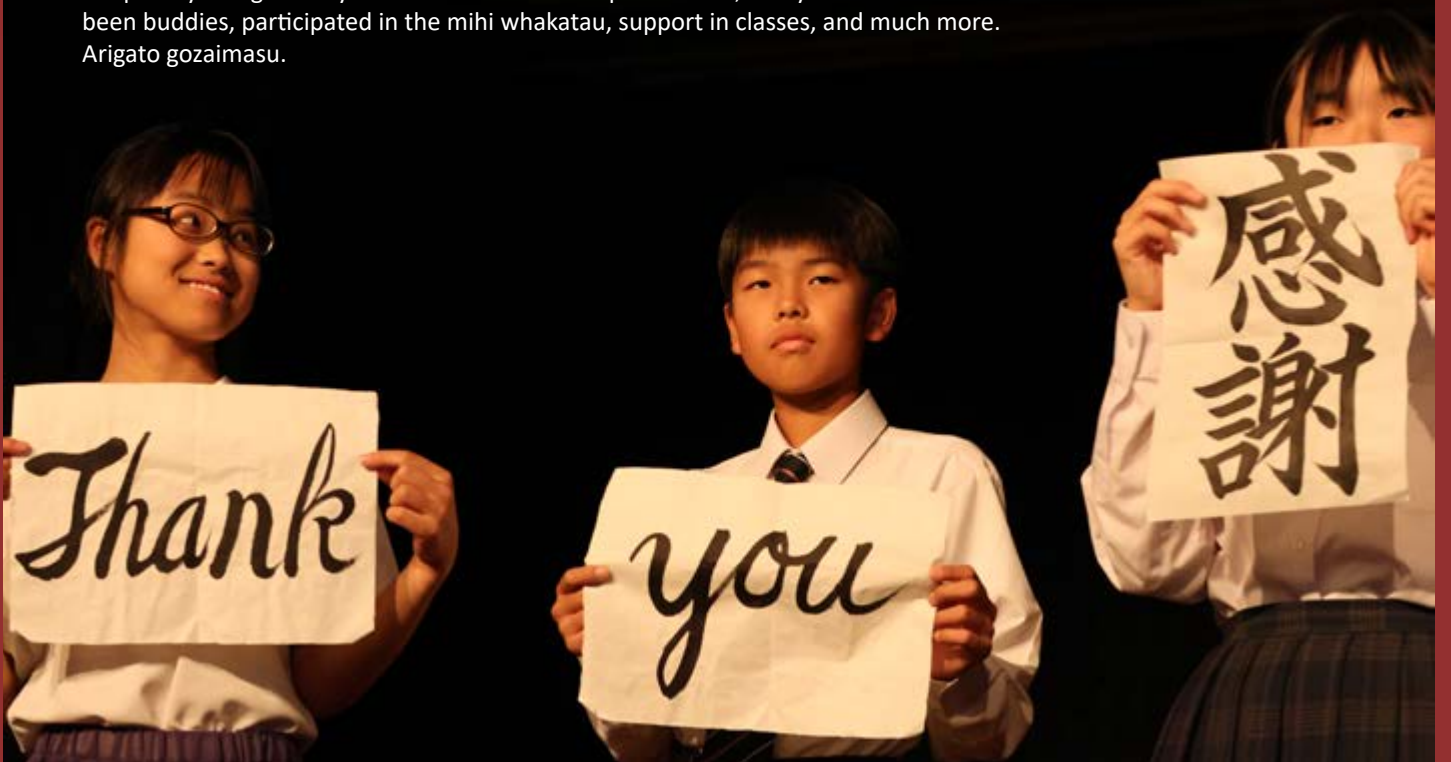


Kumagaya International Friendship Association - Homestay Tour 25th July - 4th August





We are thrilled to be once again hosting our friends from our sister city, Kumagaya. 25 Japanese students have received a warm welcome from our homestay family community - thank you for opening your homes and showing them some Southern Hospitality. A big thank you to all our student helpers as well, many of whom have been buddies, participated in the mihi whakatau, support in classes, and much more. Arigato gozaimasu.





