

Cockshut Hill School  
SUMMIT LEARNING TRUST



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



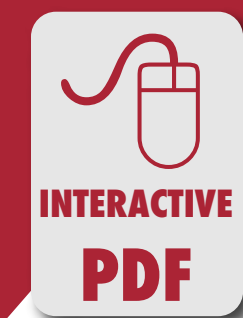
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ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

W/C 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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# Principal's Message

I hope you and your families are safe and well

This week in assembly we have celebrated St. Georges day (23.4.24) and how lucky we are to reside in England. I explained how we have 'strength through diversity' (a Summit Learning Trust value) and follow the Fundamental British Values and the 9 Protected Characteristics so strongly. This all supports the excellent culture we have at CHS.

I'd appreciate your continued support in ensuring high attendance for your children throughout this last term. We have unfortunately had to fine a few families for taking holidays this year. Please check any holiday plans alongside our term dates. On our website we include term dates for this year and the next academic year. Please check all [term dates here](#).

I hope you and your family have a fantastic week



Jason Bridges  
Principal

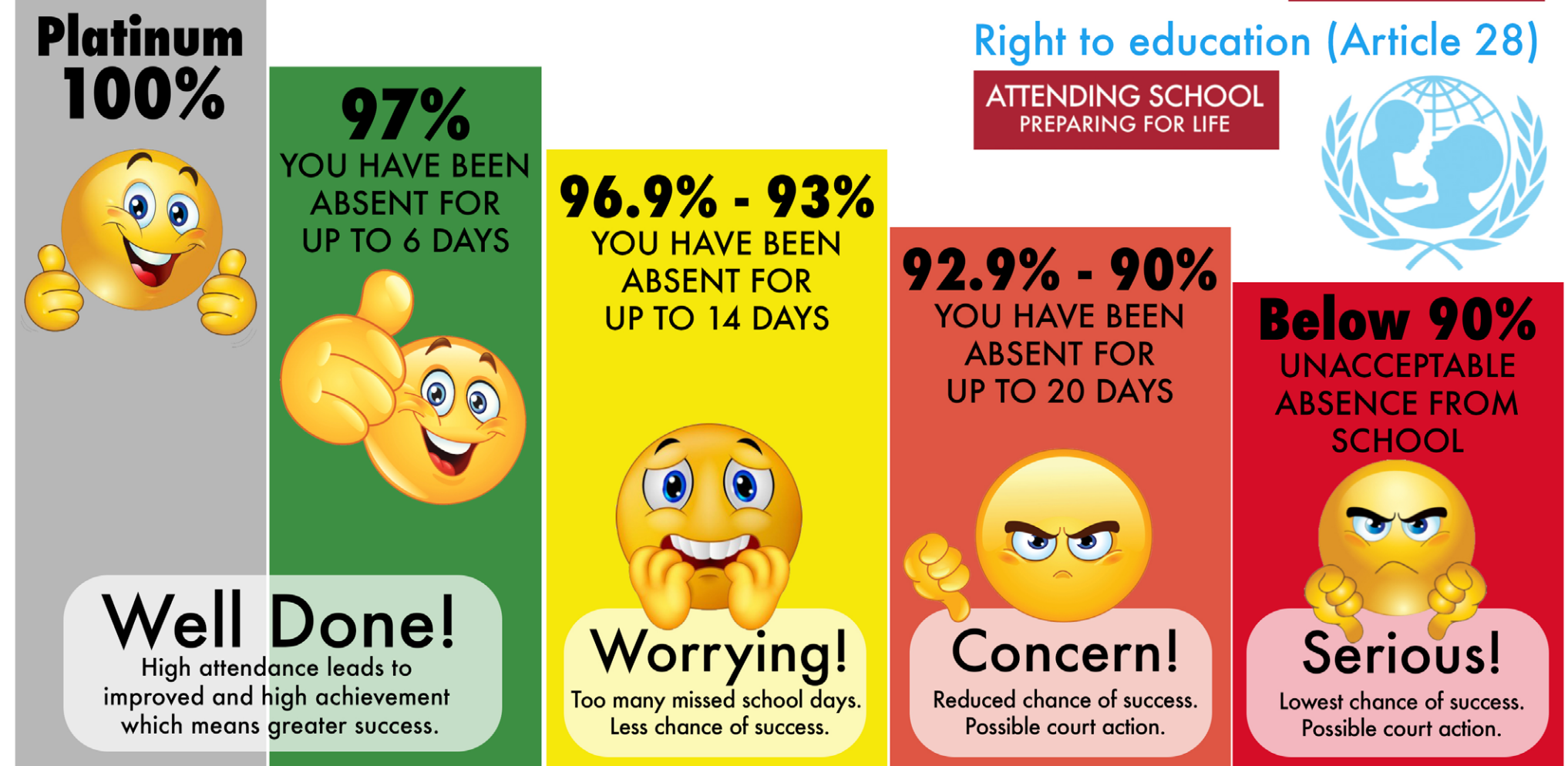
## WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

