

# The Sixth Form @

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## BRIDGING EVENT NEWS

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### Sixth Form Bridging Event 2022

Over 190 students, including nearly 90 from other schools, attended the Sixth Form Bridging Event this week. It ran on Monday and Tuesday and gave Year 11 students a chance to gain some experience of what life as a Sixth Former is like, as well as get to know each other ahead of the next two years of their time at Becket Keys.

Over the two days, students took part in a carousel of eight group challenges aimed at developing different skills. Engineering activities included building a monument out of spaghetti and marshmallows with Miss Morgan, constructing a car to protect an egg in as it went down a ramp

with Mr Bunyan and creating a shelter to shield a cuddly toy during high-winds with Mr Hughes. There were also fierce debates and opportunities to demonstrate thinking skills during the 'Festival Challenge' overseen by Mr Ioannou, with more of the same in Miss Romano's 'Whodunnit?' as students donned their deerstalkers to solve a murder mystery. Meanwhile, teamwork was crucial in Mr Silver's 'Pieces of Eight' and communication skills were highlighted in Mr Pethers' 'Gibberish and Claptrap'. Finally, Pila Capere, which was managed by Mrs Moffat and Mrs Joughin, pulled all of these skills together with, erm, varied success.

Groups accumulated points for

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their success in each activity, plus bonus points for how well they worked together as group. These were combined with the scores from the current affairs quiz to give total scores across the two days. At the end of it all, the final standings were revealed as:

Tutor groups (8 in total):

3rd – Heidelberg with 300 points  
2nd – Salamanca with 306 points  
1st – Jagiellonian with 316 points.

Competition groups (40 in total):

3rd – Heidelberg 2 with 65 points  
2nd – Bologna 2 with 66 points  
Joint 1st – Jagiellonian 3 and Jagiellonian 5 with 68 points.



As well as these activities, a series of talks were attended over the two days. The content of these meant that students left knowing a lot more about what life will be like as a Sixth Form student, what they can do to get ready for their new studies in September and how they will be supported on GCSE results day as they enrol. During this time, they were introduced to the interesting Bridging Activities to complete over the summer and recommendations of how to

enrich their studies by enjoying wider reading materials, places to visit, documentaries, films, TV shows and podcasts.

Students also shared periods of Collective Worship in order to reaffirm their understanding of the central roles that the Christian Faith and strong moral values play in the Sixth Form.



Between all of this, students got to experience the Sixth Form area for the first time and enjoy the fare served at the Deli Bar. As always, this was a hit as students relished being in what still feels like a brand-new part of the school, feeling comfortable in different rooms and devouring the variety of tasty food and drink now available to them. Naturally, the sweet treats at break on both days went down very well indeed!

The highlight of the two days was, as ever, the clear display of our community's values by all students, including those who came from different schools. This is something that should never be taken for granted and it filled staff with great pride to see such responsible, caring students who are clearly going to be

remarkable members of the Sixth Form.



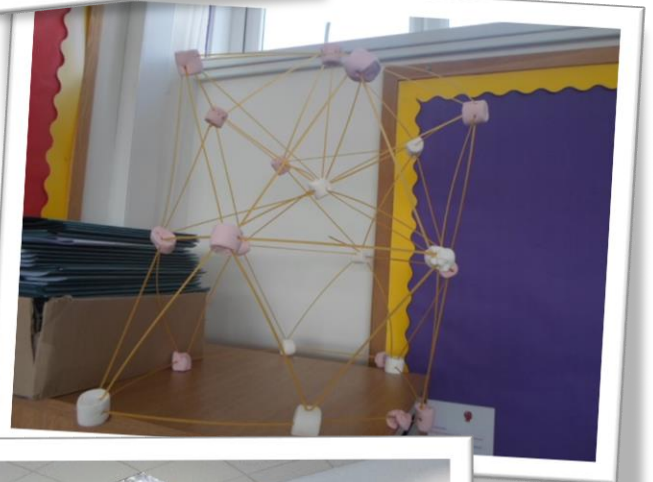
The next stage of the 'bridging process' involves each student completing the Bridging Activities for the subjects they will be taking at A Level. Each of these comprises of varied learning activities lasting at least ten hours per subject and is designed to create more interest in future studies, broaden students' knowledge of topics and keep students' brains ticking over during this long summer that they can now enjoy.