House Haka Competition

Term 2 concluded with the annual Senior Campus House Haka competition. Each year our ākonga get better and better, and lay down a strong challenge for future years to come. What a brilliant way to end the term! Congratulations to Menzies and Watson for coming first equal, followed by Thomson in third place, and Hamilton in fourth.





Southland Secondary School Team Chess Championship

The two James Hargest teams took out first and second place in the Southland Secondary School Team Chess Championship hosted by James Hargest at the end of July. The Hargest A team of Liam Alcock, Hasanli Hewa Barbaranda, Misha Zernov and Sasandu Kiwulegedara took first with 18 game points with the Hargest B team of Ben Geilik, Elliya Kim, Adam Wills and Clark Manson tying with Verdon A on 15 game points but taking second place with superior match points. The Hargest A team has qualified for the National finals in Christchurch.

In a chess team competition, students are sorted into board order so the strongest players play each other and the second strongest players play each other and so on.



The following students won board order prizes for winning the most matches:
 Board 1: Liam Alcock and Ben Geilik (tied 1st)
 Board 2: Hasanli Hewa Babaranda and Elliya Kim (tied 1st)
 Board 3: Misha Zernov
 Board 4: Sasandu Kiwulegedara

Rotary National Science and Technology Forum

In January of 2025, I was fortunate to be one of five Hēmi Hākena students to attend the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum. The two weeks in Auckland were some of the best of my life, spent attending lectures, special tech visits, meeting like-minded students from across NZ, living in a university hall, and getting an overall taste of life at university. The programme immersed me in all areas of science and opened my eyes to tertiary study options in the field. Applications for current Year 12s are

now open for the 2026 Forum, and I could not recommend this opportunity enough! If you are a passionate science student, apply now! Applications close on Friday the 29th of August. *Lucy Thomas*



Year 9 Camps – Term 4

Year 9 Camps are all set for Term 4, Weeks 4, 6, and 7. Please keep an eye on your email over the next few weeks for more information and a permission form to complete.

We are trialling a new system this year, so your support and patience are appreciated as we roll it out.

28 - 30 Oct	W9TBT, T9CSN
29 - 31 Oct	H9MFE, H9CWN
10 - 12 Nov	T9TME, W9RFE
12 - 14 Nov	T9CBS, H9JWN
17 - 19 Nov	M9KES, M9NSW
19 - 21 Nov	W9GZG, M9QLE

Subject option Evenings - dates for the diary!

Students in Year 8 this year and their whānau are invited to come and chat to all learning areas about their choices for Year 9 on

Tuesday 2 September from 4.30 - 6.30pm. Teachers from all learning areas will be available to answer any questions about their courses and help you make your decisions!

Students currently in Years 10 - 12 and their whānau are invited to come to a subject evening on:

Tuesday 16 September in the Hall at the Senior Campus. Representatives from all departments will be available to answer any questions about their courses, pathways, prerequisites and more. The subject booklet will be published prior to this date and we encourage students to think about what they want to study and any questions they have before the evening.

Literacy & Numeracy Common Assessment Tasks

These assessments are intended to demonstrate that students have foundational reading, writing and numeracy skills. It is now an essential part of any NCEA qualification. While students can still progress through their NCEA journey, they must achieve the literacy and numeracy co-requisite to gain NCEA. Students can achieve the requirements any time over their time at school, and can try to achieve the requirements many times throughout their NCEA journey. Students need to meet literacy and numeracy requirements once only. If you would like more information about these activities, click:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/litnum/>

If your child did not pass one or more of these assessments, they will get another opportunity later this term (please see below). Here are some things they can be doing at home to help them prepare and feel more confident going into the next assessment event.

