

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of Term 5! And what a busy term it has been. As you will see from the items in this newsletter, the Duke of Edinburgh participants had a very successful practice expedition last weekend - well done to everyone for completing this.

The Library continues to be busy both with students dropping in to read and competitions aplenty! I have been delighted to hear students discussing books with Mrs Morris - she often has a queue waiting to speak to her. As a result, the school is buzzing with all things reading and we have a group of students who have been appointed as student librarians to help Mrs Morris keep everything ship shape in the Library. Well done to Mrs Morris for all she is doing and to all those students who are joining in with gusto!

Rehearsals for Aladdin are in full swing and we are all very excited about seeing the production next term. Thank you to Mrs Hopton and Mrs Pulford for their hard work on this and thank you to all those who are helping to make it happen. You will see in this newsletter and on our facebook page that the cast are starting to be introduced. Good luck to all involved.

Year 11 are now well into the exam season and are working very hard - invigilators have commented on how well students have conducted themselves. There are revision sessions running over half term; please do ensure your child attends as many as possible.

Hopefully, the Bank Holiday weekend will buck the usual trend and bring us some pleasant weather.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday and half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school by 8.40 on Monday 3rd June. It will be WEEK B when we return to school.

Mrs Bevan



24.05.24

Coming soon:

Year 6 Transition  
Day and Evening  
3rd July

Year 11 Leavers'  
Assembly and  
Prom 4th July

Sports' Day 5th  
July

PTA Car Boot  
Sale 7th July

School  
Production of  
Aladdin 10th &  
11th July

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## Celebration Assemblies

It was a pleasure to recognise so many Year 7 and 8 students on Tuesday in our termly Celebration Assembly. We are incredibly proud of the effort that all students have put in this term and we look forward to rewarding even more for our final term.

- ✓ TRACK nominations from tutors
- ✓ Tutor certificates
- ✓ Open evening helper certificates
- ✓ Subject awards
- ✓ Students with 0 Behaviour logs for the term
- ✓ Students with 100% attendance
- ✓ TRACK stars - showing how many stars students have
- ✓ Tutor group/House for both attendance and TRACK stars

Mrs Easterbrook

		<b>Quantock</b>		<b>Exmoor</b>	
<h3>Track Star Ranks</h3>		7CHU	2718	7JMA	3494
		8CSH	2068	9VSM	2257
		9LLO	1803	<b>Tot Avg</b>	<b>112.76</b>
		<b>Tot Avg</b>	<b>85.57</b>		
1st	Mendip	<b>Blackdown</b>		<b>Mendip</b>	
2nd	Exmoor	7KGR	2699	7SGR	3999
3rd	Quantock	8CPE	1986	8JWA	2702
4th	Blackdown	9PJO	2002	9GLE	2427
		<b>Tot Avg</b>	<b>84.64</b>	<b>Tot Avg</b>	<b>115.54</b>
		<b>Quantock</b>		<b>Exmoor</b>	
<h3>House Att Ranks</h3>		7 CHU	1st Yr 7	7JMA	4th Yr 7
		8CSH	2nd Yr 8	9VSM	4th Yr 9
		9LLO	3rd Yr 9		
				<b>Blackdown</b>	
1st	Blackdown	7KGR	3rd Yr 7	7SGR	2nd Yr 7
2nd	Exmoor	8CPE	Top Yr 8	8JWA	3rd Yr 8
3rd	Quantock	9PJO	Top Yr 9	9GLE	2nd Yr 9
4th	Mendip				



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## Year 11 Revision Half Term

Well done Year 11, the last couple of weeks have been full of exams, but there's not long left to go! Keep up the good work and stamina! To help, we have some revision sessions running over half term...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	27/5/2024	28/5/2024	29/5/2024	30/5/2024	31/5/2024
AM Session (10:00 - 12:00)	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	History - Elizabeth	Geography Revision - papers 2 and 3	English Paper 2	Maths Revision (Higher and Foundation)
PM Session (12:30 - 14:30)		History - Cold War	Science Revision (Higher and Foundation)	iMedia Revision or Business Studies	

## Milkshake with the Head - Year 10

Mrs Bevan and Mrs Easterbrook were pleased to reward the following students with a Milkshake and treat at breaktime today. They have been embodying our TRACK values and were nominated by teachers for this reward. Each week a different Year Group will get nominated.

