



# Becket Keys Church of England School

25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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### Mr Scott-Evans writes:

Dear Parents/Carers

Latest [guidance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) says that 'the role of parents is crucial in helping schools develop and maintain good behaviour. To support the school, parents should be encouraged to get to know the school's behaviour policy and, where possible, take part in the life of the school and its culture.'

I am writing with these things in mind today. Firstly, I want to point out to you that the school's behaviour policy is [here](#) on the school's website alongside most of our other policies. I would encourage all of you to read it. It is vitally important that everyone knows the approaches the school takes over issues of conduct in school. For example, what are the consequences that the school

might use? Did you know that we sometimes use Saturday detentions? Did you know that we sometimes confiscate property like mobile phones? Have you seen the list of things that will almost certainly lead to suspension or exclusion? Did you realise it includes possession of a banned item? And do you know what the list of banned items includes? You can find the list [here](#). Would you support us if we suspended your son/daughter for bringing a banned item like chewing gum to school, for example?

The DfE say that 'parents have an important role in supporting the school's behaviour policy and should be encouraged to reinforce the policy at home as appropriate.' So, I would encourage you to read it and be

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**BECKET KEYS**  
Church of England School

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ready to support us when required! The DfE says that, 'where a parent has a concern about management of behaviour, they should raise this directly with the school while continuing to work in partnership with them.' So, as always, I would like to remind you that you can contact us via the staff portal on the website, [here](#).

Secondly, the DfE says that schools should 'reinforce the whole-school approach by building and maintaining positive relationships with parents, for example, by keeping parents updated about their children's behaviour, encouraging parents to celebrate pupils' successes, or holding sessions for parents to help them understand the school's behaviour policy.' We do these things through our reporting processes and parents' evenings. We also ensure that parents are informed every time their son/daughter is put into a detention or sent out of class.

I am also hosting some meetings for parents on 7<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a special prayer meeting focussing on the good conduct of students inside and outside of school from 8:45am to 9:15am. This will be followed by a Friends of Becket Keys (FOBK) Annual General Meeting which will elect a new committee and spend some time receiving any feedback that parents have on the Behaviour Policy. We have not had an AGM for FOBK since before Covid. FOBK provides a

great way for parents to get involved in the 'life of the school and its culture.'

I hope that you will join us for the prayer meeting and the AGM if you are able to. If not, then please do send any comments to us for our consideration via the portal mentioned above.

I look forward to hearing from you. Have a lovely weekend.

**Mr Scott-Evans  
Head Teacher**



## Brentwood Half Marathon & Fun Run Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

[Home | 2023 Sportstiks Brentwood Half Marathon and Fun Run](#)

This great event in the Brentwood calendar is now in its 41st year.

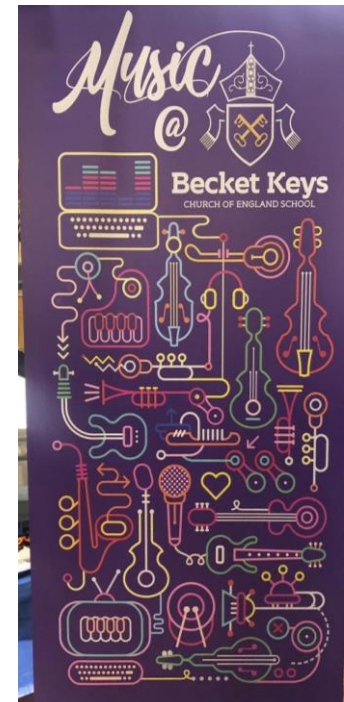
Over the years the event has raised several million pounds for charity, and we expect 2023 to bounce back after Covid and be a bumper year!

## Music Department – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary House Music Competition

As part of the Becket Keys 10th Anniversary Celebrations, in term one, the Music department launched the inaugural House Music competition. This took place on November 11th and November 18th with all Year 7 houses involved in the Unison Cup, solo instrumental performers representing their house in the instrumental prize, and vocalists performing in a chamber concert competing for the solo vocalist prize. All three components were hotly contested with our adjudicators commenting on the high standards and enthusiasm of the performers. The Unison Cup was won by 7PP who sang the classic Kate Bush song 'Running Up That Hill' followed very closely by 7WW singing 'Valerie' and 7FS performing Queen's, 'We Will Rock You'.

