



Becket Keys Church of England School

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Mr Scott-Evans writes...

You may have noticed that we have had our website redesigned: www.becketkeys.org. Please let us know how you are getting on with it! It may be that the developers have moved some buttons or pages that you used to rely on, and we need to put them back!

Perhaps the most important pages for parents are the curriculum pages. These are found under the drop down menu 'School Life'. There are then various pages to help you.

1. [Assessment in Key Stage 3](#). We are going to be sending home progress grades for all students in Year 7,8 and 9 soon. You may want to check this page to remind yourself what the grades mean.

2. [Remote learning](#). Here you can check what our offer is when we are in a lockdown situation or when students are having to self-isolate.
3. [Overview](#). This page gives you an overarching vision of our curriculum and provides you with the links to every subject for every year group in the school. You can find from here what is happening term by term in each curriculum area, what the assessments will be, what the key terms are and how we teach spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through each subject. For example, check out Year 7 Science [here](#).

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Church of England School

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4. **Relationship and Sex Education.** This is an important page. I am sure that you will want to check out what we teach year by year and what questions might come up as a result of our lessons in school.
5. **Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education.** As mentioned in 'Overview' above, we plan our provision for SMSC very carefully. We know term by term what elements are being taught in each subject. As a result of our Christian ethos we specifically plan for teaching students about spirituality, character and Christian values.
6. **Enrichment.** Read all about our extra-curricular offer here. Part of independent school feel is to really push these opportunities and we insist that every teacher runs at least one extra-curricular club. Many support staff get involved as well.
7. **Specialisms.** Our emphasis on the importance of music and sport are summarised here. Although we do not receive any additional funding for these areas, through our School Fund we invest heavily into high quality teaching and resources.

8. **Exams.** Finally, we have a page all about exams. You can find timetables for upcoming exams here and advice for candidates. Our exam results (from 2019 – last year of formal exams) are also on this page.

If you think that there is anything missing about the curriculum or any other area, please do let me know. The Contact Staff page is [here](#). You can write to me or any member of staff directly from there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher

Year 11 Date Changes

Sixth Former
for a Day

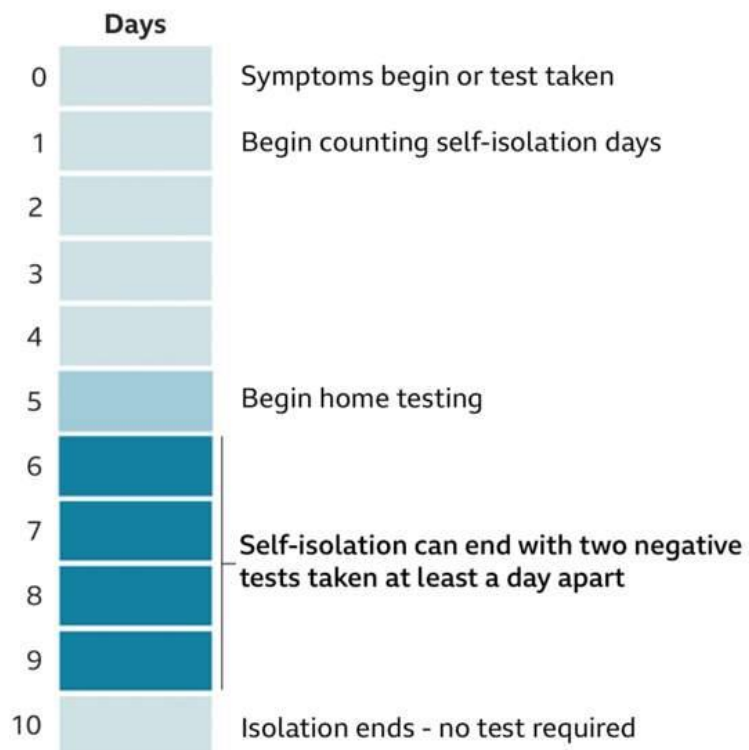
Tuesday

15th March 2022

Sixth Form
Bridging Event

Monday 27th &
Tuesday 28th June
2022

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS



Year 7 - Drama

7b are having a wonderful time in drama exploring Roald Dahl and ways they can portray some of his more grisly characters! Here they are rehearsing to perform as Mr and Mrs Twit playing pranks on each other!

