



Becket Keys Church of England School

13th May 2022

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Mr Scott-Evans writes:

I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to my request for feedback on the OfSTED Parent View site. If you did not get the chance to respond, do not worry, the survey remains open 365 days a year!



You can see the results and give your own views here.

<https://tinyurl.com/BKofsted>

It is very pleasing to know 96% of parents say that their child is happy and 99% say that their

child feels safe here. Of course, I want these figures to be 100%! If your child is not happy or if yours is the one who does not feel safe, I trust that we are working with you to improve matters.

92% of parents say that we have high expectations and that their child does well here. However, 3% of you say that you do not know. We hope to address that over the coming weeks. Tests will be sat and scores will be sent home and reports written so that everyone knows how their child is doing.

I was pleased to see that 91% of you agree that we let you know what your child will learn during the year. This was only 78% last year and we have worked hard to address this with the curriculum on-line section of the website being much more widely

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advertised in newsletters and letters home to parents.

We are proud of how our students conduct themselves and we are pleased to see this continue to be something that you are pleased with too. Our students are always recognised as exceptionally well behaved. In 2018, 13% of you felt this was an area for development. In 2019 8% felt this way. Now the figure is 7%. Our team continue to work hard to ensure attendance, punctuality and conduct issues are being dealt with consistently and well. It is pleasing to see that this is having a positive effect.

Two areas stand out to me as worthy of focus in the year ahead. One is 'wider personal development', and the other is 'offering a wide variety of subjects.' I believe both of these are strengths of the school, but perhaps we need to do more to celebrate these. I shall also be organising some times with parents to discuss these two areas in the months ahead. If you would like to come and meet with me, please look out for these opportunities.

Overall, it was a very pleasing picture, with 94% of you saying you would recommend the school to other parents.

Thank you for your support with this survey. Please remember, you can always contact us via the website with more detailed feedback:

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

Enjoy the good weather this weekend! Thank you for all your support.

Mr Scott-Evans
Head Teacher



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Equipment for Exams

As the exam season begins, we want to remind you what equipment your son/daughter will require for his/her exams:

- Black pens – biros are best. Bring more than one! Do not write in any other colour or with pencil.
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Compasses
- Highlighters – for use with questions only, not answers.
- Calculator – make sure you clear anything in the memory and leave the lid at home.
- Coloured pencils – for DT.

Everything should be stored in a clear pencil case/bag.

There is no need to bring a glue stick.

Things not allowed in an exam are:

- Mobile phone
- Watch – any type of watch is now forbidden, not just a smart watch
- Correcting fluid/tape
- Erasable pens
- Notes/papers
- Food or drink – only water in a clear bottle is allowed.

As there is one last weekend before most exams begin, please take the opportunity to stock up on the required stationery and get prepared.

Unauthorised items should either be left at home or in a coat/bag on the school grounds. Invigilators will give you an opportunity to hand unauthorised items to them before the exam begins. If you have made a genuine mistake and forgotten to take something out of your blazer pocket, this is the best time to hand it over.

Keep Healthy During Exams

1. Eat proper meals



Stress can have an adverse effect on your appetite but skipping meals will not do your concentration any favours. Embrace the cliché and make breakfast the most important meal of the day. Eating foods with slow release carbohydrates throughout the day will help to fuel your revision.

2. Keep hydrated

Water allows many of the chemical reactions in our bodies to take place, therefore the speed at which our brains can work and process information will be affected if we become dehydrated. Drink plenty of fluid; 6-8 glasses or around 2 litres each day - water being the liquid of choice to keep your body functioning on top form.



3. Eat plenty of fruit and vegetables



Use fruit and vegetables as a healthy snack instead of crisps, chocolate or fizzy drinks. Blueberries, blackcurrants and other berries are all full of vitamin C, which is thought to help improve mental agility. Vitamin E and Zinc are also thought to have a positive impact on the brain so have a helping of pumpkin seeds and walnuts on hand next time hunger strikes.

4. Watch your caffeine intake



Caffeine acts as a stimulant and may aid concentration in small doses (the equivalent of one to two cups of coffee) but overdoing the caffeine will dehydrate you, can cause palpitations and may disturb your sleep.