The solo instrumental prize went to Diana Bognar from EW playing the piano, second place to Elliot Smith-Tun from HS on piano, and third place to Daniel Saunders from FS on drums. On Friday evening there were 16 vocalists competing for the solo vocal cup. This was perhaps the most difficult to judge as all singers were outstanding. In first place was Isabel Slaney from PP, followed very closely by Aneshka Carroll from EW, Mairéad Jordan in FS and Jess Martin from WW.

Congratulations to Pendelton and Peacock House who are this year's overall winners, with Ennis and Whitehead House in second place and Farah and Storey in third. Thank you to all the tutors, unison song leaders, and performers who took part in the competition this year.







**NEXT STEPS  
ESSEX**

FIND THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO REACH OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE AT OUR \*FREE\* ONLINE EVENTS FOR

**YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS**

STARTING JANUARY 2023

**SIGN UP HERE BY 20 DEC**



QUESTIONS? EMAIL [SLO@EMMA.CAM.AC.UK](mailto:SLO@EMMA.CAM.AC.UK)

This programme consists of four online sessions run by Oxford and Cambridge Outreach staff, each with a Q&A with current undergraduate students:

- Year 12** Introduction to Oxbridge:  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January (17:00 – 18:30)
  - Year 11** Introduction to Oxbridge:  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February (17:00 – 18:30)
  - Year 11 & Y12** Study Skills & Oxbridge Applications:  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March (17:00 – 18:30)
  - Y12** Personal Statements: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March (17:00 – 18:30)
  - Interview Workshop (start of Y13):  
*September 2023 (tbc)*
- The deadline for signing up is **TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 23:59.**

Students can sign-up using this online form:

[NSE 2022-23 Sign Up Form](#)

A YOUTH GROUP FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL AGED YOUNG PEOPLE

All schools welcome!

**Wednesday** Term Time  
**After School**  
**3.30 - 5.30 PM**

YOUR SPACE TO CHILL AFTER SCHOOL

Dodd Road Community Church  
56-60 Doddinghurst Rd,  
Brentwood CM15 9EH  
[www.doddroadcommunitychurch.org](http://www.doddroadcommunitychurch.org)  
01277 224528

**Activities Include:**

- Activities
- Food and Drinks
- Nintendo Switch
- Homework Space
- Free WIFI
- Music
- Chill Out Space
- Crafts

In Partnership with:



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**Becket Keys Christmas Menu, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Traditional Roast Turkey  
Crispy Skin on Roast Potatoes  
Pigs in Blankets  
Chef's Home-made Apple Stuffing  
Honey Glazed Roasted Vegetables  
Cranberry Sauce and Lashings of Gravy  
**or**  
Winter Vegetable Parcels served with an Onion Velouté

**Vegan and Gluten Free Option**  
Roasted and Stuffed Butternut Squash

**Dessert**  
Christmas Tree Brownie Laced With an Orange Zest and a Dusting of Snow  
**or**  
Traditional Christmas Pudding with Cream

**Tickets £4.50**

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## Year 9 Mandarin - Confucius Cluster Enrichment Day Trip

Becket Keys Church of England is part of the Confucius Classrooms network. Confucius Classrooms are hubs promoting joint planning of cultural activities, sharing ideas and resources to stimulate the learning and teaching of Chinese language and culture.

Last Friday on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022, our year 9 Mandarin students went to Anglo European School for an enrichment day, learning alongside other Year 9 Mandarin students from Anglo European School, Dartford Grammar School, and Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys.

Students participated in four workshops: calligraphy, Chinese knots, papercutting and haggling in China. They had fun and had formed new friendships. It was all-in-all a fruitful day.

We very much look forward to any future exchange trips like this one.

**Miss Lin**  
Head of Mandarin







**Rotary**  
**YOUNG**  
**WRITER** COMPETITION

The theme is 'Peace'. Entries can be fiction or non-fiction, prose or poetry.

