



Becket Keys Church of England School

14th June 2024

JENNY DOWNS CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

IN THIS ISSUE

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

I am writing today to share some important news and also to express our deepest gratitude to a remarkable individual who has been instrumental in the success of Becket Keys Church of England School. Our Chair of Governors, Jenny Downs, will be stepping down at the end of this summer term. Jenny has been a cornerstone of our school community, and her contributions are very difficult to summarise.

Jenny was part of the founding group, sharing the original vision for the school with me when the campaign first began in 2010. While our timeline did not allow for her eldest daughter, Ruby, to attend, her son Gabriel and her other two daughters, Ester and Tilly, have been proud students at

Becket Keys. Ester is Deputy Head Girl and will be the last of the family to leave this summer. Her husband Steve has also been a loyal supporter and friend of the school throughout the last decade and a half!

Jenny's tireless support has been pivotal. She has been involved in appointing many of the staff members you know today, ensuring that our school is staffed with dedicated and talented individuals. Her advocacy for safe travel in Sawyers Hall Lane led to significant improvements, including path widening, new road markings, and an upcoming raised table to slow traffic and enhance safety.

Over the years, Jenny must have chaired over a hundred meetings, and she has participated in every

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inspection the school has ever had. Her commitment and contributions to the opening and ongoing success of Becket Keys cannot be overstated. It is no exaggeration to say that without Jenny's dedication and hard work, our school would not be what it is today. Jenny was part of the original team of five—alongside Iain Gunn, Chris Savage, Ian Jorysz and me—who met regularly before the Russell Education Trust (RET) became involved. She played a crucial role in our decision to join RET, a decision that has significantly benefited our school and secured our success.

In recognition of Jenny's incredible service, we are inviting everyone to contribute to a gift for her. A donation opportunity will be available on ParentPay, and we encourage every family who has benefitted from Becket Keys to contribute. You can contribute as much or as little as you wish. Alternatively, supporters can bring donations directly to the school. Donations need to be made by 9pm Friday 28th June. Presentations will be made at the Governors' Speech and Awards Evening on 4th July. We hope that many of you will attend this to say goodbye to Jenny.

Additionally, we are creating a commemorative book that will be signed by all students and staff. Anyone who wishes to sign the book is welcome to come into school to do so. This will be a wonderful way to show our

appreciation and to honour Jenny's legacy. If you cannot come into school, you can email the school office to send a message that we can print and paste into the book.

We are profoundly grateful to Jenny for her vision, leadership, and unwavering dedication. Her legacy will continue to inspire us all, and her impact on Becket Keys will be felt for many years to come.

I know you will all join me in thanking Jenny for everything she has done for our school.

