



# Kings Langley School News

Issue 13

## A note from the Headteacher

Happy New Year all. The first weeks back after Christmas are usually fairly quiet and this year is no exception. The one main event happening has been the year 11 trial exams, which will continue over the next few weeks. A huge well done to our year 11 cohort in their preparation for this most recent round of mock examinations and also for their impeccable conduct during the exams' process meeting our and the exam board expectations throughout.

As we start 2025, I wanted to share a few reminders:

### School Site Health and Safety

As I am sure you will appreciate managing a site with intense short periods of high-volume activity relating to pedestrians and vehicles needs to be managed carefully for safety reasons. We ask that you observe the school's requests and assist us in managing the safety of your children when they arrive and leave school each day.

- It would be extremely helpful if you could drop your child further away from the school and encourage them to walk the last part of the journey, this helps to lessen the environmental impact during the very busy period around the local area at drop off and collection times. It also lessens the impact on the school site enabling students to

## School Events

### Thursday 23rd January

Y9 Subject Consultation  
Evening online 4pm-7pm.

### Friday 24th January

Y13 Report Home - 6pm

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arrive on time who are unable to walk a distance or who travel to school by bus.

- Parents are welcome to use the **parent drop off area** only at the beginning and end of the day. When collecting at the end of the day if you arrive early, please switch off your engine to help reduce the air pollution within the locality.
- **Please do not double park in the drop off area** only use the side pull in areas as the road areas need to be kept clear of vehicles, as taxis need access to the disabled spaces at the front of the building as well as emergency service vehicles.
- Please observe the 10mph speed limit whilst on site.
- Please **do not use the bus turning area** as it delays the buses being able to quickly set down their passengers, as well as causing a safety hazard for pedestrians if they are moving between vehicles in this area.

Please also note that unless you are dropping off a student with a disability or they are temporarily using crutches, please do not drive up to the front of the school. If you are a parent with a disability and you are visiting the school you can park in this area displaying your blue badge. **It is also not appropriate for students to be dropped off at the back of the building in the staff car parking area.**

Thank you in advance for your support in observing our site management health and safety practices.

### **Collecting Students During the School Day**

If you need to collect your child from school during the day to attend for example a medical, orthodontist appointment etc. please can you provide your child with a note to state what the reason is for leaving school and the time they need to leave, so they can excuse themselves from the lesson they are in by showing the relevant teacher the note. Please can we remind parents that we require you to come into school to sign your child out, children will not be permitted to leave the building without a parent with them.

### **No Idling**

I would like to remind our community about “Idling when waiting in your car”, we would like to ask for your support in helping to improve air quality when waiting on the school site or on the roads in the vicinity of the school, please can we ask vehicle owners to turn their engines off whilst they wait. If you are going to be waiting in your car for more than 30 seconds, please remember to turn your car’s engine off. You will not only improve our air, you will also save money in fuel and vehicle wear and tear costs!

### **Why should you support ‘No Idling’?**

Idling harms our health: vehicle exhaust fumes are damaging to everyone’s health, but it especially affects children, who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. By turning off your engine, you can improve the quality of air students, parents, staff and the wider community breathe.

Idling pollutes the air we breathe: an idling engine produces unnecessary pollution and can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. By not idling, you reduce the level of harmful emissions being released into the atmosphere. Keep money in your wallet and save fuel: despite the popular story that idling your car uses less fuel than turning it off and restarting – idling actually costs you money. It is more fuel efficient to turn off your engine if you are going to be sitting more than 30 seconds and this will also reduce the wear and tear on your engine.

You can help reduce air pollution around the school by doing the following:

- Drop your child further away from the school and encourage them to walk the last part of the journey, which helps to lessen the environmental impact, during the very busy period around the local area at drop off and collection times.
- Turn off your engine when dropping off or picking up from school.
- Encourage your children to take up cycling and walk where they can or think about choosing public transport over using a car.
- Share car journeys where possible.

