



Becket Keys Church of England School

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Mr Scott-Evans writes ...

Do not be anxious about anything!

This week I have hosted meetings with all our sixth formers where they have had the opportunity to quiz members of the local community on matters of faith. This has included two visits from Pastor Peter Jordan from Sawyers Church.

Pastor Jordan spoke of times in his life when he has tackled issues of anxiety and how God has helped him. He particularly referred to some verses in Philippians where St Paul writes: 'do not be anxious about anything'. Paul tells us that in every situation we should bring our requests to God with thanksgiving.

The text continues that we should focus our attention on the

positives specifically whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable or praiseworthy. If we put this into practice 'the God of peace will be with [us]'.

I was struck by this as, to be honest, I have had a pretty tough week. At times I have felt a little overwhelmed and anxious. I am sure that we all have those weeks!

And yet, as I reflect on the past five days, my calmest and happiest moments have been when I have been focused on the positives rather than trying to tackle the anxieties. These lessons with our sixth formers for example have been real highlights! I have sat there impressed and pleased at the intellectual questions our students have raised about matters of faith, religion and

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spirituality.

Other times of real peace and calm have been when I have spoken to all the Year 7s about their Head Teacher's Challenge projects. It is a joy for me to talk to them about their experiences and engage with them about what they learned and enjoyed. Madison Moon for example has pulled together a most impressive folder. Sitting looking at all the things that she and her peers have done over the summer including her fabulous spaghetti bolognaise take my mind 100 miles away from the troubles and worries that I am dealing with.

Through the power of prayer (and some tasty sugary snacks which my PA keeps bringing in), I have tackled my to do list as well. I hope you are all coping well, but if not, here are my emotional well-being tips for today:

- Take a look at Philippians 4 v 4-9.
- Pray about your anxieties and worries. God knows what you are going through and wants to help.
- Focus on the pure, lovely, admirable and praiseworthy. Particularly when it comes to our students, there is plenty to enjoy.
- Eat cake!
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Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher

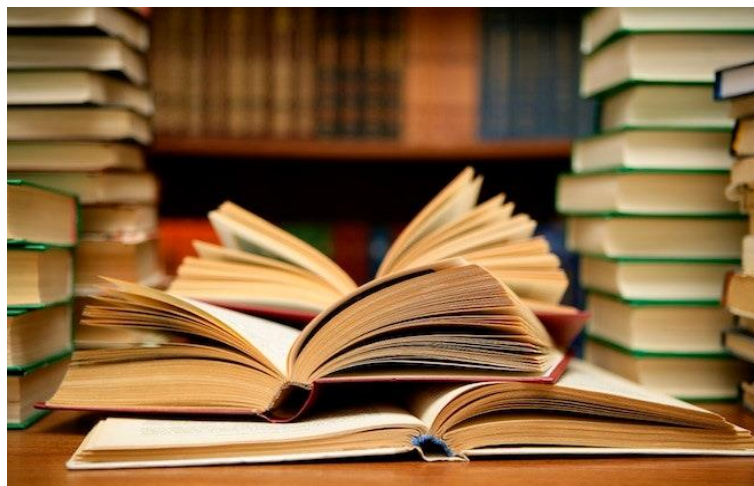
Reading for Learning

You may be aware that the school is taking part in a new 'Reading for Learning' project. Students are now once a week, reading for 20 minutes in a lesson. The reading material is provided and is relevant to the subject. This could be an article or a piece of fiction. Students don't need to prepare they just turn up and read. After the 20 minutes is complete the teacher will discuss the content of the reading material.

I really hope that the students are enjoying the time they spend reading in lessons. Reading around their favourite subjects and then reflecting is a great way to understand wider reading.

Reading for Learning next week will be Period 1 on Tuesday 5th October.

Mrs Knowles
Head of History



Homework Club

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!

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: **vurped6777**

Help and Guides:

- Quick Guides:

<https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/help/quick-guides/mapsplaces/>

- Help pages:

<https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/help/key-areas/>

- Map Zone:

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>



Year 11 Students - Sixth Form Event

We would like to invite Year 11 students and their parents to find out more about the Sixth Form at Becket Keys because we want to help you to decide whether our distinctive approach is right for your Sixth Form education.