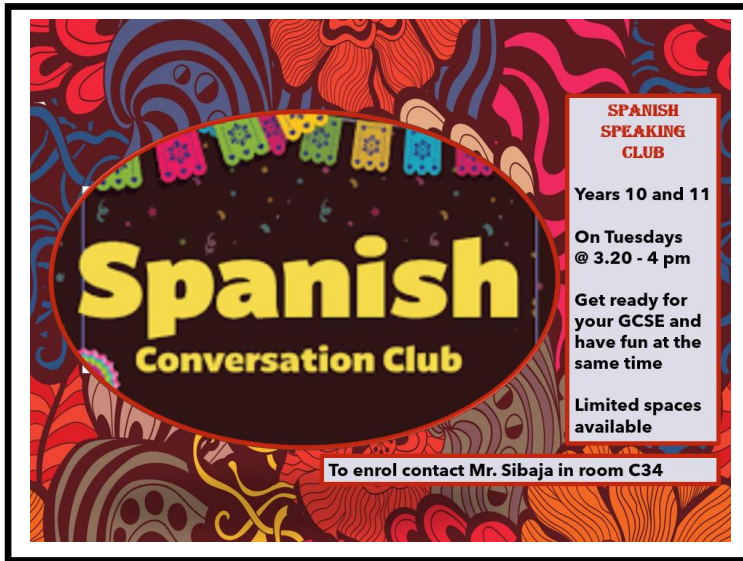


The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is every week on Wednesday at 8.45am.

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

Extra-Curricular Clubs



SPANISH SPEAKING CLUB

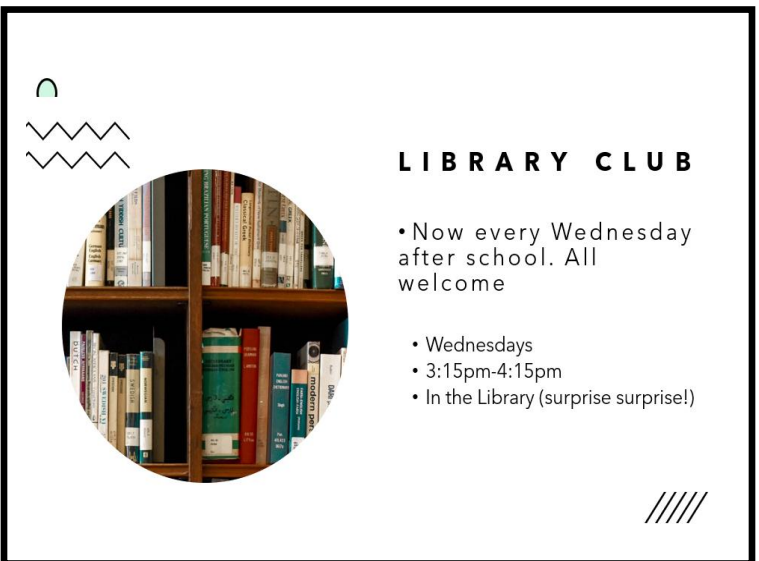
Years 10 and 11

On Tuesdays @ 3.20 - 4 pm

Get ready for your GCSE and have fun at the same time

Limited spaces available

To enrol contact Mr. Sibaja in room C34



LIBRARY CLUB

- Now every Wednesday after school. All welcome
- Wednesdays
- 3:15pm-4:15pm
- In the Library (surprise surprise!)

DT Club – W01 3:20 - Friday

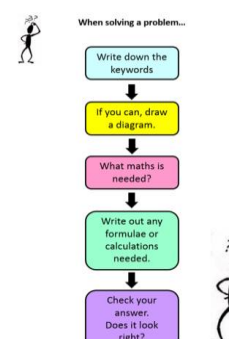

- In DT club this week, you will have the opportunity to work on your projects.
- Year 7 – Wooden Storage box
- Year 8 – Wooden Link toy
- Year 9 – Wooden Speaker




- There is now a sign up sheet outside W01 – when / if there are 25 names, I will take the sheet down. If you are unable to come this week, we will be doing the same next week.

Maths Help and Support Club Year 10 and 11 12/01/2022

Would you like help with your maths?
Do you want some revision tips?
Need something explaining again?
Want to improve your understanding?
Drop into J23
Every Monday 3.15pm-4pm

"DROP IN" mandarin clinic




- 3:20-4:00pm
- Mondays
- C36
- Open to all year groups
- Come and leave whenever

You can come and do Mandarin homework here. Ask for help with classwork and homework.