**Names: Eddie C, Olly J, Emily K, Lila L, Christianne M, Poppy M, Ella O'G, Kiera P, Ronan T, Tilo W**

Well done to all!



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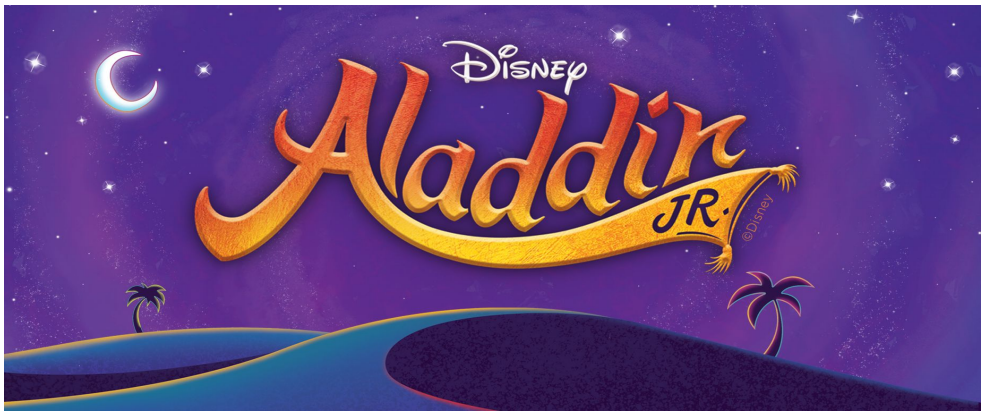
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## **Rehearsal update**

Huge thank you to Miss Jones who worked this week on creating the choreography for one of the big dance numbers this week in rehearsals which introduces Aladdin (played by Tilo Y10) and his friends 'Babakak, Omar and Kassim' (played by Lilu Y8, Kele Y10 and Ellie Y10) to the audience. This is a playful song which highlights the lives and friendships of these characters which you will see Aladdin will need later on in the production.



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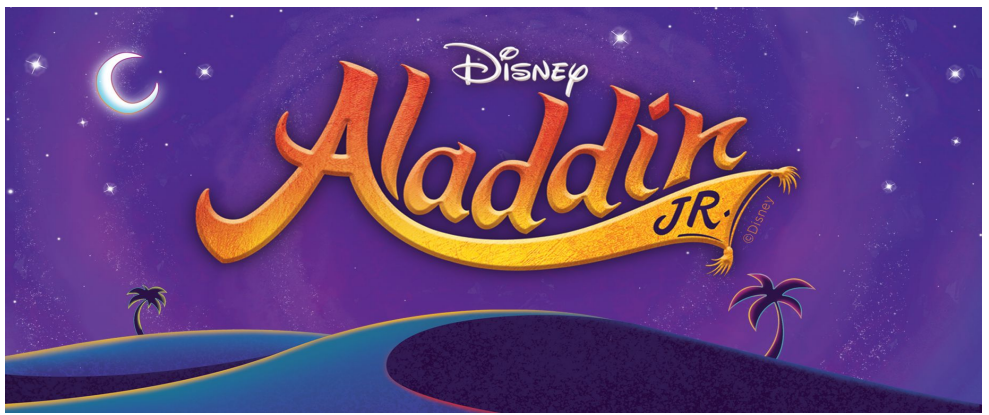
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## Rehearsals after half term

Wednesday 5th June 3:15-5:00pm in the Dance Studio- whole cast

Thursday 6th June 3:15-5:00pm in the Music room- Jasmine, Isir, Manal and Rajah

Over the coming weeks we are going to be introducing the cast of Aladdin, and first up we have our Assistant Director Rosalyn...