There are well over 300 students who have applied to and been offered a place in the Sixth Form. As nearly 190 students have said that Becket Keys is their first choice destination, there is clear evidence of the growth in our popularity in such a short space of time!



We wish all these – and other Year 11 students who are planning on going to college elsewhere – a fun summer. We hope that they make the most of the long holiday to try new activities, challenge their minds without the pressures of exams and enjoy a thoroughly well deserved chance to relax after working so hard throughout the year.

**Mr Peggs**  
(Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form)



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## Careers Talks to Sixth Formers



To support our Sixth Formers in making informed decisions about their futures, I am going to start a series of regular careers talks during their tutorial periods. To do this, I need the support of the Becket Keys community!

Are you - or is someone you know - able to present to Sixth Formers for about 10 minutes and then answer questions they ask? The presentation might focus on some or all of these areas, as well as anything else related to them:

- What you do for a career.
- Your pathway to get where you are.
- Why you chose this pathway.
- What your job includes across a day / week / month / year.
- What other jobs you have had were like.
- Why you like certain jobs you have had.
- The biggest responsibilities you have.

- The greatest challenges you have faced.
- The most important learning experiences you have had.
- What is most rewarding?
- Advice to those interested in a similar career to you.
- Advice about a successful career in general.
- Advice about writing a CV and/or application letter, as well as interview skills.

The talks will need to be delivered during tutorials, so anyone who is willing to support would have to be available for either Year 13 tutorial (10:10am-10:35am) or Year 12 tutorial (10:35am-11:00am) - or both! Talks could be delivered in person in the John Wraw Chapel or via Microsoft Teams. I can be almost totally flexible about the best time of year and day for each talk, so this is not an issue.

If you - or someone you know - can support me in this, please

email me via [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org) with a brief (I do not want to take up too much of your time!) explanation of the jobs/areas you would be talking about. Once I have collated these, I will communicate with those who are able to assist in more detail and be available to answer queries you might have.

Thank you for your support in preparing our Sixth Formers for their futures.

**Ross Peggs**  
Assistant Headteacher and  
Head of Sixth Form





## Book of the Month - June



A new fast-paced thriller about two sisters vying for the top spot on their cross-country team—until a teammate’s disappearance throws their lives off course. Stella and Ellie Steckler are only a year apart, but their different personalities make their relationship complicated. Stella is single-minded, driven, and she keeps to herself. Cross-country running is her life and she won’t let anything get in the way of being the best. Her sister Ellie is a talented runner too, but she also lets herself have fun. She has friends. She goes to parties. She has a life off the course. The sisters do have one thing in common, though: the new girl, Mila Keene. Both Stecklers’ lives are upended when Mila comes to town. At first, Ellie and Stella view the new star athlete as a threat. But soon Ellie can’t help but be drawn to her warm, charming personality. After her best friend moved away and her first boyfriend betrayed her, Ellie’s been looking for a friend to share her secrets. Stella finds herself noticing the ways she and Mila are similar. Mila is smart and strong—she’s someone Stella can finally connect with. As the two get closer, Stella becomes something she vowed she’d never be: distracted. With regionals approaching and college scouts taking notice, the pressure is on. Each girl has their future on the line and they won’t let friendships get in their way. But then, suddenly, Mila goes out on a training run and never returns. No one knows what happened, but all eyes are on the Steckler sisters.

This novel is also a thoughtful examination of socio-economic challenges, the impact of crushing personal secrets, and the ways female athletes suffer under the weight of misogyny, especially when they are aggressively competitive.