Together, we can make a real difference and improve the quality of air we all breathe.

## Upcoming Event Date Reminders

23/01/2025 - Virtual Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm

28/01/2025 - Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience Parent Event 6pm

30/01/2025 – Year 11 Blood Brothers Theatre Trip

05/02/2025 – KS3 Parent Event Independent Learning Programme 5.30pm-6.30pm and 6.45pm – 7.45pm

15/02/2025 – 18/02/2025 – Key Stage 4 and 5 Geography Tour to Sicily

## Spring Term 2025

Spring Half Term

Monday 17th February to Friday  
21st February 2025

Term Ends

Friday 4th April 2025 at 12.55pm

Easter Break

Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025



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## Summer Term 2025

Term Starts	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Summer Half Term	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025
Term Ends	Wednesday 23rd July 2025 at 12.50pm

## Culinera

Happy New Year to all of our school community!

Please find below the link to the latest newsletter from Culinera our catering company telling you all about the events that are coming up and the menus on offer.

<https://www.myculinera.co.uk/klss>

Culinera value your child's feedback and they would be grateful if you could complete the survey via this link with them <https://forms.office.com/e/zrEaL59fb0?origin=lprLink>

Kind regards

The Culinera Catering Team



# Headteacher Commendations

Mr Fisher congratulated all the students who performed in the school's fabulous Christmas concert, it was such a superb event and thoroughly enjoyed by parents, students and staff.



Y7



Y8

Ruby 10A, George 10A, Lucas 10C, Daniel 10C, Taylor 10D, Daniela 10J, Dillon 10P, Harry 10P, Arthur 11A, Bethany 11A, Gus 11C, Tom 11C, Zaria 11C, Scarlett 11D, Gerard 11D, Alex 11J, Mia 11J, Alessandra 11P, Jai 12BRY, Jay 12BRY, Emily 12LIY, Amrit 12LIY, Mia 12LIY, Megan 13DLK, Grace 7A, James 7C, Ella 7C, Hesanya 7C, Farrah 7C, Ellen 7C, Alana 7D, Toby 7D, Anneka 7D, Jem 7G, Poppy 7G, Anaya 7G, Beth 7J, Ruby 7J, Luke 7P, Layla 7P, Malika 7P, Nefeli 7P, Eleanor 7P, Megan 8A, Niamh 8A, Sofija 8A, Imogen 8A, Polly 8A, Elise 8C, Nyla 8G, Amelia 8G, Phoebe 9A, Clara 9C, Emily 9G, Harvey 9J, Rebecca 9J, Max 9J, George 9J, Joseph 9J, Roma 9J, Eleanor 9J, and Amelia 9P.



# Headteacher Commendations

Y9



Y10



Y11



Sixth form



# Headteacher Commendations

## Year 7 Headteacher's Breakfast - Wednesday 18th December

The following students in recognition of their achievements were rewarded with a Headteacher's breakfast with Mr Bilton Head of Year.

1. Benji (7A): Won the KLS poetry competition for Remembrance Day.
2. Nat (7C): nominated by tutor for being an excellent role model.
3. Tabatha (7C): nominated by tutor for being an excellent role model.
4. Lillyenna (7D): recently danced with a professional company and was Student of Week for Year 7 in our last newsletter
5. Isabelle (7D): nominated by form tutor for excellent ATL.
6. Ben (7D): nominated by form tutor for excellent ATL.
7. Anaya (7G): auditioned for new Harry Potter series.
8. Neya (7G): 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Oxford Open Ice-Skating competition and also auditioned for new Harry Potter series.
9. Katie (7J): took part in the Lord Mayor's Show in London.
10. Vlada (7J): amazing gymnast and sports person (an in year admission from Ukraine).
11. Chloe (7J): nominated by tutor for being excellent an role model.
12. Layla (7P): set up a Dance Club at KLS and leading this.



