



# Becket Keys Church of England School

7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Yesterday, we held a special thanksgiving service to celebrate 10 years of Becket Keys. It was the first of a number of celebration events that we will hold over the coming months.

Last night, was a time to reflect and give thanks to God for how His hand has been on our school and to praise Him for the good works that we witness each day.

The growth of the school has been rapid and exciting. We have seen it all the way from a seed of an idea that a few of us had in 2010, to the opening in 2012, onto first inspections in 2014 and 2015 and then the first exam results and graduations of our first cohort.

I made a short video of a few pictures from over the years here: <https://vimeo.com/757623090/009601880d>

Some of our alumni sent messages last night and these are available here:

<https://vimeo.com/757637999/8d5db0f090>

I hope that you enjoy watching these!

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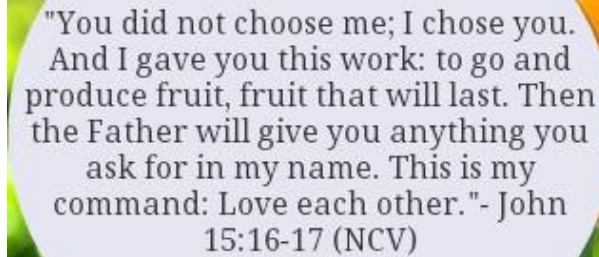
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It was a particular pleasure to welcome back previous staff, governors and advisors from the Russell Education Trust. Karen Lynch (the founder of RET) was there to speak of her memories. Jenny Downs (Chair of Governors) shared her recollections of the very beginning as a parent and advocate of the school. We were also blessed to have Revd Canon Dr Ian Jorysz (founding Chair of Governors) with us. His homily considered the importance of Church Schools with a focus on our School Bible Verses from John 15 v16-17.

As it says in John's Gospel, we have been 'appointed to bear fruit, fruit that will last' and that certainly has been the story of the school so far.

As we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, I hope that you will all join me in giving thanks to God for all He has done through us here in Brentwood. Ten years ago, there were people who said that this school was not needed nor wanted. Now we are the second most oversubscribed school in the whole of Essex! There were those who said that we would not be successful – who would be so audacious as to appoint a primary school teacher as head? Now we are in the top ten per cent of schools in the country for progress and attainment. Our buildings were in a poor state – we have now benefited from millions of pounds of funding to improve our campus.



"You did not choose me; I chose you. And I gave you this work: to go and produce fruit, fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you anything you ask for in my name. This is my command: Love each other." - John 15:16-17 (NCV)

We give thanks to God for His many blessings to our school and give Him all the glory for what he has done here. We look forward to what He will do over the next ten, twenty, thirty years! It is exciting to think that the students joining us in Year 7 in September 2023 will be students who have always known Becket Keys in their town for their whole life. Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary everyone!

**Mr Scott-Evans**  
Headteacher



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## Nearly New Uniform Sale

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**School Playground**

**11.00am – 1.00pm**

**Grab a bargain! Good  
quality, preloved  
uniform available for  
all years.**

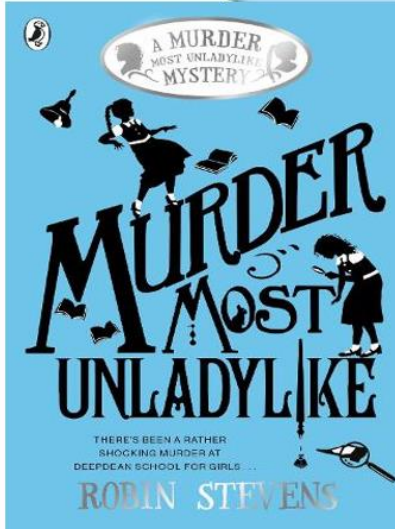


# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

It was a wonderful evening celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school. We were delighted to welcome some colleagues who were instrumental in setting up the school and staff who had worked with us in the past. There were recollections shared from the past ten years by Mrs Lynch and Mrs Downs and musical performances from the Matilda cast, the Jazz band and both current and past students.



## Book of the Month - October



This is first instalment of the hugely popular Wells and Wong detective stories, Robin Stevens's note-perfect pastiche of Golden Age crime mysteries. It is a brilliantly realised and compelling boarding school adventure.