In order to help you with this choice this year, we are delighted to be able to offer you two opportunities to interact with the school in October. We are hosting an online open evening on **6th October** and we are also hosting a live subject fair on **12th October**, giving students and parents a chance to meet with teachers and discuss subjects face to face. Please see our website for booking details at <https://www.becketkeys6th.org/>. Here you will also find online our Course Guide and other materials that will help you.

Becket Keys Church of England School offers high quality education in an environment in which every student is known, valued and encouraged to achieve their individual potential. The school's strong Christian ethos and its unashamedly traditional approach to education are coupled with high expectations of excellent performance and a commitment to fostering a love of learning in our students.

We appreciate that this is a very difficult time for you with coursework deadlines, mocks to study for and big decisions about your future ahead. We will do everything we can to assist you. We know how important this time in your life is and we look forward to assisting you on the journey!

These events are open to all Year 11 students so please feel free to invite your friends who attend other schools in the area.



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



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4.1 (Lunch 1)			*Theory Club 8am	Year 7 Keyboard Orchestra	
4.2 (Lunch 1)				Year 8 Keyboard Orchestra	
3:15pm	Orchestra	Senior Choir (Yr10-13) Junior Choir (Yr 7-9)	Forte Drumming String Ensemble	Stage Band	Rock Factory

- We have two choirs - one for Year 7-9 and one for Year 10-13 on a Tuesday.
- If you are in Year 7 and 8 and play netball after school on a Monday, you can alternate and go to Orchestra one week and netball the other.
- We have 4 new extra-curricular groups being offered this year. Forte Drumming for those interested in drums, String Ensemble for those who play violin and cello and two separate keyboard clubs for Year 7 and 8.
- You can have lessons at school on the following instruments: violin, cello, trumpet, piano, guitar, bass guitar, saxophone, flute, clarinet, voice and drums.
Speak to your music teacher for more information.

Made at Becket Keys Design & Technology Department

Picking GCSE options is always a big decision for Year 9 student. What has been lovely to see, is the new year 10 design and technology students settling in so well, and already demonstrating the characteristics and skills needed to develop into strong and creative designers. Our first mini project to see design creativity and practical ability, was to design and make a toothbrush without any real brief or direction. As a whole, the class produced some lovely work, with

some very high-quality finishes to the Styrofoam material that we used to fabricate our prototype.

Although it was a difficult decision, and with some input from myself and a few sixth form students, the 'top' three were selected on a combination of creativity as well as quality of finish.

Not only were there brilliantly made prototypes, but some creative and well-presented design ideas well. As a first task in

lesson one, some great work has been produced demonstrating the function and aesthetics of the proposed design idea. Again, I commend the whole class, but a few stood out as can be seen below.

Mr Bunyan
Head of Design & Technology



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Ryan O'Flaherty has created an interesting design here and managed to produce a model of a very high quality. The idea comes with an angled stand for ease of use and display. The concept is also different to any toothbrush on the market which is always an interesting talking point.

Ellison Randle has managed to produce a handle that takes the users fingers into consideration with this very professional looking and symmetrical handle. Again, another creative and interesting design.

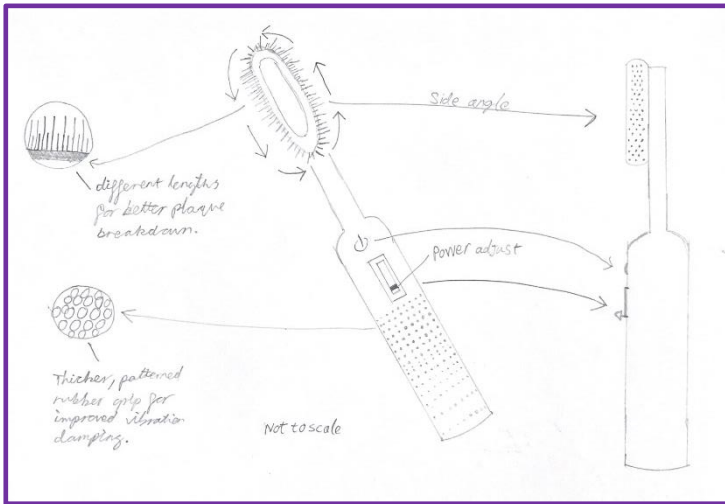


Here we have Theo Vandermerwe's design (left) and Reuben Selwood-Fry's design (right).

