



# Becket Keys Church of England School

17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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## Join the Club

Our extra-curricular programme will start, in earnest, next week. Please look through the list of clubs and societies with your son/daughter and see what they would like to try. Clubs provide a great way to make friends with like-minded students. Whether it is in the gymnastics, football or singing in the choir – students can make friends for life in these clubs.

My advice to students is not to worry about what your friends are doing. Do not wait for them to say that they are going. If you want to go: go! You will probably find some great new friends with similar interests to you in the club. Follow your own passions and desires.

School is also a great time for our students to try new things. This is a special time of year and it will require support from parents and staff for students to make the best choices. We will be putting out lots of reminders and discussing the options with students, I encourage you to do the same at home. Every teacher here is committed to running at least one club and it means that there are about 100 different options. Make the most of it!

<https://www.becketkeys.org/extracurricular.php>

The basic process in school is this:

1. Tutors talk to the students about the different clubs.
2. Clubs are promoted to the students with adverts and posters around school.

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### Extra-Curricular Clubs

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3. Students turn up to a club they want to try and they are welcomed along.
4. Over the next few weeks, students can try different things and see how they get on.
5. Registers start to be written and then used to check that students are regularly turning up.
6. Students that attend three times are then effectively expected to make a commitment to stick with the club. It is not fair on others to chop and change!

If you have questions about the clubs and societies, please contact the school in the usual ways. Miss Schafer has oversight of our extra-curricular programme and will be well placed to help you. You can contact her here:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/contact.php>

Thank you for all your positive comments about the return to our extra-curricular programme. You can find out more on pages 3, 4 and 5 in today's newsletter.

**Mr Scott-Evans**  
Headteacher



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## Face Coverings? Where do we stand?

Current guidance is that schools should recommend and expect students to wear masks in the following areas:

- Corridors
- Communal toilets
- Bistro/Orangery/Deli queue

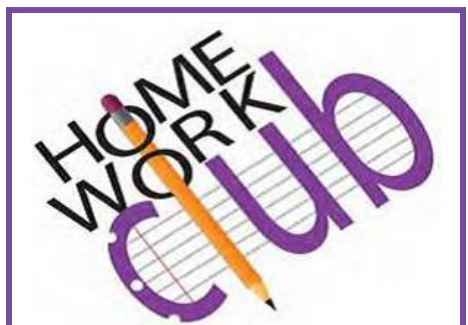
The reason we are encouraging this is because our corridors are not well ventilated compared to our classrooms, this means "germs" can linger for longer. Wearing a face covering stops the transmission of saliva droplets given off by us when we speak and breathe.

So, please provide your son/daughter with a face covering (where possible in school colours: black, purple, gold, grey or white). If we all do our bit between lessons as well as following all of our other

guidance, we can slow the spread of this virus that has significantly affected our lives so far and therefore keep our school open!

If you are unsure about anything we have in place, please do not hesitate to contact any member of staff in school.

**Mr. Shields**  
Assistant Headteacher



Homework Club is available for all students. Every afternoon after school students can stay until 4.20pm and complete their homework in C11.

Using Homework Club is just one way we provide for students who do not want to leave site at 3.10pm. Avoid the traffic! Stay here for a while!

# Extra-Curricular Clubs

## Christian Union

Are you a Christian and want an opportunity to meet other Christians over lunchtime?

Are you someone who likes to ask the big questions of life?

Every Monday lunchtime in W01 with Mr Fenn.

Open to all who are interested.

## PE Extra Curricular - Netball



Netball is one of our most successful clubs. We compete within the Middle Essex League and have previously competed in the Essex Cup and Plate.

At netball practice, you should expect the following:

- ✓ The chance to improve your netball ability
- ✓ Lots of game time to improve your teamwork
- ✓ Drills and conditioned games
- ✓ The opportunity to be selected for the school team

Please come down to the sports hall afterschool, you will then get changed into your PE kit and participate in training. Training will finish at 4:30, at this point you will collect your belongings and leave in your PE kit.

## Dance Club



With Mrs English

Thursdays 3.15-4.15 in RH2

Years 7,8,9&10

## Year 7, 8 and 9 Mandarin Clubs



Year 7 Monday	Year 8 Wednesday	Year 9 Tuesday
1:00 --- 1:30pm	12:10 --- 12:40pm	12:10 --- 12:40pm
Miss Lin	Mrs. Zhang	Mrs. Zhang



All MEP clubs will start from the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> Sept in C36.

The clubs are for Year 7, 8 and 9 Mandarin Excellence Programme students only.

Students to sign up for cooking club on sheet outside W34



Mrs Mullan  
Monday  
W31  
3-15-4pm  
Years  
7,8 and 9

## Join Us!

### Food Club



## KS3 - Science Club

**WHO:** Year 7 and 8

**WHEN:** Tuesday After School, 3:20 – 4:00pm (starting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September)

**WHERE:** in room W22

**WHY:** Do fun experiments!!!

Hosted by Mr Birkett, Miss Morgan and Mr Collins.