5. Try to avoid energy drinks



High-sugar, high-caffeine drinks may appear to give you an instant buzz but are a poor substitute for proper food and fluid. The temporary high you'll get from a sugar-fix will be followed quickly by crashing blood sugar levels causing, among other things, fatigue.

6. Get enough sleep



While you want lots of energy during the day, when it gets to bedtime try to ensure your body and mind are ready to rest. Lack of sleep can make you more likely to reach for a sugary fix to get you through the learning lulls. Warm milk and herbal teas before bed have a sedative effect, while a carbohydrate-rich snack an hour or so before you head upstairs will clear the way for sleep-inducing amino acids to reach the brain.



Student Achievement

Alana Lewis - Year 7

In October 2021, I tried out for a place in a Team England squad that were going to compete in ICU (international Cheer Union) Orlando, Florida. It's held at Disney's Wide World of Sport complex. It is one of the biggest cheerleading competitions.

I was so excited when our stunt team found out we had made it into Team England.

The girls that were chosen were from all over England. It was really nice to train with different people from different clubs. We all trained together for about 15 hours over a weekend every few months.

We did not have many training sessions as a whole team. We practised our stunts with help from our friends at Black Ice Academy in Billericay.

My family and I travelled out early to enjoy Orlando as a family and tackle the jet lag. My team had a few training sessions in USA at some amazing cheer gyms to perfect our routine.

The competition was on 20th April. There were lots of loud supporters. I am a flyer, which can look quite scary, but it is great fun. The routine went very well. We were against 7 countries.

They called the 3 medalists to the floor. We were all so excited to be medalists. They announced Poland as 3rd then Canada 2nd, so we knew we had won, but we had to wait to celebrate until it was actually announced that we were first.

There was lots of jumping around and crying; we couldn't believe we were now World Champions.

We received our Gold Medals (we will also receive a Worlds Ring) and everyone stood up to sing the National Anthem.

It has been the most amazing experience. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of this.

Cheerleading has been approved now by the Olympics Committee so hopefully we will see cheerleading at the Olympics in LA in 2028.

Alana Lewis 7FS



Mandarin Department – Young Photographers’ Competition

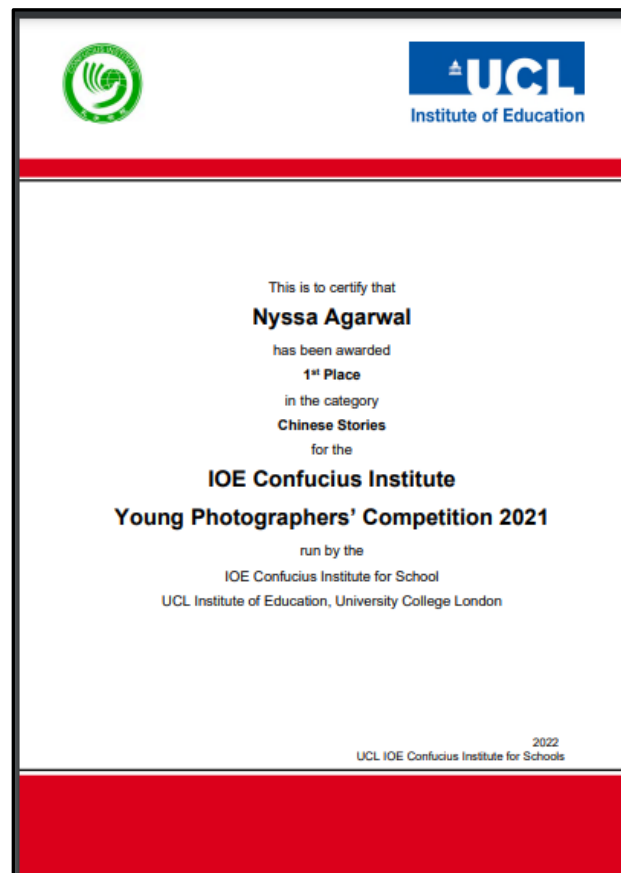
Before Christmas, our Mandarin Excellence Programme students took part in the in the [UCL IOE Confucius Institute for Schools’ Young Photographers’ Competition](#). Six of our students have secured prizes and won a gift card prize from IOE Confucius Institute.