# 100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 100% attendance last term.

## Year 7

7A	Jake	Jess	Thomas	Benji	
7C	Hesanya	Ieuan	Amiram	Daniel	Freya
	Ella				
7D	Isma'il	Loic	Lillyenna	Alana	Callum
	Austin	Luca	Will	Anneka	Luke
	Luke	Henry			
7G	Cody	Mariia			
7J	Chloe	Noah	Holly	Ciaran	
	Freya	James	Elliot		
7P	Max	Alexandra	Nefeli	Layla	
	Miguel	Lois	Ellis	Toby	

## Year 8

8A	Sania	Niamh	Violet		
8C	Buddy	Raiyah	Barney	Verity	Clarke
8D	Myiah	Serena	Mollie	Dylan	Saffy
8G	Joshua	Alice	Max		
8J	Georgia	Elle	Evie	Abbie	Lucy
8P	George	James	Gianluca	Jonny	Beau





## Year 9

9A	Jake	Luke					★	★
9C	Lesley	Natila	Isaac	Diva	Daisy			★
9G	Ava	Ryan	Taylor	Sam	Summer			
	Sanvi							
9J	Matthew	Jasmine	George	Joseph				
9P	Nathan	Chloe						★
9T	Freya					★	★	

## Year 10

10A	Jack						★	★
10C	Daisy	Lucas		Annabelle				
10D	Sophie	Milo		Bobby	Tara			
	Freddie							
10G	Jake	Jack		Otto				
10J	Evie	Benji		Joshua				
10P	Jack	George		Bethany	Shaf	Adam		
	Max							

## Year 11

11A	Tymofii	Riley		Bethany			★	★
11C	Liam	Kian					★	★
11D	Grace	Bethany		Yasmine	Oliver			
	Daniel	Millie		Harriet	Henry			
11G	Zente	Amelie		Thomas	Rosie			
	Aidan							
11J	James	Ellie		Mia	Finlay			
	William							
11P	Deen	Archie						





# Recognition

*Being noticed for doing something positive or achieving something*

## Students of the Week w/c 13th January

<b>Drama</b>	Lyra 9T
For being brave and experimenting with character in her devising lesson. Excellent work!	
<b>English</b>	Sousan 11D
For making a fantastic start to the spring term through hard work and independent learning. Well done!	
<b>Geography</b>	Max 8G
Excellent response to assessment feedback and great contributions to lesson.	
<b>Politics</b>	Dominic 13ARN
A fantastic EPQ presentation, planned and rehearsed with precision and passion.	
<b>Graphics</b>	Olivia 10A
Great start to the new year.	
<b>History</b>	Isha 8D
Being really thorough and detailed with her written work and completing the challenge task with her homework.	
<b>Library</b>	Aishani 8G
Aishani has seamlessly made a home for herself in the library, becoming a helpful member of the leadership team and supporting other students.	
<b>Mathematics</b>	Florence 7C
Fantastic work on Algebra this term. Completing questions of GCSE standard already... Well done!	
<b>Modern Foreign Languages</b>	Lucy 9C
She is an incredibly conscientious student who is always polite and tries to challenge herself in every lesson.	
<b>Music</b>	Ellen 7C
Showing a real commitment to learning in her music lessons and contributing to extra-curricular music.	
<b>Physical Education</b>	Emily 9A
Doing a great job as captain of her netball team and being recognised by several schools as their player of the match.	

<b>Product Design</b>	Sasha 10C
Great start to the New Year.	
<b>Psychology</b>	Katie 13DLK
For huge efforts in the trial exams.	
<b>Philosophy, Religion, Ethics</b>	Masha 8A
Absolutely smashing her PRE assessment! Well done Masha!	
<b>Science</b>	Tom 9C
For consistently producing high quality work and always showing fantastic curiosity.	
<b>Sociology</b>	Izabela 13MOY
For an excellent set of trial examination results.	
<b>Year 7 Head of Year</b>	Ethan 7D
For demonstrating ongoing resilience and stickability.	
<b>Year 8 Head of Year</b>	Mateo 8G
Great work around self-regulation and pushing to be the best.	