YEAR 11 SCIENCE
TURN UP AND REVISE

Time - 8am

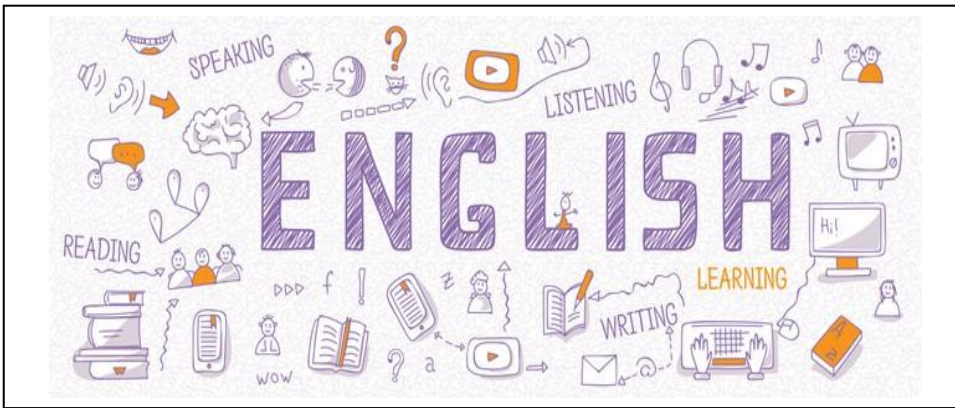
Where
Tues - W13 - Biology
Wed - W21 - Chemistry
Fri - W24 - Physics



Teachers will be available to support

Bring your revision/homework with you

Focused and quiet environment to study




Remember that Homework Club is up and running! Every afternoon after school students can stay until 4.30pm and complete their homework in C11.

All year groups are welcome to attend, these sessions are supervised by members of staff so if students have any queries there are staff available.

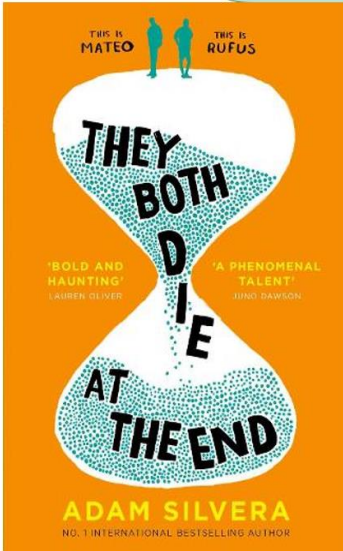
If there are a lot of students who wish to make use of this opportunity, we will open other rooms.

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!



Book of the Month - January




Discovering they have less than 24 hours to live, two young strangers embark on an adventure of a life-time – within the confines of one day – in this moving and unforgettable bestseller from Adam Silvera.


A love story with a difference - an unforgettable tale of life, loss and making each day count.

On September 5th, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: they're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: there's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure - to live a lifetime in a single day.

Although it may seem depressing, this is a beautiful, heart-breaking and life-affirming book.



Word of the Week



despondent

In sentences:

1. She was starting to feel despondent about ever finding a part-time job.
2. Before you get too despondent, though, there's some good news.
3. You may feel despondent when your work has mistakes, but next time you will learn from them.

Meaning: unhappy, and with no hope or enthusiasm

Etymology: from the Latin **despondere**, "to lose courage, give up"

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK REQUIREMENTS

JANUARY

Tinned Goods:

Meat Pies

Salmon

All Day Breakfast

Ham

Chicken Stew/ Beef Stew

Meatballs

Spaghetti

Custard/Rice Pudding

Potatoes

Washing Up Liquid

Washing Powder/Gel

Toilet Roll

Razors

Nappies Size 5 & 6

Any cleaning items

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

Lunchtime Eucharist



Lunchtime Eucharists have now resumed and are held in the John Wraw Chapel.

Year 8, 9 and 12

12.10pm
on

Tuesdays
with Father Hamilton

Year 7, 10, 11 and 13

1.00pm
on

Fridays
with Father North

Students are able to get a lunchtime pass from their Tutor so they can get early access to the front of the queue for the Bistro or Orangery for their lunch prior to the service.