Science Club

### Year 7 Extracurricular Opportunities

Day	Before School 7.30–8.15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch 12.40–1.30	After-School 3.20–4.30
Monday	Squad Gymnastics (Main Hall) Open Gym (Sports Hall)	Squad Gymnastics (Main Hall)	Orchestra (Runcie) IT Helpdesk (W03) Debate Club (J16)
Tuesday			Netball (Sports Hall) Boys' Football (Astro) Time To Shine (Runcie)
Tuesday			Choir (Runcie) Girls' Football (Astro) KS3 Science Club (W23) Cooking Club (C25)
Tuesday			KS3 Maths Support (J27) Maths Challenge (J25) Film Club (C25)
Wednesday	Squad Gymnastics (Main Hall)	Squad Gymnastics (Main Hall) Mixed Basketball (Sports Hall)	Food Class (W33)
Thursday		Time to Shine (Runcie)	Numeracy Club (J24) Philosophy Club (J11) Dance Club (RH2)
Thursday			History Club (J13) Stage Band (Runcie)
Friday		TUP Basketball (Sports Hall) Philosophy Club (J11)	Rock Band (Runcie) DT Club (W01)

NEW FOR THIS YEAR  
STARTING WEEK  
COMENING 20<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER



BECKETKEYS DRAMA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>KS3</b> 'TIME TO SHINE' 3.15pm-4.15pm RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	<b>KS3 &amp; KS4</b> 'TECHNICAL CREW' 1pm-1.30pm RH1 (Mrs Barr)	<b>KS5</b> 'Applause Co.' 3.15pm-4.15pm RH2 (Mrs Barr)	<b>KS3</b> 'TIME TO SHINE' 12.00pm-12.30pm RH2 (Mrs Barr)
<b>YR9 &amp; YR10</b> 'PAGE TO STAGE' 3.15PM-4.15pm RH2 (Mrs Condon)	<b>KS4</b> 'Practical Showcase Rehearsals' 3.15pm-4.15pm RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr)		<b>KS5</b> Applause Co. 3.15pm-4.15pm RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr/Mrs Palmer)

## Art & Textiles GCSE & A Level

### HAS TIME & Stretch & Challenge Club

## Every Monday 3.10-4.30





	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>4.1</b> (Lunch 1)			*THEORY CLUB 8AM	YEAR 7 KEYBOARD ORCHESTRA	
<b>4.2</b> (Lunch 1)				YEAR 8 KEYBOARD ORCHESTRA	
<b>3:15pm</b>	<i>Orchestra</i>	<b>CHOIR</b>	<b>FORTE DRUMMING</b>	<b>STAGE BAND</b>	<b>ROCK FACTORY</b>

**Note:** Students who would like to rehearse in a music room at lunchtime need to book the room. This can only be done on the morning of the day you wish to book.

CALLING YEAR 9 AND 10!

Do you like to perform?  
Are you interested in learning and developing a performance  
based on a well known script?  
Then why not join...



Every Monday after school, 3.15-4.15  
In RH2



PE Extracurricular-  
Basketball

Basketball is a much-loved Brentwood sport. We are very proud of our Year 11 Boys' Basketball successes both in Essex Cup and looking to compete Nationally.

We would love to build up as much success in all other years!

To get involved please take a look at your relevant training days. Please be aware that all year trainings are mixed, and Year 10&11 girls have their training day on Thursday lunchtime.



## Year 7 – First Impressions



As both Year 7 and I start this new venture together, I would like to express how well everyone seems to have settled in to their new surroundings. Students have delighted me with their knowledge of the school, navigating the corridors and building new relationships with students and staff. I am very much looking forward to see how the newest members of our community are successful this year.

This week, we had our Open School event and it was such a delight to see every student excited to show their parents around and tell them how much they were enjoying Becket Keys so far. Many parents that I spoke to were impressed at how well their son/daughter knew their way around after two weeks. Every student that I had the pleasure of speaking to had a positive attitude and had already decided their favourite subject and activities at Becket Keys.

I have managed to meet with students in collective worship three times this year and have been proud at how confident, responsible, and respectful they are as a year group. When I have been walking around forms and classes, I have seen some interesting lessons on aboriginal art, learning about the church and reading 'The Boy in the Striped Pajamas'. Each lesson has been filled with model students, keen learners, and outstanding contribution.

As I have said in a previous newsletter, I am so proud to call myself Head of Year 7 and I cannot thank you enough for the support and faith you have placed in us. Students have been resilient during these first two weeks, but it would be naïve of me to think that there has not been any apprehension surrounding coming the new school. However, I think that all students have overcome or are overcoming any trepidation. Your children have made a fantastic addition to our Becket Keys community, and I am so excited to see what they will go on to achieve as we continue this journey together at Becket Keys.

**Mr Fish**  
**Head of Year 7**

Here is what some of our new students had to share about their first couple of weeks:



Hi my name is Scarlett I came from Larchwood Primary School. My experience at Becket Keys has been great. Well all I can really say is it is way better than primary school.

**Scarlett Fitzgerald, 7FS**



Hi my name is Maizie from Larchwood Primary School. My experience in Becket Keys so far has been a rollercoaster of different feelings. I have felt sad because of homework, I have been frustrated because the work is challenging, but mostly I have been very happy and I have made so many new friends.

**Maizie Felstead 7PP**



Hi, my name is Riley Dagohoy. My first week has been very enjoyable, all the teachers are very polite here. In my opinion it's a very wonderful school and unlike most schools there are no bullies here which I was worrying deeply about. Everyone treats you like a family member and they have a good education system. My favourite subject so far is mathematics. The school is very big which means there are a lot of places to explore. The lunch is very high quality.

**Riley Dagohoy, 7FS**



My name is Ruby and I am from the form 7AC. I came from Bentley St Paul's Primary School and if I'm being honest I didn't want to go to secondary school. I thought that everyone was going to be quite intimidating but Becket Keys proved me wrong, everyone is so helpful and

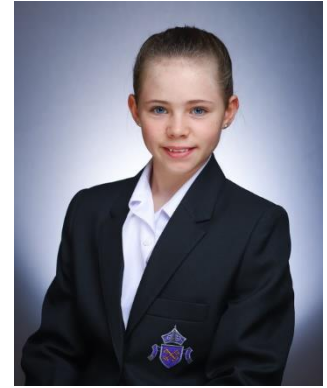
generous that goes for the teacher and students. I am absolutely blown away with all the subjects but one in particular and that's PE. I can't believe how hard they work you! I also love English; the story we are studying is magnificent !