**Well done to all of our students who have achieved 'student of the week'.**

# TOOLED UP<sup>®</sup>

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Happy New Year! At Tooled Up we are thrilled to be beginning 2025 with you, and to share in the excitement and determination of getting energised, setting goals, and helping children succeed.

These Tooled Up resources can help make 2025 a fruitful year!

The [2025 Goal Setting Planner](#) is a fun way to help children set achievable goals. These goals could be anything from new things they would like to try, to saving pocket money for that special something.

For teens preparing for exams in the summer, it's never too early to get organised and the [2025 Exam Planner](#) can help.

Procrastination is something that can affect children and adults alike - we often need to get lots done but somehow never quite do it! Find ideas to stay on-task and productive with these [Simple Strategies to Beat Procrastination](#).

Lots of us think about **health and nutrition** at the start of a new year. It's **important for children to have a healthy attitude towards food and their bodies** and we have several resources to support this. Dietitian Paola Falcoski's expert tips on [Helping Children Develop a Healthy Relationship with Food](#) will show you how to help children feel more involved in their own food choices.

For [older children and teens](#) [Dr Idz on Debunking Health and Fitness Myths](#) is great to share or watch together. We know that many young people's ideas about diet and their bodies come from social media, and this webinar explores the truth behind those narratives.



## KLS Staff in the Nine Goal Thriller!



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December the staff of Kings Langley played their first away match as they took on the staff of Adeyfield Secondary School in Hemel Hempstead.

As a result of having fought back to earn a 3-3 draw in their previous fixture against JFK in October, there was plenty of optimism that the staff team could come away from the fixture with a positive result.

The hosts moved into an early lead with a cultured finish from their very capable number 9. KLS worked their way back into the game and equalised through a stunning volley from Mr Davey. Mid-way through the first half KLS took the lead and began a period of sustained pressure which resulted in a number of gilt-edged chances to extend the lead. With half time approaching, Mr Raine had an effort rebound off the crossbar and from the resulting breakaway Adeyfield manufactured an equaliser making it 2-2 going into the break.

The opening 15 minutes of the second half saw Adeyfield grab the game by the scruff of the neck and score three quick goals to move into what looked like an unassailable 5-2 lead. Their pacey number 9 being too hot to handle at times for the KLS defenders. However, as the game moved into the final 15 minutes, KLS staged an impressive and gutsy fight-back. Two quick goals – the second coming via Mr Davey again, this time from a corner – brought the score to 5-4 to the hosts. With 5 minutes remaining KLS pushed hard for an equaliser with Mr Davey going close with a shot that flew narrowly over the bar. In the dying seconds, Mr Kemp-Robertson seemed to have the goal at his mercy but his connection at the far post from a cross flew narrowly wide.

It was not to be, but the KLS team had played its part in a thrilling encounter which was thoroughly enjoyed by those Adeyfield students who came to watch the match and who provided a friendly atmosphere which was shared amongst the players. The KLS team unanimously proclaimed Mr Davey as Man of the Match for his outstanding performance.



# Yr11 Sixth Form Applications Clinic

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Come and speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team about your application to Kings Langley Sixth Form

**In the main school canteen, 8.10am—8.40am**

**Monday—Friday**

**Need help with applying for  
Kings Langley Sixth Form?**

**Want advice about subject  
combinations?**

**Want to discuss your  
application?**



# Extra Curricular Spring Term 2025



Clubs with charge is for the term. Paid clubs, please sign up for all clubs through Scopay.