Practice completing some of the past papers - you can find resources for:

Writing

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/past-exams-and-exemplars/litnum/32405/>

Reading

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/past-exams-and-exemplars/litnum/32403/>

Numeracy here:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/past-exams-and-exemplars/litnum/32406/>

Instructions for students on how to access past papers

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/digital-exams/find-past-digital-exams/>

There are also some good **workbooks** being produced which can help students prepare for these assessments. We are using this one at school:

<https://cengage.co.nz/product/title/literacy-essentials-workbook/isbn/9780170477581>

and some students may benefit from working through it at home as well.

There is also this book available to support preparation for the Numeracy CAA:

<https://cengage.co.nz/product/title/walker-maths-numeracy-practice/isbn/9780170474474>

Regular reading also makes a big difference and we encourage all learners to visit our libraries and make sure they are continuing to develop their reading ability with something they enjoy. If you have any queries about the CAA, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us: curriculum@jhc.school.nz

Monday 1st September

Reading - Seniors in Period 1 & Period 2
Y10's in Period 3 & Period 4

Tuesday 2nd September

Writing - Seniors in Period 1 & Period 2
Y10's in Period 3 & Period 4

Thursday 11th September

Numeracy - Seniors in Period 1 & Period 2
Y10's in Period 3 & Period 4

Year 9 Curriculum 2026


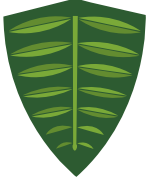



Calling Year 8 students! We are excited to share with you our refreshed Year 9 Curriculum for 2026. You will have greater voice and choice in designing your own learning from a broad range of courses on offer. Our Year 9 Option Booklet will be sent to you and your whānau in Week 6 of this term. There will be opportunities to discuss this in your Homeroom class, as well as a presentation at assembly. Take the time to look at all the available options before making your choices. We are holding a subject info evening on **Tuesday 2 September at 4.30pm - 6:30pm** at the Senior Campus where you will be able to wander around and chat to the teachers about your choices before you make them. There will also be an opportunity to answer any questions you may have at a **whānau hui on the 15 September**. We are very proud of the range of courses on offer and can't wait to share them with you. If you have any queries in the meantime, please email curriculum@jhc.school.nz



End of Year/ Evidence Exams for Y11, Y12 & Y13 Students

These will take place between **Wednesday 3rd September and Wednesday 10th September**. Grades for these exams will contribute towards the Brigadier's Diploma for Year 11 students. These exams will also be used as evidence for Derived Grades for any NCEA externals. This is the only time that these grades will be able to be generated so it is important that students are present at their exams. A timetable will be made available to students soon.

Brigadier's Diploma

Academic Results	Diploma Level	Attendance requirement	Hargest Way Grades
<p>This Diploma provides the framework against which students are assessed in Year 11. It maintains and protects academic rigour, while incorporating wider holistic educational goals. Year 11 is an important year where students are gaining the skills and knowledge to achieve to the best of their ability in NCEA Level Two the following year.</p> <p>Diploma Structure Each Subject counts towards the total academic score. The Diploma may also be endorsed with important aspects such as Sports, Cultural or Āwhina contribution.</p> <p>Assessment towards the Diploma There are common assessment opportunities in each subject. They can consist of projects, presentations, tests, homework, examinations, checkpoints and planning materials. These will be dependent on the course. Assessments contribute to a total score for the course.</p>	<p>Beginning Te Kākano Tōtara</p>  <p>KĀKANO</p>		
	<p>Proficient Te Mātātīpu Tōtara</p>  <p>MĀTĀTĪPU</p>		
	<p>Advanced Te Kōhure Tōtara</p>  <p>KŌHURE</p>	Less than 5% unjustified absences	Average Hargest Way Grades above 3.5
	<p>Outstanding Te Māhuri Tōtara</p>  <p>MĀHURI</p>	Less than 3% unjustified absences	Average Hargest Way Grades above 3.75
	<p>Tōtara Pounamu</p>  <p>TŌTARA POUNAMU</p>	No unjustified absence	Average Hargest Way Grades of 4.