'Don't miss out on learning opportunities'

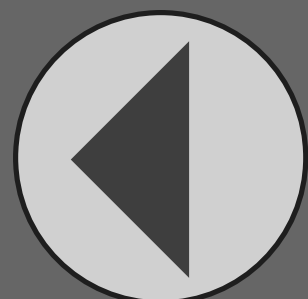


Right to education (Article 28)

ATTENDING SCHOOL  
PREPARING FOR LIFE



There are 175 days a year that you are not in school.  
That's plenty of time for appointments, holidays and shopping.



# UNICEF: Article of the Month

**We are a Gold Rights Respecting School and our learners are central to all we do.**

## Article 29 (goals of education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

We have chosen this article as it supports the school motto of Nothing But the Best as everyone at CHS believes they can aspire to anything they wish to be and the staff will work to deliver a curriculum that supports aspirations.



# DATES FOR THE DIARY



- Tuesday 30th April – Year 10 Progress Evening
- Thursday 9th May – Start of GCSE Exams
- 3rd – 7th June – Year 10 Work Experience Week
- 3rd – 7th June – Residential Visit to Ogwen Trust
- Tuesday 4th June – Year 9 Options Evening
- Tuesday 11th June – Year 7 Progress Evening
- Friday 5th July – School closed for INSET day
- Monday 8th July – Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day
- Thursday 18th July – Year 10 Cultural Capital Theatre Visit

## Principal's Commendation

Esther Giles, Chandani Kaur and Archie Scott for their amazing contribution to our year 6 – 7 Transition Evening. They presented superbly to over 300 visitors!

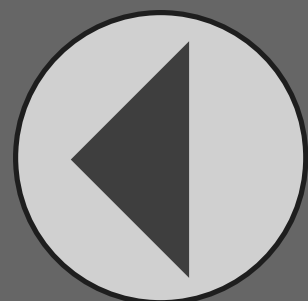
## House Stars of the Week

 Alder Esther Giles

 Maple Krishna Karira

 Oak Abdulrahman Ahmed

 Yew Salome Awoniyi



## Girls in IT Leadership

Four girls (2 from Year 8 and 2 from Year 9) were selected by their IT teachers to participate in a Girls in IT Leadership event on Thursday 25th April at BBC Birmingham. The event formed part of a Nationwide event with girls from schools in Manchester, London, Belfast and Birmingham all coming together virtually in each of the four locations by video link.

During the event the girls were able to operate a radio news broadcast from both in-front and behind the mics, and also showed them the BBC Midlands today studios, where they learned just how much communication was needed in order to deliver news broadcasts on TV and radio. They each had an experience of the many diverse careers at the BBC from camera operative to vision mixer and autocue. It was a very hands on experience, that really put our learners multi-tasking to the test! They were also able to meet Nicola Beckford the BBC Midlands morning presenter. Year 8 learner, Rose commented "I didn't realise how many people are involved in putting the news together, I really enjoyed the day, It was really exciting and informative!"

In the afternoon our learners were taught how to code in swift to change the BBC weather app and how to make songs and change voices using AI and thought about how this may develop in the future and questioned whether this would be a good thing or not.

The afternoon was brought to a close by bringing all the attendees together in a group video call where some esteemed scientists took part in a Q&A session with all of the girls from the UK locations.



