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Becket Keys Church of England School

16th September 2022

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Mr Scott-Evans writes....

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you enjoy the first full newsletter of the year. This week, we have details of many of the new colleagues who are joining us this year. I hope you will give our new staff a warm welcome! I also give a few back-to-school reminders which I trust will be familiar to most of you, but helpful nonetheless.

I am also delighted to introduce many of the [clubs](#) that we are running for the year ahead. I want to urge every family to look very closely at the clubs that we are running and select some that interest you. Every student should attend at least one sporting club and we will be tracking Year 7,8 and 9 in this regard. The school is committed to ensuring that every student completes 2 hours of sport per

week and on top of the 100 minutes students have in PE we believe that they should be able to choose at least one club from our selection.

The newsletter is a crucial way that we communicate with you particularly about wider personal development of students which is a great strength of the school. Each week you will find subjects like food, design, art, drama and music represented. You will also find careers information, details about clubs, enrichment activities and news about trips that we are running.

It is also a place to celebrate achievement. Please do contact us if your son/daughter is involved in any outside of school activities that we can feature. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Similarly, if you have any suggestions of articles that you would like to read, please contact us and we will see what we can do.

Finally, as we look towards Monday and the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, please join our school in praying for the Royal Family and particularly King Charles.



May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher**



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 ParentPay accounts 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 need assistance navigating the site then help is available here: <https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-guardians>

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



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!



We are pleased to announce that the School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is now every 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.

General Information & Notices from the Head Teacher

School Run

Please do not drive into Sawyers Hall Lane! I am sure a few of you have made that decision for yourselves already, but in case any of you are still driving in, please refrain from doing so. The road is dangerous and busy outside the school. Please drop your children off elsewhere and ask them to walk the last bit. Similarly, when picking up, perhaps ask them to walk to a local car park (Brentwood Centre or Sainsbury's) or Doddinghurst Road or Shenfield Road where there are plenty of places to park with no restrictions.

If you really do have to drive into Sawyers Hall Lane, please at least avoid the final part of the road and drop off further up beyond Burland Road. Even the laziest teenager can walk from there!



Bikes

Students riding bikes should wear a helmet and we recommend a bright yellow vest or jacket too. Students will need a padlock to secure their bike in our special area. It is great to see so many students cycling to school. Remember! No scooters or skateboards please.

Holidays & Appointments

Please make every effort to avoid unnecessary holidays and appointments during term time. Holidays will not be authorised and all absence **must** be authorised. Parents have been fined by the courts for not following this advice. Students will get higher grades, if they attend well!

Uniform

The students look excellent in their new uniform; thank you for supporting our school policies so closely. We know it is important to all of us to see our students looking smart in their uniform at all times.

Remember that all main school girls should have a revered collar on their blouse and not wear other types of shirt.

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

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



Gaming



Help your son/daughter do better at school by managing use of social media and gaming. There is a clear link between success at school and a limited amount of time wasted on these addictive time zappers.



Please make sure that EVERY item of uniform, PE Kit and equipment is named.

There are many items that we are unable to return as we do not know whom they belong to.

Lost Property can be collected from Reception.

Meet Some New Staff



Mrs Dowsett SENCo/Assistant Headteacher

I am excited to be joining Becket Keys as an Assistant Headteacher and as the SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator). I was born in Essex and I have previously taught in Hillingdon, Newham and most recently in Thurrock. Over the summer holiday I got married so I will be getting used to my new surname.

In my last job I taught History and Politics from Year 7 to Year 13. It was a great time to be teaching Politics with all the changes to government and leadership. As a Year 12 and 13 tutor I enjoyed helping students with their applications to university. I worked in the SEN office and my role was to co-ordinate best practice from teachers and leaders to the whole school community. From January 2020 I studied for my NASENCo award

which was a challenging experience during the pandemic.

As SENCo at Becket Keys my role is to direct and lead support for students who have a disability or a learning need. It is a very important role to ensure that all students have equal access to education and opportunities. I will be working with school leaders, teachers, support staff and Learning Support Technicians (LSTs) to provide the best educational experience. Every teacher is a teacher of Special Educational Needs. As well as my qualifications and teaching experience I have personal experience of SEN as my brother is Autistic. When I visited Becket Keys, I was happy to see so much love and understanding from students and staff, which is a vital ingredient when working in SEN.

Outside of school I attend a weekly 5k Park Run at my local park. I've managed to clock up 50 runs and gain my red 50 runs t-shirt. I also enjoy swimming and reading. I find cooking very relaxing and enjoy exploring new dishes to cook. My family are very important to me and I spend a lot of time with my two younger brothers. As a historian I love an exhibition and am a member of the British Museum and English Heritage, helping me visit lots of historic sites! I have 4 pet chickens in the garden who are named after female political leaders (come and find me if you'd like to know which ones!)

I'm looking forward to working at Becket Keys and getting to know the staff and students better. If you haven't met me yet, please come and say hello!