### Lunchtime Eucharists in the Mr Scott-Evans’ Office

Year 8, 9 and 12

12.10pm on Tuesdays with Father Hamilton

Year 7, 10, 11 and 13

1.00pm on Fridays with Father North

*Collect a lunchtime pass from your Form Tutor, so that you can move to the front of the queue in the Restaurant or Deli.*

*If you are not confirmed, whilst you cannot receive the Eucharist, you may still attend to join in this Act of Worship. Father Hamilton and Father North will also be happy to discuss confirmation with you. If you have any further questions or would like to help or take a lead in organising these Eucharists, please speak to Mrs. Sharp.*

## LOST PROPERTY

If your son/daughter has misplaced anything at school, then kindly inform him/her that all lost property is taken to reception for collection.

Please make sure that all items, especially uniform are named, this will ensure that items can be returned to the student easily.

Thank you!


HEALTH AND CARE ACADEMY

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

**In celebration of the NHS' Birthday we are hosting a number of FREE virtual events where you can explore a variety of careers in the NHS.**

The aim of these virtual sessions is to provide you with an insight into a selection of roles, whilst highlighting the key skills needed within this area as well as some of the rewards and challenges faced.

Join us to have an informal conversation with a Healthcare Professional, with the opportunity to ask your specific questions.




**Mental Health Careers in the NHS**  
**Tuesday 5th July - 16:30 - 18:00**

Meet the Professional:

- Clinical Psychologist
- Associate Director of Resourcing

To Register...  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spotlight-on-mental-health-careers-in-the-nhs-tickets-370519282147>




**Primary Care Careers in the NHS**  
**Thursday 7th July - 16:30 - 18:00**

Meet the Professional:

- Pharmacist

To Register...  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spotlight-onprimary-care-careers-in-the-nhs-tickets-371068474797>




**Careers in the Communication Team in the NHS**  
**Thursday 14th July - 16:30 - 18:00**

Meet the Professional:

- Campaigns & Public Affairs Manager

To Register...  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spotlight-on-careers-in-the-communications-team-in-the-nhs-tickets-371078193867>




**Careers in the Ambulance Service**  
**Tuesday 19th July 16:30 - 18:00**

Meet the Professional:

- Paramedic
- Community First Responder

To Register...  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spotlight-on-careers-in-the-ambulance-service-tickets-371088374317>





## Thank you!

Mrs Penny Richardson has been part of the Becket Keys journey since the school opened and has been of great service over the years, volunteering when required or by being involved in the organisation of fundraising events (and much more!)

We were able to show our appreciation for all her hard work with a number of gifts due to the generous donations from the school community.

## Lloyds Banking Group

Next Tuesday 5th July, 6.30pm-7.30pm Lloyds Banking Group will be hosting their first Careers Live session to help students 12-18 explore a different career path every month, what's involved, what skills you need and to talk to people in that industry, doing those jobs. Every first Tuesday of every month a new career to explore!

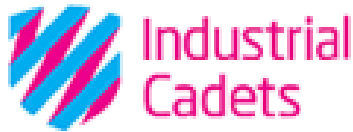
Up first Lloyds colleagues [Mahari Hay](#) and Cat Perkins will be exploring careers in Cyber Security, a fast growing sector, badly needing more female representation and not necessarily demanding GCSE or A levels in Computing.

It's an event for parents and students alike. Book a free space through this link:  
<https://lnkd.in/ecpRgNQX>





## Routes into STEM



Is your son/daughter looking for a course they can do in their summer holidays once the school is finished? Would you like to help them make well-informed choices about their future study and careers?

EDT and Industrial Cadets has arranged an insightful virtual course over the summer holidays, collaborating with multiple colleges, universities and companies to deliver their **Virtual Routes into STEM** programme and to showcase STEM courses, apprenticeships, degrees and careers.

Live content will run from 25<sup>th</sup> until 29<sup>th</sup> July and students can study the rest of the course content flexibly whenever suits

them between 14<sup>th</sup> July - 4<sup>th</sup> August.