At Deepdean School for Girls, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong have set up their own detective agency. But they are struggling to find any *real* crimes to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.)

Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. To add to the mystery, when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place.

Determined to get to the bottom of the crime before the killer strikes again Hazel and Daisy must hunt for evidence, spy on their suspects and use all the cunning and intuition they can muster. But will they succeed? And can their friendship stand the test?



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](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)



## A Message from the Admin Team

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

[office@becketkeys.org](mailto: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.



## Residential Insight into University

### Summer Schools 2023

Insight into University residential courses (previously known as Headstart) are summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings.

These courses are for Year 12/55-6 students and are a great way to try out a STEM subject at university before applying. This allows students to make a better informed decision for their UCAS application, as well as meeting like-minded students from all over the UK.

These summer schools are run for small groups (on average 30 students) and so places are limited.

**Applications open on the 3rd of October 2022 and will close on the 3rd of January 2023.**

#### Courses running in summer 2023

Maths at Lancaster  
 Mechanical Engineering at UCL  
 Life Sciences at Warwick  
 Materials Science at Oxford  
 Robotics at Liverpool  
 Broad-based Engineering at Sheffield  
 Materials Science at Cambridge  
 Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool

Find out more and apply on our website [here](#).

#### Statistics from 2022

99%

of participants said they would recommend the course to other students!

94%

of participants said they felt the experience on the course will help them make a better informed decision for their UCAS application.



#### What our students say

*"The course was extremely informative as well as enjoyable, I loved meeting so many new people who were just as interested in the same subjects as me as well as being able to learn so much within such a short space of time."*

*"I thoroughly enjoyed this course - the people were lovely, the food was great and the proper hands-on STEM subject experience was invaluable to my understanding of life as a student."*

*"It was AWESOME AND FANTASTIC!!! I loved having loads of practical activities and getting to see the Engineering Labs. I also liked getting the opportunity to feel like I was actually a university student at UCL, as well as making incredible friends."*

#### Follow us on social media



Visit our website  
[www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university](http://www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university)

## Subject Consultation Evenings

Year 8  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

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Year 12  
 Thursday  
 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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Year 11  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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Year 9  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

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Year 7  
 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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Year 10  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023



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.

# BRENTWOOD FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS



## 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**

## HARVEST FESTIVAL OFFERING

Becket Keys makes an ongoing effort to encourage our school community to respond to Brentwood Foodbank's appeals for food items and other essentials. Over the next few weeks, staff, students visitors and friends of Becket Keys, can bring their donations directly to school to add to our Harvest Display in Main Reception. The final day for donations will be **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. The current shortage items are shown in the list accompanying this article. This will demonstrate our practical as well as prayerful response to the needs of others, as we acknowledge and give thanks to God for the riches of the earth at this time.

Let us use this opportunity of blessing others to remind ourselves of the blessings that we receive from God. Let us be truly thankful for the gifts of food which we so easily take for granted. May we never lose the wonder of your goodness displayed in the harvest and may we seek to cultivate good fruit in our own lives.



## Careers Information



On **Tuesday 11th October from 5:00pm - 6:00pm** we're hosting an online event with international law firm Charles Russell Speechlys. Charles Russell Speechlys are a top 30 law firm headquartered in London with offices across the UK, Europe, Asia and the Middle East with revenues of £120 million.

We know how rare Solicitor Apprenticeships are as well as Mentoring and Work Experience placements within the legal profession. This is your chance to hear from global law firm Charles Russell Speechlys and discover how you can join their exciting school leaver programmes open to Y12 & Y13 students across the U.K.

You will get some incredible insights from top lawyers at the firm, take part in some fantastic workshops and get a really great understanding of the alternative routes into the legal profession.

This gives students such a leg up into the industry straight from school with no university debt, a salary from day one and you become a fully qualified solicitor!