Mr. O'Leary Head of English

It gives me great pleasure to take up post as Head of English at Becket Keys and I am really looking forward to working with the students in our community over the coming years.

I join the school as an English teacher and Head of English with considerable experience of ensuring children get the very best GCSE and A Level grade possible and realise their academic potential fully.

As someone who has lived in the local area for many years, I have watched Becket Keys flourish over the past ten years and my first words to the headteacher when asked my impressions of the school were to say that the

children who attend the school were a credit not only to the school but to their families and to their community.

It is a privilege to be able to contribute to the school's journey in the year ahead and to be entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that our students continue to acquire an empowering command of the written and spoken word.

In their first encounter with me in English lessons this term I will tell students that they can expect to work hard, expect to contribute often, and expect to produce written work which will ensure that they make excellent academic progress.

I will also tell them to expect high quality written feedback on 'next-steps', to expect to be asked questions which will make them think and most importantly expect to enjoy their English lessons.

Outside of school you might see me trying to beat my PB at the local Parkrun in beautiful Weald... or on the freezing cold side-line at Brentwood Rugby watching my son ... or dropping/collecting/watching my daughter at Marine Netball. I am also heavily involved in Gaelic football and hurling in London so you might even see me on the sports pages of 'The Irish Post' or 'The Irish World' newspapers.

In English we will be striving to ensure that your child loves the subject and is making excellent academic progress. We are ever

mindful of the critical place English has in the curriculum and of its importance in ensuring that children realise their potential in all other subjects. Therefore, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or queries whatsoever as we will always be there to support.

We ask you to remember our students in your prayers for the year ahead. Bless our children with intelligent hearts and may our classrooms be filled with peace and harmony.



Miss Risdon History Teacher

After visiting Becket Keys, I am very excited to be joining this September, teaching History and A-Level Politics! When I was in school, I loved to be play rounders and enjoyed mathematics, science and history. At college, I studied Law, History and Psychology and loved all my subjects. I loved debating current laws and policies with my classmates, enjoying discussing

the tough questions. After college, I went to Canterbury Christ Church University and studied Law (my favourite areas of Law, were criminal, employment and taxation). I also worked in Canterbury Crown Court, which was very interesting and I was able to help people from a wide range of backgrounds with many diverse needs.

During the covid pandemic, I tutored students in mathematics at my old school and fell in love with teaching, choosing to complete my teacher qualifications in History. My favourite historical topic is the Tudor Dynasty and early 20th century Russia. In my free time, I enjoy meeting up with friends and reading (I am a big book fan!). I am currently reading Emma, a book by Jane Austen, and have recently completed the entire Bridgerton series this summer (number two is my favourite!). I am ecstatic to start working at Becket Keys this year and will grow and develop alongside everyone else. I look forward to meeting you soon.



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Mrs Claxton Food Teacher

For as long as I can remember I have always been fascinated by food and the vast array of ingredients that are available to us. I love the magic of combining these ingredients to create delicious dishes. I cooked from a young age, preparing meals for my busy family, the confidence I developed doing this is one of the reasons I was drawn into teaching food. My aim is to develop confidence in all the students I teach, so that they have self-assurance in the kitchen and learn an important life skill, that will stay with them well into their adult life.

My love of food took me on a journey to The University of Reading, where I studied Food Technology, as part of my course I undertook a year long work placement at Cadbury, which was amazing for my sweet tooth! Following my degree, I spent 10 years as a Food Industry professional, developing a wide range of food products, from initial kitchen concepts, into the factory and onto the supermarket

shelves. More recently I made the career change into teaching, something I have always been passionate about.

Out of school, I enjoy spending time with my young family who keep me on my toes. I also enjoy running (not very quickly!) a few times a week. I feel very privileged to be joining the school community at Becket Keys and I am very excited to meet you all.



Miss Bolt English Teacher

I have been thoroughly looking forward to joining the Becket Keys community! During my visits to the school I have been so impressed by how polite, courteous and caring all of the students here are. It feels like a wonderful place to start my teaching career!

Working in such a brilliant school such as Becket Keys is a dream come true, considering I have always wanted to be a teacher! I grew up in Buckinghamshire, spending my childhood reading, writing, acting out plays and trying to lecture anybody who

would listen! English was always my favourite subject at school, alongside History and Business Studies, which became the three subjects I studied at A Level.

Having enjoyed English so much at school, it only seemed natural to go on to study the subject at university. I studied at the University of Sussex, which is near Brighton. I loved my time at Sussex, a course that allowed me to have complete control over the individual modules I was studying, so I could pick and choose exactly what I liked! I spent most of my time during my degree reading about different cultures and their representations through literature, postcolonial texts and how we can decolonise our curriculums! At university, I was also a member of the Sussex Cheerleading Society and went to lots of plays and poetry reading events.

Following my time at Sussex, I began a new journey at the University of Exeter, working towards a PGCE which would qualify me to become a teacher! I was fortunate enough to work in two lovely schools in Devon, which meant I got to spend lots of time in the countryside and relaxing in nature on the weekends. I loved my teacher training year and loved helping students discover new texts and unlock their creativity!

