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September
2025

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Principal's Message

I hope you have had a great week.

It has been a privilege to begin my first term as Principal of Cockshut Hill. I have been made to feel incredibly welcome, and I would like to thank you for the warm support shown by our community. I would also like to recognise the excellent work of my predecessor, Mr Bridges, and I am determined to build on the strong foundations he has left.

A very special welcome goes to our new Year 7 learners, who have settled in brilliantly. I am proud of the enthusiasm they have shown as they begin their CHS journey. This summer we also celebrated strong GCSE results, with more learners than ever progressing to Level 3 courses at Solihull Sixth Form College, as well as to apprenticeships, colleges and training pathways. These outcomes are a real credit to the hard work of both learners and staff.

Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of hosting my first Open Evening at Cockshut Hill. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers of Year 5 and 6 learners, and the positive feedback we received was fantastic. Our Head Students delivered outstanding speeches, and our Student Ambassadors guided families around the school with real pride and professionalism. Our Open Mornings continue this week from 09:15–10:15, and we look forward to welcoming more families.

In assemblies, I have been speaking about the importance of PERFECT uniform and excellent attendance. Both are vital in setting high standards and ensuring learners are ready to succeed.

- **Uniform guide:** [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Attendance:** Learners should aim for 97%–100% attendance across the year. Please also ensure family holidays are booked outside of term time.

Finally, a reminder of the support available through our Summit Base Camp offer:

<https://summitlearningtrust.org.uk/summit-base-camp/>

Thank you once again for your continued support. I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to ensuring our learners achieve Nothing but the Best.



MR J. CLARKE

Personal Development



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GOLD – RIGHTS RESPECTING

Article of the Month: 28 – The Right to Education

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.

We have chosen this article as receiving an education is valuable for our future aspirations. It helps us to develop skills as well as understanding the world we live in and understanding ourselves better as individuals.



UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 21st October: Year 7 Settling in Event

Friday 24th October: Half Term School closes at 3pm (4pm Y11)

Monday 3rd November: School returns



**Compass
Birmingham**
Mental Health Support Teams



Mental health support for children, young people, and their families



Personal Development

“Cockshut Hill School are extremely proud to hold the Quality in Careers Standard issued by CSW Investor in Careers for 2023-2026”



This year, Cockshut Hill School is committed to maintaining its Quality in Careers Standard in 2026 by working towards re-accreditation, incorporating the Gatsby Benchmarks. We look forward to working with Investor in Careers to achieve this.

If any learner, parent, teacher, FE provider, employer would like to support Cockshut Hill School in achieving its re-accreditation, please get in contact with:



Michelle Turton

email: michelle.turton@cockshuthill.org.uk

The Quality in Careers Standard is the national quality award for overall careers education and guidance provision in secondary schools, colleges and Independent Training Providers. The Standard is “strongly recommended” by, and fully complies with, the Department for Education’s revised “statutory guidance” published in May 2025.

If a secondary school or a college holds the national Standard, parents can be assured that it provides its students with careers education and guidance support of the quality of the best.



JOIN SUMMIT ARMY CADETS

Open to new cadets: Summit Learners only

Prade Times: Monday, Thursday: 1930-2130

Location: At Fox Hollies Leisure Centre

Contact Mrs Turton for more information.



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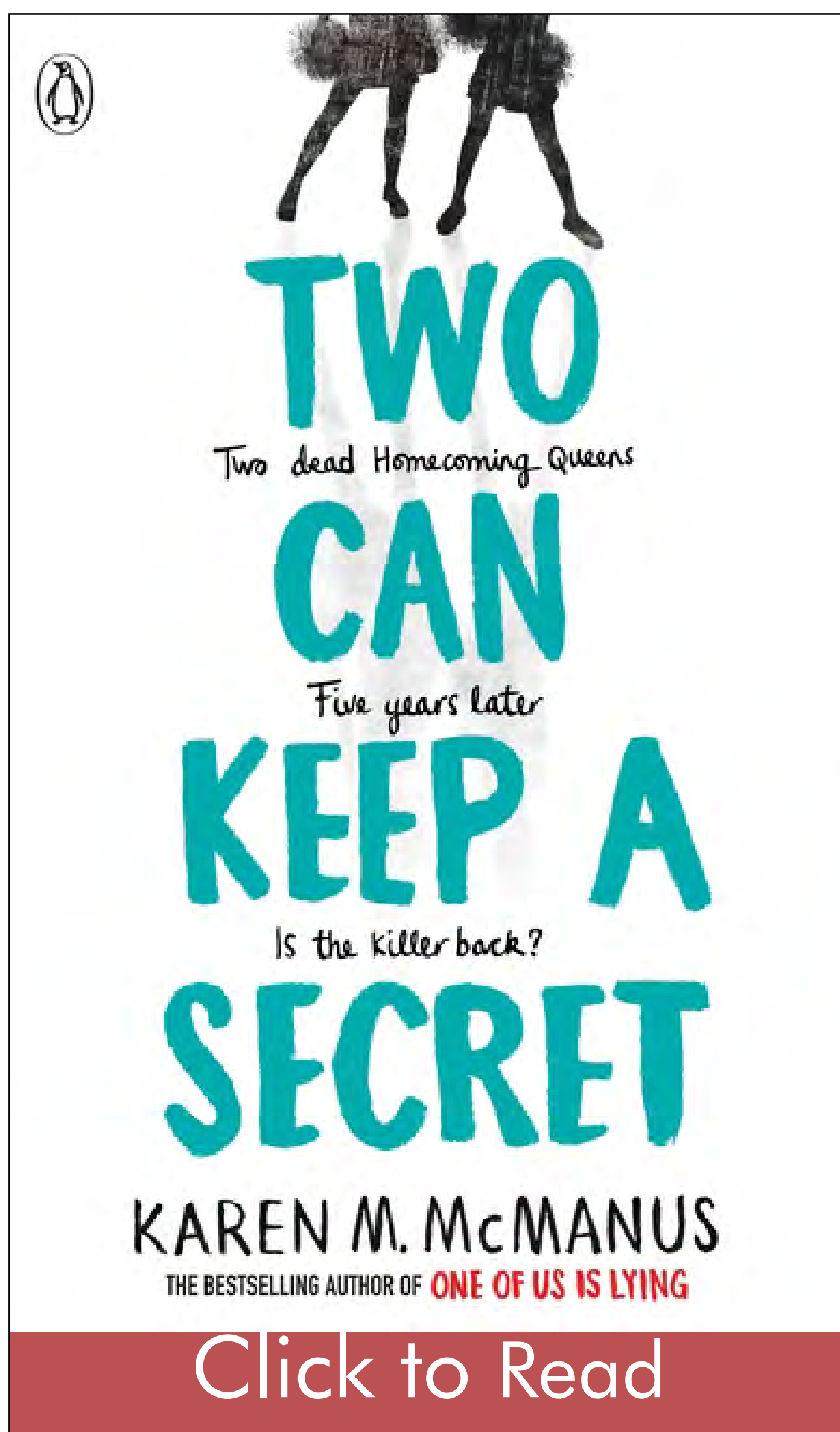
Literacy