To sign up to this online event click here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73Z9QJN>

# INVESTIN

## Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School

How to coach teenagers towards a successful career



Investin are delighted to announce the first events in their Success Beyond School series for this academic year. **These are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential.**

These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

### **12th October: Making it in Medicine**

Expert advice on how to get into medical school

### **16th November: Future-Proofing Students**

Preparing students for the jobs of the future

### **30th November: Finding a Future in Finance**

Gaining the skills for a career in Finance

### **7th December: Succeeding in Psychology**

The core skills for a career in Psychology

**[Register here](#)**

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W/c 19.09.22, 10.10.22, 07.11.22, 28.11.22



## WEEK THREE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>TRADITIONAL DISH</b></p> <p>Chilli Con Carne served with Steamed Rice and a Home Made Baked Tortilla Wedge</p>	<p>Sweet and Sour Chicken with Sticky White Rice and Prawn Crackers</p>	<p>Honey Roast Gammon with Crispy Roasties, Roasted Vegetables and Lashings of Gravy</p>	<p>Chicken Rogan Josh served with Pilau Rice and Garlic Naan Bread</p>	<p>Lemon Battered Fish Fillet with Chunky Chips, Peas and Homemade Tartare Sauce</p>
<p><b>GLOBAL GUEST</b></p> <p>Roasted Vegetable Chilli and Steamed Rice served with a Soured Cream Dip</p>	<p>Sweet and Sour Vegetables with Sticky White Rice and Prawn Crackers</p>	<p>Broccoli and Cauliflower Cheese Bake with Roasties and Gravy</p>	<p>Chick pea Bhuna Curry with Pilau Rice and Garlic Naan Bread</p>	<p>The Best Home Made Vegan Burger served with Chips and Slaw</p>
<p>Freshly Baked Tomato and Mozzarella Pizza Slice</p>	<p>All Day Breakfast Bap loaded with Bacon, Cheese and a Hash Brown</p>	<p>Egg Noodle pots with a Teriyaki Broth</p>	<p>Chicken Tikka and Pilau Rice Wraps</p>	<p>Fish Finger Baps with Tartare Sauce</p>
<p>Marble Sponge with Custard</p>	<p>Banoffee Pie</p>	<p>Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake</p>	<p>Lemon Oat Cookies</p>	<p>Vanilla and Berry Muffin</p>

**MAIN COURSES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES**

**Hot DELI DELICIOUS DESSERTS**







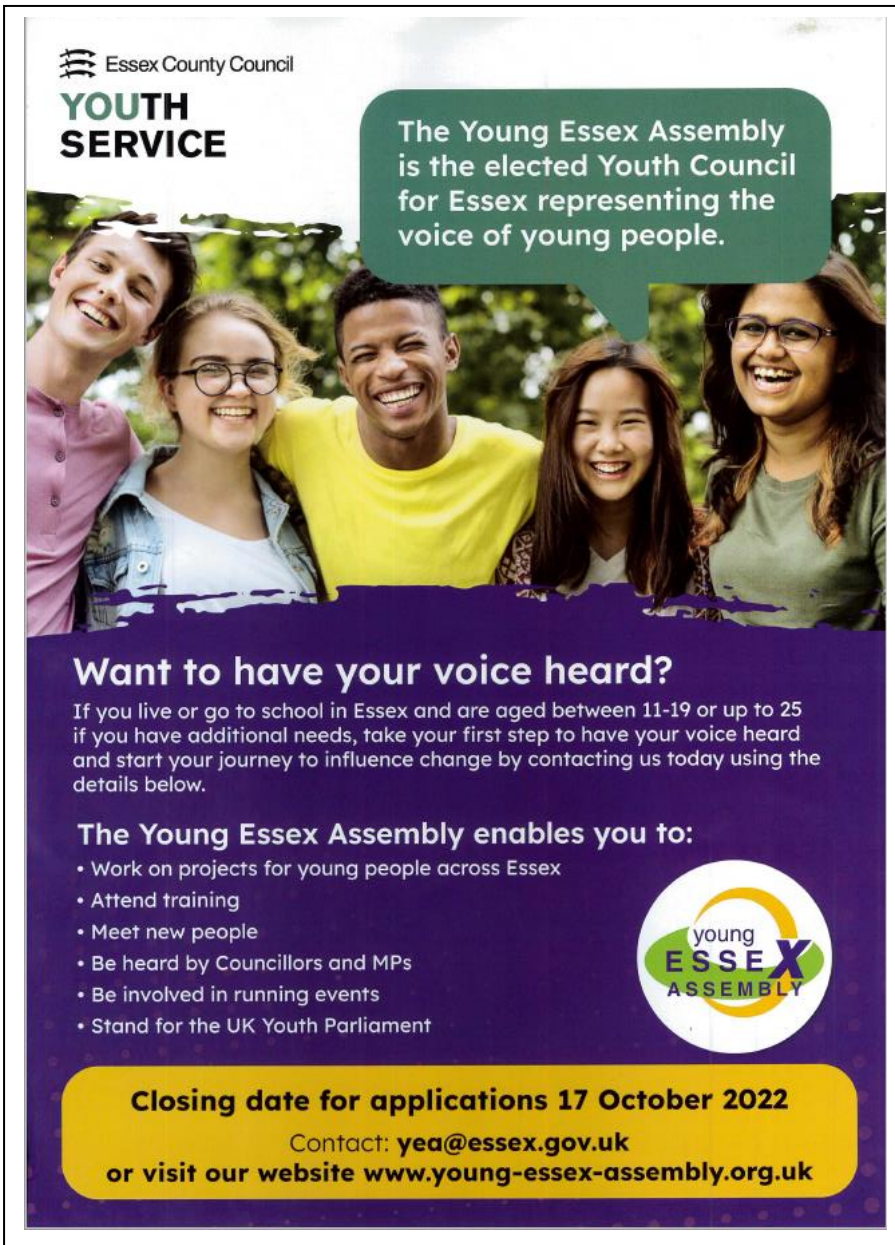
## WE ARE HIRING!!