Currently, when I'm not in the classroom, I'm probably reading a good book or walking my labradoodle Alfie!

I can't wait to get to know you all.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Music

The start of the new school year is a great time to take on a new challenge. According to British concert piano James Rhodes, 'learning an instrument can unlock a door to a new dimension that we didn't know existed'. We offer tuition in a wide range of musical instruments including voice and offer a large enrichment programme with something for everyone.



We offer instrumental tuition in the following instruments:

Violin	Saxophone	Drum Kit	Cello	Trumpet	Piano
Flute	Trombone	Electric/Classical/Bass Guitar	Clarinet	Voice	

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for instrumental lessons, please email the school and this will be dealt with by the music department. You will then receive an email from the instrumental tutor to discuss times and costs. Lessons times will be arranged by the instrumental tutor and be on a rotating timetable to minimise time missed in other curriculum lessons. It is the responsibility of your son/daughter to catch up on any work missed.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8am			Music Theory Club Year 7-13		
Breaktime		Year 7 Boys' Barbershop			
4.1 (Lunch 1)				KS3 Music Technology Club	Worship Band Year 7-13
4.2 (Lunch 1)					
3:15pm	Orchestra Year 7-13	Lower School Choir Year 7-9 Upper School Choir Year 10-13	String Ensemble Yr. 7-13	Stage Band (auditioned)	Rock Factory Year 7-13

Extra-Curricular Clubs

EXTRACURRICULAR AT BECKET KEYS



Please look at your specific year group extracurricular timetable.



Some clubs you want to attend may be on the same day. If this is the case, talk to the teacher in charge about doing alternate weeks at the club.



Clubs will start (unless otherwise stated) on Monday 12th September, so please bring appropriate kit or equipment.



Further information about each club can be found later in the slides.



ART & TEXTILES CLUBS

Monday in R12 & R11
 Year 10–13 GCSE & A Level
 HAS Time After School 3.15–4.15
 Wednesday in R12 & R11
 Year 9 Art & Textiles Club Lunchtime 4.1

PE Extra Curricular - Open Gym



This morning session will allow you full use of the Becket Keys Sports Hall. You will be able to use the equipment to improve your skills, fitness and sporting ability.



The PE team will provide you with workouts if required.



Please turn up in your PE kit with your school uniform in your bag. You will be required to change into your uniform before the start of the school day.



Maths Help and Support Club Year 10 and 11

09/09/2022



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 Tuesday 3.15pm-4pm

Maths Mastery Help and Support (AMU J23)



Slam Poetry Club!

Slam (spoken word) poetry club is for anyone interested in the world around them, creative and passionate about sharing their ideas!

Tuesdays: 3:15 – 4:15
 Years 7–11
 C21 – Miss Bolt



STARTING 21ST September



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS5 'Applause Theatre Co.' 3.15-4.15 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	KS4 & KS5 'Practical Showcase Rehearsals' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr)	Yr10 & Yr12 'Devising for Diversity' 12.00-12.30 RH1 (Mrs Barr)	KS5 'Self-Presentation Training' 3.15-4.15 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	Yr7 & Yr8 'Time to Shine' 12.50-13.25 RH1 (Mrs Barr)
		Yr9 & Yr10 'Page to Stage' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr)		Yr7 & Yr8 'Time to Shine' 12.50-13.25 RH1 (Mrs Barr) (ON REQUEST)

Extra-Curricular Clubs

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Monday 3-15-4pm

For anyone who loves writing stories, poetry, plays and anything creative.



Room C21

Everyone welcome

FOR YEARS 7 TO 13



IT Support Clinic/Club



- When: Every Tuesday 11.50am until 13.30pm
- Where: C11
- Open to all Year groups
- Open to all! Come and learn the basics, logging on, accessing emails, opening and editing Office programs and much more...
- Come and have your IT queries answered.



MANDARIN CLUBS

Starting in **Week 2** (W/C 12th Sep, 2022)

Starting in **Week 3** (W/C 19th Sep, 2022)

- Monday - 3:20-4:20 at Y2H - C36 & R11 - C31
All Year **M** Mandarin students must attend.
- Tuesday - 3:20-4:20 at C36
Mandarin homework club - open for **M** Mandarin students

- Monday - 1-1:30 at C21
All Year **M** Mandarin students must attend.
- Wednesday - 12:40-1:10 at C36
All Year **M** Mandarin students must attend.
- Friday - 11:50-12:20 at C36
All Year **M** Mandarin students must attend.

PE Extracurricular-Basketball



• Basketball is a much-loved Brentwood sport. We are very proud of our Year 11 Boys' Basketball successes both in Essex Cup and National Cups. With our KS3 teams also winning their MESSA League.

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

• To get involved please look at your relevant training days.



PSYCHOLOGY CLUB YEAR 9 AND 10

Why are some people disobedient?

Why can some individuals remember more than others?

Are phobias learned?

Do childhood experiences influence adult behaviour?

Are criminal traits inherited?