## *Introducing the cast of Aladdin...*

### *Rosalyn - Assistant Director and Isir*



Hello, I'm Rosalyn, one of the performance's directors and actor of Jasmine's friend Isir. I am a Drama GCSE student and I also have experience of acting outside of school, in my local production, the Ashcott village pantomime. I love being a part of Aladdin jr, especially as I'm with all my friends. :)



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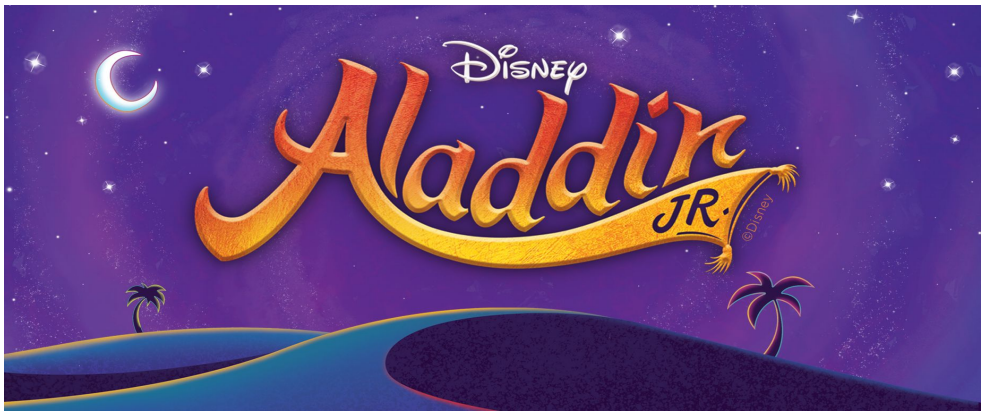
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**Some requests...**

### **Aladdin Costumes**

Are you a budding Costume Designer? Do you have any excess or old material that you don't use anymore?

We are looking for shiny, sparkly and bright materials that you no longer have use for to help us create costumes for our production. Any type of good material is welcome.

Please see Mrs Pulford or Mrs Hopton

### **Raffle prizes**

On the performance nights of Aladdin on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July we will also be holding a raffle to help us raise money for next year's production.

If you have any donations for raffle prizes, please hand them to Mrs Hopton or Mrs Pulford. Chocolates, beauty gift sets, unwanted gifts, etc.

Thank you!



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## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition

Last weekend 30 Year 9 students embarked on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) practice expedition, traversing the picturesque Quantock countryside.

The students demonstrated their resilience, teamwork and a spirit of adventure!

The expedition was not just a physical journey but a voyage of personal growth and discovery. Students returned with tales of triumph, camaraderie and the wrong routes taken!

We are so proud of the Year 9 students for their enthusiasm and resilience. This practice expedition has undoubtedly equipped them with valuable life skills and memories that will last a lifetime. As they look forward to the qualifying expedition, we celebrate their initial success and anticipate the accomplishments yet to come! Well done Year 9!

We would also like to give our thanks to Mrs Gerrard and Mrs Gregory for their support during the weekend.

From  
Mrs Manning and Mrs Potter



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## Summer Festival Ready

The ARC students have created this beautiful bunting as part of their Art in the Garden project. I think we can all agree that they've done a fantastic job, it looks incredible!



