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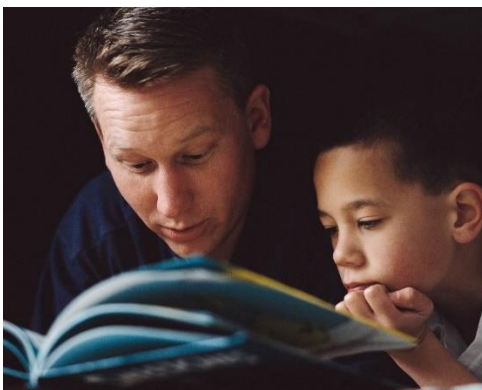
THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

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Mrs Trebess....

Why is reading important?

"Reading is the master skill of secondary school. Skilled reading, writing and talking is crucial for our students to succeed."



We all know that reading is important.

But did you know that **Children who are weak readers will**

struggle as much in mathematics and science at GCSE as they do in English and in arts subjects? While there is a connection between reading ability and success in all GCSE subjects, the link between good reading and good grades is actually higher in mathematics than in some arts subjects like English literature and history.

Did you know that girls are better than boys at reading? A quarter of all 15-year-old boys have a reading age of 12 or below, and the reading ability gap between boys and girls widens significantly after primary school.

We take reading very seriously at Becket Keys. Recently, Mrs Knowles has been leading 'reading across the curriculum',

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where students of all ages and abilities have been exposed to academic wider reading in all subjects on a weekly basis. We test students annually to assess their reading age. This helps us to identify students who need more support; both in intervention workshops and within lessons. Across the curriculum, teachers are trained in how to teach reading; demonstrating reading strategies and modelling the thinking process of reading whenever they read a text with students. We focus on key vocabulary for each unit of work and encourage students to use subject specific words in class.

The more you can support at home to encourage reading for pleasure, the better. Giving children time away from electronic devices, setting quiet time aside for reading, leading by example and reading with them, exploring the type of genre and author they enjoy reading and asking questions about their reading will all help. If you have any further suggestions or need any further support, please do contact me at school.

Mrs Trebess
Deputy Headteacher

You can find out more about the study referred to [here](#)

Year 11 & 13 School Photos

Thursday 5th May 2022

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on 5th of May 2022, to take the Year 11 & 13 Individual & Group Photos.

All parents are requested to pre-register before the photography date above to enable access to your son/daughter's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute. Please visit

www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk

and enter the following code:

JRXNVAG

Once registered, as soon as the photos are available you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you that your photos are now ready to be viewed and can be purchased.

Don't miss out - pre-register today!

View your Carmel Jane Photography

Awards Photos

FREE POSTAGE ON ALL ORDERS PLACED
BEFORE 14/05/22

PHOTOS NOW LIVE!
ONLINE LOGIN CODE

BKG22



www.carmeljane.gotphoto.co.uk

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Extra-Curricular Clubs & Events



Lunchtime Eucharists 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

Collect a lunchtime pass from your Form Tutor, so that you can move to the front of the queue in the Restaurant or Deli.

If you are not confirmed, whilst you cannot receive the Eucharist, you may still attend to join in this Act of Worship. Father Hamilton and Father North will also be happy to discuss confirmation with you. If you have any further questions or would like to help or take a lead in organizing these Eucharists, please speak to Mrs. Sharp.



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



ART CLUB YEAR 8

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME
R12
MRS BRASSETT


Maths Help and Support Club Year 10 and 11

21/04/2022

When solving a problem...



- Write down the keywords
- If you can, draw a diagram
- What maths is needed?
- Write out any formulae or calculations needed.
- Check your answer. Does it look right?

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



Workshops

- Workshops are running as normal unless stated otherwise!
- These workshops are designed to support you.

- It is your responsibility to attend workshops and detentions will be set for those who do not attend.

Summer Opportunities



Applications are now open for the **Lucy Cavendish College Summer Preparation Programme 2022!**

The Summer Preparation Programme is designed to bridge the gap between GCSE (National 5/equivalent) and A-Level study by providing students with a **month-long programme of academic enrichment tailored to their stage of the curriculum**. The programme will consist of study skills workshops on a range of important themes such as time management and essay writing, university readiness sessions to support **Year 11** students as they plan their next steps to top Universities like Cambridge, and substantive knowledge sessions, designed to supplement students' foundational academic knowledge so that they can hit the ground running when they start their post-16 studies.