The competition has been running for seven years and has seen some excellent photography from young people across the world. The aim of the competition is to dispel the cultural stereotypes of China through photography and show the vast country through the eyes of young people. The Young Photographers’ Competition is generously supported by the Chinese Embassy in London.

We just received the confirmation from the organiser that Nyssa Agarwal and Joshua Witchalls have won first prize in the categories Chinese Stories and Characters of China, respectively. In doing so they won a gift card prize from IOE Confucius Institute. **They also each won a £120 e-gift card for the school, for a total of £240.**

We are very proud of our students' enthusiasm for participating in many extracurricular activities and competitions, which shows their love for Chinese language and Chinese culture.

Mrs Zhang - MEP Co-ordinator



Joshua Witchalls

British Council Mandarin Speaking Competition

Becket Keys are through to the final!

The first round of the Chinese Bridge speaking competition for UK schools, organised by the British Council and the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation, UK, took place in April. It is the biggest national competition in Chinese speaking.

The aim of this event is to provide a stage for young Chinese learners in the UK to demonstrate their Chinese language proficiencies and to enhance their motivation for Mandarin learning.

The event allows non-native Chinese learners who have studied Mandarin Chinese between one to seven years to participate. Participants are evaluated on their listening, speaking and reading skills, as well as Chinese cultural awareness.

Fourteen of our Mandarin Excellence Programme students entered the competition. They spent a lot of time in preparation for this competition. I was extremely pleased with their enthusiasm and the determination they demonstrated during the process. To me, they are all winners already!

On Friday, 6th of May, we received exciting news that our two groups got through to the final! Our finalists are:

- Jake Adams
- Matthew Delea
- Samuel Nelson
- Ava Tomlin
- Leoni Witchalls
- Zak Amachree
- Frederick Muncaster
- Oscar Smith
- Amabelle Trinder
- Joshua Witchalls

The two groups performed two short plays respectively: one was a story about finding the Happy Hare, and the other was a suspenseful story about shopping.

Miss Lin and I are delighted by their language skills and performances. We are very proud of their achievements so far! The final will take place on 24th and 25th of May via Zoom. We wish them **BEST OF LUCK!**

Mrs Zhang
MEP Co-ordinator



Year 9 – Residential Trip to Bude

Over the bank holiday weekend, an amazing group of staff, volunteers and I had the pleasure of taking 104 of our Year 9 students to Bude in Cornwall for 5 days of action and adventure. I hope now that they are all now rested and recovered...I may need another week or two!

Since we have returned, I have lost count of the times that we have heard "Sir, I wish we were still in Bude!" I am sure you have had a detailed account of your son/daughter's personal experiences whilst we were away. However, I just wanted to share some experiences of my own along with some photos of the trip.



Our "extra-long" weekend in Cornwall allowed our students (and staff!) to participate in a wide range of activities from high ropes, rock climbing and mountain boarding to surfing, kayaking and bodyboarding. Each



day kicked off with a morning run at 7:30 am before an action-packed day with two activities, all rounded off with evening entertainment. It was clear that we have a great number of fantastic sportspeople in Year 9 with some expert surfers, mountain boarders and climbers! Many students had not tried these activities before but we were so impressed with everyone's willingness to put their worries aside and throw themselves headfirst into these new experiences. What was equally pleasing was the amount of support and encouragement that the students in every group gave each other!



This comradery, togetherness and community shown by the year group was one of my personal highlights of the trip. As a year group, friendships and relationships have been strained by COVID lockdowns and the lack of time together in school. It was delighted to see our students thrive as a group outside of the school environment. Talking to students whilst we were away it was great to hear that they were relishing the opportunity to talk to people they don't get to talk to in school. This meant old friendships were consolidated or rekindled whilst new ones were allowed to form and flourish.

A major concern for students before we left school was that they would not be able to take their mobile phones! However, I am delighted to report that no phones were required! As we knew (hoped) would be the case, our students didn't need to be glued to a screen or constantly connected to the internet to

function and have fun. Our students were outside, playing, communicating and laughing with each other. Many students even said to me that they felt much happier and more relaxed without their phones. I hope this experience will encourage them to put down their phones more in the future.