Andy Scott-Evans
Head Teacher
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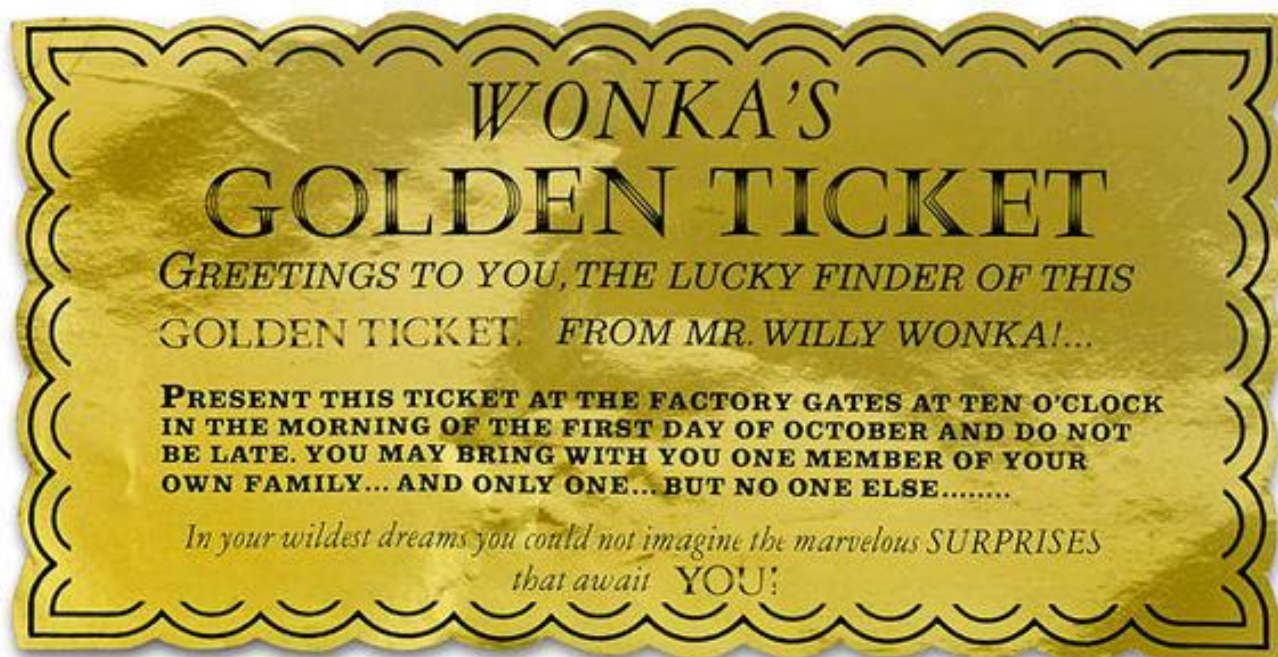


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Many thanks to all those who support the Brentwood Foodbank regularly. Items that are currently required:

Tinned Goods
Tinned Beef Bolognese
Tinned Beef Casserole
Tinned Potatoes
Tinned Soups
Tinned Ham/Corned beef Tinned Tuna/Salmon
Tinned Sweetcorn
Tinned Macaroni Cheese
Sugar
Biscuits
Coffee
Jars Of Pasta Sauce
Squash
Shampoo
Shower Gel
Deodorants
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Carrier Bags



Performance Dates: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th July 2024. Doors open at 6:30pm, curtain up at 7:00pm.

Tickets are now on sale for the spectacular Becket Keys production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' All tickets are priced at £10.50 each and are available on Parent Pay. If you do not have a student at the school and therefore do not have a Parent Pay account for Becket Keys, please ask at reception.

Last year, School of Rock was a complete sell out, so get your tickets now!

Lastly, you may be aware that certain characters have been double cast again this year. We found this a successful approach last year when producing School of Rock and have repeated it this year. Double casting enables more students to experience undertaking a larger role. Therefore, students have been grouped into two casts: a purple and gold cast. They are aware of which cast they are a part of. The casts will be called in the following order for the performances:

Monday matinée: GOLD CAST

(Primary School performance, no tickets on sale)

Monday evening: PURPLE CAST

Tuesday evening: PURPLE CAST

Wednesday evening: GOLD CAST

We look forward to seeing you!

Student Achievement Felicity Hart Year 8

Felicity Hart in Year 8 has been growing her hair for some time so that she can raise some funds for charity.



The hair together with a personal £20 donation will go to the Little Princess Trust. This charity uses donated hair to make wigs for young people who have cancer.



Felicity also raised £250 in sponsorship and this money will be donated to the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. Unlike the NHS this emergency service is a charity and they provide a free life-saving service 24/7.

The amount raised will be matched by Mrs Hart's employer and so Felicity's generous act will have raised £500!

Well done Felicity!



Late Gate

*Early is on time,
On time is late,
And late is unacceptable!*

At Becket Keys, we look to ensure that we are preparing students for life beyond school. We encourage students to attend school regularly and on time.

Remember that the school gate closes at **8.25am**. This allows students enough time to be at their first lesson on time. Period 1 begins at 8.30am.

Brentwood can be tough to negotiate during rush hour, so we encourage students and parents to contact the school in the case of **genuine** lateness, such as delayed public transport.

Parents can call the main school line 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.



Donations for Fundraising Raffle

We are appealing for donations for the raffle which will be held on the evenings of the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production.