The Summer Preparation Programme 2022 will build on the success of [last year's pilot programme](#), following which 96% of students felt more confident about starting their post-16 studies:

- *“[The Summer Preparation Programme] helped me fill in any gaps from GCSE, as well as bridge the gap for A-Levels. The presentations really inspired me and gave me a huge boost of motivation and excitement for sixth form, deepening*



my interest in my field as well as helping me understand how I can excel in my studies and further explore my interests outside of the school syllabus.”

- *“After [this programme], I feel much more confident in my academic skills, so I believe studying will be more efficient and I will be able to perform better in exams. I feel like the advice given will stay with me for a long time, and will be highly beneficial in the future.”*
- *“I have been able to have serious conversations about going to Oxbridge and learn from Cambridge itself what it takes to be a Cambridge candidate. What would initially seem a daunting experience has been made easy, accessible and understandable.”*

The programme will take place entirely **online** and will run over

the summer holidays for four weeks, from **Monday 8th August to Wednesday 31st August**.

Following the Summer Preparation Programme, all students will be invited to participate in the Academic Enrichment Programme 2022/23, which will provide continuous academic support to students throughout Year 12). We hope that these sustained programmes will give students the best chance of achieving their full potential.

More information about the Summer Preparation Programme, its eligibility requirements and how to apply can be found here:

<https://www.lucy.cam.ac.uk/summer-preparation-programme>. The application deadline for students is **Monday 13th June**.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Lucy Cavendish College Outreach Team at outreach@lucy.cam.ac.uk should you have any questions or concerns.



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Medicine Summer Experiences

In hospitals and clinics in London | For Ages 12-18

Applications for medicine-related degrees have rocketed since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, but universities often insist on applicants having had meaningful work experience in the field. We are offering students aged 12-18 exclusive medical experience this summer in world-class hospitals and clinics across London: highly immersive activities supervised by experienced doctors, dentists, vets, and more.

MEDICINE

- Shadow doctors in hospital
- Watch a live surgery
- Learn to take blood
- Review X-rays

VETERINARY

- Meet patients in an animal hospital
- Experience equine rehabilitation
- Review blood tests and ultrasounds

DENTISTRY

- Shadow dentists in clinics and hospitals
- Learn to drill and take impressions
- Take patient histories



Remember that all correspondence to the school must come through the school office email:

office@becketkeys.org

Your message will be forwarded to the member of staff concerned.

You can also send a message via the contact page on the website:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/contact-staff>

You can also now reply directly to any message you receive from ParentMail, just hit the reply button and it will go to the office.

Students can contact their teachers via Satchel One if they have any queries regarding their lessons.

Please do not email staff directly as any message received in this way will not receive a response.

Many thanks for your understanding.



Please ensure that the ParentPay account for your son/daughter remains in credit.

There are many great choices for your son/daughter to enjoy at both break and lunchtime, the Bistro is also open for breakfast before school.

If the account falls into debit then your son/daughter will not be able to purchase food from the Bistro or Orangery.

You can arrange an auto top up via your account and if you wish, set a daily spend limit.

Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Thank you for your co-operation.

<https://www.parentpay.com/>



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Brighter Futures Parent Group

This group is for parents at any stage of their parenting journey who would like to come along!

The sessions will cover...

The Autism Spectrum and other Conditions

Sensory Processing Differences

Stress and Anxiety

Behaviour as Communication

Eating and Sleeping

When?

Every Tuesday afternoon
1-2.30pm, starting on April 26th

Where?

Brightside Primary School,
Brightside, Billericay, CM12 0LE

These sessions will be relaxed and friendly, with a chance to stay and chat after 2.30pm, but no expectation to do so 😊. All parents are welcome, and the sessions will build upon each other. There will be hot drinks and biscuits provided and hopefully lots of sharing and supporting each other too!

Cost: £10 per session / £45 for all five sessions

For more information or to book a place please contact Kathryn Miller
Kathryn@cloudsandrainbows.org.uk or ring 07753 326406

The Patch



- Enjoy working outdoors?
- Want to contribute to the school's eco drive?
- Interested in building, developing and maintaining areas for animals and wildlife to thrive?

As of Tuesday 26th, there will be a patch sign up sheet outside of W01 to sign up for helping in The Patch. In order to see which day /time is the best, please write your name under ALL the times that you could make so we can go with the most popular. Speak with Mr Bunyan if you have any questions or queries.