How do psychologists study human behaviour?

If you are interested in the mind and human behaviour come and join Ms Stone in LIBB each Tuesday between 12.00 and 12.30

Christian Union

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

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

Every Monday lunchtime in W02 with Mr Fenn.

11.50-12.30 & 12.40-1.20

Open to all who are interested.

Primary Teachers' Tea

There is always great excitement from the Year 7 students to greet their Primary School Teachers and give them a tour of their new school. We were delighted to be able to hold this event this year. Many thanks to all the schools who attended and to all the helpers!



A-Level Results



During the summer Becket Keys Church of England School students and staff were celebrating the school's best set of A level examination results. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic and a national drop in top grades, we have seen more students getting As and A*s and more students getting into their first-choice university than ever before. The school has students heading off to a wide range of interesting and prestigious destinations.

You can read a full report on the school website here:
<https://www.becketkeys.org/a-level-results-2022>

GCSE Results

Becket Keys Church of England School celebrated another set of excellent GCSE results. Students in the 2022 cohort have achieved the highest results the school has ever seen with more students entering the Ebacc and passing it strongly than ever before.

There are a number of individual success stories that result from notably high performance. One in five students in the school gained at least one of the most prestigious Grade 9s. This “rare grade” demonstrates performance above that of the old A*.

Our top performing students were Rebecca Lyle with nine Grade 9s and Anna Uings with eight Grade 9s. Both are looking forward to staying at Becket Keys for Sixth Form. Rebecca will study Maths, Further Maths, Mandarin and Chemistry and Anna is studying Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Geography.

The full report is available on the school website here:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/gcse-results-2022>



SEND Roadshow

Are you the parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex through Health, Education and Social Care? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at one of our Roadshows. There will be representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, Team Around the Family Support Officer's Early Help, Health, as well as representatives from the Education Teams, SEND Navigation Leads and local support groups.

North East

Tuesday 11th October 2022

Kingsland Church, Stanway, Colchester
CO3 9DW

West

Friday 14th October 2022

Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow CM6 1DG

South

Wednesday 19th October 2022

Community Hall, Pitsea Mount,
SS13 3BD

Mid

Friday 21st October 2022

Queen Hall, Halstead, CO9 2BY



We have one date in each area this term, all our roadshows run from 9:30am to 12:30 Midday!

You will be made very welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

For further information please check: <http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/>

Subject Consultation Evenings

Year 13
Thursday
29th September 2022

Year 8
Thursday 3rd November 2022

Year 12
Thursday
17th November 2022

Year 11
Thursday 12th January 2023

Year 9
Thursday 2nd February 2023

Year 7
Thursday 16th March 2023

Year 10
Thursday 8th June 2023

The School Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that Becket Keys Church of England School will be a blessing to the people of Brentwood.

Encouraged by the example of Peter, Thomas of Canterbury and all your saints, may its students know the beauty of your truth;

May its staff know the joy of your service;

May its headteacher and governors be led by a vision of your kingdom;

And together may the school community know your Holy Spirit in its midst.



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Careers Information



The Brokerage are a social mobility charity committed to breaking the corporate mould. They believe in equal access to opportunity irrespective of background or race, and talented young people getting the jobs they deserve in a world where their ability and aspiration alone determine their career path.

REGISTRATIONS **NOW OPEN**

Students, who meet the [eligibility criteria](#), can once more register as Brokerage candidates and access a wider variety of opportunities including:

- In person events
- Mentoring Programmes
- Placement opportunities (including work experience, paid internships, Apprenticeships and more)

The new registration system is easier than ever. To sign up students need to:

1. Complete the online form *
2. Watch a short video *
3. Answer a short quiz *
4. Students can then begin signing up to sessions and opportunities.

To sign up, students need to click [here](#).

To give you an idea of the sessions we have got coming up in the coming weeks for registered candidates, we have:

- Introduction to Consultancy with Baringa 22nd September 5:30pm IN PERSON
- Working in the City with Fitch Ratings 10th October 4:30-6pm IN PERSON

Students can sign up and access these events and many more, once they have completed the registration process.

More events, including opportunities with Meta,

Deutsche Bank and many others are being confirmed shortly.

META MENTORING: **NOW OPEN**

Are you a student who is interested in a career in technology and specifically, Software Engineering? If so, this company have an amazing opportunity for you to take part in Meta's Elevate Mentoring Programme.

This programme is designed to give students 1-2-1 support from a Meta professional, help them to develop their employability and tech skills and give them information about different opportunities in tech, including information about Meta's incredible Apprenticeship programme.

The programme is **8 weeks long** from w/c **7th Nov-w/c 16th Jan** with the launch and graduation events in person, at Meta's incredible offices, with other sessions being held online.

The **closing date for applications is Monday 17th October** but we'd advise to apply as soon as possible.

For detailed information about the programme, an introductory video and details of the eligibility criteria and how to apply, [click here](#).

<https://www.thebrokerage.org.uk>

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THE GREAT UK YOUTH ROCKETRY CHALLENGE 2023 IS NOW OPEN!