**Ruby Smith 7AC**



My name is Hannah Whittaker and my primary school was Shenfield St Mary's. I have had a wonderful experience during my 2 weeks at Becket Keys. I have settled in well, made new friends, and now I can find my classrooms. Going into Becket Keys I was nervous because I wasn't sure if I was going to make friends and I was worried that I was going to get lost. Now I can understand my timetable and find the correct class. All of the teachers/students have been so welcoming! My favourite class has been English with Miss Silman.

**Hannah Whittaker, 7FS**



My name is Amy Maher, I came from Holly Trees primary. I am a new Year 7 Student here at Becket Keys. I have only been here for 2 weeks, but I have thoroughly enjoyed my time so far.

**Amy Maher, 7PP**



My name is Scarlett Sawkins and this year I joined Becket Keys. I am in 7WW and my form tutor is Miss Lin. I came from St Peters in South Weald. I have only been to this school for 2 weeks now but I am already enjoying it. I've made lots of new friends and everyone is being so welcoming. I haven't got lost once, luckily! All the older children are being really nice and are helping us settle in really well. I am enjoying all the subjects and there isn't one that I don't like. I am very glad that I have come to

this school and I think I'm going to enjoy it here.

**Scarlett Sawkins, 7WW**



Hi, my name is Maria and I used to go to St Mary's. So far, I have had a great experience at Becket Keys. Everyone is super friendly and the school is very welcoming and I feel at home already. I enjoy all my classes and all the teachers are very nice. All my worries are gone and I'm really looking forward to carrying on my days at Becket Keys.

**Maria Shipperlee, 7HS**



Hi my name is John Ellis I came from Holly Trees. My first week was very nice because people have been very welcoming and the teachers are nice too. I think that Becket Keys students are like family.

**John Ellis 7AC**



Hi my name is Harmani and I started Becket Keys in September. There were only a few people from my school who went to Becket Keys. I was so nervous and I didn't know anyone. In 2 days I made 4 amazing friends who were in the same boat as me. At first, I was lost, but now I am not.

**Harmani Hungan, 7FS**



My name is Emily and my primary school was St Mary's. I have been at Becket Keys for just over a week and it has been a very enjoyable experience. From period one, the students and teachers were kind and welcoming. We had a day with our form tutors, who outlined the expectations then we started lessons. The teachers were lenient with us and when we asked for directions to our next class they replied in a 'happy to

help' fashion. I haven't got lost once thanks to the map that my form tutor gave me. Starting a new big school worries and fears have now been extinguished and hopes, aspirations and dreams for a bright and successful time at Becket Keys have been lit and are already underway.

**Emily Lorenc, 7WW**



Hi, I'm Kitty and I went to Shenfield St Mary's primary school. So far, my experience at Becket Keys has been great! I have made lots of new friends and met new teachers and I'm settling in really well. I now know my way around the school and to the Bistro. My favourite lessons so far have been drama and Mandarin, but I like them all. My form tutor is Mr Collins and he's lovely and has helped me and my form feel comfortable. All my worries are gone and I'm excited for my next seven years here.

**Kitty Anderson, 7FS**



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## New Staff – Welcome to Becket Keys!



### Mrs Davies Head of English

My parents will fondly tell anyone who will listen that I have always wanted to be a teacher. I spent my childhood reading, writing stories and trying to organise my family. At school I excelled in English, History and Drama, studying all three at GCSE, the first two at A Level and English Literature at University.

I studied at Royal Holloway (near Windsor) which is part of the University of London and was fortunate to study a great range of literature from medieval writing like Beowulf to modern texts like 'Atonement' by Ian McEwan. My favourite courses were Children's Literature and The Girl in the Book. When I wasn't in lectures or the library, I was usually in the sports hall as I was a university cheerleader. We competed in regional and national competitions, winning several trophies along the way! In

my third year I was part of the cheerleading committee, working on recruiting new members of the team and organising team finances.

After university I was fortunate enough to gain a place on a teacher training programme run by my old secondary school in Hertfordshire. I trained in two schools and received my PGCE from the University of Hertfordshire. My main training school offered me a position after completing my training and I was delighted to stay on in the school for five years. I am passionate about being creative in the classroom and creating an environment where students enjoy their studies while making great progress. I particularly enjoy teaching drama texts and creative writing.

Last year, I decided I wanted a new challenge and worked on creating a more diverse curriculum. It challenged me to read new books and think about the world around me in a different way. I was thrilled to be offered the job of Head of English at Becket Keys so I can continue my work on this target. This is a very special school and I am grateful to be a part of it.

Outside of teaching, I retired from cheerleading after winning a European competition with my team. Now I am focused on learning the piano (I am hoping to

complete my grade two exam this year) and am brushing up on French as I hope to spend some time in the South of France this summer.



### Miss White English Teacher

Having been to school in Brentwood myself, I find teaching in a Brentwood school is like being back at home. At school I loved English, History and German, which I went on to study for A Level, but was happy to try any new clubs and activities, to find what I was passionate about. I was on many of the sports teams, meaning that sometimes my school was competing against Becket Keys, so have seen the school's growth.

I went on to study English at King's College, London. Being in the heart of the city was an amazing experience and allowed many trips to read texts at the very places they were written or set. Here I developed my passion

for Victorian literature, and regularly tried to map the journeys of these novels through the city. This could be challenging as it is much more developed now however, I found many fantastic little streets and places on these wanderings through central London. During this time in London, I regularly attended theatre shows, and I still enjoy a trip to see a new show now.

Then, I studied my PGCE locally and completed my training here at Becket Keys. This has enabled me to feel part of this fantastic community long before starting the job here. I love the journeys that English can take you on and cannot wait to share these with my students this year. I like the thrill of reading a new novel, poem, or play, as well as the little details you find on a second, third, fourth reading.