TŌTARA
POUNAMU



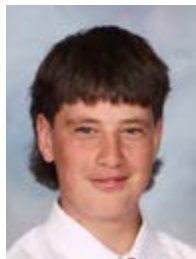
Rugby News

Congratulations to Mason Evans who was named in the 2025 Supreme Site Works Southland U16 squad. Harry Godsall-Folster, Ethan McLardy and Joshua McIntyre were named in the Southland Spikers U16 squad. Well done lads!

Mason Evans



Harry Godsall-Folster



Ethan McLardy



Joshua McIntyre



Cambridge 2026

Students in Year 9 currently will have the opportunity to apply to be in the Cambridge class in 2026. This class will work towards their IGCSE qualifications in English, Mathematics, Science and Global Perspectives. The Cambridge pathway is suitable for a wide range of students, but it particularly benefits those who: are academically inclined, enjoy a structured and challenging learning environment, and are looking for internationally recognised qualifications. It's a good fit for students who thrive with challenging, independent learning and know they are preparing for university.

The Cambridge curriculum is known for its rigor and depth, making it a good choice for students who enjoy challenging coursework and excel in academic subjects.

The curriculum provides a clear framework with well-defined syllabuses and assessments, which can be appealing to students who thrive in a structured environment.

Cambridge qualifications like IGCSE and A Levels are highly regarded by universities and employers worldwide, making them a good choice for students who plan to study or work internationally.

If you would like to find out more, check out <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/nz>

We will send out further information to all Year 9 students later this term. We will also be holding a whānau information evening on Tuesday 9 September at the Senior Campus. Application forms will be sent out following this hui. If you have any specific queries in the meantime, please get in touch with Anna McDowall, amcdowall@jameshargest.school.nz

NOTE: Students who are accepted into the Cambridge class are responsible for all associated costs of the course and exam fees.



James Hargest College Rugby Fixtures

Saturday 9 August

SEMI-FINAL

JHC Cohesive Construction U14 Boys vs Vardon: 12:00pm @ Oreti Park Field 2

JHC Wide Span Sheds U16 Boys vs SBHS White

SEMI-FINAL

Southern Harlequins U18 vs SBHS 1:15pm @ Riverton RFC

Monday 11 August

Y9&10 GIRLS FINAL

JHC Bragg Building and Design Junior Girls vs SGHS 4:15pm @ Les George Oval

1st XV Teenage GIRLS FINAL

JHC / Metro Senior 1st XV Girls vs CSC 1st XV 6:30pm @ Les George Oval



Hockey

Southland Representatives

Nine Hargest students represented Southland during the school holidays for U18 Hockey. The girls had a tournament in North Harbour, while the boys' one was in Timaru.

Girls: Tylah Templer, Madeleine Lawlor, Hannah Dick, Charlotte Morris and Emily Kean

Boys: Cameron Knight, Baxter Charlton, Ben O'Connor and Caleb Devery



NCEA and Curriculum changes - latest info from the Ministry of Education

Education has been in the news lately and there are substantial changes afoot! Check out this document: https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-08/NCEA%20Discussion%20Summary%20for%20Parents_web%206Aug.pdf?VersionId=vEla9lc7FZl7NTQLL.wltKG43JLNYuxP for more information about the proposed changes. Because James Hargest College made the decision to drop NCEA Level One two years ago, the foundation year proposal will be a seamless transition for us. The Level Two and Three changes will be significant, as will the implementation of a curriculum we don't have in full yet. There will be a period of change ahead. Please be assured that our leadership team, Heads of Department and teaching staff are all committed to ensuring your tamariki are well supported and informed through any change. There are a series of videos to help explain the proposed changes at this link: <https://www.education.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultation-proposal-replace-ncea/details>

If you want to have your say on the proposed changes, we encourage you to do so. The survey for whānau and students is located at: https://allenandclarke.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5i6eyRTZoZeEPGe

Free Pancakes and Hot Chocolates!