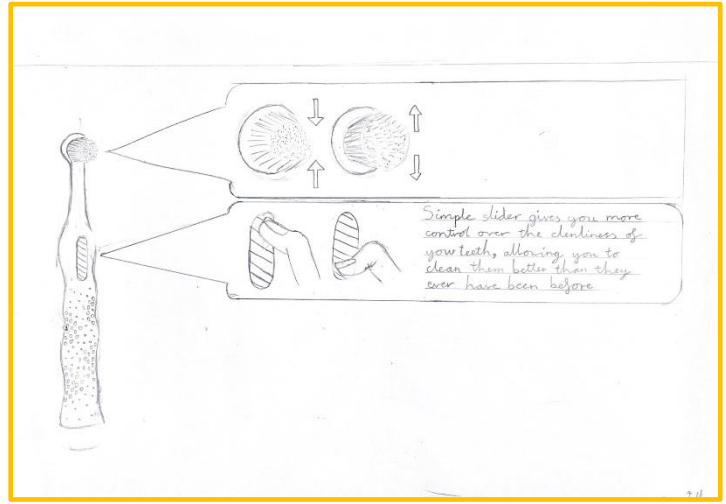
Theo focused on comfort within the hand and managed to design a handle that fits surprisingly snugly in the hand.

Reuben went for a more functional approach with the ability to 'load' the toothpaste in the handle itself, eliminating the need to keep squeezing the tube.