The time and day options currently are:

Tuesday or Thursday lunch (12:40 – 13:15) or Tuesday after school (3:15- 4:00)

Nearly New Uniform Sale

Saturday 14th May 2022

11.00am – 1.00pm School Playground
(weather permitting)

If you have any uniform to donate, please send it in to reception. We especially need kilts please!

Drama Department

Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

Last week on Thursday 21st April, the Year 7 and 8 Drama Club performed the play Ernie's Incredible Illucinations by Alan Ayckbourn. The play is about a young boy called Ernie and his bizarre thoughts known as illucinations. Illucinations are the author's interpretations of a mix of illusions and hallucinations.

The cast rehearsed every Monday after school in preparation for the showcase. They had help from Miss Palmer and Sixth Former Rachel Wilson-Smith. They worked on embodying their roles through characterisation, use of body language and many other drama skills. They were committed and learned their lines accordingly. They showed great teamwork when it came to the final week before the performance, attending extra rehearsals to ensure they were prepared.

On the night there was lots of anticipation and nerves which helped them excel in their performance. They executed the play with confidence to family members, friends, and other supportive audience members. The cast enjoyed being on stage despite their concerns and were rewarded with praise and congratulations.



The cast thoroughly enjoyed the experience with this being the first time some of them had performed since Covid-19. They look forward to many more performances to come.

Amber Shanley
Year 8



THE BAYTREE
SHOPPING CENTRE

School Art Competition

**Winning entry wins
£1,000 for their school**

Shortlisted entries and overall winner will be displayed in a Jubilee Exhibition at The Baytree.

For full details please visit our website or social media pages baytreeshoppingcentre.com

SCAN ME

BRENTWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Your entries can be posted to:

Jubilee Art Competition
The Baytree Shopping Centre,
Management Suite, Brentwood, Essex, CM14 4BX

They can also be handed in at the office, located out the back of the centre, turn right out the double doors and there is a door with a buzzer. Simply buzz and a member of the team will take your entry.

Please ensure contact details (student name, school and contact number (if being sent independently i.e. not directly from the school) are put on the back of the entry. Closing date: 10th May 2022

LOST PROPERTY

If your son/daughter has misplaced anything at school, then kindly inform them that all lost property is taken to reception for collection.

We have a number of the following items:

- Keys
- Jewellery
- Glasses
- Trainers
- PE Kit
- Water bottles

Please make sure that all items are named, this will ensure that lost property can be returned easily.

LOST PROPERTY

PAUSE

Are you ready to defend your hope in Christ?

'Sanctify the Lord God in your heart, and always be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear'

1 Peter 3:15

We can all have a significant impact on the people around us, as we walk with the Lord through good times and bad times. Think for a moment of the people God has put along your path who encourage you. In God's view, every person who came to mind has played an important role in His work of love and redemption. Wherever we are on our faith journey, we can demonstrate good character. We do this by acting responsibly and respectfully; by forgiving others, being caring, fair, honest and trustworthy (the Christian values of our School).

Remember, you may be the only Bible some people will ever read! No wonder God called us, through Peter, to **'be ready to give defence to anyone who asks**



you a reason for the hope that is in you. Even when we doubt the strength of our faith, God's ability to handle any situations and relationships we care about remains. This reminds me of the children's songs 'My God is so big, so strong and so mighty' and 'My God is a great big God'! It is often not the size of your faith, but the size of your God that matters!

Christ is our hope. We can bear witness to this through the way we live our lives. Christ came. Christ died. Christ rose. Christ reigns. Christ will return. Ultimately, all things are working for our everlasting good, through Christ's grace. We should all be ready to defend our hope in Christ.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord,

Guard our heart and guide our speech, we pray. Give us wisdom to be able to give an answer for the hope that is in us. Give us confidence in you and help us be aware of your presence in our lives. May we appreciate just how great you are! May our faith (however small) be evident to others. Make us ready to defend our hope in Christ with gentleness and reverence – to Your praise and glory.

Amen.

**Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher**



**BRENTWOOD FOODBANK
REQUIREMENTS**

APRIL 2022

[Demand is increasing and our stocks are decreasing—we appreciate your help in keeping us stocked up so that we can continue to meet the demand—Thank You](#)

TINNED GOODS

SPAGHETTI

CUSTARD

RICE PUDDING

MED JARS COFFEE

SAVOURY RICE

UHT MILK

CARTONS OF JUICE

RAZORS

SHAVING GEL/FOAM

WASHING POWDERS/GELS

TOILET ROLLS

DEODORANTS

MEAT PIES

ALL DAY BREAKFAST

HAM

MEAT BALLS

INSTANT MASH

JAMS/SPREADS

SAVOURY PASTA

ITEMS IN RED ARE REQUIRED URGENTLY PLEASE!



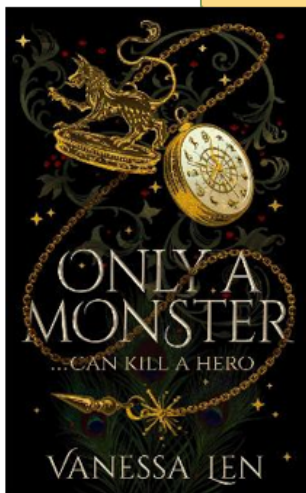
We are still collecting the following items for Ukraine:

- Bandages (ordinary)
- Elastic bandages
- Antiseptic wipes
- Burn pads
- Quick clot or Celox gauze
- Medical porous tape
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Portable chargers (and travel adaptors if needed)
- Torches/Flashlights
- Thermos flasks
- Socks
- Energy bars
- Tweezers
- Wound closure strips
- Sterile dressings

Please bring these items to reception.



Book of the Month - April



In every story there is a hero and a monster.

It should have been the perfect summer. Sent to stay with her late mother's eccentric family in London, sixteen-year-old Joan is determined to enjoy herself. She loves her nerdy job at the historic Holland House, and when her super cute co-worker Nick asks her on a date, it feels like everything is falling into place.

Then a Good Samaritan attempt gone wrong sends Joan spinning through time, and her life quickly begins to unravel. Her family aren't just eccentric: they're monsters, with terrifying, hidden powers. And Nick isn't just a cute boy: he's a legendary monster slayer, who will do anything to bring them down. As she battles Nick, Joan is forced to work with the beautiful and ruthless Aaron Oliver, heir to a monster family that hates her own. She'll have to embrace her own monstrousness if she is to save herself, and her family. Because in this story she is not the hero.

Dive deep into the world of Only a Monster, where the line between monster and hero is razor thin: hidden worlds dwell in the shadows, beautiful monsters with untold powers walk among humans, and secrets are the most powerful weapon of all.

Art & Textiles

Star Artist for Art



Daniilo De Vito Yr 12



It has been a great week in Art with Mrs Brassett. Students are developing their skills throughout a range of materials and techniques, and it is lovely to see their successful outcomes. Well done!