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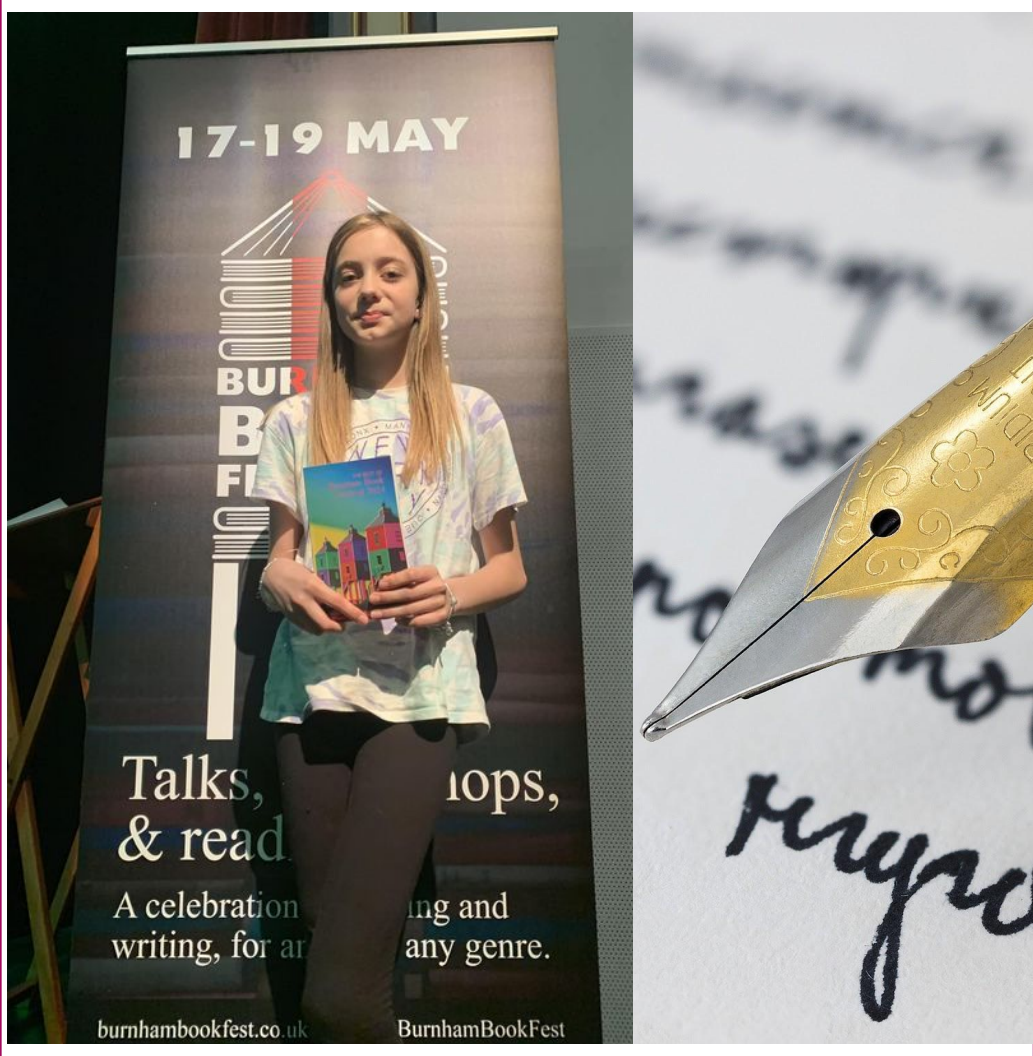
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## Published Poet!

Congratulations to our Highly Commended Poet! Fern in Year 7 attended the Burnham Book Festival writing awards over the weekend and was Highly Commended in her category!

Her poem, about a snake, has been published in an anthology of winners and shortlisted entries. This will be on display in the library this week for others to read and enjoy.

Well done Fern! We are so proud of you.