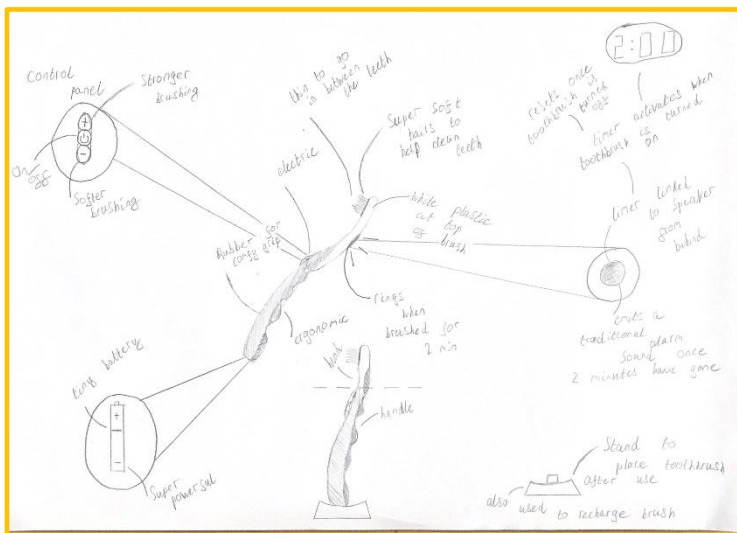




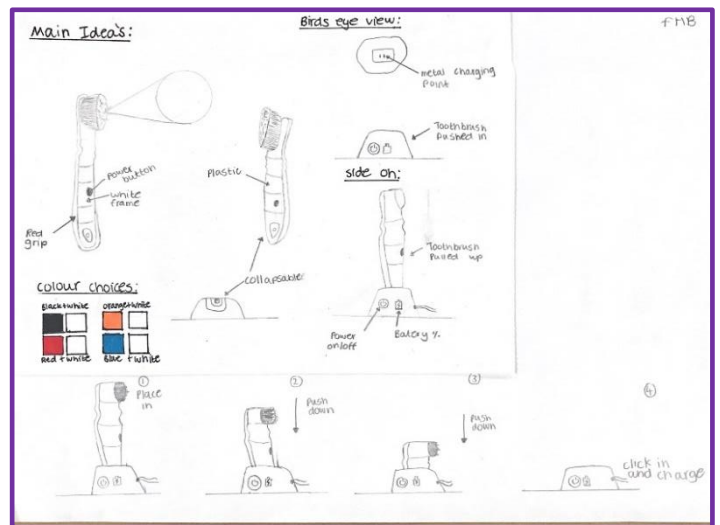
Ryan O'Flaherty



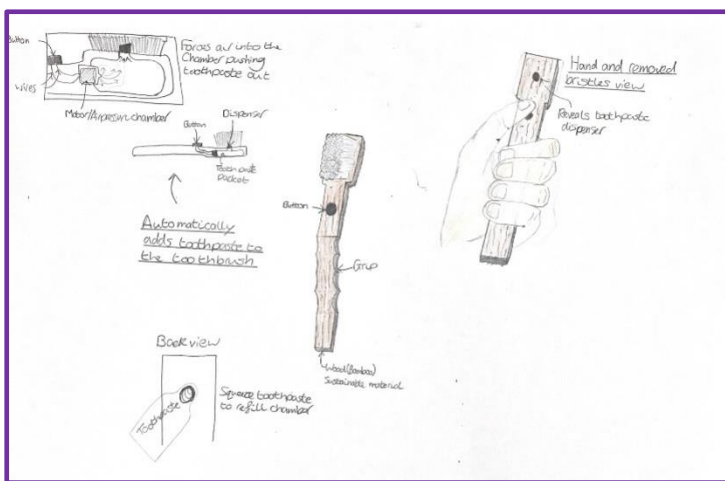
Anya Till



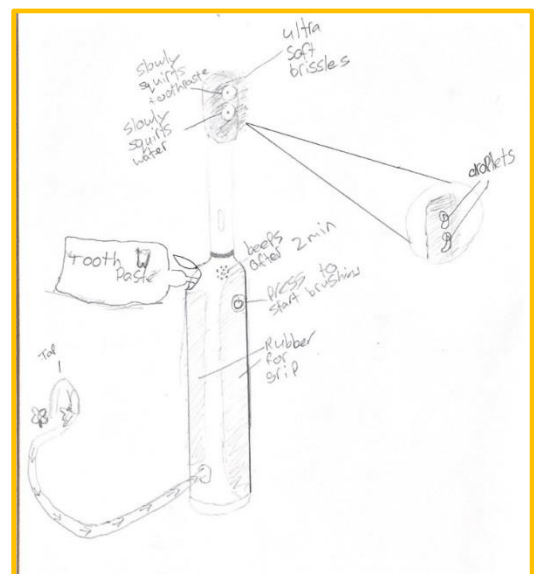
Louis Farel



Felix Haywood-Biles



Ellison Randle



Reuben Selwood-Fry

Mandarin Department

The Mid–Autumn Festival, also known as Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival, is a traditional festival celebrated in China. It is the second-most important holiday after the Chinese New Year with a history dating back 3,000 years.

The Mid-Autumn is on 15th August lunar month each year. This year it was on 21st of September. On this day, the Chinese believe that the moon is at its brightest and fullest size, coinciding with harvest time in the middle of Autumn.

In our Mandarin lessons with Year 7,8 and 9 MEP classes, Miss Lin and Mrs Zhang shared the legendary story of the Mid-Autumn Festival and explained to the students that Chinese families normally get together on this day to have a feast, followed by moongazing and eating the festival snack, mooncakes, a rich pastry typically filled with sweet-bean or lotus-seed paste or other savoury filling. The round shape of the mooncake symbolises the full moon and the family reunion.

In one of the clubs, the Year 7 students made a mooncake craft with a message inside to themselves. All our Year 7, 8 and 9 Mandarin students were given the task to design a poster about the traditional Chinese festival. And the Year 9 students were also given the choice of making delicious mooncakes. It is difficult



Year 9 MEP students gathered during the lunch time club to the celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival together.

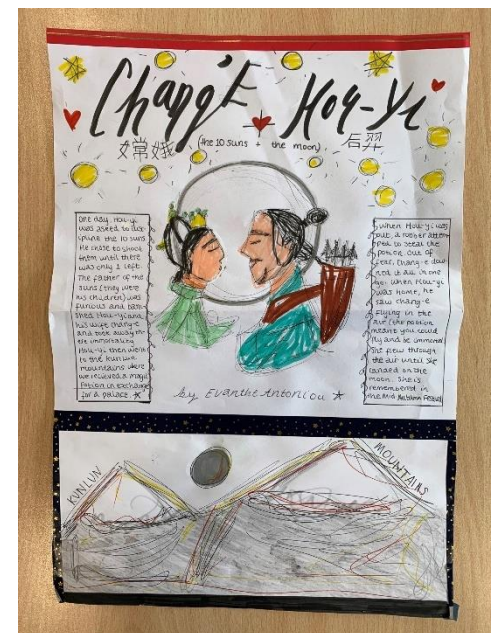
even for Chinese people to make them because of the complicated process. But the mooncakes made by Year 9 were extremely impressive.