Girls in IT Leadership

BBC

*Midlands Today*

Personal Development

# Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh has been running at Cockshut Hill School for a number of years with growing interest in the enrichment opportunity. Learners have been given the opportunity to explore areas of countryside local to the Birmingham area through their Bronze level award. We are particularly motivated by giving learners the chance to visit new and different surroundings along with the challenge of navigating as independently as possible. Our aim is to develop learner's abilities to work as a team to achieve a common goal and also for them to experience the benefits to their physical and mental health of spending time outdoors without technology, which is part of our academy vision for learners and staff alike to be happy and healthy. This year a small but impressively committed and resilient group of six have practiced two routes in Catherine-de-Barnes and Henley-in-Arden and planning is underway for their two day camping expedition. But next academic year we are hoping to have our largest ever cohort doing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is of course not just about fields, maps, and tents though – our learners have had to choose a way to volunteer their time to a cause, demonstrate effort in a physical activity, and develop a skill over at least three months. We are immensely proud of the independence and creativity shown, with learners even volunteering to use their language skills to transcribing documents for charity, learning new musical instruments like the keyboard, and improving their animal and nature photography abilities.



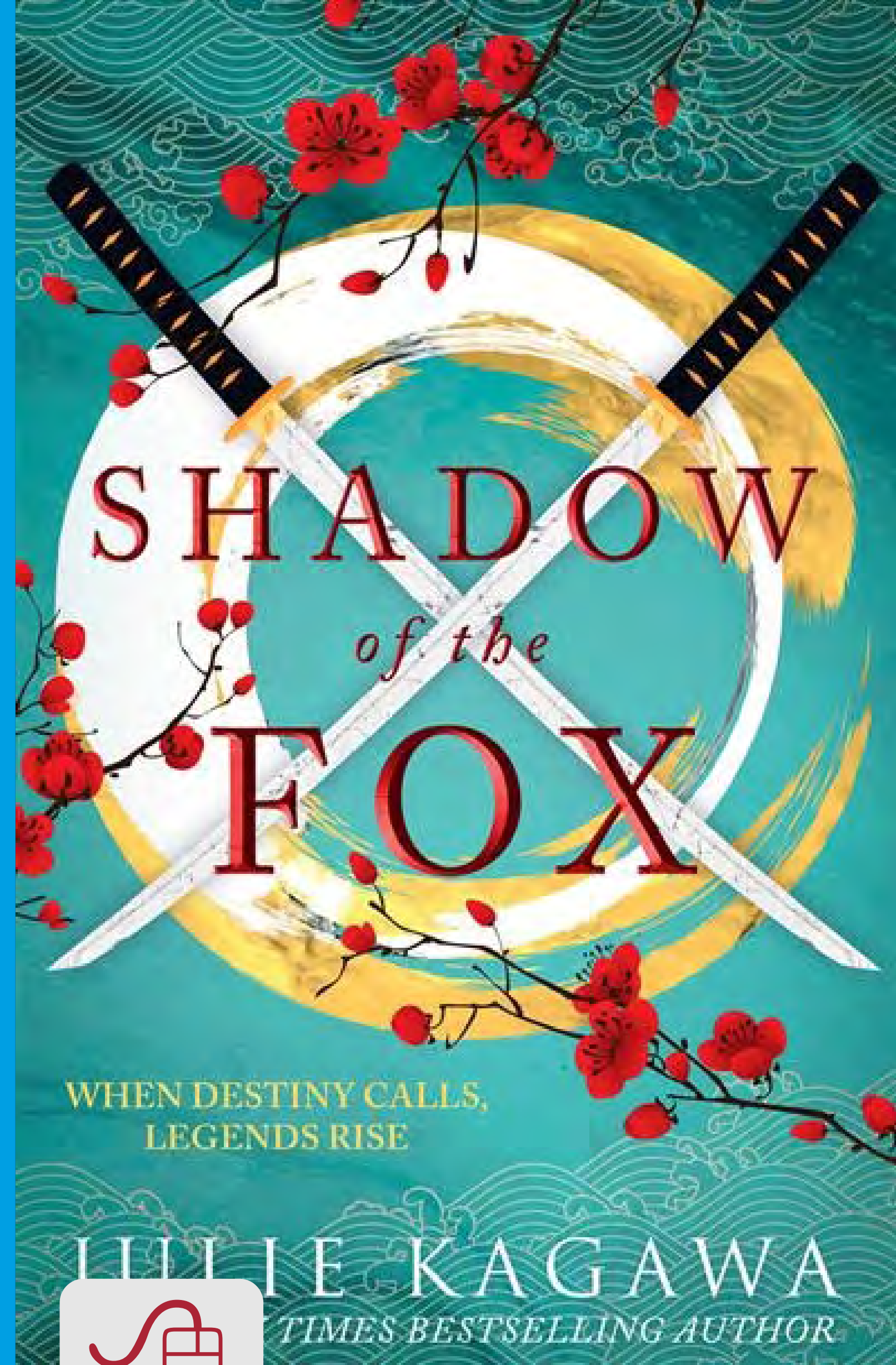
# Literacy

## LITERACY TIP

If you struggle to finish novels because of their length and vocabulary, but don't want to read books closer to your reading level because you consider its themes too childish, ask your librarian for 'Hi-lo' reads. They're books that are much shorter in length but tackle subject matters that would still be interesting for secondary school learners.