### What is 'Routes into STEM?'

Routes is an innovative course which provides young people aged 13 to 15 with an understanding of the amazing opportunities offered by STEM based careers. If your son/daughter is enjoying their **Tech, Design, Maths or Science** subjects and would like to know what exciting future these subjects could lead to then by joining the course they will:

Take part in exciting projects. For example, Tempest Cockpit Design challenge by BAE Systems, Biopharm challenge by GSK, Flight challenge by University of Cambridge, Let's go Fission challenge by Babcock... and more!

Access live sessions and content from **Cambridge, Hertfordshire, Abertay universities** and many more!

Hear from graduates and apprentices at various companies about **early careers, apprenticeships, and pathways into the industry.**

Be inspired by **professionals in STEM** at Network Rail, Saint Gobain, Aquila Nuclear Engineering to name just a few!

Gain **Bronze Industrial Cadets award**, a highly regarded industry led accreditation that was inspired by **His Royal Highness Prince of Wales**, and be in a position to make informed decisions about their future.

Watch this YouTube video to take a sneak peek at what you can expect

<https://bit.ly/VirtualRoutesIntoSTEM>

To read more and **apply for our next July course please visit our website**

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/routes-into-stem-read-more>

**Closing date for applications is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July!**



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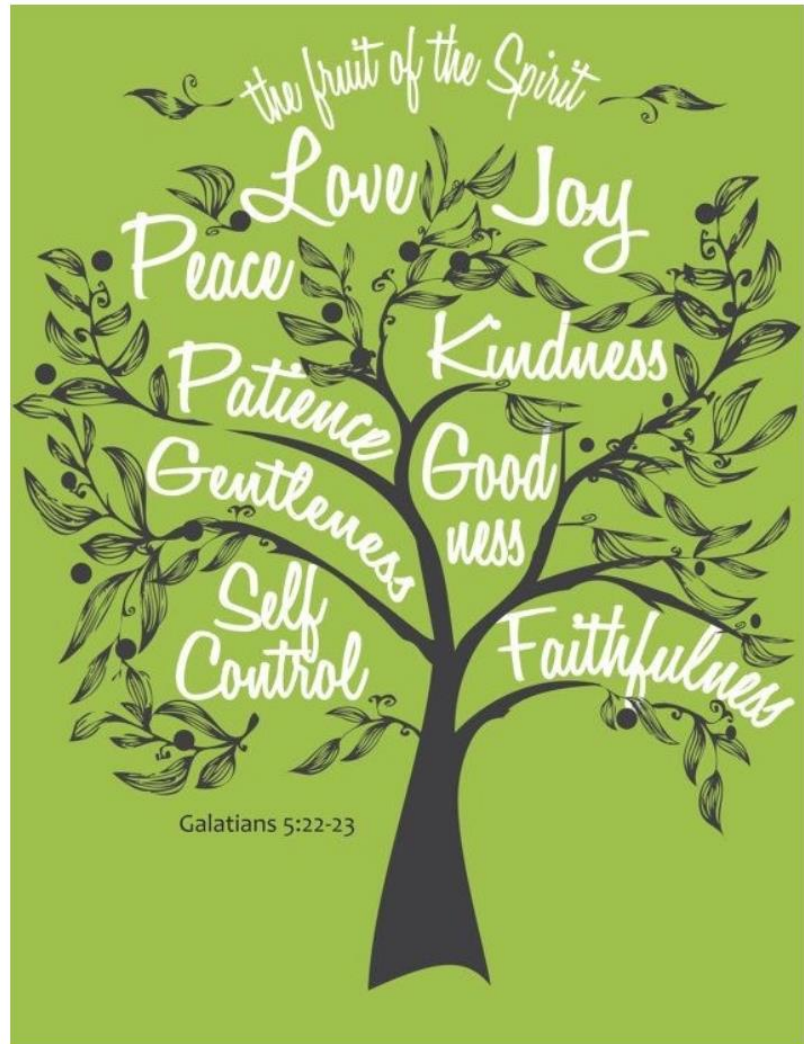
## Stay connected to fruitful living

As creatures of habit, we tend to go through life on autopilot. We often miss clues that indicate that our spirit is not enjoying the good health that God created it for. Before Jesus went to the cross, he gave his followers these instructions: *"Live in me, and I will live in you. A branch cannot produce any fruit by itself. It has to stay attached to the vine. In the same way, you cannot produce fruit unless you live in me"* (John 15:4).