The work submitted showed the students had done lots of research about the festival. Miss Lin and I are amazed by the high standard of the work that our students produced! The posters are not only informative, but also visually appealing, and they showcase the artistic skills our students have.

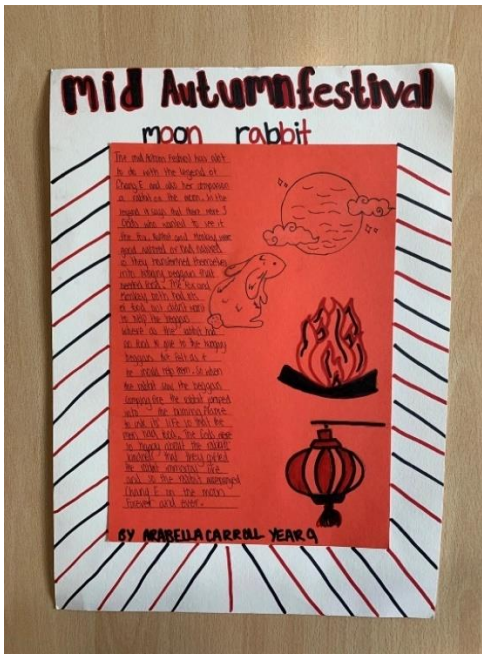
We are incredibly proud of our students!

Below are a few of the fantastic posters that were submitted, and the delicious mooncake made by our students.

Mrs Zhang
MEP C o-ordinator



Evanthe Antoniou
Year 8



Arabella Carroll
Year 9



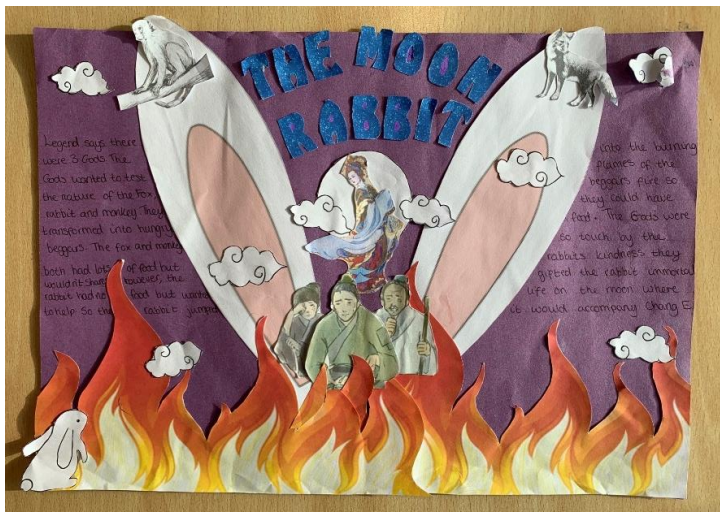
Moon cake
Mae Blackwell - Year 9



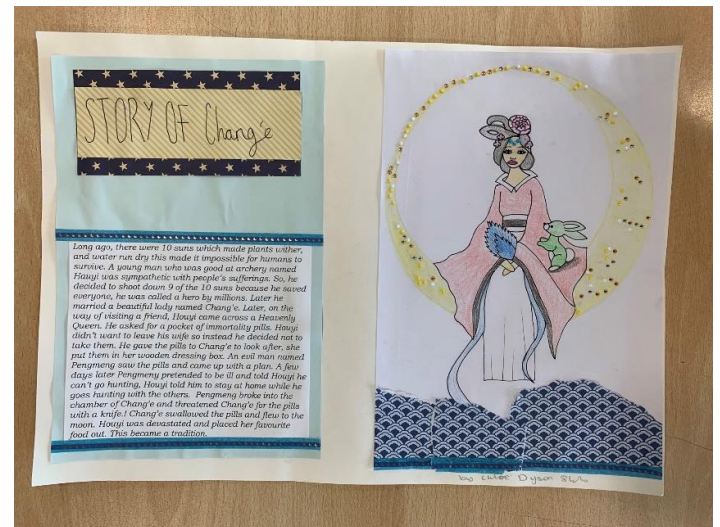
Moon cake
Nyssa Agarwal - Year 9



Amabelle Trinder - Year 9



Esme Hodges - Year 8



Chloe Dyson - Year 9

Becket Keys Harvest Appeal

Did you know?