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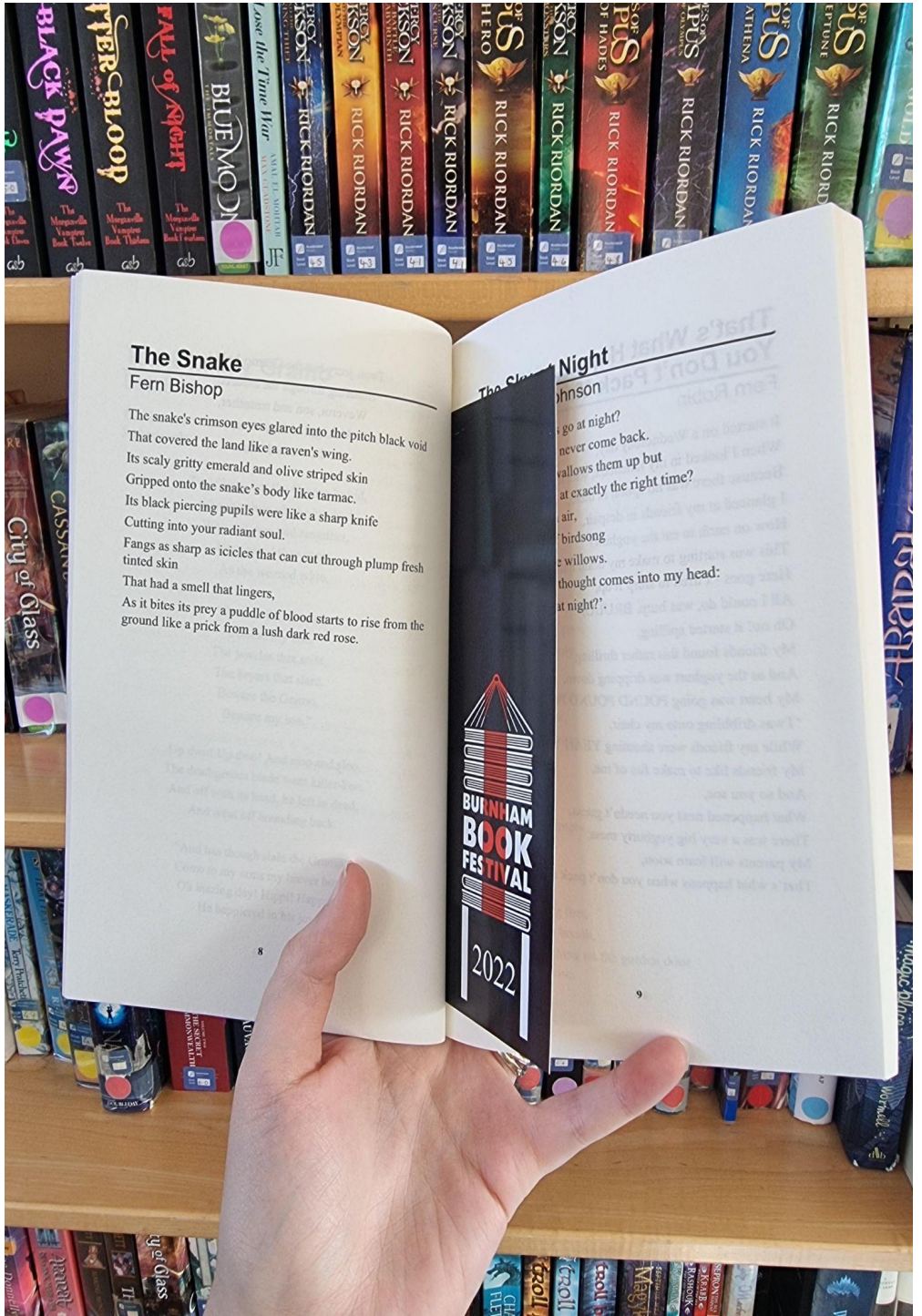


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# Fern's amazing poem, *The Snake*, published in the 2024 Burnham Book Festival's book!



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## Book Review Competition Winners

This half term, Mrs Morris created a book review competition and boy, oh boy did the students get involved!

There were so many entries, it was incredibly hard to choose the winners and competition for the most book reviews completed was fierce! We had **91** book reviews submitted, and they were all brilliant. We're so impressed with how much our students read, keep it up!

Be warned...next half term's competition will be much harder! While this competition round allowed you to complete reviews on books you've read from the previous term, next half term will *only* allow book reviews on books you have read *during* this coming half term! So, get reading!

The joint winners of the **MOST** book reviews were: **Violet H** (Yr 9), **Oren M** (Yr 8) and **Ivy C** (Yr 7) all with twenty book reviews each!