Please make sure that you top-up your son or daughter's account each week so that he/she is able to access all the delicious meals in the school restaurants.

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 to provide a variety of delicious meals for the school.

If you have any queries, please contact the school – office@becketkeys.org



Covid Vaccinations

Monday 24th January 2022

The immunisation team will be in school on **Monday 24th January** to administer Covid-19 vaccinations to students in years 7-11.

Whilst on site they will also be able to offer first, second and booster vaccines to any sixth former requiring it.

Please note the following times for the students.

Period 2 (9.45am) – Year 7

Tutor 1 – Sixth Form

Tutor 2 – Year 8

Period 3 – Year 10

Period 4.1 – Year 11

Period 4.2 – Year 9

World
KITCHEN

W/c 03.01.22, 24.01.22

Aspens

WEEK ONE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TRADITIONAL DISH Rustic Beef Ragù in Penne Pasta with Crispy Garlic Flat breads	Ancho Pork Burrito with Street Rice, Mexican Slaw and Firecracker Corn	Roasted Turkey, Fresh Sage & Onion Stuffing, Glazed Root Vegetables and Roast Potatoes	Chicken Balti Curry served with Pilau Rice, Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread and Mago Chutney	Crispy Battered Fish Fillet, Chunky Chips, Peas and Homemade Tartare Sauce
GLOBAL GUEST Vegan Bolognese Whole Grain Pasta Crispy Garlic Flat Bread and Green Salad	Ancho Jack Fruit Burrito with Street Rice, Mexican Slaw and Firecracker Corn	Tomato Mozzarella and Baby Spinach Tart, with Glazed Root Vegetables	Sweet Roasted Pepper and Cheddar Frittata, New Potatoes and Courgette Provençale	Mac and Cheese Street Slaw and Sweet Potato Wedges
Freshly Baked Tomato and Mozzarella Pizza Slices	Southern Oven Fried Chicken served in a Soft Bag	Veggie Egg Noodle pots with Teriyaki Broth	Cajun Marinated Chicken and Street Food Rice Wraps	Butcher's Sausage and Chips with Sticky Red Onion Chutney
Hot DELI DELICIOUS DESSERTS Warm Apple Sponge Cake	Key Lime Pie with Digestive Base	Triple Chocolate Sponge	Coconut and Raspberry Jam Slice	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake

MAIN COURSES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES

Attendance

Despite a challenging two years, attendance at Becket Keys has remained high. Students have missed a lot of school, totalling around six and half months between the two “lockdowns”. Therefore, now more than ever, attending school is extremely important.

Students are always faced with contracting colds and other sickness as well as the potential to contract COVID-19. I would like to take this time to remind you that the following reasons are not excuses for time off school:

- Headaches
- Colds
- Nausea
- Earache
- Toothache
- General fatigue

Please continue to send your son/daughter in school if they are suffering from any of the above, students have missed enough time from school and should not miss any more time for avoidable reasons, absences of this nature will be unauthorised.

Our medical team is fantastic and if they see your son/daughter is struggling, they will send him/her home.

Mr Shields
Assistant Headteacher



Uniform

All students are required to wear smart leather shoes.

Students in Year 7-9, should have their long hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up/ half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please

Students should not have any extreme hairstyles and hair must not be dyed, no shapes cut into the hair e.g. stripes or undercuts.

Please remember that students should wear black tights and white socks and all students will be in need of a **COAT** – Plain **BLACK** without coloured flashes, logos or slogans, no ‘fashion items’, no ‘puffer’ jackets.

Bags should also be plain black.



Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.

Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child’s absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children’s health

See what illnesses are going around




Secure system, all communications encrypted

**NEW FOR THIS
YEAR
STARTING WEEK
COMENING 20TH
SEPTEMBER**



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 (Miss Condon)</p>	<p>KS3 & KS4 'TECHNICAL CREW' 3.15pm-4.15pm RH1 (Mrs Barr)</p> <p>KS4 'Practical Showcase Rehearsals' 3.15pm-4.15pm RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr)</p>	<p>KS5 'Applause Co.' <u>Invite only</u> 3.15pm-4.15pm RH2 (Mrs Barr)</p>	<p>KS5 'Applause Co.' <u>Invite only</u> 3.15pm-4.15pm RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr/Mrs Palmer)</p>



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch	GCSE Music Support 2 nd lunch		Music Theory (8am)	Keyboard Club (1 st lunch)	
3:15	Orchestra 	Senior Choir Junior Choir	String Ensemble Forte Drumming Club	Stage Band 	Rock Factory 



Do you know someone who may be interested in an Apprenticeship with Ford? Particularly, if they would like to join in September 2022.