- In the UK, more than 14 million people are living in poverty – including 4.5 million children.
- There are more than 1,200 food bank centres in the UK providing a minimum of three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food to people who have been referred in crisis. They are also supporting people in resolving the crises they face.
- Between April 2019 and March 2020, food banks in the Trussell Trust network provided a record 1.9 million food supplies to people in crisis, an 18% increase on the previous year.



- During the coronavirus pandemic food banks have seen need rise even further.

This academic year, we have restarted 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. Please support our Brentwood Foodbank and help provide emergency food for people in crisis. The Brentwood Foodbank Team have sent the list below, identifying low stock items in their warehouse:

Please place any donations in reception over the next few weeks. Tutors, please do share NfT slides with students are encourage Form collections.

The final date for donations is the Monday 4th October.

For more information about the Food bank and the service it provides please visit their website:

<https://brentwood.foodbank.org.uk/>

Deodorant	Toilet rolls	All day breakfast	Custard
Shower gel	Toothbrushes	Nappies size 5 &6	Rice Pudding
Conditioner	Washing powder/liquid	UHT milk	Tinned spaghetti
Shampoo	Pasta Sauce	Fruit juice	Tinned cold ham
Shaving foam/gel	Savoury pasta/rice	Sugar	Tinned meat pies
Toilet cleaners etc.	Chicken/Irish Stew	Jam/Spreads	Tinned meatballs
	All day breakfast		

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 have been made available today via form tutors 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



We are pleased to announce that the School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans will start again next week on Wednesday 29th September at 8.45am.

This is a short meeting where we pray together for local and national events and for any intentions of those in our school family. All are welcome, please enter via reception.

If you have any prayer intentions, please send them into the school via the office email: office@becketkeys.org

**THE SCHOOL NURSE IS AVAILABLE –
JUST NOT ON SITE!**



Help and advice in relation to:

**How can you make contact?
Use 'CHAT Health'**

This is manned by a School Nurse between the hours of 9-5pm Monday to Friday, and they will respond to all messages within 24 hours Monday – Friday. The aim is to provide a timely, and convenient access to confidential health advice for every young person in Essex.

Phone or text: 07520 615732

No parental consent required for students aged 13 and over.

Food Department

This week in the food department our Year 12 sixth form students made dumplings. It was their first practical lesson since the start of what has been a very busy start of term. They thoroughly enjoyed making them, as you can see from the photos.

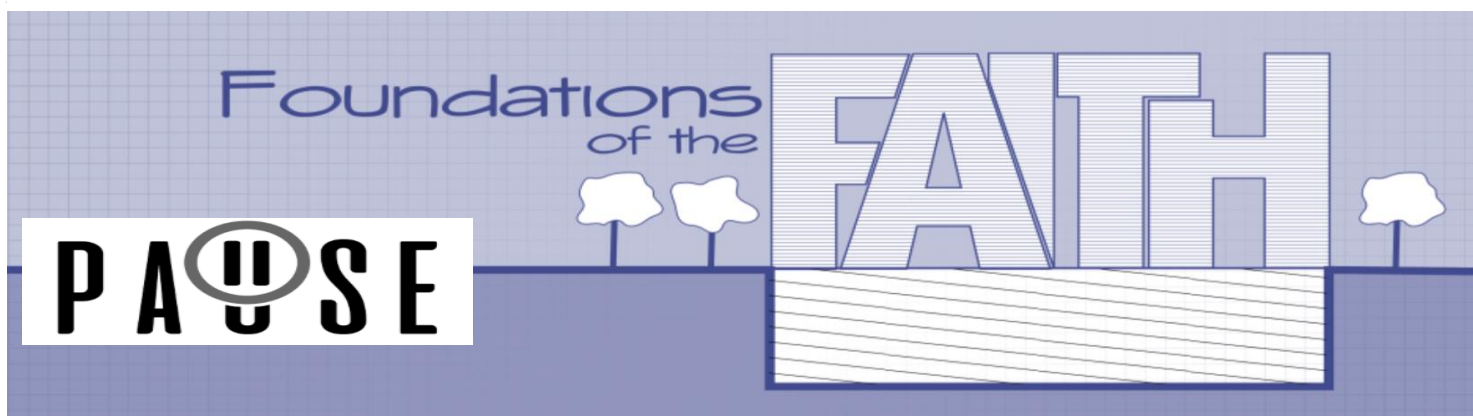
It was so nice to see them practising their skill in the art of dumpling making, I even had students trying out different shapes.

