



Becket Keys Church of England School

27th January 2023

GCSE AWARDS EVENING EBACC STUDENTS

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GCSE Awards Evening

Proverbs 16v3 Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Last night we celebrated with our Year 11 cohort from 2022 at our Annual GCSE Awards Evening. Students were presented with their exam certificates and their RET Ebacc Certificates. This group of students were our highest performing yet, both in terms of progress and attainment. The students also exemplify the values the school aspires to. They went through the whole Covid lockdown situation and put up with months of remote learning only to then find that when it came to their exams unlike the previous two cohorts they would be sitting the GCSE exams with very few

amendments and adjustments to help them.

Minimal changes were made, and minimal grade adjustments were offered. They really were a cohort who were dealt a poor hand. However, despite all these challenges, in line with our vision to be 'fruitful' (John 15v16-17) these students took responsibility for their own learning. We are incredibly proud of them all.

One story continues to stand out for me and that is of Lucy O'Hare who denied herself her mobile phone for months to prioritise her exams. She reaped the benefits of that discipline with four Grade 9s and six Grade 8s. This week, Lucy spoke to the current Year 11s to offer some advice about what they could be doing to excel as she did. She is an example to us all.

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However, Lucy was not the highest performing student.



Rebecca Lyle gained ten grade 9s making her one of the top performing students in the whole country.



Luca Lombard made more progress than any other student. He not only exceeded his targets in every subject, but he also achieved, on average, three grades above target across every subject that he sat. In English Language, he gained a Grade 8 which was 4 grades above his target! Luca also gained four Grade 7s and four Grade 6s.

Our GCSE awards evening rightly celebrated such outstanding

individual performance. However, it also recognised the achievement of the whole cohort. From various starting points and to various levels of attainment, as I already said, this was the best cohort we have ever had. The Progress 8 score for this cohort was 0.34 which basically means that the average student here made 0.34 of a grade above target across 8 of their GCSEs. The national figure is -0.03; students nationally just scrape in below their target. Sadly, the Essex figure is -0.21 which means that students are underperforming across our county. However, here students are 0.55 ahead of the average student in Essex. That takes significant hard work and everyone should be proud of what we are doing here.

Our Ebacc achievement was also the best that it has ever been. This year, 78 students gained this prestigious level of performance and picked up a special RET certificate to recognise their level of commitment to the most important and challenging subjects in school. This will continue to go up and up as more and more students now sit a language as a GCSE.

As you can tell, I am incredibly proud of this group, and I was on a real high last night celebrating with them! Miss Brown gave a tremendous speech about some of her memories and had created a video of clips and photos from over the years. A few tissues were needed as she read a beautiful poem that she had adapted for

the evening. Her message was clear: we care about the grades, we care about what students go on to do, but what we really care about is a student's Christian character and faith. Our final two awards were given with this in mind: Lucy Gunn and Calum Hayes had been chosen by staff for their constant representation of what the school stands for. Two very worthy winners from a year group where there were many more who could also have won.

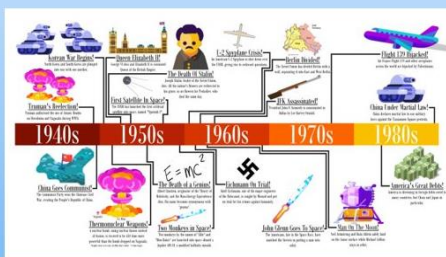


I hope that everyone who came along enjoyed the evening: the awards, the refreshments, the music and the speeches. My congratulations to every student who collected certificates last night. I am delighted with you all.



HISTORY CLUB!

History club is on every Tuesday from 3:15- 4:15 in J13 for Y7, 8 and 9!



Late Gate

*Early is on time,
On time is late,
And late is unacceptable!*

At Becket Keys, we look to ensure that we are preparing students for life beyond school; this includes encouraging students to attend school regularly, and of course, on time.

Remember that the school gate closes at **8.25am**. This allows students enough time to be at their first lesson on time. Period 1 begins at 8.30am.