Ford Motor Company have opportunities this year in Engineering and IT.

Register for the online Information Events during National Apprenticeship Week 2022 (7th to 13th Feb), to learn more. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



Higher Engineering Degree



Advanced Engineering



Information Technology Degree

Medical School: Work Experience Tips

i-medics



FREE monthly webinars are available for students who wish to study Medicine at University.

The next Online talk is on the 27th February 2022 at 7.00pm. Two UK doctors will talk about how to get Work Experience for Medical School. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to hear from doctors and understand the what is considered appropriate work experience for medical school.

- What is the best type of work experience to maximise your chances of getting into medical school?
- How to make the most of your work experience & the different work experience you can do.
- What might you be asked in an interview about your work experience?
- Ask questions to the GPs who are LIVE on the webinar.

You can book this webinar via [Eventbrite](#) or this direct [Zoom registration link](#).

For more information about i-medics check out their website here: <https://www.i-medics.co.uk/>



Unacceptable

An Applied Theatre Production

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

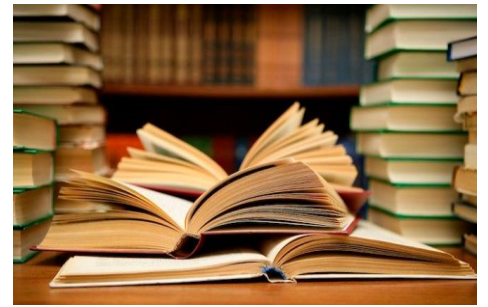
With sexism, sexual harassment and sexual violence being crucial topics, our Year 10 students will have the opportunity to watch the play "unacceptable" to engage and broaden their understanding.

The Essex Youth Service commissioned "Alter Ego", to bring drama performances to Essex schools. "Unacceptable" is a new, applied theatre project aimed at raising awareness, starting conversations and promoting cultural change around sexism.

This is a fantastic learning opportunity to educate our students on these key topics. Developing understanding around these issues is imperative in keeping our students safe and making a positive contribution to society.

The play will start at **2pm** and will finish at **3pm** in the main hall. Students will be dismissed from school as soon as the performance has finished.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Miss North, who will be happy to help.



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.

Mrs Knowles
Head of History





Humility is at the heart of Christianity

Humility is important. It is at the heart of Christianity. Saint John Vianney went as far as writing: **'remove humility and all virtue vanishes'**. Throughout his life, Saint John Vianney provided an example of humility to his rural parish in France and beyond. He did not spend his life at the centre of things. He focused on his priestly and pastoral work.

Paul says in Ephesians 4:2: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." In Philippians 2:3 he says: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." There are many more Bible verses about the

virtue of being humble. And even Jesus Christ "humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8).

It is important to remember that humility is not thinking less about oneself, but simply thinking of ourselves less. Humility is thinking more of others. It is the core of Christian values. It is the key to how Christians relate to each other. It reflects our deepest understanding of what God has done for us.

The world values people according to their achievements. We even talk about what someone is 'worth', meaning how much money they have. But for Christians, someone's worth is based on the fact that we are all made in the image of God. We may all become frustrated with others from time to time, but all deserve our absolute patience and respect.

Humble people do not mind if they lose an argument or have a vote go against them in a discussion at school or a meeting at work, because they are secure in the love of God. It does not mean they will not fight for what they believe, but they can be generous to their opponents.

Success can come in different forms. For

some people it is worldly success, with good jobs and large salaries. For others it is the respect of their peers, or a happy family life, or a valued role at church. But humble people know that these are blessings from God, not entitlements. We have them because we have been given them, not because we deserve them. It does not say anything about who we are in the eyes of God.

CS Lewis wrote: **"A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you."** Humble people do not look down, they look up, and what they see of the vast love of God for his creation conditions how they see everyone else.