Please find the link with the recipe we used for this lesson if you would like to have a go at making these at home. Enjoy!

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/porkpotstickerdumpli_90878

Mrs English
Head of Food





A distinctive Sixth Form offer – Foundations of Faith

With our Sixth Form Open Evening on 12th October, I thought I would write about one distinctive aspect of our Sixth Form offer. Not only does our outstanding Sixth Form focus on securing top university places and high-quality apprenticeships for our students, but it also cares holistically for every individual; developing their character and spirituality, based on our school values and the Church of England Vision for Education.

Visit our Sixth Form John Wraw Chapel

An example of this is provided by

our Year 13 Tutorial Collective Worship course entitled 'Foundations in Faith'. The sessions give plenty of time to ponder those deeper questions of life. Through discussion and reflection, students can see how what they believe about God really does affect their lives. There are lots of practical ideas to act upon, as learning and living has been carefully woven together. Each theme begins with learning, focusing on the things that the Bible and Christian doctrine teach us about God, His acts and His plans and purposes, but finishes by looking at the impact that knowledge should have on our day to day lives. There are also opportunities to consider what the lifestyle we are called to teaches us about God.

Wherever students and teachers are on their faith journey, they can think carefully about the ideas presented, read carefully, prayerfully and actively. When they come across things that interest them or challenge them, they are encouraged to take time to reflect and consider changes in their lifestyle (their way of thinking, acting and relating).

There is always more to learn and think more deeply about, but remember, while learning and understanding is important, it is living and doing and, perhaps most vitally, relating to the God of love who is at the centre of our school and longs to be the centre of our lives. For our Year 13s, it is hoped that the reflective journal they produce whilst completing this course will be something to take with them, whatever path their lives take after Becket Keys. We also hope that they will have the reassurance of God's love and ours.

Becket Keys Church of England School is built on Christ. May these strong foundations be with our students always.

Our desire for our students is that they experience 'life in all its fullness'. John 10 v10

**Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher**

Art & Textiles

Year 10 & 12 have been working extremely hard this week!



Cordelia Hoxha Yr 12



Rhea Patel

Yr 12



Danilo De Vito Yr 12

Alex Miller Yr 12



Year 10 Glorious Nature



In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

More lovely work from Year 9 this week – well done Year 9!

Eva Josling Y9



Anna-Kaye Fullerton – Y9



Krithika Jeyakumar – Y9



Oscar Linnecar - Y9



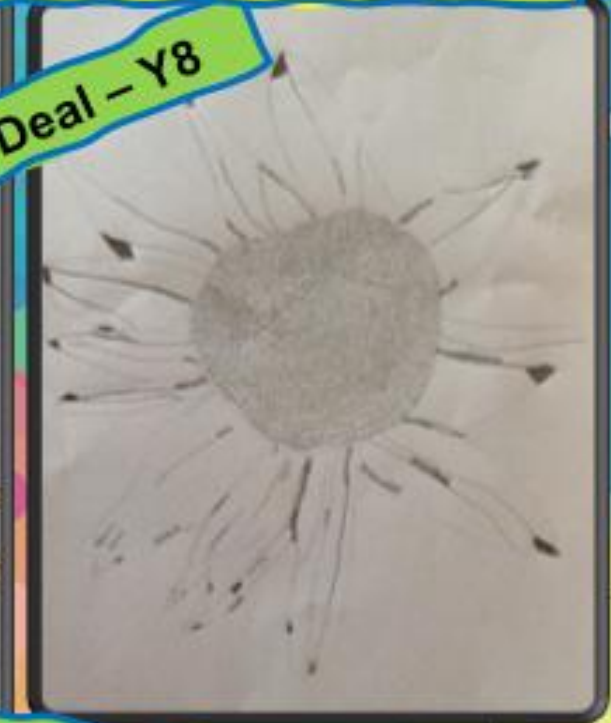
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Key stage 3

Y8 were asked to draw a flower or bunch of flowers for homework this week.



Romilie Deal - Y8



Liam Adams - Y8

A lovely paint and salt experiment here by Kenzie Hull.



Kenzie Hull - Y8



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2021

VIRTUAL EVENTS

5.00PM & 7.00PM

TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER

SCHOOL VISIT & SUBJECT FAIR

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2021

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS

MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER

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STUDENT HALF DAY

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2021

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021 –

MONDAY 3RD JANUARY 2022

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