In my spare time, I am a keen runner. I have been part of a running club for the last 7 years but have been running since I was about 5. Additionally, I lead a Guide unit in the local area, where we do cooking, crafts, and games on a weekly basis, as well as go on trips and go camping as often as possible.

I am looking forward to teaching here this year and cannot wait to see what exciting opportunities this year will bring.



## Mrs Stone Psychology Teacher

I feel incredibly happy and excited to be returning to Becket Keys within the Psychology and Sociology department. The opportunity to return to an outstanding school was only one of the reasons for my decision. The school is more than an educational institution; it is a community in which both staff and students feel valued, respected, and cared for. Many familiar faces amongst the staff have welcomed me back which is further testament to the community that has been developed at Becket Keys. Furthermore, the reception that I have received from the students that I taught when I was at the school previously has made me certain that returning to Becket Keys for the last chapter of my teaching career is the right move.

I developed an interest in psychology and sociology from an early age, despite the subjects not being offered at school. After attending a secondary school in Essex, I worked in the City of

London within the financial sector for many years. I worked with individuals who came from a diverse range of backgrounds and found myself using my psychological and sociological knowledge that I had developed thus far to try and understand their personalities and behaviours. Teaching had been a career that I had always wished to pursue and therefore after taking a career break to spend time with my son, I returned to education as a very mature student! My son could often be overheard telling people that, "Mummy and I both go to school". After what felt like three very long years, I graduated with a first-class honours degree, BSc (Hons) Social Studies, from the University of Essex which incorporated cultural studies, psychology, social research, and sociology. I began my teaching career at UPS college teaching both psychology and sociology at A-level whilst continuing to study for my teaching qualification. I have also since taught sociology at GCSE.

I am extremely passionate about my subjects and thrive on passing this depth of interest onto the students. Despite primarily teaching within the sixth form, I enjoy getting to know the younger students and engaging them in the world of psychology and sociology. I have been asked on many occasions by younger students, whilst either on duty or covering a lesson, to explain what psychology and sociology are. I relish any opportunity to develop an interest in these subjects



whatever age the student may be. Moreover, I take pleasure in seeing all students that I teach remove the barriers of their perceived ability, driving themselves to be the best that they can possibly be. Additionally, I believe that my pastoral role, both as a tutor and a teacher, is equally as important as my academic role and endeavour to make all students that I engage with feel that I will always help them with whatever problem or obstacle that they may be facing.

My son is now 18 years old, so after many years of 'mum duties' such as weekend sports activities, I now have time to pursue my own interests. A keen West Ham fan, I attend matches whenever I can. Being a 'Hammer' has taught me loyalty over the years as any West Ham fan would agree! I have also found myself becoming a gardener and I can now actually identify a flower by name rather than just describe it as being pretty! As Covid restrictions lift I also hope to be able to watch more live theatre again and as someone with a very eclectic taste in music, I look forward to the return of live music.

I have only been back for one week, but it feels as though I have never been away demonstrating the depth of the community spirit at the school. I look forward to once again joining the students, ones that I already know and those that I have yet to meet, on their journey to success.



## OLD BRENTWOODS RFC ACORNS

The Clubhouse, Ashwells Rd, Brentwood CM15 9SE



*Has your child shown interest in playing rugby?*

*Are you thinking it could be the sport for them?*

*Maybe you just like them trying different sports!*

*Whatever their age, whatever the reason, we have options for you at Old Brentwoods RFC Acorns!*

***Please come along for a free trial on any Sunday morning from 5<sup>th</sup> September onwards***

- Our Mini-Midi section runs age groups from Year 2 (U7) through to Year 7 (U12) before progressing to our Youth section (U13 to Colts)
- Boys & Girls welcome
- Training: Sundays from 10am onwards when we don't have matches
- Matches: Friendlies (home & away), Season End Tour & Camping w/e
- EVERY CHILD plays matches: no one misses out!
- "Contact" (tackling) starts in Year 4 (U9) – gumshields are essential
- Season runs from Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Sept to Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May inclusive
- It's FREE to come and try out for a few weeks before committing
- We also host rugby coaching sessions for children in Year 1 and below at the weekends: please email for more details

*If you have any questions, or you just want to confirm you are coming along for a trial, please contact Alastair Rigden our Mini-Midi Chairman who coaches rugby in various local Brentwood schools: [obrfcminichair@gmail.com](mailto:obrfcminichair@gmail.com)*

**We look forward to welcoming your family to our club!**



## Please note!

In order to keep the students and staff safe, we are limiting visitors to the school site. If you wish to see a teacher please make an appointment.

You can contact staff via the staff contacts page on the website:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/contactus.php>



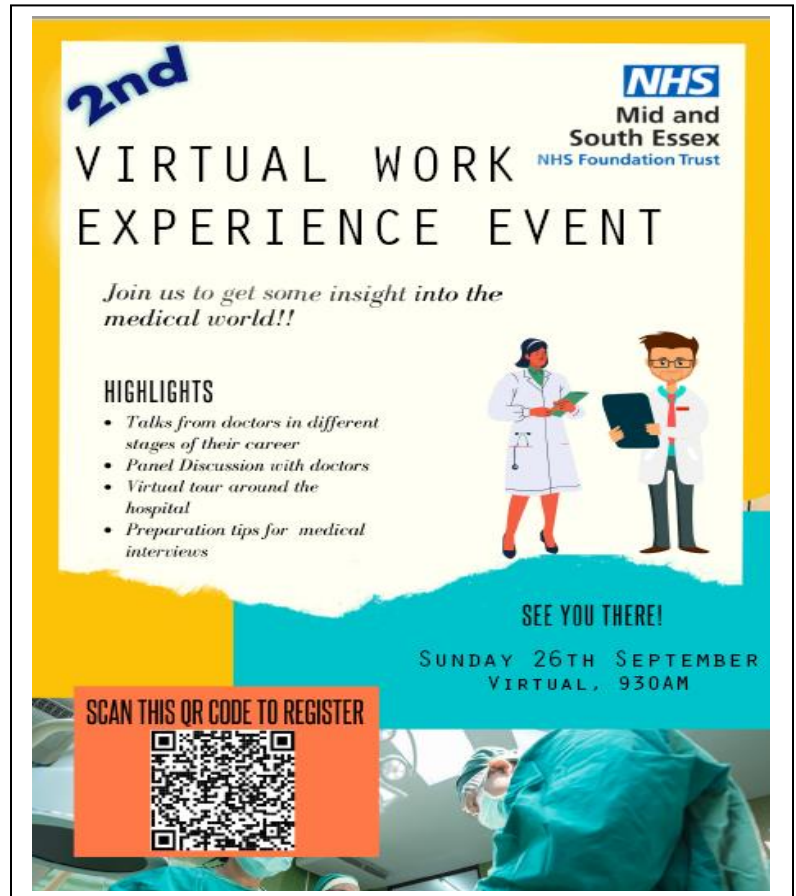
**Young Professionals free online Careers Event**