Each entry must:

- Be no more than 550 words if prose
- Have a maximum of 40 lines if poetry
- Have no drawings or pictures attached
- Be legible and either typed or handwritten.

This is for all students, including Sixth Form students.

Hand in entries by Friday 9th December to Miss White in C24.



## Uniform

All students are required to wear smart leather shoes.

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

Students should not have any extreme hairstyles and hair must not be dyed or shapes cut into the hair e.g. stripes or undercuts.

**Please remember that all students will be in need of a COAT – Plain BLACK without coloured flashes, logos or slogans, no 'fashion items', no 'puffer' jackets.**

Bags should also be plain black.



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

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



## Book of the Month - November



"I've got two claws, Katie. Two giant, evil, freaking Freddy Krueger monster things. I am not calm."

Evie Wilder is living a normal life, used to living with "a rare form of diabetes". Except for the fact her mum has gone missing, she just found out she's a werewolf, she and her sister have to go into hiding in a motel whose weird manager keeps pushing Evie to go "full wolf", and there's not a single helpful vampire slayer to be found.

With the help of Kevin, the dorky manager of the guesthouse where Evie and Kate go to lie low, Evie starts learning to harness her wolfish side. But there's something a bit odd about Kevin...

Meanwhile, reports of animal attacks are increasing, local teens are going missing, and Evie is about to find herself at the centre of a supernatural showdown – plainly there's more than one predator on the loose.

This book is bloodily funny and appallingly enthralling, especially for fans of vampire and werewolf fiction.

## Non -Uniform Day Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

There will be a non-school uniform day and all money raised will be donated to the newly chosen charities. You will need to bring in a pound to hand to your form tutor. Usual school rules apply. It is going to be cold, so please wear your Christmas Jumper (if you have one) and dress sensibly!

Hair tied back and no colour added, no jewellery, sensible shoes. No bare shoulders or midriff. No onesies. No torn or tatty jeans etc.

# PAUSE

## Preparing for Advent

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent. It seems to me that, for whatever reason, this year the season has approached faster than anticipated! Maybe it is because life is so busy or maybe it is a sign that I need this Advent season even more than ever before! At the core of the Advent season is the notion that we will take time to slow down, to reflect, and to work to become ready to see Jesus whenever he comes into our lives. Which is, of course, always. So, let us slow down. I think that is what God is asking of each of us. I know that is what he is asking of me. To slow down, acknowledge his presence, to reflect and to pray.

The poem 'Christmas' by John Betjeman (1954) comes to mind. It conveys the busyness of traditional preparation for Christmas, as well as the comfort and warmth of familiar things, but ends with the profound truth:

*The bells of waiting Advent ring,  
The Tortoise stove is lit again  
And lamp-oil light across the night  
Has caught the streaks of winter rain  
In many a stained-glass window sheen  
From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.*

*The holly in the windy hedge  
And round the Manor House the yew*



*Will soon be stripped to deck the  
ledge,  
The altar, font and arch and pew,  
So that the villagers can say  
'The church looks nice' on Christmas  
Day.*

*Provincial Public Houses blaze,  
Corporation tramcars clang,  
On lighted tenements I gaze,  
Where paper decorations hang,  
And bunting in the red Town Hall  
Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.*

*And London shops on Christmas Eve  
Are strung with silver bells and  
flowers  
As hurrying clerks the City leave  
To pigeon-haunted classic towers,  
And marbled clouds go scudding by  
The many-steepled London sky.*

*And girls in slacks remember Dad,  
And oafish louts remember Mum,  
And sleepless children's hearts are  
glad.  
And Christmas-morning bells say  
'Come!'  
Even to shining ones who dwell  
Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.*

*And is it true,*

*This most tremendous tale of all,  
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,  
A Baby in an ox's stall?  
The Maker of the stars and sea  
Become a Child on earth for me?*