Join us this Tuesday morning 12 August. The lovely team at XO Church will be serving up free pancakes and hot chocolates. Students are all invited to come and see us outside the library at the Senior Campus from 8:00am - 8:45am. Students are always invited to our Youth Nights every Friday. Come and join a fun, vibrant community!



Oamaru Intermediate Exchange



Wow! With two days of perfect weather the Junior Campus held a highly competitive exchange with Oamaru Intermediate in Invercargill. It was great to see highly competitive games, great sportsmanship and a highly supportive atmosphere at all the games played. JHC came away this year as the overall winner of the shield 7.5 - 5.5. Congrats to all that were involved.

1st place gained:

Rugby
Football
Swimming
Boys Netball
Year 7 Netball
Year 8 Netball
Boys Basketball

DRAW - E-Sports





Football

Alexander Sandiford (Year 12) is gaining recognition in Southland football, already officiating senior-level games. Congratulations to Alex earning the Muriel Mathieson trophy! Read more at: <https://southlandtribune.substack.com/p/teen-making-remarkable-impact-on?fbclid=IwY2xjawL0zg1leHRRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFSZHllaUwwZVR>

Image credit: The Southland Tribune



Aerobics



Fabulous holiday results you three! Mikayla Mortimer, Rachel Rees and Samantha Gibbs competed recently in the annual gymsport secondary school aerobics competition.

This event is often held in the North Island so it was nice for the girls not to have to travel so far for it this year with it being held in Balclutha.

Secondary schools from all over the country were competing.

Rachel placed first in the Level 10 individual. Mikayla placed second in the level 9 individual and Samantha and Mikayla placed first in the level 7/8 pair. Well done!!

Swimming

Congratulations Londyn Dillinger! She represented the New Zealand Youth Development team in the 2025 Tri-Series against Western Australia and Victoria in Ballarat .

https://www.thepress.co.nz/sport/360732763/young-swimmer-aiming-high-against-australians?fbclid=IwY2xjawL00iNleHRRuA2FlbQIxMQABHoSE0VV3T1f65I6bjs8d4BEicy17PufayqNwAGvN3sKOoIGf3F5aTIWYzgI5_aemAEQzfZusHjgEcym1Ga0ENg



Motorsports

Well done to Blake and Nieko! The Southland Sports Car Club recently held their annual prize giving and both boys came away with some fantastic awards.

The 0-1600cc Speed Trophy was won by Blake Cooper.

The 1601-2500cc Maxxis Projects Trophy was won by Nieko Scoles.

The Junior Driver of the Year Trophy was won by Blake Cooper.

Awesome results!

Rugby League

Congratulations to Indie Chalmers, Grace Kerr, Jessica Raymond and Taimani Tuivailala-Wagener who have all been named in the South Island (Scorpions) Under 16 Rugby League team! All the best for your tournament in September!!



Indie Chalmers



Grace Kerr



Jessica Raymond



Taimani Tuivailala-Wagener

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Water Polo

Congratulations to the numerous James Hargest students that have been selected for their Age Group Southland Representative teams! All the best for your season.

A special mention to Hamish McKenzie for coaching the U12 Maroon team.

Southland U16 Boys

Odin Bartlett

Oliver Shirley

Oliver Davis

George McMillan

Issac Elder

Southland U16 Girls

Ana McWilliam

Elsie Turrell

Hannah Dick

Katelyn Welsh

Maia Devery

Rhiannon Jensen

Ruby Goodall

Ruby Kite

Table Tennis News

Southland Champs were held in June, and James Hargest had 3 competitive teams. Teams had travelled from all around Southland to compete which set up a great tournament. All JHC teams won a few games but fell short in the early finals. Some impressive skills were on display with teams improving significantly throughout the day.



Cycling

Wow! Riley Faulkner competed at the National Track Series in Cambridge recently and in the flying 200m, she set her 8th and 9th New Zealand U19 junior track records, lowering both her own NZ National and NZ Allcomers records. Her time of 11.110 is now the fastest ever recorded by an Oceania U19 junior athlete. Riley also topped off the weekend with a brilliant ride to win the women's keirin. Congratulations Riley!!