Do you have anything that you could kindly donate?

All proceeds raised from the raffle will go towards the costs incurred in putting on the school production.

Please bring your donations into school and either leave them in Reception, or bring them to the Staff Room in Carey Building. Please ensure that they are marked for my attention.

Thank you for your support.
Mrs L Simmons

GCSE & A LEVEL

EXAMS

Please pray for all students who are taking exams.

See website for more details.

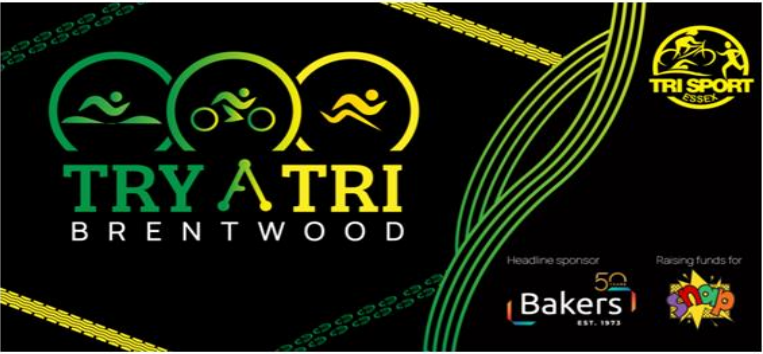
<https://www.becketkeys.org/exams>

A Prayer for Exams

*In this exam period
Lord,
Keep me focused but
keep me relaxed;
Do not let me become
stressed.
Please protect my
sleep, and give me
unbroken rest,
And send me into
each exam room with
the right kind of
energy.*

Amen





Looking for a family activity this summer?

Join us at The Brentwood Centre on 7th July to try a tri!

This event is tailor-made for first-time triathletes including a short swim, cycling and running challenges and for those who aren't swimmers, there's also a duathlon.

You can find more details [about the races and day here](#) and [listen to Karen](#) on Phoenix FM chatting all things SNAP and Try A Tri.



**SPANISH
SPEAKING CLINIC
2024 - 2025**

Mondays 3.15 - 4.00 in the Spanish Dept.

For any Year 10 Spanish students

A chance to practice your speaking and get to grips with the tasks that you'll encounter in the GCSE Spanish speaking exam.

Bring your Language Guides if possible.



The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is every Wednesday at 8.45am.

This is a short meeting where we pray together for local and national events and for any intentions of those in our school family. All are welcome.

If you have any prayer intentions, please send them into the school via the office email: office@becketkeys.org



Members of the school community are also welcome to join the Eucharist which is held every Friday at 1.00pm in the John Wraw chapel.

Sign in at reception and someone will guide you to the chapel.

STUDENT PRAYER MEETING



- *Tuesday 8am to 8:15am*
- *All welcome*
- *Mr Scott-Evans' Office*
- *(Chapel in use for exams at the moment)*

Reminder

All feminine hygiene products are free to students in school.

Please collect from Medical or Reception.

[Nationally Televised Advert](#)



Apprenticeship and traineeship vacancies



If you are interested in an apprenticeship then it would be a good idea to follow [Find an apprenticeship](#). You will then be alerted to each week's apprenticeship and traineeship vacancy reports for our area and get an alert if there is a new opportunity. If you use the filter tool, you can view only the vacancies that meet your requirements (such as vacancies within a set region, start date and wage etc).

If you would like any advice on further education pathways please speak to your tutor or Ms North and we can arrange a meeting with our Careers advisor, Mr Williams.

For more information on apprenticeships visit [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) or follow [@Apprenticeships](https://twitter.com/Apprenticeships) on Twitter.



Becket Keys Alumni Ella Gibson



Hi, my name is Ella, and attended Becket Keys from 2014-2021 where I completed both my GCSEs and A-Levels, studying Theatre Studies, Geography and Economics at A-Level.

I have recently graduated from the University of Leeds in BA Environment and Business and cannot wait to start my new role at BAFTA as a Sustainability Production Assistant.