Those who followed the trip on Twitter (@BKSTrips) would have seen pictures and videos of the trip as it happened (thank you to Mr Scott-Evans who chronicled the whole trip!). Another highlight for me was our Karaoke night on Monday evening. As this was our last night, the majority of our students jumped at the opportunity to celebrate our time in Bude by getting up on stage and singing with their friends. Those who did not sing, sat in the audience, cheered on their friends and sang along. It was an great evening filled with joy, music and laughter as well as one or two songs by teachers...



Through-out the whole trip, the staff at Adventure Bude and members of the public were full of compliments for our students' conduct, manners and ability to communicate with adults. This was exemplified by an email we received by a member of the public following our pit stop at Reading services during our journey back on Tuesday:

"I just encountered a large group of your students in the M4 services at Reading. Remarkably well behaved. A credit to their parents and teachers."

Every student represented themselves and the school brilliantly; I am incredibly proud to be their Head of Year!

I sincerely hope that all those who attended have memories and experiences they will treasure for a lifetime, I for one certainly do.

Dr Hurdle
Head of Year 9



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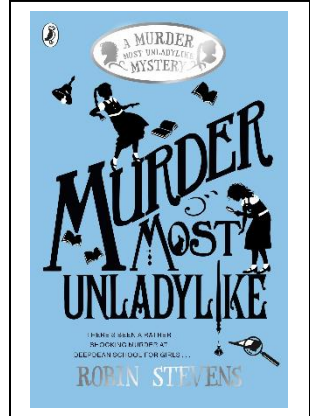
Year 7 Reading Project

This month the year 7s read an excerpt from Laura Marlin’s mystery novel ‘Dead Man’s Cove.’ I’ve had several students come to tell me that the mystery genre has been their favourite so far- if this is the case for you, here is a list of exciting mystery novels you might want to read!

‘Murder most Unladylike.’

1934. When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up a secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find a truly exciting mystery to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.)

But then Hazel discovers the body of the Science Mistress, Miss Bell - but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now the girls have to solve a murder and prove a murder has happened in the first place before the killer strikes again (and before the police can get there first, naturally).



‘Cogheart.’

Some secrets change the world in a heartbeat...

Lily’s life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing, and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her?

With her friends—Robert, the clockmaker’s son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox—Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realizes that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart...

‘Lee Raven, Boy thief.’

Lee Raven, boy thief, has stolen something he really didn't mean to.

Now he faces a perilous flight through London (and the murky sewers below) as he tries to escape capture – because Lee has stolen the Book of Nebo, a book that has existed for thousands of years and tells every story and legend known to man. It's priceless. Some will even kill to possess it. The pressure mounts and the future of Nebo is in Lee's hands – can he prevent the most dangerous ending of them all?



‘Look into my eyes.’

Ruby Redfort is a genius code-cracker, a daring detective, and a gadget-laden special agent who just happens to be a 13-year-old girl. She and her slick side-kick butler, Hitch, foil crimes and get into loads of scrapes with evil villains, but they're always ice-cool in a crisis.

Careers Information



Assessment Centre Support with Pathway.

Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th May | 16:30-17:30

Ask Me Anything Session with Max

Join us for weekly sessions with Max! Max is our Outreach and Student Support expert, and has years of experience in guiding people through applications, interviews, CV and cover letter help, and so much more.

Do you have any questions at all about your future? These weekly sessions are where you need to be! Join any of the weekly “drop-in” sessions to get your questions answered and support.

Who should join?

Any student with questions about their career, specific apprenticeship applications, or anything else regarding their future.

Sign up 4th May: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/ask-me-anything-session-with-max-8-8/>

Sign up 11th May: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/ask-me-anything-session-with-max-8-7/>

Sign up 18th May: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/ask-me-anything-session-with-max-8-6/>

Sign up: 25th May: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/ask-me-anything-session-with-max-8-5/>



Insight into Jaguar Land Rover. An online event.