Jesus says that being spiritually connected is like being attached to a vine. You are not going to have any fruitfulness or productivity in your life if you are out there on your own. You have got to stay connected. A disconnected branch cannot bear fruit.

What kind of fruit should you produce when you are connected to the Body of Christ? *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"* (Galatians 5:22-23).

Below are the nine attributes of a person living according to the Fruits of the Spirit:



<b>Love</b>	<i>"Love is patient, love is kind. Love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."</i> 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7
<b>Joy</b>	<i>"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"</i> Philippians 4:4
<b>Peace</b>	<i>"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."</i> John 14-27
<b>Patience</b>	<i>"The Lord is slow to anger and rich in kindness."</i> Exodus 34:6
<b>Kindness</b>	<i>"Be kind to one another and forgive each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."</i> Ephesians 4:32
<b>Goodness</b>	<i>"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."</i> Matthew 5:16
<b>Faithfulness</b>	<i>"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."</i> John 3:16
<b>Gentleness</b>	<i>"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person."</i> Galatians 6:1
<b>Self-control</b>	<i>"Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance."</i> 2 Peter 1: 5-7

These fruits of the Spirit are evidence that you are spiritually connected. If you are not seeing yourself grow in all these things, you are not spiritually connected. To have these attributes, we must walk with the Spirit. Indeed, this is what helps produce all nine of the qualities listed. When we

follow the Spirit's lead, instead of being led by our self-focused desires, He produces the fruit. Even when we are not walking with the Spirit, He is the one who guides us to restore order in our lives. God promises that if we are willing to admit that we have been walking our own way and

ask for His forgiveness, He will empower us through His Spirit to live above ourselves and live the abundant life for which He has created us.

**Consider your responses to the following questions:**

- Am I actively depending on the Holy Spirit to guide me in God’s ways?
- What is the evidence in your life that you are bearing fruit?
- In what “fruits” do you need to grow? How are you going to do that?
- What benefits have you witnessed in your life from being connected to Christ?

**Let us pray:**

Dear Father, however we are treated by other people, we pray that Your love will shine forth from us. Whatever happens in our lives, we ask that Your peace and joy would abide within us. No matter what difficulties we may encounter in life, teach us to be patient and kind in all our dealings with others and manifest the goodness and grace in us that only comes from You. However hard times may become, we pray that we may be gentle and self-controlled in our actions and attitudes. May we be good and faithful servants. We thank You that no matter what happens, even when we step away from You, You remain faithful.

Lord, we know that we cannot develop the fruit of Your Holy Spirit through my own effort or will, but only as we rest in Christ. Help us to abide in You we pray. You have shown us what it means to live in the Spirit. Help us to bear fruit. fruit that will last.

Amen.