I'm absolutely thrilled to be working for such an established company which combines my love for environmental sustainability and the arts industry. The role will involve helping to regulate the TV and Film industry meet the sustainability standards set by BAFTA, encouraging innovation and education to help achieve an eco-friendly industry.

My studies at Becket Keys helped foster my interests, and my time as Deputy Head Girl allowed me to grow in confidence. As I step into this new chapter at BAFTA, I carry with me the values and passions of Becket Keys and thank all the staff and community for being a part of my journey.



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



BAFTA



FINAL CHECKS MAKE UP & HAIR ACADEMY

Final Checks Make Up Academy was founded by make-up Artist Danielle Everitt. Danielle has over 14 years of experience within the makeup industry for TV, film and fashion. The company now offer hair and makeup courses in Essex.

The Final Checks Academy alumni are made up of talented hair and make-up artists with impressive portfolios who are all working in the industry. Their student's work has been seen globally all over the world including: London Fashion Week, Little Mix music videos and Strictly Come Dancing.

Open Day Thursday 20th June at 6.00pm
1-5 High Street, Romford, Essex, RM1 1JU - 01708 459644
www.finalchecksacademy.com or www.final-checks.com



Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

VACCINE CATCH-UP CLINICS

For more information or to book an appointment please call **0300 790 0597**

Has your child missed their routine school vaccinations?

We are running catch-up clinics in your area. Find your nearest clinic below:

- **Braintree Clinic, CM7 3HP**
Saturday 15 June, 10.30am – 3pm
Saturday 13 July, 10.30am – 3pm
- **Crouch Vale Medical Centre, CM3 5QP**
Saturday 13 July, 10am – 3pm
- **Dunmow Clinic, CM6 1BH**
Monday 24 June, 3pm – 4.30pm
- **Hermit Youth Centre, CM15 8AG**
Saturday 22 June, 10am – 3pm
- **Leigh Primary Care Centre, SS9 3NG**
Saturday 22 June, 10am – 2pm
Saturday 13 July, 10am – 2pm
- **Rochford drive through, SS4 1RB**
Saturday 8 June, 10am – 2pm
- **Springfield Green, CM1 7HZ**
Saturday 8 June, 10am – 3pm
- **St Peters Hospital, CM9 6EG**
Saturday 22 June, 10am – 3pm
- **Thameside House, RM16 2PX**
Saturday 13 July, 10am – 3pm
- **The Lodge, SS11 7XX**
Saturday 8 June, 10am – 2pm

Do you have questions about these vaccinations?

Visit the NHS website vaccination page:
www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/

HPV** (from Year 8)
DTP & Meningitis ACWY (from Year 9)

**Eligible boys born after 01/09/2006



Each year, for one of our Enrichment Days, we run a Careers Fair for our students.

The focus is on inspiring future choices and decisions. This year, we will be hosting this again on July 11th and we are in need of volunteers from a range of careers. We would like professionals to talk to our students about their career; the pathway into the job, the opportunities, skills and experiences that are involved.

If you are able to support us in any way please do get in touch via careers@becketkeys.org. Ms North will be able to give you some more information including the timings for the day.

We appreciate your time!

Cars Bikes and Coffee

With Auto Jumble inside the Village Hall



Come join your community on the green to talk all things automotive raising funds for All Saint’s Church
Enjoy a friendly atmosphere with delicious cake and drinks available to purchase from the Village Hall (cash only)

Saturday 15th June 2024 10am – 2pm

Situated on the field behind Doddinghurst Village Hall
For further information contact Tracey on 07701029435
Church Lane, Doddinghurst CM15 0NJ



Homework Club is available for all students.

Every afternoon after school students can stay for a supervised session until 4.20pm and complete their homework in C11.

Using Homework Club is just one way we provide for students who do not want to leave site at 3.10pm.

There are a large number of extracurricular clubs that your son/daughter can attend at Becket Keys. Full details are available on the school website here:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/extra-curricular>

Avoid the traffic! Stay here for a while!