We have leaders from some of the biggest employers in their industry IBM, HSBC, PwC, bp, University of Bath, Clifford Chance & Capgemini coming to talk to you about how your son / daughter or young person under your care can navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience / internship placements as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. We will be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, CV's, and applications as well as lots of information around preparing your child / young person for the workplace / university.

This event is free of charge and it will be running on **Thursday 30th September, 6pm – 7:30pm**. You will have the opportunity to join this event virtually with your son / daughter / and or young person, ask questions you want directly to leading employers and obtain lots of useful information. The booking link can be found below here.

**Booking Link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-Insight-Evening>





**Ford Credit Europe Graduate Opportunities 2021**

Do you know anyone looking for an unmissable graduate opportunity?

We are looking for highly motivated and pro-active individuals with excellent interpersonal skills and a strong team working ethos to join our dynamic teams.

Salary: From £35,000

The graduate opportunities are in the following functions:

- IT
- Finance
- Business


To Apply:

All external applications are online. Applications can be accepted via the following link: <https://ourclients.randstad.co.uk/ford-credit/>

These opportunities are of course also open to internal applicants. If you are an internal applicant wishing to apply, please go to Jobs Online to apply to any of the above schemes. For internal applicants without Jobs Online access please contact your local HR department.

For applicants with limited access to the internet, or for any queries, please call the recruitment team on 03442 163300 or email [fordcredit@randstad.co.uk](mailto:fordcredit@randstad.co.uk)

Ford is committed to diversity and equality of opportunity for all and is opposed to any form of less favourable treatment or harassment because of gender, marital status, civil partnership status, parental status, race, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, religion/belief, gender reassignment, gender identity, age and those with caring responsibilities



## Jack Petchey Awards – Sixth Form Donation



Remember that we are currently looking for donations to assist with the new Sixth Form library that was set up by Nifemi with her Jack Petchey Award.

You can help in the following ways:

By donating a small amount of money via ParentPay so that further books can be purchased by the school. If we received just £1 on behalf of each student in the school, we would be able to fill the bookcase! If you can contribute in this way, please do so by using the '2021 22 Donations for Sixth Form Library' option on ParentPay.

By donating a new copy of a book you wish our Sixth Form students to share your love of. No doubt, you will have an idea for a text that means a great deal to you and wish others to enjoy too. It might even be the one that ignited your love of reading! For this reason, I will be donating a

new copy of Graham Greene's 'Brighton Rock'. If you can do similar, your son/daughter can get your contribution to me by leaving it a reception.

By donating good quality used copies of appropriate texts from your own collection. We want to be eco-friendly and there is something special about having an already cherished book in your hands! You might even wish to write a brief note on the inside of the front cover for students to see over the year to come. Again, these can be left at reception.

Thank you in advance for any help that you can offer with building on Nifemi's kindness. We all know that - despite an all too commonly stated misconception - everyone loves reading. Sometimes, though, individuals just need some guidance in the right direction so that they can discover what suits them. Nifemi has been proactive in supporting future Sixth Form students with this guidance and I look forward to seeing the Becket Keys community join her in this.

**Ross Peggs**  
Assistant Headteacher and  
Head of Sixth Form



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## School Transport

Students are strongly encouraged to avoid public transport for their journeys to school wherever possible. As ever, we encourage walking and cycling to school as green modes of travel with clear health benefits. However, we recognise that it will not be feasible for some students to walk/cycle to our site.

If you travel to school by public transport, please make sure that you check the timetable for any changes that have been implemented for the new term.

Remember that you will require a face covering to travel on any public transport.

## NIBS Buses

[http://www.nibsbuses.com/?page\\_id=42](http://www.nibsbuses.com/?page_id=42)



## First Buses

<https://www.firstgroup.com/essex>

## Trains

<https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/>

# Home Testing



## Covid-19 Home Test Kits

All students have now been offered home test kits. If your child has not received a kit and wants to test, please ask them to collect from reception. More tests will be made available via form tutors towards the end of September to ensure they have enough for continuous testing.


As a reminder, if your son or daughter is taking part in the Covid-19 home testing, please remember to conduct your tests on a **Wednesday and Sunday**.

[Please find here a step-by-step guide to COVID-19 self-testing.](#)


You must upload your results to: <https://testregister.co.uk/login> and then follow the steps to the Government website.