Monday 16th May 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Having been automotive industry pioneers for more than six decades, today Jaguar Land Rover is the UK's largest investor in automotive research, development and engineering. They use world class processes to create innovative British craftsmanship and engineering excellence in over 170 markets worldwide. You will hear all about how the company has become what it is today and their visions for the future with revolutionary new sustainable technologies particularly in the electric car space.

There are a wide variety of school-leaver opportunities in engineering fields, data analytics, supply chain & logistics and finance. Could a career at Jaguar Land Rover be for you?

Join us to hear about the fascinating world of the ever-evolving motor industry. Click the following link to register yourself for the online event: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JLR-Event>

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uptree

Introduction to Apprenticeships and Early Careers

Thursday 7 July 12:45 - 13:15

Online via Zoom

Session objective:

To gain insights into apprenticeship opportunities and learn more about the early careers space.

Session overview:

- Introduction to Uptree
- What are apprenticeships
- Benefits of apprenticeships
- How you can support your child in their next steps
- Q&A

For parents/carers of young people

The world of work is rapidly changing and it's important that young people are supported with up to date information.

Join our parent/carer talk to find out more about opportunities your child might be interested and explore how you can support them to bridge the gap between education and employment.

To sign up or for more information contact: Caitlin@uptree.co | 07395 795 524

PAUSE

Exam Season - Christ is enough for you

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:9



When studying, I am always humbled by the limits of my own intellect. As Year 11s finish timetabled lessons and begin a season of revision sessions and exams, I pray that they will not feel overwhelmed and keep working hard, recognising that they will always be learning and, through faith, all things are still possible. Where mistakes have been made or time seems to be running out before the next exam, I ask for calmness. Peace,

after all, does not come from the absence of trouble, but the solid assurance that comes from being in the loving hands of God. In our weaknesses, God's power perfects. May we always feel bold and say, 'Yet not I, but through Christ in Me'. Listen to the words of this Worship song:

<http://www.viewpure.com/zundjUFazfg?start=0&end=0>.

Let us pray:

Lord, pour out your Spirit of Wisdom on all students preparing and taking exams at this time: help them to remain calm, to attend carefully to the questions asked, to think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express themselves well.

Grant that they may reflect on the best of the work they have done and the best of the teaching they have received. Accept their best efforts in these examinations and in the great test of life on earth. May your love be upon them, O Lord, as they place all their trust in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher



ESSEX PRIDE
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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.

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!

Art & Textiles

Here are all the fantastic pieces from this week with



Mrs Brassett. A special mention to our Year 13 students.

We are so proud of you all!

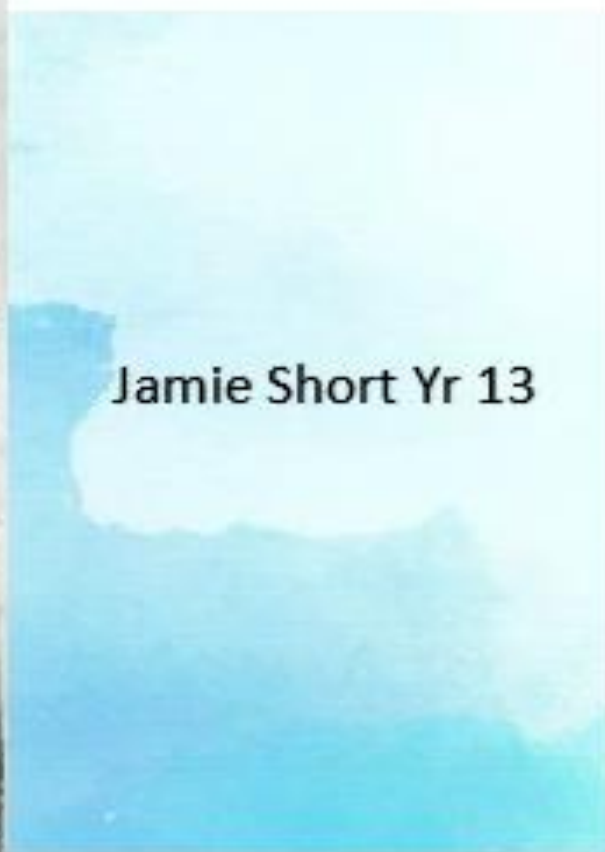
Star Artist for Art **Niamh Wiggins Yr 13**