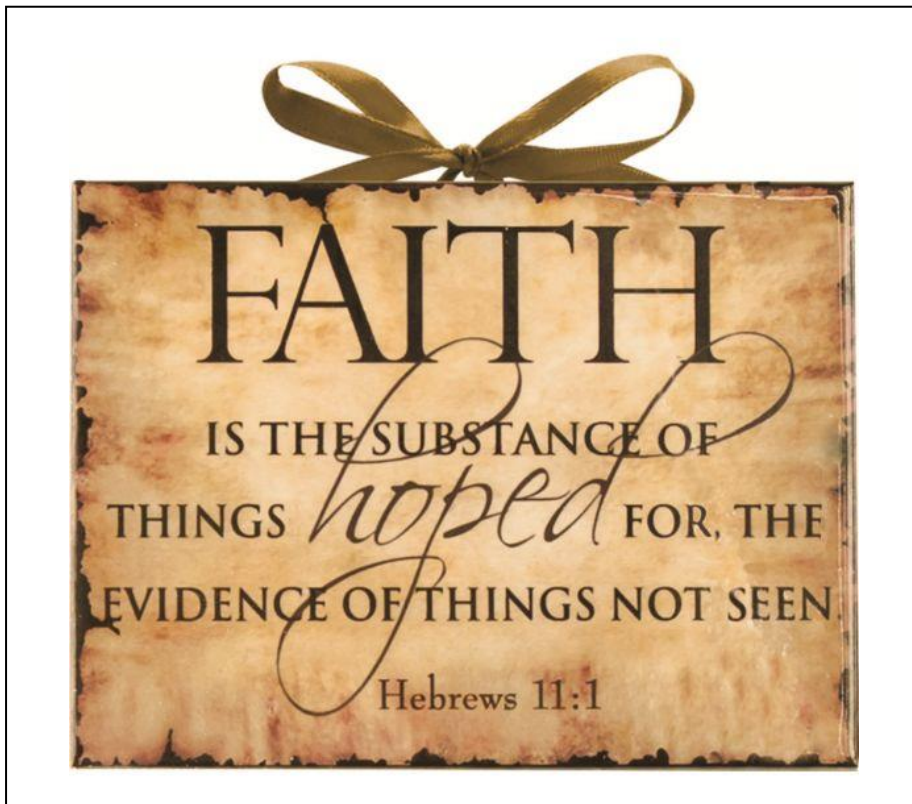
*And is it true? For if it is,  
No loving fingers tying strings  
Around those tissued fripperies,  
The sweet and silly Christmas things,  
Bath salts and inexpensive scent  
And hideous tie so kindly meant,*

*No love that in a family dwells,  
No carolling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with this single Truth compare  
That God was man in Palestine  
And lives today in Bread and Wine.*

Sometimes we need time to slow down and see things anew. We need to give proper time and appreciation to Christ's story; His birth, His sacrifice and how he changes us and the world.

I enjoy poetry and will be re-reading Mark Greene's uplifting book of Christmas poems 'ADVENTure' this Advent. The





book's poems, illustrations and Bible quotes encourage reflection. In his introduction to the book, he writes:

'Christmas, the Christmas that is not about the bubbly frenzy of all the preparation for the big day, still retains its shimmering mystery: ordinary people caught up in the divine drama that is the hinge of history. They are invited to take part, as we are: seeking, as we can; choosing, as we do; pressured, as we are: afraid, exhilarated, and, in the end, grateful, awed, content.'

Inspired by Hebrews 11:1, later Mark Green writes:

*'Often, when we imagine the future, it's like the present but more so. But history and our lives teach us that it is not always so . . . As for the Jews of Israel under Roman occupation in, say 10BC,*

*well, they had for centuries hoped for the arrival of the saviour, a Messiah. He has been long predicted but was not imminently expected but then, out of the blue . . . God had been working in an unfashionable northern town, far from the madding crowd, in the lives of an apparently ordinary young women and a village carpenter . . . and their lives and of course all human history were about to change.'*

Slow down and take time to be part of the His story, to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Christ, in confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Through prayer, we can connect with God's grace and love in asking Him to ready our hearts as He prepared all of history to receive the gift of His Son.

## Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray for focus and devotion during Advent. Fill us with Your presence, slow us down this Advent. Let me not be in a rush, so that we can fully appreciate the wonders of this season. In the busyness of our preparation, be our still small voice of calm.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Mrs Sharp**  
Deputy Headteacher



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.