Brentwood can be tough to manoeuvre during rush hour, so we encourage students and parents to contact the school in the case of **genuine** lateness such as delayed public transport.

Parents can call the main school line 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.

St Thomas of Canterbury Church Education Sunday Bake Off Sunday 5th February

**AFTER MASS WE WILL HOLD
OUR ANNUAL BAKE OFF
CATEGORIES ARE
INFANTS, JUNIORS, SENIORS
AND ADULTS**

**CAKES WILL BE JUDGED ON
APPEARANCE, TEXTURE AND
TASTE**

**PLEASE LABEL WITH NAME
AND CATEGORY**

**CAKES TO BE SOLD AFTER
JUDGING**



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Geography Field Trip



The Norwegian playwright, Henrik Ibsen, said "a thousand words leave not the same deep impression as does a single deed."

In Geography, we aim to do this with fieldtrips, and this January we took the Year 11 GCSE cohort to the Jurassic Coast to do just that.



We had a great time, seeing and experiencing all of the features and management processes that we have previously learned about



in the classroom, but with the added advantage of spectacular vistas and weather to boot.

Here are some of the highlights of our trip, which included, Barton-on-Sea, Old Harry (right and below), Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove, Stair Hole and most memorably, the hike up from Scratchy Bottom to the peak of Sawyers Head.

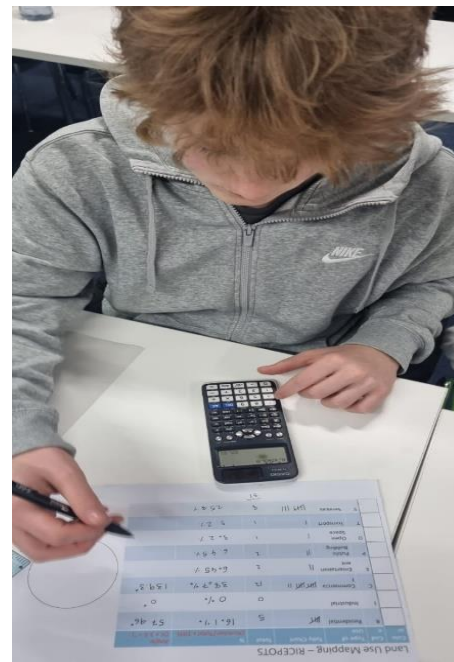
We also made the best use of our time to plan and prepare for the

3rd GCSE Geography examination in the classrooms of an evening.

We now look forward to applying our learning in the forthcoming mock examinations back at school and beyond.

Many thanks to all of those involved.

Mr Taylor-Smith
Head of Geography



Mandarin Day 2023

Happy Chinese New Year!



Becket Keys Church of England School held a very successful Mandarin Day for all the Year 7 students on Friday 20th January. This special event was organised to welcome the Chinese New Year, "The Year of the Rabbit".

The students participated in six educational and fun-packed workshops:

Paper-Cutting workshop

The students sharpened their paper cutting skills and cut out the Chinese character for "Spring".

Chinese blow-painting workshop

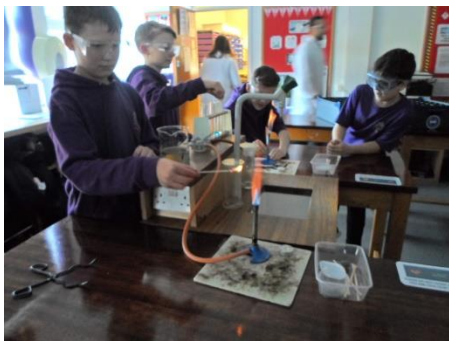
The students practised Chinese blow-painting techniques and created beautiful plum-tree blossom designs.





Science workshop

The students experienced the process of making gun powder!



Food workshop

They became master chef and cooked a mouth-watering fried rice dish.



Martial arts workshop

They practised some combat and defence moves.



Film workshop

They watched an extract of a famous Chinese film "NeZha".



At lunch, students watched a sensational traditional Chinese lion dance and enjoyed some Chinese food that Bistro served. They also received a souvenir for the day.