Let us pray:

*Dear Lord,
May we live each day for your glory. May we keep our eyes fixed on you and, though the example of Jesus' ministry, may we put the needs of others before our own. May we recognise everyone we meet as Your children, and in so doing show love and compassion, never condemnation. Through humility, may we allow Your love to shine through us. May the light of our faith be bright and, through our meekness, may we receive the riches of Your grace.
Amen.*

**Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher**





It has been another good week in Art.

Well done for all of the great work throughout the Year groups, you are making fantastic progress!

Star Artist for Art



Megan McAdam Yr 10

Genevieve Stuckey Year 11



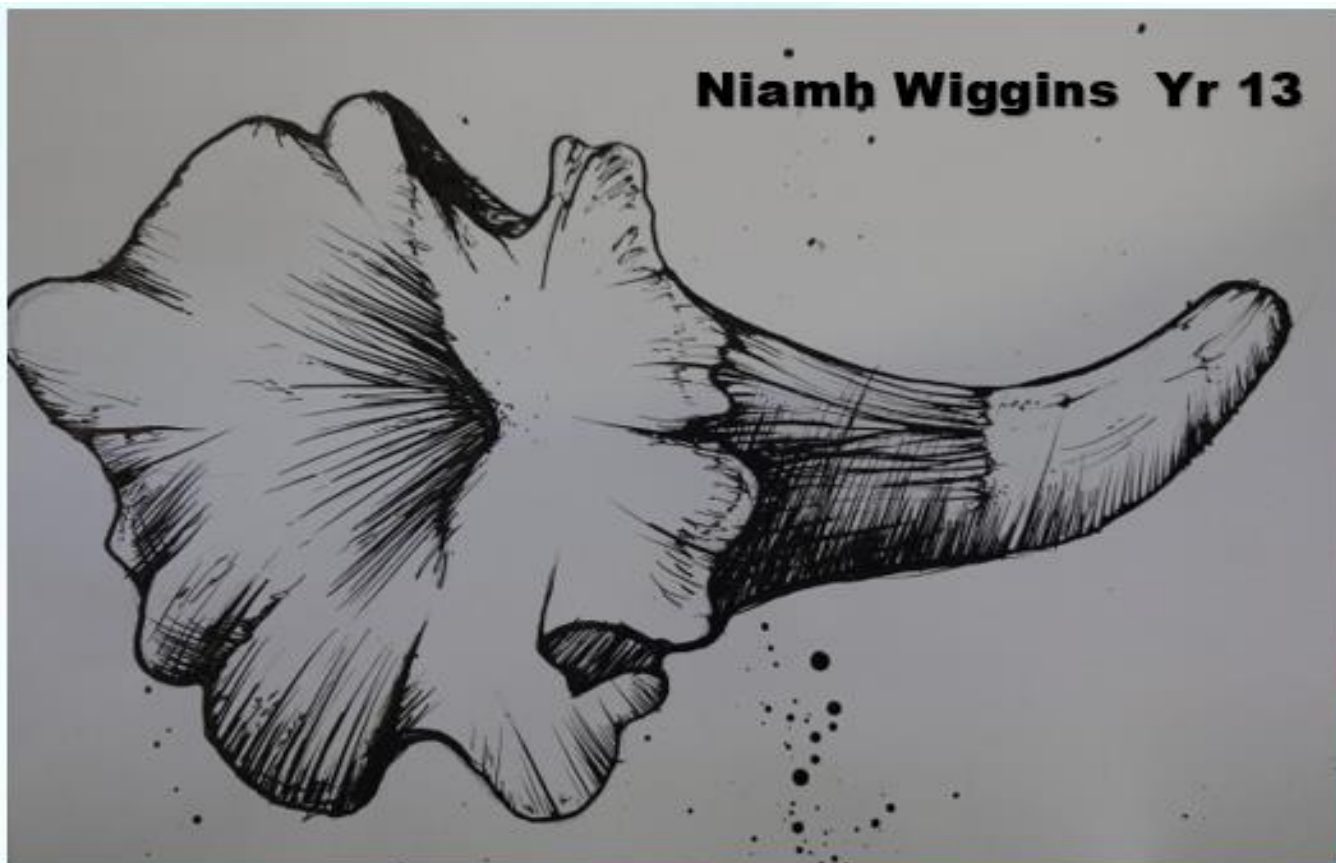
Cordelia Hoxha Yr12



Danilo De Vito Yr 12



Niamh Wiggins Yr 13



Olivia James Yr 10



Annie Allardyce Yr 8

In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

Y10

Star Designer for Textiles

Matilda Gamble



@becketkeysart

Key stage 3



Sophia Kostadina Y8

Maya John Y8



ANIMAL sketches



Elle Holdcroft Y8

★ Key stage 4 & 5

★
Abi Lorrance Y10

★
Olivia Garaty Y10

★
Millie Buckland Y10



Sports News



Year 9 Boys' Football

Year 9 Football vs St Martins – The year 9 boys have been working hard at training and making up the vast majority of numbers at training and it is beginning to show. The game was an end to end battle with Becket Keys breaking the deadlock after an excellent finish from Max who utilised his speed and kept his composure. HT 1-0. The second half was always going to become open with the temperature dropping which makes it hard to remain focused. Max again found himself chasing down a through ball and finishing well to make it 2-0. St Martins returned fire with a well struck freekick. Archie had been moved up top for a matter of minutes before making it 3-1 with a lovely curled finish. A moment of magic from Reece who was doing his best Messi impression, sending multiple defenders and then sitting down the keeper and scoring our 4th. St Martins made for an exciting finish to the game as they scored late on but some resilient defending saw out the 4-2 win.

Extracurricular 2021/2022

Day	Before School	2 nd Lunch	After-School
Monday	Year 7&9 Open Gym Squad Gymnastics	Year 10 Mixed Basketball	Year 7&8 Netball Year 7&8 Boys' Football
Tuesday	Year 8 Open Gym	Year 11 Mixed Basketball	All Years Girls' Football Year 9 Mixed Basketball
Wednesday	Year 10 & 6 th Form Open Gym Squad Gymnastics	Year 7 Mixed Basketball	Year 9&10, 11 & 6 th Netball Year 9, 10, 11 & 6 th Form Football
Thursday	U15 Girls' Cricket	Girls' Basketball (Yr10&11)	Year 8 Mixed Basketball
Friday	Year 11 Open Gym	TUP Basketball	



- Keys:
- Astro
 - Sports hall
 - Field
 - Main Hall
 - Netball Courts

Year 8 Netball



The Year 8 girls took on a very strong Great Baddow High School on Monday night and with some new members in the team, we were excited to finally get out and play after a long break.