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



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Foodbank – Trussell  
Trust  
Find us at  
Doddinghurst Road  
Community Church



## Shopping List For November 2022

### Food Items

Ham/Corned Beef  
Salmon  
All Day Breakfast  
Spaghetti  
Rice Pudding  
Custard  
Potatoes  
Meat Balls  
Instant Mash  
Fruit  
Bags/Packets Rice  
Hot Chocolate  
Noodles

### Non Food Items

All Cleaners  
Washing Powder /Gels  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes  
Razors  
shaving Gel/foam

### Christmas Items

Christmas cakes/ puddings  
Biscuits  
Chocolate/Syrup and Jam Puddings  
Advent Calendars  
Jelly/Angel Delight  
Biscuits For Cheese  
All Savoury Items Crisps Etc  
All Sweets/Chocolate  
Selection Boxes  
Cakes

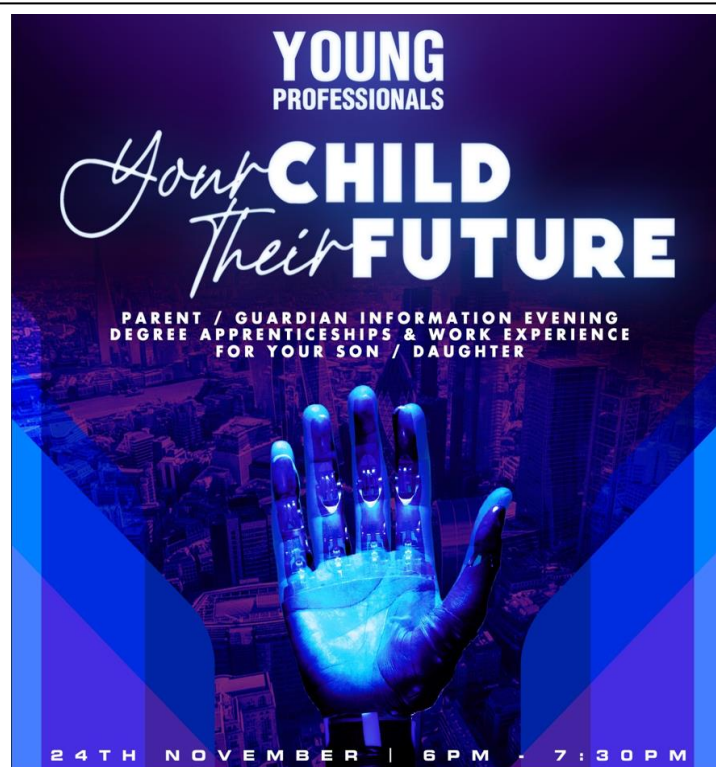
### Non Food Items

Deodorants  
Toilet Rolls  
Nappies—Size 3,4,6  
Baby Wipes/Baby Toiletries  
Baby Food/ Jars and Pouches

In the last three months, the need for the Foodbank has increased by more than 50%. and the local Food Bank is now currently feeding over 100 people every day.

Collections are becoming more important so please if you can assist those who are less fortunate and donated urgent items on the above list. Collection points are at St Thomas of Canterbury Church and Sainsburys.

Thank you for your continued assistance.



All parents/carers are invited to attend the 'Your Child, Their Future' Event on Thursday 24th November from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

This event is completely free of charge, and it will be running via Zoom. We encourage you to join this event virtually with your son/daughter and ask any questions that you may have directly to leading employers. They will share some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, putting together a CV and filling out application forms, as well as advice on how you can prepare students for the working world.

### **Registration Link:**

[Young Professionals Parent / Guardian Information Evening Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com)

We look forward to welcoming you to the event and if you have any questions, please let us know!