We are currently looking for a Catering Assistant to join our team at Becket Keys CofE School.

20 hours per week - 7.30-11.30  
Monday - Friday  
Term time (38 weeks)  
£9.50 per hour

If you're interested, please send your CV to David Ashman at [becket.keys@aspens-services.com](mailto:becket.keys@aspens-services.com)





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](mailto:yea@essex.gov.uk)  
or visit our website [www.young-essex-assembly.org.uk](http://www.young-essex-assembly.org.uk)



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 to attend.

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

## Sixth Form Open Event Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 4.00pm- 8.00pm

We are delighted to announce our Open Evening for parents and students where families can find out about our distinctive Sixth Form. This Open Evening is ideal for families with students in Year 11, but also suitable if your son/daughter is in Year 10. It is open to families from other schools. Feel free to invite friends to come.

Please register at Eventbrite:

[Becket Keys Sixth Form Open Event](#)

# 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!



## Gratitude and Giving

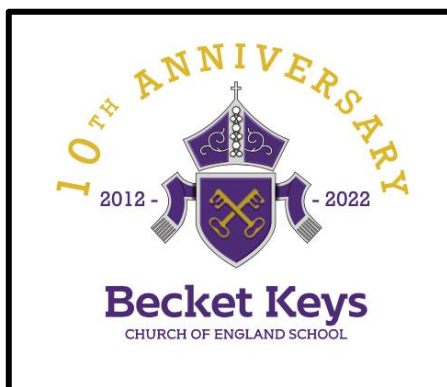
Gratitude is something that is easy to express when good things happen, but what about when things are difficult and not going as planned?

Gratitude is a virtue most worthy of our cultivation. Indeed, in the life of a Christian, gratitude is to be planted, watered, dressed, and harvested, in all life's situations. C.S. Lewis, in one of his letters, wrote:

*"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is 'good,' because it is good, if 'bad' because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."*

In other words, we do not have to muster up a false pleasure in bad times, but true gratitude comes from seeing the hand of God

working in our lives. In all things 'give thanks with a grateful heart' (1 Thessalonians 5:18).



Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on Thursday was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God's many blessings on this school and His constant reassuring presence. Our school is evidence that if you commit your work to the Lord, your plan will succeed (Proverbs 16:3)! Despite challenges, we have never grown weary and we are reaping a harvest (Galations 6:9). We 'bear fruit - fruit that will last' (John 15:16).