Day	Lunch	After School
<b>Monday</b>	Ukulele Club/Music/Ms Warren Envcomm Club Y12-13/Ms Chabrel Break out space Mon-Fri/F104/Mr Trenoweth Drum Club/Mr Edwards £25	Formula 24 Kit Car Y9-13/G201-G202/Mr Housego £40 Debating Society/F108/ Mr Mcguigan Photography on week 1 Y10/F201/Ms Carvalho £10 Studio time GCSE Art /F204/Ms Arnold A Level Politics Revision on week 1/G106/Ms Hardingham Y11 Food catch ups/G205/Ms Scanlan Y13 Psychology/wk1/Mr Scott Y13 History/wk2/G107/Mr Scott
<b>Tuesday</b>	Flute Choir/Music dept Summit Club Y7/F109/Mr Moyo Music GCSE & A Level Theory Group/Ms Warren Homework club Tue-Fri/Mr Ewen Quiet space Y7&8 Tues-Thu/F102/Mr Bilton Chess Club/G108/Mr Roger	Laptop Club/G305/Ms Hughes GCSE & A Level Composition Coursework/F214/Ms Warren
<b>Wednesday</b>	Summit Youth Club Y8-11/F109/Mr Moyo Music ensemble/Ms Warren Science crest award Y7/S103/Ms Bloomfield Dance Club Y7/activity studio/Ms Bowen Craft club/Library/Ms Hill £5	Creative Writing Club/F104/Mr Trenoweth Choir/Music/F214/Ms Warren GCSE History Revision/G106/Ms Hardingham Y11 Technology catch ups/G201-G202/Mr Housego
<b>Thursday</b>	Guitar Group/Music Department £30 Diversity & Equality/G105/Ms Ashraf DofE/S304/Mr Astley Board games & Puzzles/Maths dept/Ms Shannon	History Club Y7-10/G106/Ms Hardingham Computer Science club Y7-9/G305/Mr Ewen £5 Royal Hall Choir/Ms Warren
<b>Friday</b>	MFL Club Y7-9/F302&F303/Mr Burgin Jig-Geog/G102/Ms Chabrel Keyboard Club/Music/Ms Warren Pride club/S107/Ms Hill	Music Tech Club/Ms Warren

## Extra Curricular Spring 2025 PE Department



Day	Lunch	After School
<b>Monday</b>	Casual Badminton/Ms Coughlan GCSE PE Theory support/F202/Mr Annett	Y7-9 Basketball/Mr Choudhury GCSE PE Theory support group 1/F202/Mr Annett GCSE PE Theory support group 2/F203/Mr Annett Y7 Boys Football/Mr Astley Y7-9 Netball/Ms Coughlan
<b>Tuesday</b>	GCSE PE Table tennis/Mr Higgins GSCSE PE Badminton/Mr Higgins GCSE PE Theory support/F202/Mr Annett	GCSE PE Trampolining/Mr Choudhury Y8 Boys football/Mr Raine
<b>Wednesday</b>	Y7-9 Futsal/Mr Benson GCSE PE Theory support/F202/Mr Annett	Y7-8 Girls football/Mr Choudhury Y10-11 Netball/Ms Shannon GCSE PE Volleyball/Mr Higgins
<b>Thursday</b>	All years Basketball/Mr Choudhury GCSE PE Theory support/F202/Mr Annett	Y9 Boys football/Mr Choudhury Y7-9 Rugby/Mr Benson Gymnastics Cub/Mr Raine Y10 Boys Football/Mr Dilks
<b>Friday</b>	Playstation club/F202/Mr Annett	



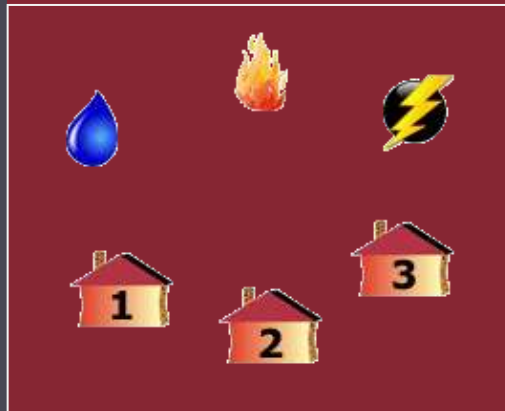


# STEM Challenge

## This week's challenge:

There are three houses, and three utilities: water, gas, and electricity. Your task is to connect each house to all three utilities. Therefore, each house will have three lines, and each utility will also have three lines. However, you cannot cross lines! You cannot pass lines through houses or utilities. You cannot share lines. Can you draw the 9 lines required?