**Mrs. Sharp**  
Deputy Headteacher

**Saturday 9 July • 7.30pm**  
**Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School • Main Hall**

# A Jubilee Celebration



## Vivaldi • Gloria

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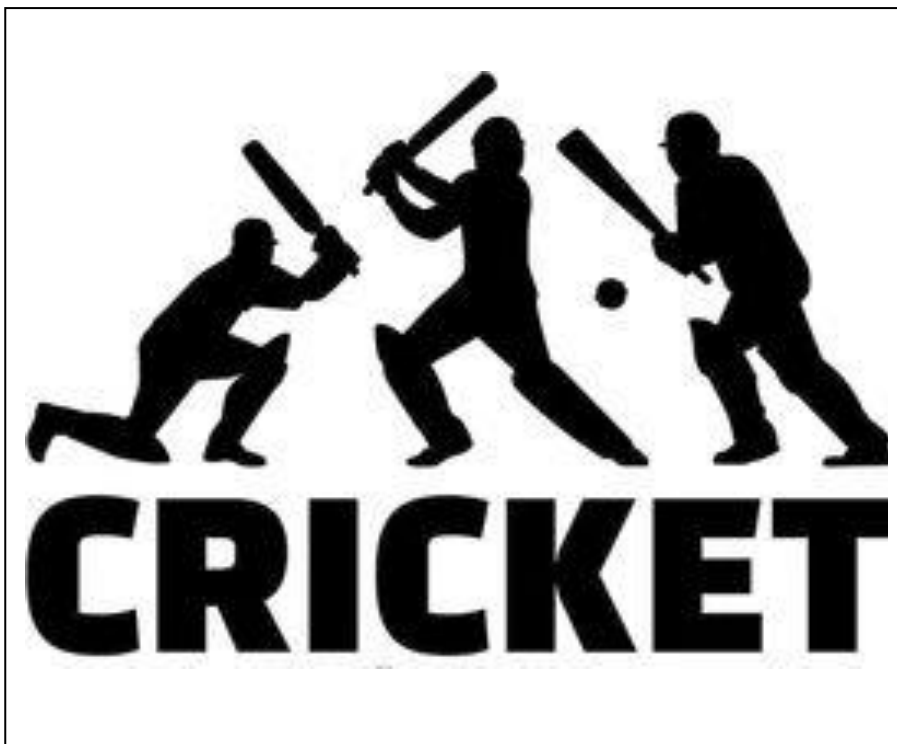
## Sports News

### U13 Boys' Cricket

The talented under 13 boys' team were on the road again, this time to Anglo. We took two new players to make their debut. Zach and Liam took control and ensured the team was prepared.

This time Zach was unsuccessful with the toss and the home team chose to bowl first which resulted in Zach and Liam forming their partnership again. Both picked up where they left off last week and Liam was equally as aggressive this week picking off any ball that was off line. Before retiring both, Zach picked up 5 boundaries with 36 and Liam picked up a more tiring 28 runs with 1 boundary and plenty of running! New recruit Joe B came in third with a respectable 7 runs before edging onto his stumps. Nic then came in with strict instructions to play every ball on its merit and play it how it comes rather than premeditated 4s and 6s. Nic managed to add his name to the retired batsman with a very fast 19 runs in 4 overs with one desired boundary. Harvey S, Jamie S and Zach W came in late as the overs neared the end and we pushed to reach the century. The trio managed to run aggressively in the 15<sup>th</sup> and final over to ensure we finished with a decent target of 104.

Liam opened the bowling, took the first wicket and set the tone. Cody once again showed that his bowling is a strength of his and



followed Liam keeping the runs low and taking a wicket! Nic was up next and on just his second ball fired one fast into the pads of the batsman for a plum LBW.

New joiner Jacob started a little wayward but ended his over with a pair of dot balls. Zach Webb was another new addition who bowled 4 consecutive dots and then went from bowling to fielding. He caught a well plucked ball that came out the glare of the sun. Harvey then bowled a very consistent over before last week's solid batsman became a wicket taker in just his first delivery as Joe Cansell took the 4<sup>th</sup>. It took until over 8 for the under 13 team to bowl an over without a wide and this came at the consistency of Jake Adams. The odd runs add up and will need to be stopped as we look ahead. Jamie Southgate took just 3 balls to take the 5<sup>th</sup>

before Joe Brown ended the cycle of bowlers. Liam again did what Liam does and took another wicket. Cody had his second turn and a calamity in the field saw his final bowl get overthrown for a boundary as nobody backed up giving away 6! Zach Webb returned and managed to take two wickets before Liam closed the show with 5 dots and a single resulting in the home side only accumulating 80. Another solid performance but with 16 wides/no balls, bowling is what we need to work on next.

**Mr Lane**  
PE Teacher



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY – MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY

YEAR 7 BUSHCRAFT TRIP

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WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

11.00am PATRONAL FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

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GOVERNERS' SPEECH & AWARDS EVENING

THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

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ENRICHMENT DAY

THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

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SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

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'MATILDA THE MUSICAL'

MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY

TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

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NON-UNIFORM DAY

WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

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LAST DAY OF TERM (STUDENT HALF DAY)

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY

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