Test Register has been updated, if you need to change any details or if you have any queries regarding this process please contact: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)





### Word of the Week




# circumspect

**In sentences:**

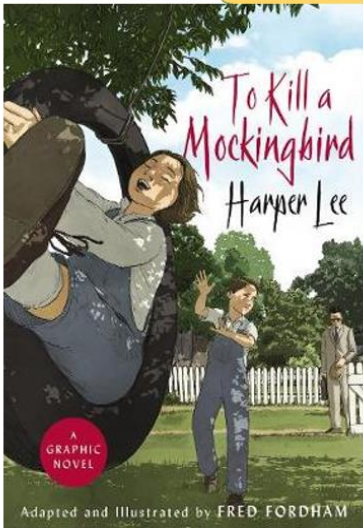
1. The officials were circumspect about discussing what the talks had achieved.
2. In this day and age, you need to be circumspect about giving out too much personal information on the internet.
3. Why do you think some people are circumspect of the vaccine's effectiveness?

**Meaning: cautious; careful not to take risks**

Etymology: from Latin *circumspectus*, from *circum* 'around, about' + *specere* 'look'.



### Book of the Month - September



Harper Lee's beloved American classic has been voted the Number One Great American Read.

Now there is a beautifully crafted graphic novel adaptation.

*'Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird.'*

A haunting portrait of race and class, innocence and injustice, hypocrisy and heroism, tradition and transformation in the Deep South of the 1930s, Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* remains as important today as it was upon its initial publication in 1960, during the turbulent years of the Civil Rights movement.

Now, Scout, Jem, Boo Radley, Atticus Finch and the small town of Maycomb, Alabama, are all captured in vivid and moving illustrations by artist Fred Fordham.

Harper Lee's timeless novel illuminates the complexities of human nature and the depths of the human heart with humour, unwavering honesty and a tender, nostalgic beauty. Lifetime admirers and new readers alike will be touched by this special visual edition.

# Geography Department

## Digimap for Schools

The Geography Department would like to welcome you and introduce you to Digimap for Schools; an excellent mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) which we use in school.

This excellent resource is available to use on any web enabled device and we would like you to explore your local area and wider world with your son/daughter.

Website:  
<https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/login>

Username: CM159DA

Password: lathed1328



### Help and Guides:

- Quick Guides: <https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/help/quick-guides/mapsplaces/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/digimapforschools>
- Help pages: <https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/help/key-areas/>
- Map Zone: <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>



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WEEK THREE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TRADITIONAL DISH	Butcher's Park Cumberland Sausages with Creamy Mash and Red Onion Gravy	Spicy Beef Enchiladas with Rice and Re-fried Beans	Peppered Roast Beef with Crisp Roasties Sautéed Leeks and Lashings of Gravy	Indonesian Spicy Nasi Goreng Chicken Fried Rice	Lemonade Battered Fish Fillet with Skinny Fries Peas and Homemade Tartare Sauce
GLOBAL GUEST	Lebanese Falafels Jewelled Cous cous and Flat Breads	Tortilla Wrapped Mexican Vegetable Enchilada	Crispy Butternut Squash and Spinach Filo Pie, Bubble and Squeak	Chana Masala Vegetable Curry with White Rice and Naan Bread	Feta and Beetroot Burger with Skinny Fries and Celeriac Slaw
 	Sweet Chilli Chicken or Margherita Pizza Slices	All Day Breakfast Bap loaded with Bacon, Cheese and Hash Brown	Veggie Noodle pots with a Honey and Ginger Broth	Chicken Tikka and Pilau Rice Wraps	Sancho Palo Marinated Chicken Sub Roll
Hot·DELI·DELICIOUS DESSERTS	Mexican Bean Soup with Baked Tortilla Strips	Split Pea Soup with Herby Croutons	Chicken Noodle Soup	Curried Sweet Potato Soup with Carrot Crisps	Thai Chicken Soup and Prawn Crackers
	Peach Melba Traybake	Eton Mess with Caramel Drizzle	Chocolate Cornflake Tart	Sticky Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Lemon and Berry Muffin

MAIN COURSES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES



Silence  
Exams in  
progress

# EXAM INVIGILATORS REQUIRED!

We are currently looking for Exam Invigilators to join our team for the 2021/22 academic year. We are offering flexible hours with the opportunity to support the school and our students through their GCSE and A Level exams.

Please see the vacancies page of our website for more details and how to apply:  
<https://www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php>

Deadline for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.



## School Photographs – now live!

If you have pre-registered you should now have an email with your unique access link. If not or you did not pre-register, please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link: <https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>

All photographs will be sent straight to your home address with free postage and time limited discounts available for the first 14 days.

**Email:** [info@carmeljane.co.uk](mailto:info@carmeljane.co.uk) or call Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-2pm)



## School Communications

From the start of this term, you will have noticed that we have changed the system from which you receive school communications.

We will no longer be using the system ParentMail and you will notice that all emails you receive will have the address 'bromcomcloud' contained within it.

Parents do not need to take any action as you will automatically receive emails addressed from Becket Keys CofE School directly into your mailbox.

If you require any additional assistance please contact the school – [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)



ParentPay<sup>®</sup>

Please make sure that you top-up your son or daughter's account each week so that they are able to access all the delicious meals in the Bistro. There is a small overdraft facility on their ParentPay account of £2 for emergency situations which covers the cost of a sandwich. Due to the cashless system in place there is no other back up.

We do not want any student to miss lunch or the great choice of food available every day in our restaurants. The chefs work hard each day especially when they have themed events such as the Spanish event next week.

If you have any queries, please contact the school – [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)

# PAUSE

Only those who sow seeds of change can hope to grow and reap a harvest.

Andrea Goeglein

## Harvest – Seeds of Change

Harvest is a special time full of opportunities to celebrate God's good gifts and share them with others, just as God intended. We live in a time like no other, as many families face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus in the UK and the wider world.

**Exodus Chapter 16** provides us with food for thought:

### **The Manna and the Quails**

**16** The whole Israelite community set out from Elim, and on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left Egypt, they came to the desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai. <sup>2</sup> There in the desert they all complained to Moses and Aaron <sup>3</sup> and said to them, "We wish that the Lord had killed us in Egypt. There we could at least sit down and eat meat and as much other food as we wanted. But you have brought us out into this desert to starve us all to death."