## LITERACY STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jack Deathridge Y10



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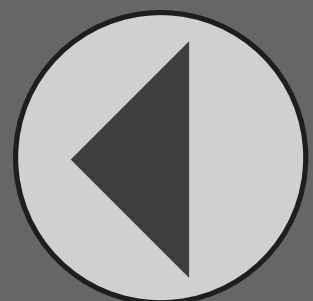
# DIGITAL BOOK OF THE WEEK

Shadow of the Fox  
by Julie Kagawa

Every millennium the missing pieces of the Scroll of a Thousand Prayers are hunted, for they hold the power to call the great Kami Dragon and ask for any one wish.

As a temple burns to the ground Yumeko escapes with its greatest treasure - the first piece of the scroll. And when fate thrusts her into the path of a mysterious samurai, she knows he seeks what she has.

Kage is under orders to kill those who stand in his way but will he be able to complete his mission? Will this be the dawn that sees the dragon wake?



# Enrichment Opportunities

## HALF TERM 5

Half Term	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>HT5</b>	<p>Inclusion Breakfast Club – Inclusion room</p> <p>Library Club - 3pm</p> <p>Anime Club M27 ZKO (Lunch Time)</p> <p>School rock band – G64 Music Room</p> <p>Board Games and Jigsaw Club – W89</p>	<p>Inclusion Breakfast Club – Inclusion room</p> <p>Basketball – Years 8-10, Sports Hall/Gym, PC Washington (3:10-3:45)</p> <p>Pride Group – M17 (Lunchtime) LLA</p>	<p>Inclusion Breakfast Club – Inclusion room</p> <p>Library Club-3pm</p> <p>Journalling EEL</p> <p>STEM Club – W74</p> <p>Lunchtime Music Club – Music block</p> <p>Drama rehearsals – M96</p> <p>Football (boys) - Year 7 – Mr Mills - Year 8 – Mr Hargreaves</p> <p>Practical Science – Science Rooms</p> <p>Creative Writing-M16-HMI &amp; KSI</p>	<p>Inclusion Breakfast Club – Inclusion room</p> <p>Library Club - 3pm</p> <p>Drama Rehearsals – LSH</p> <p>Urdu Y10 M27 ZKO</p> <p>Knitting Club (Week B) - Years 7-10. Mrs Kavanagh, Sensory Room by M21</p> <p>Year 10 History Support Drop-in G50</p> <p>Cooking club Mrs Burke – Y7</p> <p>Year 10 Geography Support – G47/G48</p>	<p>Inclusion Breakfast Club – Inclusion room</p> <p>Library Club- 3pm</p> <p>Lego League, Robotics &amp; Coding Club - W84</p> <p>Lunchtime Choir – Music rooms</p> <p>Year 10 Music BTEC – 3pm – Music block</p> <p>Timetable Tennis – Maxstoke 3pm - ACR</p>

#NothingButTheBest