



Thursday 18 June 2026



Dear Parent/Guardian
Summer Book Club

We are delighted to inform you that our new Year 7 pupils will be taking part in a Summer Book Club initiative organised by the charity Book Clubs in Schools bookclubsinschools.org

Reading for pleasure plays a vital role in supporting pupils' success at secondary school. It not only enhances progress across all subjects but also contributes positively to wellbeing and personal development. To help pupils make a successful transition into secondary education all new Year 7 students will be invited to read *Secrets of the Snakestone* by Piu DasGupta.

Each pupil will receive a copy of the book during their transition day on 24th June, along with a Questions and Activities Pack to accompany their reading. We would be grateful for your support in encouraging your child to read the book over the summer and engage with the accompanying activities. We also encourage you to discuss the story with your child and where possible share the reading experience with them. The activities have been designed to be enjoyable and varied, incorporating writing, drawing and outdoor tasks. While there is no expectation that every activity is completed we would encourage pupils to complete at least one activity that they can share with others.

In September pupils will have the opportunity to discuss the book and share their completed activities. House points will be awarded for creative contributions, and pupils will also be able to participate in an online question-and-answer session with the author during the second week of term. We believe this initiative provides an excellent opportunity for pupils to begin engaging with Secondary English in a positive and enjoyable way while participating in a shared experience with their year group.



To help cover the cost of the book, we would greatly appreciate a voluntary contribution of £4. Payments can be made via ParentPay from 24th June onwards, and we kindly ask that contributions are made at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



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