Although we had a slow start, we hit our stride in the 4th quarter and came back from behind to even the playing field. Despite our efforts, the game finished

with a win to Baddow. Lots learnt throughout and training on Thursday will help us to improve our skills.



Year 10 Boys' Futsal

The Year 10 boys went to Shenfield High School to battle to become Mid Essex futsal champions. We took a setback in the first game losing to the hosts despite being the better side. The second fixture was against a very

strong Great Baddow High School team and we managed to get the three points with a 2-1 victory. The final group game was against St Martins who were very physical, usually a trait that the Becket Keys students find hard to deal with. However, some excellent defending and clinical finishing saw us reach the final with a 3-0 win. In the final we faced the hosts again who we knew we had the ability to beat. We found ourselves 1-0 up but a last-minute change of plan meant that the final was now over two halves rather than straight through and the interval broke our rhythm and we came away missing out 1-2. The boys involved were excellent, we look forward to working with this bunch again!



Year 7 Girls' Futsal

The Year 7 girls had their first futsal tournament on Monday and with only one practice under their belts made it to the semi final.

A great team effort and some impressive skills on display. Looking forward to more fixtures in future!



If you love swimming, keeping fit and making friends then Brentwood Swimming Club could be for you.

Any swimmers over the age of 7 are welcome, including adults. We have 5 training squads that include swimmers who are developing their skills to swimmers who have qualified for county, regional and national competitions.

To arrange a trial and secure 1 free taster session please contact Jason at membership@brentwoodsc.com



Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Monday 24th January

Year 9 Boys' Basketball v St Martin's (H)

Wednesday 26th January

Year 10 & 11 Girls' Netball v Boswells (A)

Thursday 27th January

Year 9 Girls' Netball v St Martin's (H)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2022

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YEAR 9 CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2022

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LENT HOLIDAY

MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY –

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2022

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL)

MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2022

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YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 MOCKS

TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY –

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2022

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LAST DAY OF TERM

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2022

STUDENT HALF DAY

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