Gifts to organisations such as Brentwood Foodbank at this time, whether large or small, can also help transform lives. This week, why not take time to recognise how you have and can touch the lives of others through your generosity; whether through donations, giving freely of your time or simply praying for others, you can make a positive

difference to others with your grateful heart.

### Let us pray:

Dear Lord,

Help us, we pray, to recognise the difference  
Between satisfaction and smugness,  
being content and being comfortable.  
May our expressions of gratitude never deafen us to the cries of those in need and, in celebrating your love,  
may we never forget that your love reaches others through us.

**Amen.**

**Mrs Sharp  
Deputy Headteacher**



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## Sports News



The first fixture for the Year 11 boys came in the way of a 6 a side football tournament away at Plume involving 8 teams. Our defensive formation of 3-1-1 ensured we would sit strong and attack with precision and as a unit. Game 1 was against Boswells and striker Harry Adams was able to score early but several chances from Emeka Okafor somehow stayed out.

Game two was against the hosts Plume and this time both Emeka and Harry scored. The back line of Callum Goodey, Sam Carey and Sam Boreham ensured our goalkeeper Will Charters was only a spectator. Callum Etchells, Mitchell Fryatt and Jacob Lawrence rotated in and were able to play the system perfectly.

The final group game was against Great Baddow A who had some attacking threat and at times we were forced into defending 4-0-1. Harry again found the back of the net for 1-0 and with literally the last kick, a fortunate Baddow flick crept through the legs of Will who Mr Lane credited for the point as a

save at 0-0 was tipped onto the bar which he had no right to make! FT 1-1 we progressed top of the group.

The semifinal was against a Great Baddow B side who Emeka very quickly broke down with goal of the day. It was a solo run weaving through multiple failed tackles and smashed home before Captain Callum Goodey sealed the route to the final!

The final was incredibly close and was end to end. Again, Will Charters made two crucial saves to keep the game alive. Both defensive Sams played out well and Sam Boreham showed superb strength to find the overlapping skipper who drove low and ensured the keeper had no chance! Some fantastic game management and footballing understanding ensured the game was seen out and we became champions!

A hugely successful team of young men who demonstrated Becket Keys values throughout the day!

# In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

## Star of the week

Charlotte Hope Y13



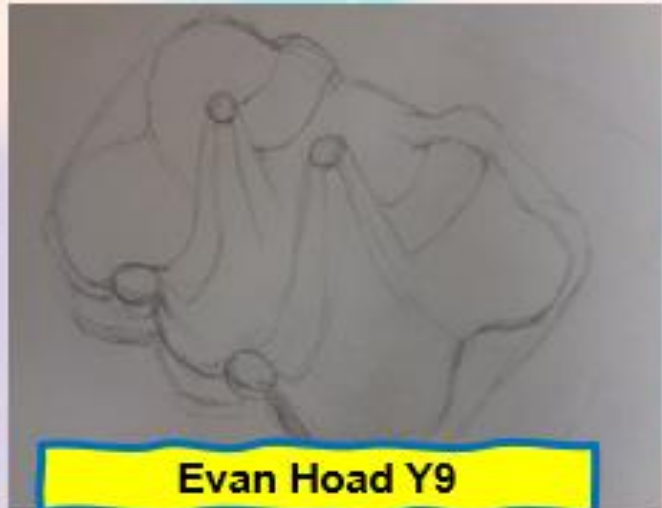
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# ★ Key stage 3 ★



Eden Withers Y7

Fraser McLauchlan Y9



Evan Hoad Y9



Alice Palmer Y8



Lois Cox Y7

# Key stage 5



Jess Prentice Y13



Amelia Hussey Y13

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT  
4.00pm – 8.00pm  
THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

EARLY FINISH FOR STUDENTS AT 12.40PM

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LATE START AT SCHOOL  
FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022  
STUDENTS TO ARRIVE BY 10.30AM

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THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 THEATRE TRIP  
CAUCASION CHALK CIRCLE

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THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022  
YEAR 7 DISCO

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INSET DAY  
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)  
FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2022

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY  
MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER –  
FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

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STUDENT HALF DAY  
FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 –  
TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2023

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INSET DAY  
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)  
WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

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