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Contact us today to learn more about joining the Southland caregiving whānau.

Call: Isla Hardy

Email: isla.hardy@ot.govt.nz

Website: orangatamariki.govt.nz

Together, we can make a brighter future for children in Southland!



Celebrate Library Week Year 13 Dress Up Day this Wednesday - 13 August

Are you ready to celebrate Library Week? There are awesome prizes up for grabs so get creative! The parade will be at lunchtime in the hall on Wednesday 13th and there will be prizes for Most Creative Costume, Best Individual Costume, Best Group Costume and Best Performance. If you are struggling to find a costume, please see Kirsty in the Library.

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Parent, Caregiver, Whānau and Community Engagement

At James Hargest College we are always interested in engaging with our community and listening to parents, whanau and the wider community. If you have any good ideas or there is something special that has happened regarding Hargest, or there are issues, concerns or complaints we should be aware of, please contact the school office Senior Campus (2176129) or Junior Campus (2179250) or via email, office@jameshargest.school.nz. You will be put in contact with an appropriate staff member

Information Updates

If you have any changes to your details (e.g. address, phone numbers, medical details, emergency contacts, etc), please let the school know as soon as possible in order to keep our records up-to-date.

Please email Mrs Moreton (Senior Campus) with any changes at office@jameshargest.school.nz or phone 2176129

or Mrs Cribb (Junior Campus) at juniorcampus@jameshargest.school.nz or phone 2179250

E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on Friday 29 September 2025. Hard copies of the newsletter will be available from either the Junior or Senior Campus office.

You can view the newsletter on the Hargest web site www.jameshargest.school.nz

Coming Events for 2025

Senior Campus

August

Mon	11	Library Week
Tue	12	Kumagaya Nishi depart
Tue-Thu	12-14	Young Enterprise Business Challenge
Wed	13	Year 13 Dress up Day Year 8 Class Visits
Thu	14	Shadow Tech, Dunedin
Thu-Sun	14--17	Cadenza - Timaru
Mon-Tue	18-22	Polyfest
Wed	20	MOE Teacher Only Day
Thu	21	PTA meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 7:30pm
Fri	22	SMAC Maths, Hall Per 1-3
Sat	23	Southland Debating Champs
Mon	25	Winter Tournament week starts

September

Tue	2	Year 8 subject selection evening 4.30pm - 6:30pm
Wed	3	Evidence Exams begin
Sun	7	Father's Day
Tue	9	Cambridge Whānau Hui 5:30pm
Wed	10	BOT Election
Thu	11	BOT Meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
Sun	14	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
Mon	15	L3 Tourism Trip to Queenstown Whānau Hui 2026 Year 9 Curriculum
Tue	16	Year 9-11 Simming Sports Year 11 Subject Selection Evening 4.30pm
Wed	17	Southland SMAC Maths Competiton - Gym 3 SC/JC music afternoon Year 8 Class Visits
Thu	18	Enviro schools camp - Blackmount
Fri	19	Term 3 ends

Junior Campus

August

Tue	12	Kumagaya Nishi depart
Wed	13	Year 8 Transition Visits to the Senior Campus begin
Tue	19	Kapa Haka performance at Polyfest, 1.10pm
Wed	20	MOE Teacher Only Day
Thu	21	PTA meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 7:30pm
Fri	22	SMAC Maths Daffodil Day Pasifika performance at Polyfest, 12.00pm
Sun	31	Ski Trip
Wed-Thu	27-28	Production

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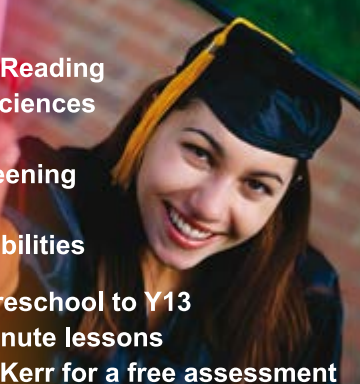
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