Love to Read

DIGITAL BOOK OF THE WEEK

Two Can Keep a Secret
by Karen M. McManus

Ellery's never been to Echo Ridge, but she's heard all about it. It's where her aunt went missing at age sixteen, never to return. Where a Homecoming Queen's murder five years ago made national news. And now she has to live there with her estranged grandmother, after her mother lands in rehab. Malcolm grew up in the shadow of the Homecoming Queen's death. His older brother was the prime suspect and left Echo Ridge in disgrace. But now he's back- just as mysterious threats appear around town, hinting that a killer will strike again. Then another girl disappears. As Ellery and Malcolm race to unravel what happened, they realise every secret has layers in Echo Ridge.



Literacy Tip

The key to improving is to constantly challenge yourself.

This academic year, read something from a genre you've never tried before, or choose a book with a higher reading level than you're accustomed to. Have a dictionary beside you if necessary. (This could be Google on your phone!) You'll never know the full extent of what the literary world has to offer if you never venture outside your comfort zone.

Literacy Learner of the Week

Ameera Hasnat – Year 9



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Learner Praise

House Stars of the Week



Alder House
Mahrosh Shah



Alder House
Malik Aboelsafa



Alder House
Hassan Ali



Alder House
Sydney Giles

Principal's Commendation

Jack Lee and Victoria Ejiezech for representation at the West Midlands Education Alliance Event on 5th September

Ava Cole Y10, Toha Nahar, Y10 for excellent speeches and representation of Cockshut Hill School at our Open Evening last week.

Well Done!



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Learner Enrichment

Enrichment Opportunities

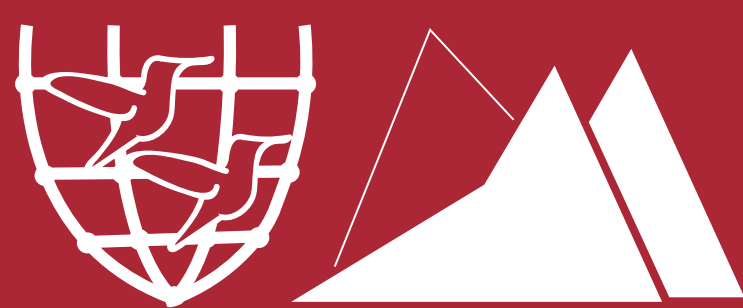
Half Term	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HT1	Library Club – after school Coding Club – CGR W84 Netball Club – EJO Netball Courts 3-4:15 School Band & Choir – Music Block Creative Writing Club-HMI-M16		Library Club – after school Dance Club – CGR M96 Table Tennis – ACR Maxstoke/Boys Gym Year 7 Football- JMI Boys Gym Year 8 Football- DHA Boys Gym Badminton Club – EJO Sports Hall	Craft Club – after school week 2 only. RTH M23 Art Club – JSK W83 DT Club – OSH G61 Library Club – after school Pride Group – M17 – lunchtime Year 9 Football- JMI Boys Gym Year 10 Football- DHA Boys Gym Drama Club – Drama studio	Library Club – after school Board Games Club – CGR W89 Volleyball Club – Mr March (Boys Gym) Table Tennis invite only - ACR Maxstoke/Boys Gym Science Club in W69

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After School
Activities
3pm - 4pm



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