The Baytree Centre Jubilee Competition Entries



A Level Fine Art



Jamie Short Yr 13

Chloe
Whiston
Yr 13





Rachel Allen Yr 13

Niamh Wiggins

Yr 13



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In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

Star Designer for Textiles

Y12

Amelia Hussey



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Key stage 3



Sophie Sharp Y7



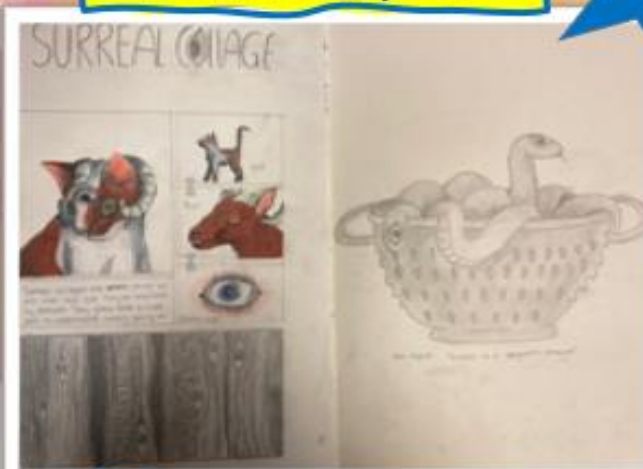
Jacob McEwen Y7



Amber Sharp Y7



Lara Charters Y7

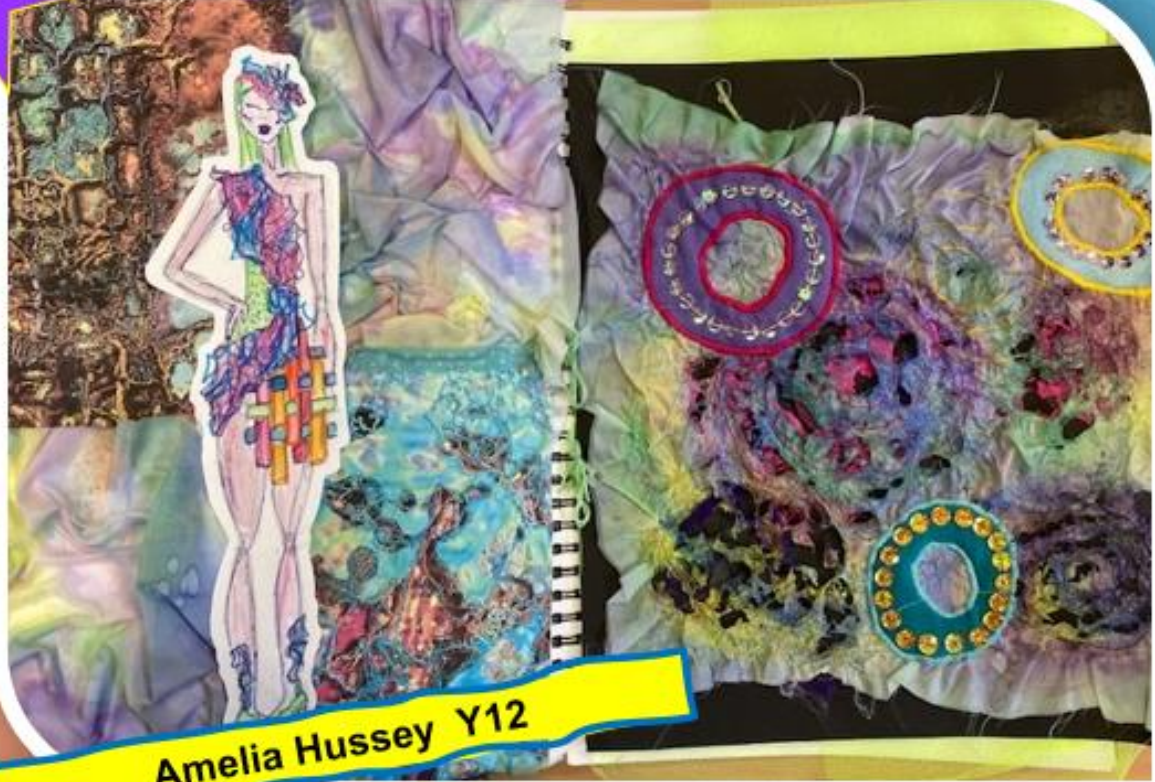


Jessica West Y9