The winners of the **BEST** book review were: **Ena C-S** (Yr 8) and **Violet H** (Yr 9)!

Our 'Most' winners



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## Winning Book Review

### The Drowned Woods

By Emily Lloyd-Jones

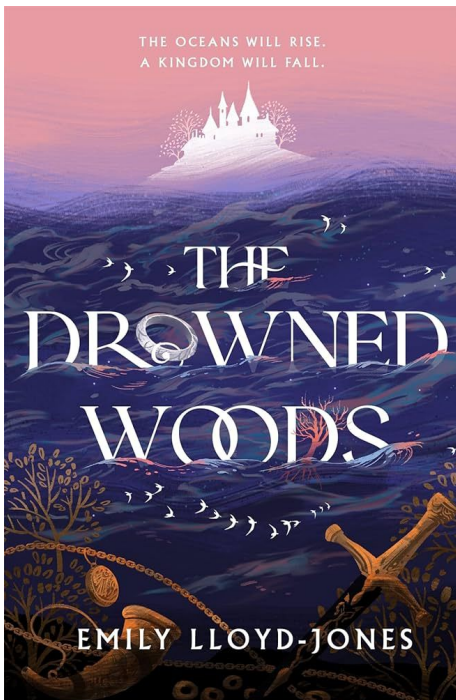
Book review by Ena C-S, Year 8.

**5 STARS**

**Plot:** A young woman called Mer goes on a journey to stop a selfish prince from destroying innocent lives. The book is full of Welsh folklore and a dark twist or two...

**Why did you like this book?** I loved the book as it mixes beautiful Welsh folklore with a dark, murderous backstory. Hints of romance and magic finish off the book with style.

**What would you change about the book?** This book, for me, is flawless, so does not need anything changed about it!



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## Winning Book Review

### If He Had Been With Me

By Laura Nowlin

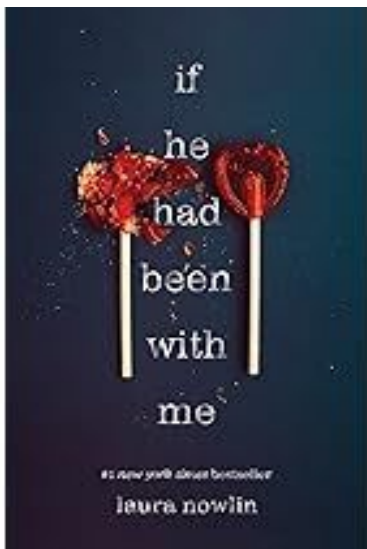
Book review by Violet H, Year 9.

#### 4.5 STARS

**Plot:** Autumn and Finn were inseparable from birth, yet as the years went by, they were pulled apart even though they live next door to each other. While both in their own relationships, they realise they miss each other's company. Will they continue to drift further apart, or will their worlds collide?

**Why did you like this book?** I loved this book because the writing was almost hypnotic and I finished it in two days. The plot kept me thinking and I adored the characters. The book makes me think about how you need to seize every moment.

**What would you change about the book?** I would change the plot twists and make them even more shocking!



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Here are some of the other best reviews we had!

## Twin Crowns

By Catherine Doyle and Katherine Webber

Book review by Maggie H, Year 8.

### 5 STARS

**Plot:** It is an amazing, imaginative story about a witch called Wren who goes to a kingdom with her best friend Shen. When she escapes up the castle she feels a strong connection to the princess (Rose) that is asleep in her bed. The story escalates from here and is amazing! If you like magic (not stereotypical) and a different genre, this book is for you.

**Why did you like this book?** I loved it because it is so compelling, with a beautiful storyline, and lots of mysteries and twists.

**What would you change about the book?** Nothing! All I would change is *more* books, or make this one longer!



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Here are some of the best reviews we had!