<sup>4</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Now I am going to cause food to rain down from the sky for all of you.



*The people must go out every day and gather enough for that day. In this way I can test them to find out if they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they are to bring in twice as much as usual and prepare it."*

<sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "This evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt. <sup>7</sup> In the morning you will see the dazzling light of the Lord's presence. He has heard your complaints against him—yes, against him, because we are only carrying out his instructions." <sup>8</sup> Then Moses said, "It is the Lord who will give you meat to eat in the evening and as much bread as you want in the morning, because he has heard how much you have complained against him. When you complain against us, you are really complaining against the Lord."

<sup>9</sup> Moses said to Aaron, "Tell the whole community to come and

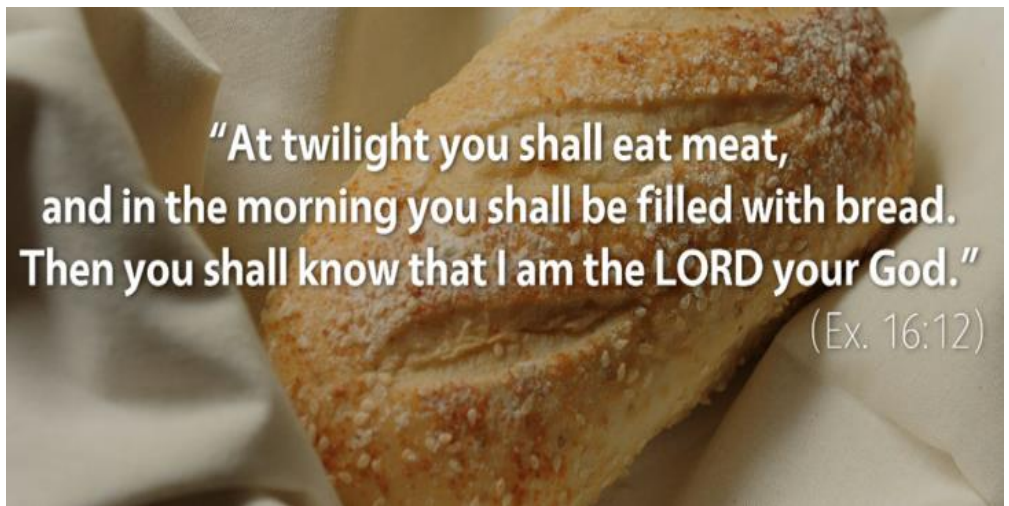
*stand before the Lord, because he has heard their complaints."* <sup>10</sup> As Aaron spoke to the whole community, they turned toward the desert, and suddenly the dazzling light of the Lord appeared in a cloud. <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them that at twilight they will have meat to eat, and in the morning they will have all the bread they want. Then they will know that I, the Lord, am their God."

<sup>13</sup> In the evening a large flock of quails flew in, enough to cover the camp, and in the morning there was dew all around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the dew evaporated, there was something thin and flaky on the surface of the desert. It was as delicate as frost. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they didn't know what it was and asked each other, "What is it?"

Moses said to them, "This is the food that the Lord has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> The Lord has commanded that each of you is to gather as much of it as he needs, two quarts for each member of his household."

<sup>17</sup> The Israelites did this, some gathering more, others less. <sup>18</sup> When they measured it, those who gathered much did not have too much, and those who gathered less did not have too little. Each had gathered just what he needed. <sup>19</sup> Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it for tomorrow." <sup>20</sup> But some of them did not listen to Moses and saved part of it. The next morning it was full of worms and smelled rotten, and Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup> Every morning each one gathered as much as he needed; and when the sun grew hot, what was left on the ground melted.

<sup>22</sup> On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, four quarts for each person. All the leaders of the community came and told Moses about it, <sup>23</sup> and he said to them, "The Lord has commanded that tomorrow is a holy day of rest, dedicated to him. Bake today what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Whatever is left should be put aside and kept for tomorrow." <sup>24</sup> As Moses had commanded, they kept what was left until the next day; it did not spoil or get worms in it. <sup>25</sup> Moses said, "Eat this today, because today is the Sabbath, a day of rest dedicated to the Lord, and you will not find any food outside the camp. <sup>26</sup> You must gather food for



**"At twilight you shall eat meat,  
and in the morning you shall be filled with bread.  
Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."**

(Ex. 16:12)

six days, but on the seventh day, the day of rest, there will be none."

<sup>27</sup> On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather food, but they did not find any. <sup>28</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "How much longer will you people refuse to obey my commands? <sup>29</sup> Remember that I, the Lord, have given you a day of rest, and that is why on the sixth day I will always give you enough food for two days. Everyone is to stay where he is on the seventh day and not leave his home." <sup>30</sup> So the people did no work on the seventh day.

<sup>31</sup> The people of Israel called the food manna. <sup>32</sup> It was like a small white seed, and tasted like thin cakes made with honey. <sup>33</sup> Moses said, "The Lord has commanded us to save some manna, to be kept for our descendants, so that they can see the food which he gave us to eat in the desert when he brought us out of Egypt." <sup>34</sup> Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar, put two quarts of manna in it, and place it in the Lord's presence to be kept for our descendants." <sup>35</sup> As the Lord had commanded Moses,

Aaron put it in front of the Covenant Box, so that it could be kept. <sup>36</sup> The Israelites ate manna for the next forty years, until they reached the land of Canaan, where they settled. (The standard dry measure then in use equalled twenty quarts.)

God provided the Israelites with manna from Heaven during their time in the wilderness. He provided just enough to meet people's needs, and they could not hoard the food or keep it from one another. It is also significant that in the Exodus narrative, God ensures that the Israelites have adequate food and water before giving them the Ten Commandments. It is said that people's basic need for sustenance must be met before we can think about anything else.