## Answer next week



## Last terms answer



Answer: 6

What is the missing number in the circle?

The number in the centre circle of each line is half the sum of numbers towards its left and right. So, for the last line, the answer will be:  $9 + 3 = 12 \div 2 = 6$ .



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**This week's jackpot winning numbers are:**

**758867**

**Your supporter has donated their winnings of £33.30**



If you haven't signed up yet visit our lottery here - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kings-langley-secondary-school>



# Anxiety Unravelled

Supporting my child with Anxiety

January 29th, February 5th & 12th 2025 at 6.30-7.30PM

## Highlights

- ✓ Three, 1hr sessions
- ✓ Live or on-demand
- ✓ Lifetime access

## A three-session online course for parents

The world around us can generate plenty of uncertainty and affect the way we go about our daily lives.

You may be more worried than usual or perhaps you are in the midst of a growing cycle of worry and concern that you'd like to unravel. **You are not on your own.**



"Learning about the strategies to help us deal with anxiety was particularly useful and I am using these to help manage my own anxiety as well as my son's."

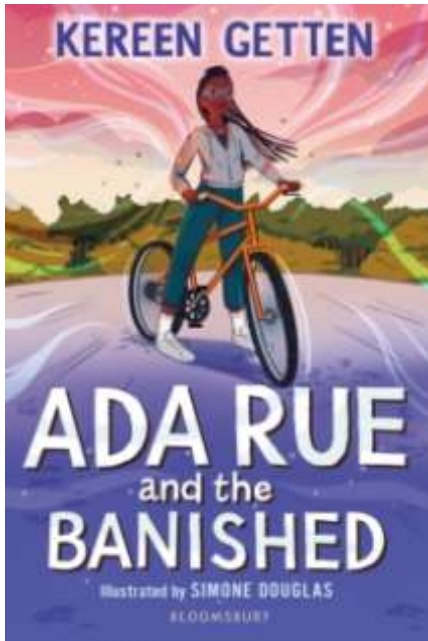
Join us for a series of three 60-minute sessions to explore anxiety. The sessions will provide a space to think about your own responses and provide practical tips and advice that you can use at home to help your children develop their resilience to anxiety.

[Click here to register](#)

[Find out more](#) →

# The Library

# Books of the Month



## Key Stage 3

***Ada Rue and the Banished*** by Kereen Getten

Ada and her parents have moved from the city to a small town for her mum's new job. But when they arrive, it is obvious to Ada that something is not quite right. On her newspaper round, she discovers the banished, magical people who have been exiled from the town by the sinister Mayor. The banished are trapped behind an invisible shield which means they can not enter the town or see their loved ones. But somehow, Ada can see the shield as a wall of fog and, not only that, she can enter the world of the banished...



## Key Stage 4

***Spider-Man: India - Seva*** by Nikesh Shukla and team

Pavitr Prabhakar is Spider-Man. However things are not exactly simple. There is a science professor promising results activating people's 'lizard brain,' along with a ruthless businessman who may be more than he seems! As a new lizard emerges to threaten all of Mumbai, its new and terrifying abilities could make it the most powerful version yet! Spider-Man is the city's only hope... but victory will come at a cost - one Pavitr may not be ready for! How can he pick up the pieces when the entire city is turning against him?! The bloodthirsty creature's next move may mean a death sentence for Pavitr should he ever don his costume on the city streets again!