CALLING ALL FUTURE AEROSPACE ENGINEERS!

Do you know young people aged 11 – 18 who...

- Have a strong interest in design, maths, science, technology and engineering
- Thrive with team problem solving
- Would relish the opportunity to network with business and industry aviation leaders?

If so then the UK YOUTH ROCKETRY CHALLENGE is for them.

Supported by ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

REGISTRATION CLOSES 24 FEBRUARY 2023
www.ukroc.com

Contact the UK Rocketry team today to register

ukroc@adsgroup.org.uk
+44 (0) 207 091 7800

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WEBINAR: UKROC – WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?
3 NOV 2022, 12:45 – 13:30

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BUILD A ROCKET?
HOW CAN SCHOOLS GET INVOLVED?

All these questions and more will be answered during our FREE webinar when we will be joined by our expert Rocketeers and a team from the 2022 competition. Book @ ukroc.com

KEY DATES

- APRIL 2023** REGIONAL FINALS
- 17 MAY 2023** UK NATIONAL FINAL
- 22 & 23 JUNE 2023** INTERNATIONAL FINAL

WHY ENTER?

- The competition is a great way to engage young people in the practical experience of building, designing and launching a model rocket.
- Top 3 winning teams will win cash prizes.
- The competition is fully supported by the aviation and rocketry industry.

TESTIMONIALS

"The kids get so much from it and experience team work, working together to problem solve. This is so valuable and so beneficial for them"
– Teacher, National Finals

"Fantastic learning boost prior to any further studies within university. Great motivation for kids"
– Parent, South East School

"UKROC National Finals was the most incredible and inspiring day. And it looks really great on our CV!"
– Pupil, National Finals

REGISTRATION CLOSES 24 FEBRUARY 2023
www.ukroc.com

Contact the UK Rocketry team today to register

ukroc@adsgroup.org.uk
+44 (0) 207 091 7800



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 the school via Bromcom, 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.



Careers Talks to Sixth Formers



To support our Sixth Formers in making informed decisions about their futures, I am going to start a series of regular careers talks during their tutorial periods. To do this, I need the support of the Becket Keys community!

Are you - or is someone you know - able to present to Sixth Formers for about 10 minutes and then answer questions they ask? The presentation might focus on some or all of these areas, as well as anything else related to them:

- What you do for a career.
- Your pathway to get where you are.
- Why you chose this pathway.
- What your job includes across a day / week / month / year.
- What other jobs you have had were like.
- Why you like certain jobs you have had.
- The biggest responsibilities you have.

- The greatest challenges you have faced.
- The most important learning experiences you have had.
- What is most rewarding?
- Advice to those interested in a similar career to you.
- Advice about a successful career in general.
- Advice about writing a CV and/or application letter, as well as interview skills.

The talks will need to be delivered during tutorials, so anyone who is willing to support would have to be available for either Year 13 tutorial (10:10am-10:35am) or Year 12 tutorial (10:35am-11:00am) - or both! Talks could be delivered in person in the John Wraw Chapel or via Microsoft Teams. I can be almost totally flexible about the best time of year and day for each talk, so this is not an issue.

If you - or someone you know - can support me in this, please

email me via office@becketkeys.org with a brief (I do not want to take up too much of your time!) explanation of the jobs/areas you would be talking about. Once I have collated these, I will communicate with those who are able to assist in more detail and be available to answer queries you might have.

Thank you for your support in preparing our Sixth Formers for their futures.


Ross Peggs
Assistant Headteacher and
Head of Sixth Form



Essex County Council

YOUTH SERVICE

The Young Essex Assembly is the elected Youth Council for Essex representing the voice of young people.




Want to have your voice heard?

If you live or go to school in Essex and are aged between 11-19 or up to 25 if you have additional needs, take your first step to have your voice heard and start your journey to influence change by contacting us today using the details below.

The Young Essex Assembly enables you to:

- Work on projects for young people across Essex
- Attend training
- Meet new people
- Be heard by Councillors and MPs
- Be involved in running events
- Stand for the UK Youth Parliament



Closing date for applications 17 October 2022

Contact: yea@essex.gov.uk
or visit our website www.young-essex-assembly.org.uk

School Photographs

The individuals will be released on tomorrow. If you haven't already registered please do so to get easy access to your child's photo.

Registration only takes a minute. Please visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk and enter the following code: **JRG2GYU**

You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name.

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

Don't miss out pre-register today!

Early School Closure for Open Event

**Thursday
22nd September 2022**

The school will be closing at 12.40 on Thursday 22nd September in order to prepare for the Open Event. If your child receives FSM and you would like them to have a packed lunch that day please email the office by Wednesday 21st Sept – office@becketkeys.org

The lunch will be available to collect at break time on the day we close early.

LOST PROPERTY

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

Please make sure that all items, especially uniform are named, this will ensure that items can be returned to the student easily.

Thank you!