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Book of the Month - June



Queen of crime Holly Jackson returns with a blisteringly good standalone thriller!

When she was a toddler, Bel’s mother disappeared without a trace and young Bel was the only witness.

Rachel is gone, presumed dead. The case is dragged up from the past when the Price family agree to a true crime documentary. Bel can’t wait for filming to end, for life to go back to normal.

But then, 16 years later, Rachel Price reappears. Bel suspects the truth is more complicated than it first appears and takes it upon herself to investigate. Life will never be normal again ...

Jackson is brilliant on the quiet menace of domestic drama and family secrets, ramping up the tension with expert plotting.

Sports News

With the newly created Brentwood district being formed after the split from Mid-Essex it provided a whole new challenge for our athletes. Becket Keys was represented by 5 of our athletes selected to represent and wear the new Brentwood vest.

The first athlete we had competing was Mathew Delea in the 800m. Matty ran a personal best and met national standard with a 2:03 time securing a silver medal.



Our second athlete was Year 8 power thrower Tiana Abrahams who competed against girls who were a year older. She managed to throw a respectable 18m falling just shy of the podium but next year she'll have eyes on medals.

Thirdly was the banker, Max Sanderson who is 5th fastest in the United Kingdom for his age. Max ran the 3000m and won comfortably and was only lightly pushed by his Brentwood Beagles teammate.



Romilie Deal showed courage in the hurdles, like Tiana, she was competing up a year group against Year 11 girls. This year was tough but next year we hope Rom can also be standing on the podium!

Finally, Evie Warn represented in the 1500 steeple chase. After spending the previous 6-8 weeks in a boot with an ankle injury it was touch and go whether she would be able to compete. Thankfully, she felt fit enough to run and she certainly made sure to keep the day exciting as she took the second water jump hesitantly and rolled her bad ankle! The wincing looks on her face as each steeple caused great discomfort showed just how much of a warrior our little Evie is! She managed to fight off third in a sprint finish to hold on to second place!

I personally couldn't be happier for our athletes and even those who we selected to trial for the day. This event is simply for the best of the best in Essex and for 3 athletes to reach the podium and 2 competing up a year it shows what talented performers we have!

This Essex Championship medal was not enough for Max Sanderson who had another 3000m the very next day in Windsor at the Thames Valley athletics centre! Speaking with Max after this event, he has his heart set on representing Becket Keys at future meets to showcase where his hunger and desire all started.

Job Opportunity

At Becket Keys Church of England School

Working for the Sawyers Hall Community Sports Trust



GROUNDSCKEEPER required by the Sports Trust who operate and maintain the AstroTurf sports pitch facility at Becket Keys Church of England School, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex.

To maintain the high standards shared by the School and the Sports Trust there is a requirement for a grounds person to carry out weekly maintenance on the AstroTurf pitch and surrounding area.

The AstroTurf is going to be re-laid this summer so future regular maintenance is essential.

These duties will include: -

- 1) Weekly brushing using the onsite machinery
- 2) Site maintenance and upkeep, including weed clearing and removing debris
- 3) Site safety checks
- 4) Minor repairs and upkeep of facilities when required
- 5) Liaising with a Sports Trust contact and the School Site team to ensure the smooth running of the facility



Ideally this work will be carried out before school hours as this avoids school activities and the pitch hire period later in the day. Other times could be available. This paid role would suit a self-motivated and practical person who can identify issues and resolve them and who wishes to earn some additional income working for a few hours per week.

The person appointed will need to be in possession of a basic DBS certificate.

Interested applicants should email mikespinks@hotmail.com indicating their suitability for the post. Please indicate the number of hours per week you would be available to undertake this role. Please include a mobile contact number if you have specific questions, you would like answered or if you would like more information.



Under 17 Girls' Cricket - County Cup Final

The U17 girls cricket team is a real mixed bag. Our experienced senior heads in the group were able to be relied on and the inexperienced players who are new to cricket were able to listen and take on board their support.