## Skulduggery Pleasant

By Derek Landy

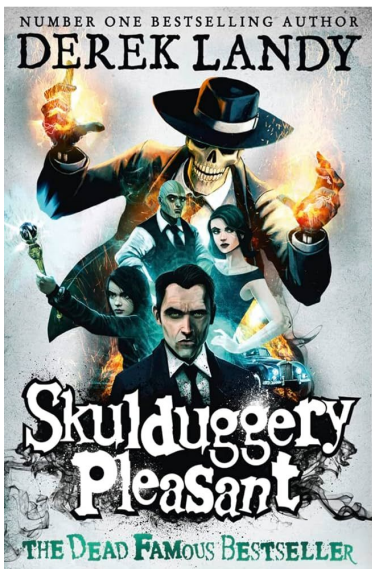
Book review by Oren M, Year 8.

### 4.5 STARS

**Plot:** A girl called Stephanie inherits her late Uncle's house and royalties to his horror books. But when she is attacked by someone looking for 'The Sceptre', a mysterious person saves her, whose name is Skulduggery Pleasant. He then reveals himself to be a skeleton, of which he does not know how. Stephanie is then pulled into a magical world, hiding in plain sight, that is extremely careful to not be exposed by advanced technology like video recording.

**Why did you like this book?** I liked the book because it was very comedic and suspenseful in places.

**What would you change about the book?** I would not change any specific thing about the book as there are no real bad parts to it.



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Here are some of the best reviews we had!

## Two Can Keep A Secret

By Karen M. McManus

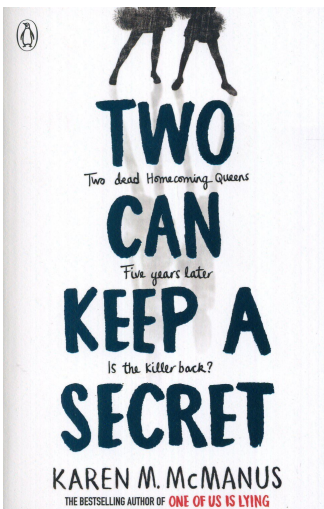
Book review by Ania P, Year 9.

**4 STARS**

**Plot:** Two twins move to a secret, small town called Echo Park in Vermont. Their mother went into rehab and forced them to move in with their grandmother who they barely knew. This town, though it may seem quaint and friendly, has a history of girls going missing. This book has a big twist towards the end and is so exciting!

**Why did you like this book?** I really liked this book, because I enjoy reading teen murder mystery and it has a massive twist towards the end! It is fun, enjoyable and has a great ending. It is very much worth the read. I would definitely recommend it!

**What would you change about the book?** The beginning was a bit confusing but started with a murder scene which was exciting, so I would make the introduction easier to digest.



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## Roll up, roll up!

The PTA Car Boot Sale is on Sunday 7th July.

Get in touch if you'd like to hire a table. What better way to kick off the summer than with a clear out to make some money!



# CAR BOOT SALE @ ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL

**SUNDAY 7TH JULY 9AM - 1PM**  
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**TABLE HIRE**  
**CASH ONLY £12 INC £10 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT**

## Parking on Wells Road

We have again had complaints from residents about parents parking inappropriately on Wells Road at the start and/or end of the day. This includes parking in residents' only spaces, parking dangerously, parking on no parking lines and so on. The residents are likely to inform the police about these violations - please only stop on the road for a few moments to drop off or pick up. Thank you.



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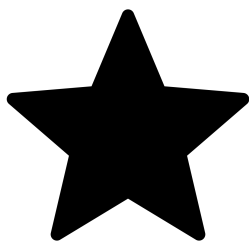


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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**100%**  
Attendance

**95%+**  
Attendance

**92-93%**  
Attendance

Below  
**90%**  
Attendance

**96%**  
Attendance

Absences  
**add up**

Be in to win - 100% attendance will be rewarded with TRACK Stars and chance to win Amazon vouchers

82% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

77% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

53% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

43% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

This is the target equalling at most 8 days off per year

Missing 2 days per month means you miss 10% of school