Alex Miller Year 12



**Felix
Fetherstone
Year 7**



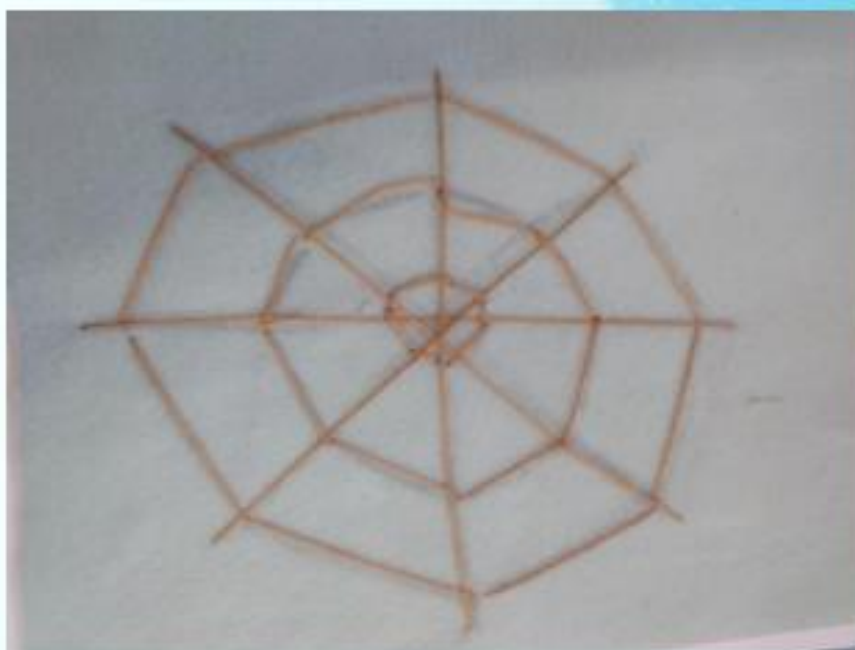


Rebecca Rowland Year 10



James Head

Year 10



Ewan Rist Year 8

Sports News

U16 Boys' National Cup Basketball

Quarter Finals V Alcester Grammar School

Final Score: BK: 84-57 :AG

Our Year 11 boys' hit the road again for their quarter final game – this time in Birmingham! Our very own Zach Humphreys took the time to get the intel into the team and his findings gave us the confidence that this game was going to be a good one. Sadly, we could not take a full team as Benson Reid picked up an injury in his club game however Brady Doyle is back from his knee operation and Joe Marder returned following an injury making a team of 10.

Team Sheet

Josh Hall – Josh Haworth – Brady Doyle – Melchi Egbeyemi – Jack Saunders – Calum Hayes – Zach Humphreys – Immanuel Baptist – Joe Marder – Gerrard Ohene Duah

After a long journey a thorough warm up got underway. The home side had brought a wealth of fans to attend their game however, our dedicated parents and grandparents made the journey and engaged in an amusing joust of chants. The game started slowly. However we managed to make many baskets early and maintained a steady lead for the most part of the



game. The Alcester sports hall benefitted from an old school approach to hoops which did lower our stats in terms of shooting percentage. However, this did not stop us going forward, we ploughed on and despite a little foul trouble united as a team and finished strong. Our terriers caused many a turnover and their rebounding was stronger than our previous match. I am sure the boys will tell you that "We were not at our best today" and this really does demonstrate how high a standard they hold themselves too. If we are playing at 'not our best' and still beating a strong team such as Alcester... imagine the possibilities.

MVP: Brady Doyle + Gerrard Ohene Duah.

The semi-finals will be against Wright Robinson School in Manchester. Date: TBC.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Humphreys who purchased our amazing new warm up tops. It brought a real togetherness to the team, and we know they are going to be memories for life.

THANK YOU!

Year 7

Boys' Basketball MESSA Final

The unbeaten Year 7 team travelled to GBHS for the final of the division 2 basketball competition. This was the last push to end a successful season and we wanted to top it off with a win. The first two quarters we

started very slowly with some chances squandered, and some lazy rebounding. At the half way stage we trailed by 5 points despite playing some good basketball, which was a credit to the opposition side. We battled back to tie the game in the third quarter before sneaking a 3 point lead with 6 minutes to go in the last. A timeout was called and the boys knew that from this point on they just had to defend resiliently and play the clock. Defending wave after wave of GBHS attack we were able to maintain the lead!

An impressive season topped off with a MESSA win, fully deserved! Well done to all involved throughout the season.



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PE Summer Extra Curricular



Day	Morning	Lunchtime	After-School
Monday	All Years' Open Gym Gymnastics Squad (Invite Only)		U13 (Year 7&8) Mixed Cricket All Years' Hurdles
Tuesday	All Years' High Jump	Year 11 Boys' Basketball	All Years' Athletics (Running Events) Year 8&9 Mixed Basketball
Wednesday	All Years' Open Gym	All Years' Bowling Practice	All Years' Athletics (Throwing Events) All Years' High Jump
Thursday	All Years' High Jump	Year 7 Mixed Basketball	All Years' Running Club (£2 per session) U15 (Year 9 & 10) Mixed Cricket
Friday	All Years' Open Gym	Turn Up and Play Basketball	GCSE Filming

Keys:
 - Astro
 - Sports hall
 - Main Hall
 - Drama Hall
 - Field

Starting from 2nd May

WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS

- District Athletics 2022 (any students wishing to take part in the District event who are runners should attend Running Club)
- U13 Boys' Cricket League
- U15 Boys' Cricket League
- U15 Girls' Cricket League
- More success in the KS3 Basketball



Running Club for all Year groups.

Thursday after school.

This is run by an outside organisation and costs £2.00 per session.

Excellent fitness training for those who will be pursuing athletics this summer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 PHOTOGRAPHS

THURSDAY 5TH MAY

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YEAR 11 LEAVERS' DAY

FRIDAY 13TH MAY

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YEAR 13 LEAVERS' DAY

FRIDAY 20TH MAY

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YEAR 10 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2022

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'MATILDA THE MUSICAL'

MONDAY 18TH JULY

TUESDAY 19TH JULY

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

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