PAUSE



The Dragonfly



Sitting quietly by a small body of water in a woodland, I was blessed with the opportunity to watch dragonflies; the early morning sunlight catching their transparent colourless wings and transforming them into something of great beauty. I have heard this likened to the transforming Light of God in our lives. Despite their short life cycle, they carry a message of hope and the wisdom of transformation as well as adaptability for the people of God's ever-changing world. Matthew 5:14-16 states:

'You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and hide it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on a stand so that the light can shine and illuminate

everyone. In the same way, let your light shine upon people. Let them see and praise your good deeds. You in turn, praise the Father in heaven.'

Hence, dragonflies also can remind us to keep our sights upon God.

Dragonflies have flown the earth for around 300 million years, long before dinosaurs walked the earth! Back then, due to higher oxygen levels, they had the wingspan of eagles! My research shows the diversity of spiritual meanings that has been attributed to them, from prosperity, determination, self-realisation and courage to peace, harmony and purity. Over the years, the symbolism of the dragonfly has also given comfort to those who grieve.

We continue to hold the Royal Family and all those who grieve in our prayers. 'The story of the dragonfly', whilst written for children, has a soft and reassuring message for us all:



Once, in a little pond, in the muddy water under the lily pads, there lived a little water beetle in a community of water beetles. They lived a simple and comfortable life in the pond.

Once in a while, sadness would come to the community when one of their fellow beetles would climb the stem of a lily pad and would never be seen again. They knew when this happened; their friend was dead, gone forever. Then, one day, one little water beetle felt an irresistible urge to climb up that stem. However, he was determined that he would not leave forever. He would come back and tell his friends what he had found at the top. When he reached the top and climbed out of the water onto the surface of

the lily pad, he was so tired, and the sun felt so warm, that he decided he must take a nap.

As he slept, his body changed and when he woke up, he had turned into a beautiful blue-tailed dragonfly with broad wings and a slender body designed for flying. So, fly he did! And, as he soared, he saw the beauty of a whole new world and a far superior way of life to what he had never known existed. Then he remembered his beetle friends and how they were thinking by now he was dead. He wanted to go back to tell them and explain to them that he was now more alive than he had ever been before.

His life had been fulfilled rather than ended. But his new body would not go down into the water. He could not get back to tell his friends the good news. Then he understood that their time would come, when they too, would know what he now knew. So, he raised his wings and flew off into his joyous new life".



Let us pray:

Dear Lord,

Give us peace in our hearts; a deep sense of the peace that comes from knowing you. May this peace stay with us day and night and speak confidently to the wind and calm our storms, leaving us safe and secure in your presence.

Amen.

**Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher**



REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Tinned goods

Meat Pies

Braising Steak

Ham

Salmon, Sardines/Mackerel

Mince & Onion

Corned Beef

Meatballs & Hot Dogs

Tomatoes

Fruit

Chilli Con Carne

Cleaning Items

Washing Up Liquid

Bathroom & Kitchen Cleaner

Shampoo

Deodorant

Nappies Size 4 & 6

Toilet Rolls



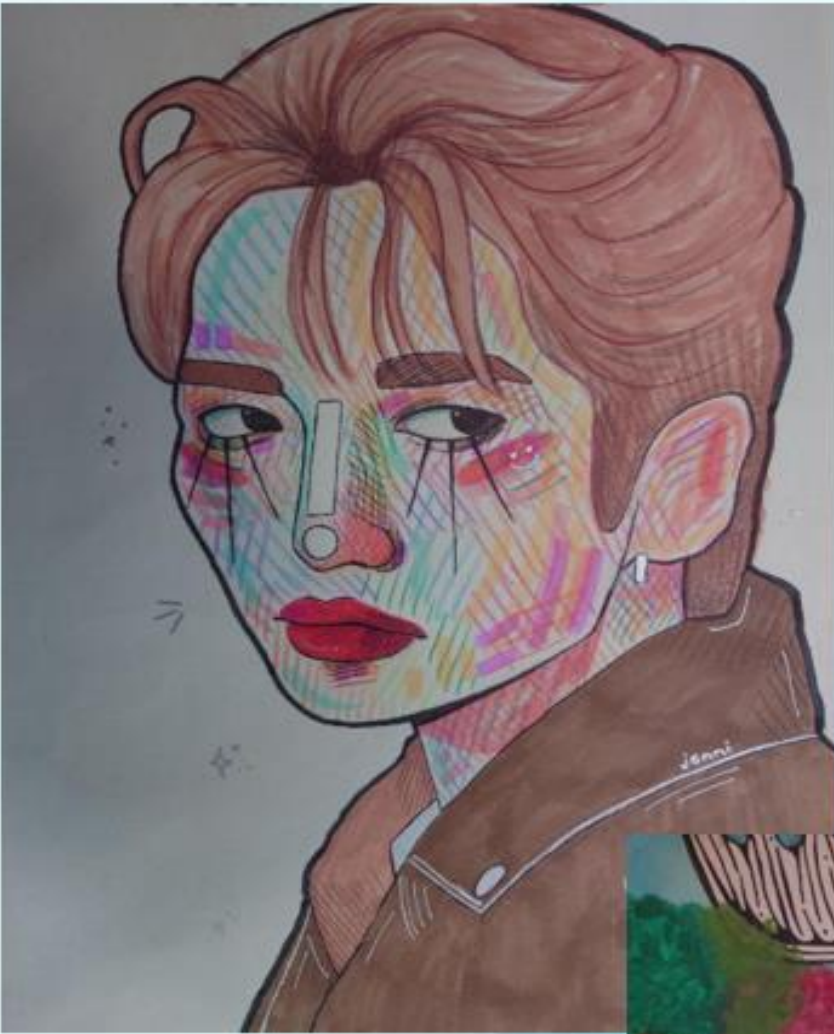
Here are all the fantastic pieces from this week with