# Art & Textiles

**Star Artist Year 7**  
**Harry Shorter**







Lucie Saunders

Yr 8

Catherine Earle Yr 7





Gabriella  
Hristozova  
Yr 9



Luisa Allen  
Yr 10



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# Danilo De Vito Yr 13



# In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

## Star of the week

Emma Blake **Y12**



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# Key stage 3



**Anna Bennett Y7**



**Ibrahim Rehman Y7**



**Lena Wierdak Y7**

# Key stage 4



**Harriett Nicholls Y10**

**Poppy Haywood-Biles Y11**





# Key stage 5

**Ruby Cole Y12**



**Libby Prentice Y13**



## Sports News

### U14s Netball Essex Cup

The U14 netball team played in the second round of the Essex Cup against St Mark's West Essex Catholic School. This was the best the team have played against a very strong opposition. Superb shooting from Holly Marder and Imogen Walls was teamed with amazing defending by Maddie Moon, Esme Hodges, Elle Holdcroft and Harriet Yardy. Bringing the ball swiftly down the court were Liz Griffiths, Evanthe Antoniou and Kaylin Nachwa-Muwenda who fed the ball wonderfully into the goal circle. Well done for this amazing performance.



### Year 10 Boys' Football

Today the Year 10 boys' football team took on Shenfield High School who always have talent amongst their ranks. With a later



departure due to exams the warm up led by Callum Goodey was limited. We continued with the 532 formation but injuries forced us into two defensive changes as Folarin came in with Jacob either side of Sam Boreham. We attacked well with some excellent link up on the left with Callum Etchells, Jack and Emeka linking up and an unselfish run from Harry allowed Callum G to utilise his pace and win a penalty early on. Emeka shot wide from the spot, but this lifted confidence. Levi was able to use his pace on the right and give the Shenfield defence something to think about when gambling men forward. There was a moment of pure brilliance from Henry whom we gladly welcomed back from injury. He was able to strike from 40 yards and lob the keeper! From this moment on we knew game management was key and refused to allow the opposition to build up any steam. Some great

kicking from Will in goal set up some half chances and one of which was a stone wall penalty waved away as Callum G took the hit. Half time 1-0.

Joe replaced Levi on the right side and straight away used his physicality and speed to create chances. Brendan and Sam came on to replace Callum E and Emeka. The last 10 minutes were intense as an offside goal from the home side gave them a second wind. Several last ditch clearances and at this point even the captain was back leaving Harry alone to hold up the ball and run down the clock. Following the theme of the World Cup the home side managed to add on several minutes from somewhere but the game clean sheet was never going to be lost. Resilient is the word. MOM was tricky but it's going to Folarin for his last minute call up and excellent defending.





## Year 8 Girls' Futsal

The girls started with their toughest game of the tournament but quickly found their feet against their remaining opponents. We saw some fantastic saves during all games from goalkeeper Sophie Fleming and an outstanding goal from Maddie Moon in our 2<sup>nd</sup> game. The girls have a fantastic team comradery, and this was shown during their team talks and game play. Overall, the girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the tournament and should be very proud of their performance.

Team:

- Maddie Moon
- Lily Oliver
- Evie McNally
- Isabella Sanderson
- Sophie Fleming (GK)
- Ruby Smith

### Running Order

- 1<sup>st</sup> Game – Loss - Score: 4-0
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Game – Won – Score 3-0
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Game – Drew – 1-1
- 4<sup>th</sup> Game – Drew – 0-0



## Girls' Swim Teams

Year 7 – Sienna Neroni , Isabella Constantinou , Sophie Peake, Eden Withers

Year 8 – Ruby O'Flaherty, Molly Williamson, Scarlett Sawkins

Year 9 – Rom Deal, Niamh Stevenson, Beth Wright, Olivia Cross

Seniors – Hannah Fleming + Matilda Gamble

### Results

Year 7 - 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 8 - 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 9: - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Overall Schools – 4<sup>th</sup>

### Individual Successes:

Niamh Stevenson  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Backstroke. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Individual Medley

Hannah Fleming  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Front crawl

Beth Wright  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Butterfly

Matilda Gamble  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Butterfly

Hannah Fleming  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Backstroke

Matilda Gamble  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Breaststroke

Isabella Constantinou  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Front Crawl

Rom Deal  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Front Crawl

Year 9 Medley Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Year 9 Freestyle Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

## Boys' Swim Teams

### Results

Year 7 – 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 8 – 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 9 – 4<sup>th</sup>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER  
(NON-UNIFORM DAY)  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

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FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS AGM  
9.15AM  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

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CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT  
7.00PM  
THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

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SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST  
11.00AM  
THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 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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YEAR 11  
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING  
THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

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