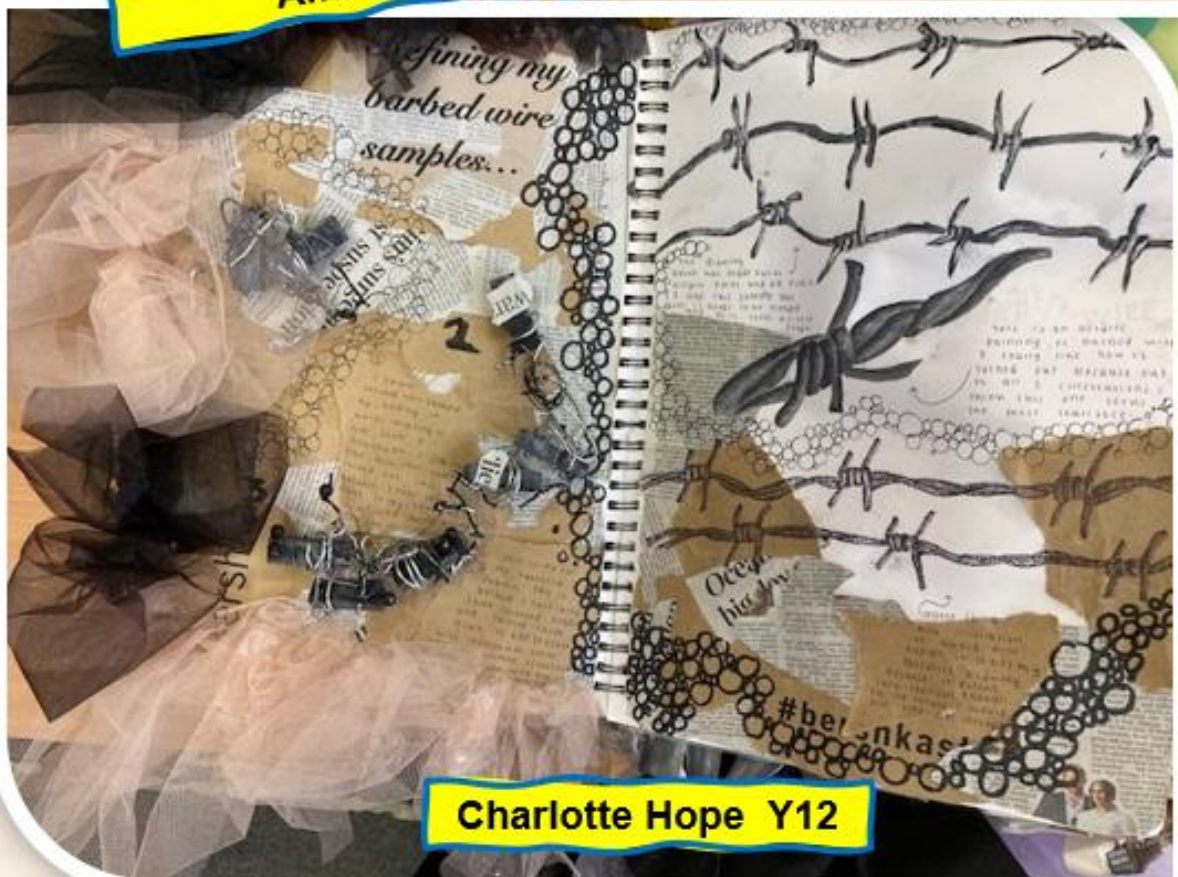


Isabel Collins Y7

Key stage 4 & 5



Amelia Hussey Y12



Charlotte Hope Y12

Sports News

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 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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SOUTH WEALD FESTIVAL

SCHOOL CONCERT

ST PETER'S CHURCH

TUESDAY 21ST JUNE

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'MATILDA THE MUSICAL'

MONDAY 18TH JULY

TUESDAY 19TH JULY

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

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