This academic year, we are able to restart our Harvest Appeal. Harvest is a time to remember God's abundant generosity, but also a time to remember those in need within our community and throughout the world. We will support Brentwood Foodbank as part of our Harvest offering. This



DEODORANT	BABY FOOD/RUSKS
SHOWER GEL	NAPPIES SIZE 5 & 6
CONDITIONER	UHT MILK
SHAMPOO	FRUIT JUICE
SHAVING FOAM/GEL	SUGAR
TOILET CLEANERS ETC.	JAM/SPREADS
TOILET ROLLS	CUSTARD
TOOTHBRUSHES	RICE PUDDING
WASHING POWDER/LIQUIDS	TINNED SPAGHETTI
PASTA SAUCES	TINNED COLD HAM
CHICKEN/IRISH STEW	TINNED MEAT PIES
SAVOURY PASTA/ RICE	TINNED MEATBALLS
ALL DAY BREAKFAST	

When you fed hungry people, everyone ate and had enough. May we never become accustomed to the scandal of hunger in a world of plenty. Rather, may we live in accordance with your justice and equity. May we be the seeds of change in your word. Be with us, Lord, as we face your challenge to help others and learn how to live our lives in love and prayer.

provides emergency food for people in crisis. We will be commencing our Foodbank collection next week. There will be a box in each form room, so that a variety of foods and basic essentials can be collected. The Brentwood Foodbank Team have sent the above list of items that they are low on in their warehouse:

Donations can also be placed in reception, to add to our harvest display.

The final date for donations is the Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**Let us pray:**

Generous God, at this harvest time we thank you for all the good things you give us. As we thank you for our food, we remember all those who do not have enough for even one proper meal each day. Lord, Bless all those who suffer because of the greed of others. We pray for the homeless, and those who depend on the charity of others. We pray for the work of the food banks providing food for those in need. Help us to share the harvests of

the world more fairly, so everyone can be fed and there will be no more starvation.

**Lord of the harvest: hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, help us and all people who have everything they need and more to share their good fortune with those who are in need. We pray that, each day, we can make the choices and take the actions that will bring an end to poverty and hunger, and lead us all towards a fairer world.

**Lord of the harvest: hear our prayer.**

Christ our Lord, Your light shines into the shadows, and shows us where the obstacles are to changing our lives. We know that often they are in our own hearts, in the way we live, and in our daily choices and actions. We pray that we may accept the light of your love as a challenge to change ourselves and our world.

**Lord of the harvest: hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, You came that all might have life in abundance.

**Generous and loving God: sow seeds of change in us. Amen.**

**Matthew Chapter 17 verse 20**

With faith the size of a...

**NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.**

Matthew 17:20



came to my mind whilst writing these prayers and thinking about the challenges we face in the world:

*'20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you'*

Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains! The verse ends with 'nothing will be

impossible for you?’ That is glorious promise!

Happy are those who have bread to eat!

As grain grows in the fields and

Rains bring the water of life we share

Visions of all your people united in

Eternal praise and kneaded together to

Share good news of justice and peace:

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

We can believe our prayers make a difference, and that faith can move the mountains of injustice and poverty in this world. Let us to continue to pray, to grow and nurture our faith. May we be the seeds of change in God’s world.

Mrs Sharp  
Deputy Headteacher



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### Student Contact Information

As we are sure you will all appreciate, it is vitally important that we hold accurate records, addresses and contact numbers. We need at least 2 contact names/numbers in case of an issue with your son/daughter at school. It is also vital that we hold necessary health information about all our students in the event of a medical emergency.

Sometimes parents may not receive vital school information if we have not been advised of any change in data. Therefore, if you have changed any of your contact details (phone, email address or home address), please make sure you let us know immediately so we can update our systems.

Please email through any changes to [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)

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# Art & Textiles

Here are all the fantastic pieces from this week.



## Star Artist for Art Hannah Thomas Yr 10



# Year 7 Colour Wheels

Mia Walters



Lola Massarella



Lily Wonderling



Oscar Gibb



# Isabelle King Yr 9



# James Head Yr 10



# Frankie Peet Yr 10





# In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

In Year 9 this year we are looking at sustainable textiles and ethical fashion. This week we did some observational drawings of discarded crisp packets.

Here are some lovely examples...



Elizabeth Thompson – Y9



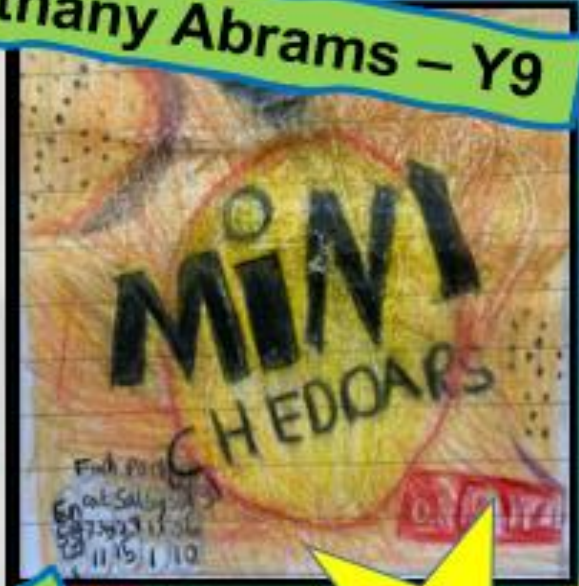
Beau Ayres – Y9



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# Key stage 3

Bethany Abrams – Y9



Marcelina Buczak – Y9



Archie James – Y9



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2021

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### ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS

MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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### STUDENT HALF DAY

THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021 –

MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022

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### INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

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