

# FESTIVAL IMMERSION DAY

SPORTS



THE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE



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SILVER D OF E



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**FESTIVAL**  
ON THE **CLOSE**  
20-25 JUNE  
2026



RUGBY SCHOOL

# FESTIVAL ON THE CLOSE

## TUESDAY 23 JUNE

The purpose of the day is for you to have more choice in the workshop programme, either to engage more deeply in an activity/ theme that you are passionate about/interested in, or to follow a workshop route which will give you the chance to try something new as well as develop your existing skills.

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### The Investment Management Challenge

Led by Mr Roche & Mr Baird this activity is aimed at those with an interest in Financial Markets and Investment. It will involve education about financial products and followed by interactive trading challenges using a high-end financial market simulation.

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### Space Design Competition

Led by the Space Science and Engineering Foundation this is a real-world engineering challenge. It is a multidisciplinary space themed competition designed to be a simulation of life in industry. Students form an engineering company and take on the task of designing a crewed space settlement within the solar system. Set between 40 and 80 years in the future, students lose themselves in the elaborate and expansive SDC universe.

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### UCAS Discovery Event

Led by Mrs Wallis, and specifically for the LXX, this is an opportunity for LXX students to head to the NEC in Birmingham for the annual UCAS Discovery Event. It will be an opportunity to meet with current students and staff from universities across the UK and discuss course and university choices. There will also be a small number of apprenticeship providers at the event. This activity is aimed at those in the LXX who are deciding where to apply to university and is not compulsory.

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### Artist in Residence

Led by Mrs Lambie-Jones and Mr Cuff, we are delighted to have David Gilliver joining us who will deliver a spectacular light painting workshop. Alongside this, students will spend part of their day plastic fusing in a Textiles-based workshop as well as screen-printing in the Fine Arts studio.

This activity is aimed at those with a passion and interest in the Creative Arts.

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### Festival on The Close Workshops

Led by the Festival Team, students will follow a pathway of three different fantastic workshops throughout the course of the day. From baking, to rocket launching; magic shows to roller-skiing; parkour to samba drumming, students get to choose from dozens of fantastic routes, each run by creative industry experts and professionals across stem and arts subjects. Students choosing to follow the Festival Workshop Routes will be able to choose their route from the full list available on the festival website selecting workshop routes for both Tuesday and Wednesday in the festival.

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### Poet in Residence

Led by Ms Scott-Martin and Miss Norton, we are welcoming on site the Poetry Takeaway (last seen at Glastonbury and coming to Rugby in tuckshop form) and this year's Rugby School Poet in Residence, the award-winning, published writer, Laurie Bolger. Students can choose from a range of writing activities, and some will have the opportunity to be trained up as 'poetry chefs'.

This activity is aimed at those with a passion and interest in nurturing their creative writing.

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### Beat The Boomer

Each House will enter a team of up to 4 students into this Event. It is a House competition where accompanied groups are blindfolded and dropped a distance from School, with the winners being the first group back to School to ring the Boomer.

This activity is aimed at those with an interest in the outdoors.

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### Silver D of E

Open only to the EB, students who have signed up to the Silver D of E programme will be participating in their assessed expedition to the Peak District.

This activity is only available to those in the EB, completing Silver D of E.

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### Sports

We will be hosting a Tennis tournament here at Rugby School and relevant students will be selected for this. We will also have the Marlborough Cricket Fixtures.

## WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE

All students on Wednesday are invited to choose a route from over 25 different creative workshop options including the return of the ever-popular STEAMfest which once again includes Planetarium Domes as well as other hands-on, STEM-based experiences.