This tournament set up was triangular match play, we were playing first and second. Game 1 was against Grays and game 2 St Martin's. We opened the batting with Elizabeth Thompson and Katie Todd who began peppering the boundaries! Captain Erin Delea soon came in and in similar fashion started racking up the runs. Bella Sanderson came in at the fall of Elizabeth and the Erin/Bella partnership saw out the batting to accumulate a healthy 93 runs! Grays were unable to chase this down and we won game 1 by a convincing 33 runs.

Game 2 we started off exactly the same, however, Katie was able to remain in for longer and the Elizabeth/Katie partnership flourished. Between them they partnered a 50 and then 75! Katie then fell and Erin came in. Maddie was over the moon as she came in to see out the St Martin's deliveries and she and Elizabeth, the opener, walked back with a staggering 105. St Martin's were unable to chase this incredible score and by scoring just 75 we won by another 30 runs crowing us champions! Every single girl had a job to do, and they did it superbly. From Elizabeth picking up over 100 runs to Lulu who fielded the ball back in.

The girls were elated to be part of the success and we hope that this ignites the cricket fire, and they get themselves to a club outside of school to continue to build on what has been learnt in lesson.

Cricket The County Cup

Becket Keys batted first and the openers of Stan and Ethan built up a fine partnership scoring 55 before they got out. The rest of the squad chipped away scoring boundaries and quick singles. We managed to set an incredibly good 119 for the Hatfield Peverel boys to chase. They managed to chase this down in the 19th over!

There is not much to say, the defeat was tough, and every single player did their job. For there to be just 1 over between us and a top 8 side in the country speaks volumes about the team we have here...

The togetherness and spirit Issy and the boys displayed was exactly what it means to be a Becket Keys student. We acknowledged the away side and then looked inwards at how we can get better!

Next year we will enter the nationals because on another day we would have won this game.





Girls' Football

Some of our Year 7 girls play football for SWFU Mavericks outside of school and their team won the ESF tournament regional finals at Bognor Regis!

They came out as champions against 21 teams in their age group. As winners they now go on to play other regional finalists from across the UK at England's training ground, St George's Park in Staffordshire, hoping to be crowned national champions.

It is really great to have three Year 7 girls from Becket Keys attending such a big event playing for the same team.

Well done girls!

District Sports Wednesday 19th June 2024

Please can parents check Satchel One regarding the District Sports Event next Wednesday? There will be no further changes to the team.

Thank you.

PE Department



Please make sure that all your uniform items including coats and PE kit are named. We have over 1,000 students at Becket Keys all wearing the same items and so it is really important that you name every item.

If there is a name on any item, we are able to return it to the student, if not it heads to lost property and is passed on to Friends of Becket Keys for their pre-loved uniform sale or recycled.

PE Extracurricular Timetable 23/24

Day	Before School 7:30-8:20	2 nd Lunch 12:40-1:20	After-School 3:10-4:30
Monday	STAFF BRIEFING	TUP Badminton	Year 8 Boys Cricket Year 9 & 10 Boys Cricket Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders
Tuesday	Squad Cricket	Squad Athletics	All Years Girls Cricket
Wednesday	STAFF MEETING	GCSE PE intervention drop in	All Years Athletics
Thursday	Indoor Cricket	Squad Athletics	Year 7 Boys Cricket
Friday	STAFF BRIEFING	-	



- Keys:
- Astro
 - Sports hall
 - Main Hall
 - Field
 - Netball Courts



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET DAY

NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

MONDAY 17TH JUNE 2024

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YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024

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YEAR 13 PROM

THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2024

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YEAR 11 PROM

MONDAY 1ST JULY 2024

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GOVERNORS' SPEECH & AWARDS

EVENING

THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2024

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WORLD CHALLENGE TRIP TO BORNEO

THURSDAY 4TH JULY – FRIDAY 18TH JULY
2024

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ENRICHMENT DAY

(STUDENTS ARE OFF TIMETABLE)

THURSDAY 11TH JULY

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YEAR 7 MANOR ADVENTURE

RESIDENTIAL

FRIDAY 12TH – SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024

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