Mrs Brassett.



Star Artist for Art
Krasi Daneva Yr 9





Jenni Tingay

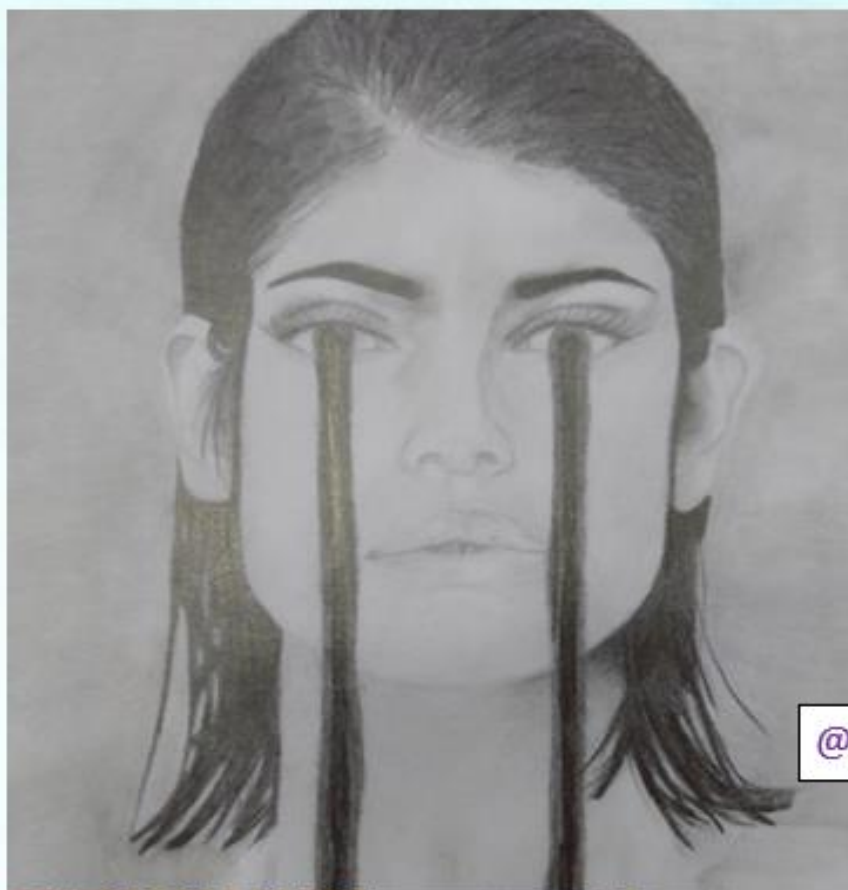
Yr 11



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James Head Yr 11



Amelie Coleman

Yr 10

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Sauda Rahman

Yr 10

In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

Star of the week

Charlotte Hope **Y13**



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★ Key stage 3



Eddie Johnson Y9



Ibrahim Rehman Y7



Lily-Grace Palmer Y9



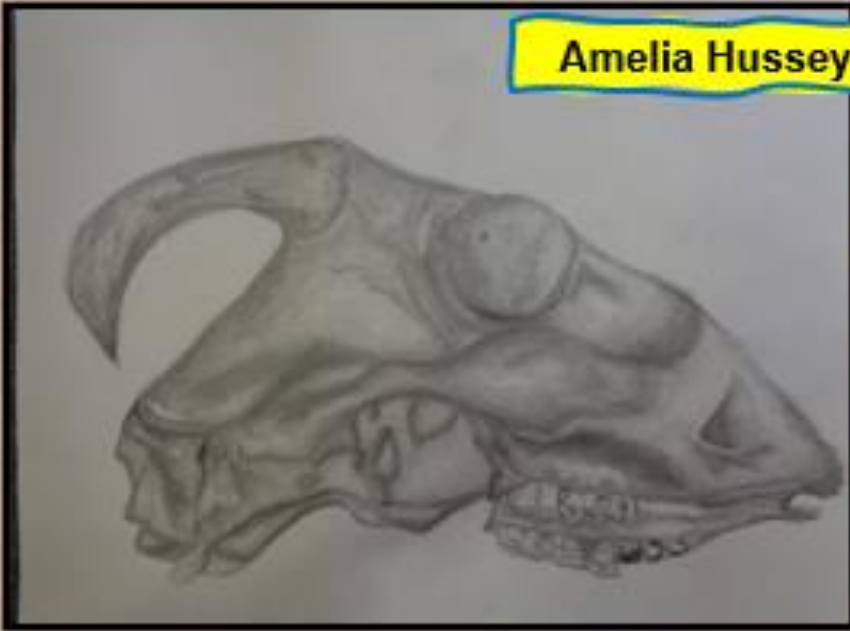
Morgan Goulesbrough Y9



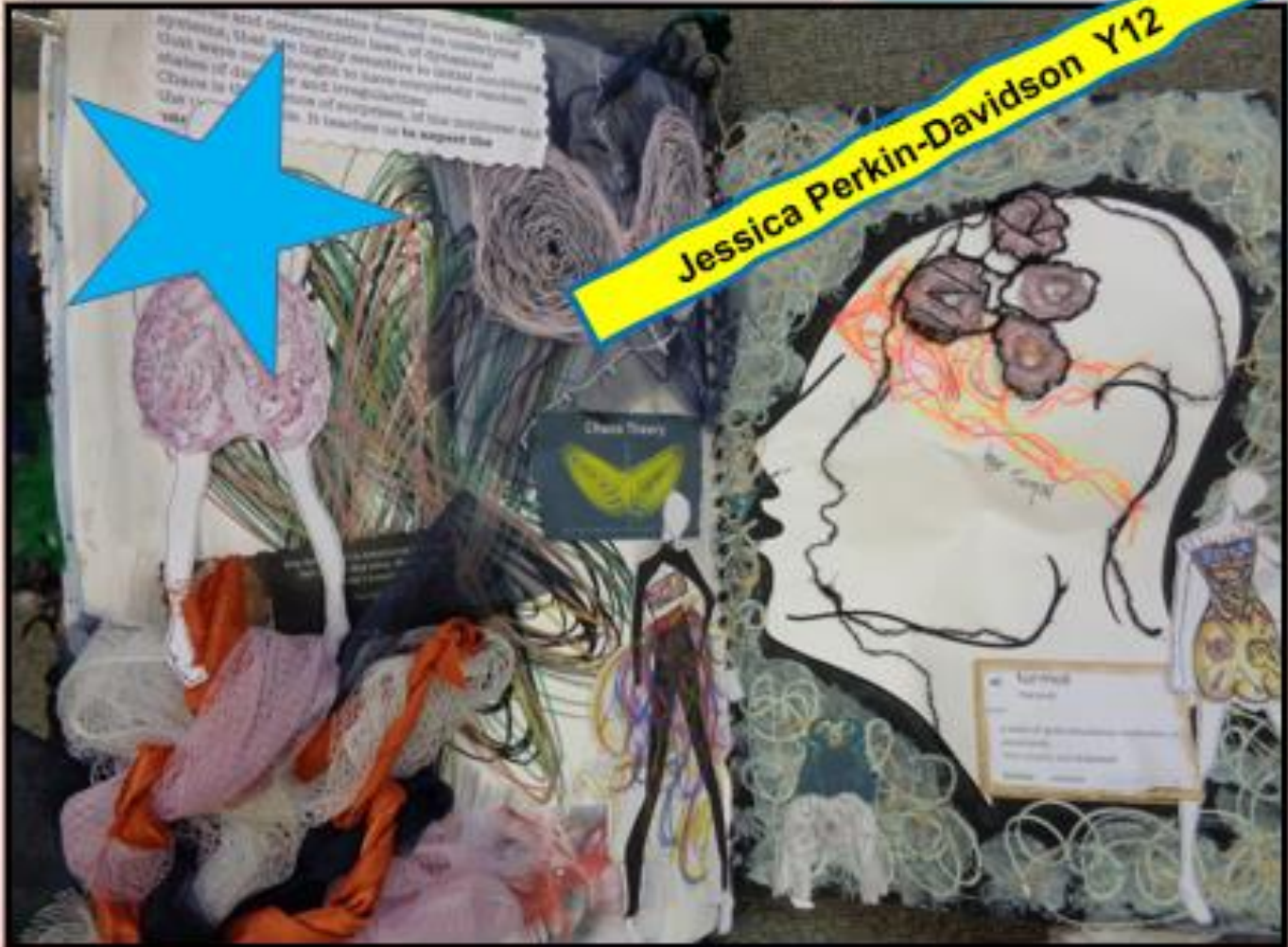
Key stage 5



Amelia Hussey Y12



Jessica Perkin-Davidson Y12



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BECKET KEYS OPEN EVENT FOR ENTRY IN
SEPTEMBER 2023

THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2022
4.00pm – 8.00pm

EARLY FINISH FOR STUDENTS
12.40pm

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LATE START FOR STUDENTS
FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022
10.30am

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YEAR 13 CONSULTATION EVENING
THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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SITH FORM OPEN EVENT
THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2022

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2022

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY
YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS
MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER –
FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2022

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STUDENT HALF DAY
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2022 –
TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023

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