The day offered our students the opportunity to look beyond Chinese as merely a language and gain a deeper understanding of Chinese culture. It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces.

Happy Rabbit Year to you all!

Miss Lin
Head of Mandarin



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Everyone at SNAP sends their heartfelt thanks to the staff and pupils of

★ **Becket Keys Church of England School** ★

For supporting SNAP on their Non-Uniform day and raising a fantastic

★ **£402.50** ★


These much appreciated funds will assist the charity in its work of supporting Essex families with children and young people who have any additional need or disability

January 2023

Cosy Club

Tuesdays - 3.15pm - 5pm
Brentwood Youth Centre
15 Shenfield Road, CM15 8AG


Come along for fun & freshly cooked food every week and get out of the cold!



Make it your own! Come in for homework club, reading corner, arts and crafts, games, pool, and much more!

Who can come?
You must be 11-19 (or up to 25 with SEND) - everyone welcome!

For more info contact: Claire.Love@essex.gov.uk






Education on Demand

GCSEPod has lots of resources and tips to help students with motivation, how to learn, news and free resources. Designed to engage learners, improve confidence, and accelerate progress. Statistics show that students who use GCSEPod can achieve 1 additional grade higher in each subject!

[GCSE Learning and Revision | GCSEPod](#)



Year 10



Get yourselves signed up on GCSE Pod.


It is an excellent resource 3-5 minutes videos that are linked to all your subjects.

You have a message on SMHW with instructions.

Come and see me in J12 if you need any help.

Mrs Knowles

<p>1. Go to GCSEPod.com and click Login</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">  </div>	<p>2. Click the sign in with Office 365 button</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">  </div>
<p>3. Pick an account Enter your school username followed by @becketkeys.org</p>	<p>4. Enter the password that you use for your school log on.</p> <p>Then you should be in and get a welcome page!</p>





Year 11

GCSE Pod reminder:

You can now use your 365 log in to access GCSE pod!

Come and see me in J12 if you need any help.

Mrs Knowles

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Becket Keys MUSIC

CHAMBER CONCERT

FRIDAY

3RD FEBRUARY 2023

We are inviting all Becket Keys musicians to perform at the next Chamber Concert that takes place in Runcie Hall, Friday 3rd February at 6 pm. This is an informal performance that parents and families can attend.

How to apply:

- Find and practise a music piece you would like to perform (solo and duets).
- Speak with Mr. Romhany or Mr. Menexes in Ro1/Ro2 to inform us about the music piece you are going to play and the equipment you need.

No ticket required! Just turn up!

FURTHER EDUCATION
2023-24



SOUTH ESSEX COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

- Check out our fantastic facilities
- Meet course tutors
- Careers, finance and funding advice

SOUTHEND CAMPUS,
Luker Road, Southend, SS1 1ND
Tuesday 14 March 2023 - 5-8pm

CENTRE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING,
Stephenson Road, Southend, SS9 5LY
Tuesday 31 January 2023 - 5-8pm

CENTRE FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES,
College Way, Basildon, SS14 1DF
Wednesday 8 February 2023 - 5-8pm


CENTRE FOR ADVANCED ENGINEERING,
Luckyn Lane, Basildon, SS14 3AX
Wednesday 1 March 2023, 5-8pm

THURROCK CAMPUS
High Street, Grays, RM17 6TF
Thursday 19 January 2023 - 5-8pm

www.southessex.ac.uk/OE



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Should I become a Doctor?

Virtual Event- Tuesday 7th of February
5:30 - 7:00pm.

GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO LIFE AS A MEDICAL STUDENT AND DOCTOR.

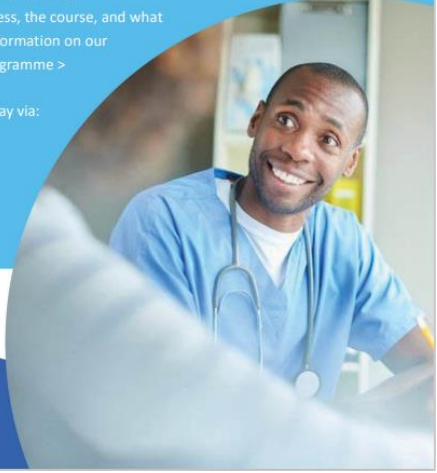
This presentation, held by medical students, is designed to help Year 9 – 12 students decide whether 'Medicine' is for them. The evening will include explanation of the application process, the course, and what happens post degree. Find more information on our website under Events > Futures Programme > Future Doctors.