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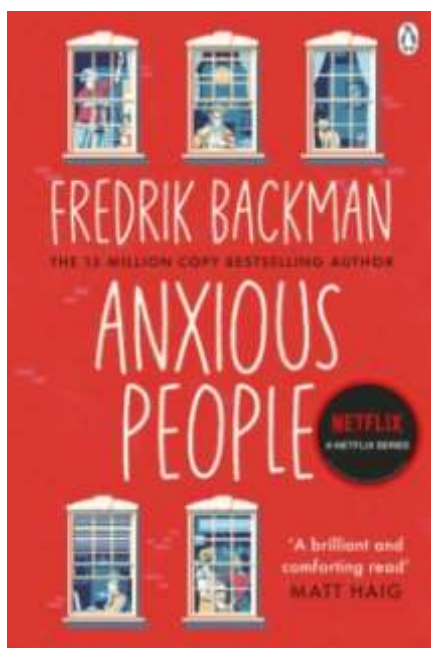
# Books of the Month

### Sixth Form Fiction

***Anxious People*** by Fredrik Backman

It's New Year's Eve and House Tricks estate agents are hosting an open viewing in an up-market apartment when an incompetent bank robber rushes in and politely takes everyone hostage.

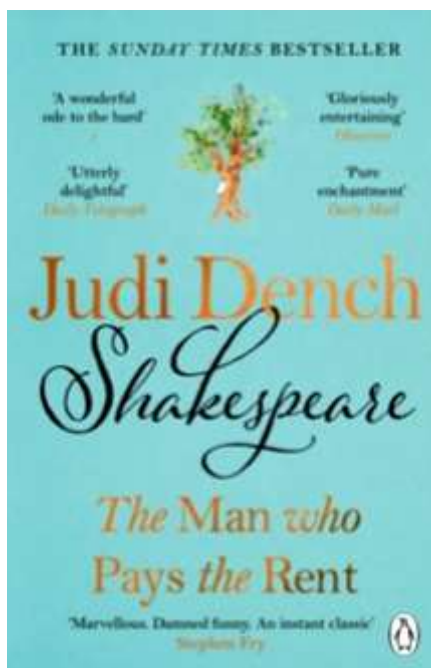
As the police gather outside, the anxious strangers huddled within try to make the best of a very sticky situation - but could it be that they have a whole lot more in common than meets the eye?



### Sixth Form Non-Fiction

***Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays The Rent*** by Judi Dench

Judi Dench opens up about every Shakespearean role she has played in her seven-decade career, from Lady Macbeth and Titania to Ophelia and Cleopatra. Here, she reveals her behind the scenes secrets; inviting us to share in her triumphs, disasters, and backstage shenanigans, all brightened by her mischievous sense of humour and striking honesty. This is Judi's love letter to William Shakespeare – the man who pays the rent.



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Dear Parent / Carer, (years 7, 8 & 9 girls),

## **9 Week, Fun, Friendly, Squad Football Session**

Join us for 9 weeks of fun football delivery. At Longdean Secondary School from 5-6PM every Monday starting again from the 13th of January, we will be providing girls in years 7, 8 & 9 an opportunity to be involved in football for all.

### **About Apex 360**

Apex 360 is a Sports and Dance Coaching business which primarily provides schools with multi-activity clubs and parents with Ofsted registered holiday camps. To find out more about us please visit our [website](#).

We are committed to growing and developing girls' football and would love to welcome your child into our squad football session to follow.

### **About the programme**

We are offering girls in years 7, 8 and 9 the opportunity to take part in 9 weeks of football for only £27. Suitable for girls of all levels and experience, we will focus on having fun, developing them as leaders as well as footballers. All sessions will be delivered by Kiyana Fryer, an FA qualified, FA safeguarding trained and DBS checked coach. Sessions will be onsite at Longdean School, you can book on these sessions using the link below.

Squad girls football session: [Apex Squad booking link](#)

Date for the new year: Monday 13th of January 2025

Time: 5pm-6pm

Venue: Longdean Secondary School (3G pitch)

I look forward to welcoming the girls to the session soon!

Best wishes, Kiyana Fryer - Sports Coach and Development Officer at Apex 360

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