No need to register. Log in on the day via:

ZOOM MEETING ID:
807 419 5808

ZOOM PASSWORD:
DOCTOR123

If you have any queries, contact:
Molly.butcher@nhs.net



NHS
Health Education England

Email: Molly.butcher@nhs.net
Website: www.lincs.traininghub.nhs.uk
@HubLincolnshire @HubLincolnshire

A YOUTH GROUP FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL AGED YOUNG PEOPLE
All schools welcome!

DRCC Youth

BRENTWOOD
EST. 2022

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
01277 224528

Activities Include:

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

In Partnership with:




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Video Essay Competition 2023

This is the third MASSOLIT Video Essay Competition in partnership with [Brasenose College, Oxford](#).

All UK-based students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to create a "MASSOLIT-style" video lecture running at around 8-12 minutes on any academic topic. Entries open from Wednesday 1st March 2023 and the final deadline is 5pm Friday 30th June 2023.

The best entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges made up of academics from Brasenose and members of the MASSOLIT team.

This competition is open to every pupil in the UK – you do not need to be a subscriber to MASSOLIT. If you want to see what a "MASSOLIT-style" lecture is, please check out [our YouTube channel](#).

What we're looking for:

We'd like you to research, write and create a short (8-12 minute) lecture on a topic of your choice.

Your lecture should be a 'talking head' style, like all the lectures on MASSOLIT, though you should feel free to make use of props (e.g. quoting from a book, playing some music, demonstrating a concept with props, etc.) if you feel it adds to your explanation.

MASSOLIT
Video Essay
Competition

How to Enter
Present a 10 minute talk on any topic!

Prize

- 1x £200 Amazon voucher
- 9x £50 Amazon voucher
- Award ceremony and lunch at Brasenose College for the winner and 9 runners-up

massolit.io/competition

Then again, if your lecture doesn't include any props, that's also fine!

Entries will be judged on:

Creativity

The educational value of the lecture – does the viewer learn something interesting and unexpected?

The clarity and concision of the script – is the material structured in a logical way?

Confidence and clarity of delivery – is the speaker looking at the camera? Are they speaking loudly and clearly?

The production quality of entries will not be judged, so please don't worry about what you shoot your video on, and please don't waste any time on post-production.

Full details here:

<https://massolit.io/competition>

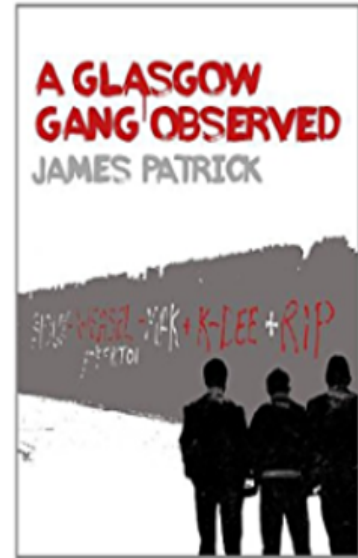


Ms. Stone & Mrs Walker recommend...

James Patrick's 'A Glasgow Gang Observed'

'In 1966, a 23-year-old teacher at a School for delinquent boys, under the alias of James Patrick, went undercover in a Glasgow gang with the help of one of his pupils- a 16-year-old named Tim who had been referred to the school some months earlier. Time challenged James to come out on the streets to see for himself how the boys spent their weekend leave and he accepted in an attempt to understand their world.'

A mind-blowing read from a Sociologist who crosses ethical boundaries to find rich data that is valuable to our understanding of gang membership.



World KITCHEN.

W/c 09/01/2023 & 30/01/2023

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WEEK ONE

TRADITIONAL DISH

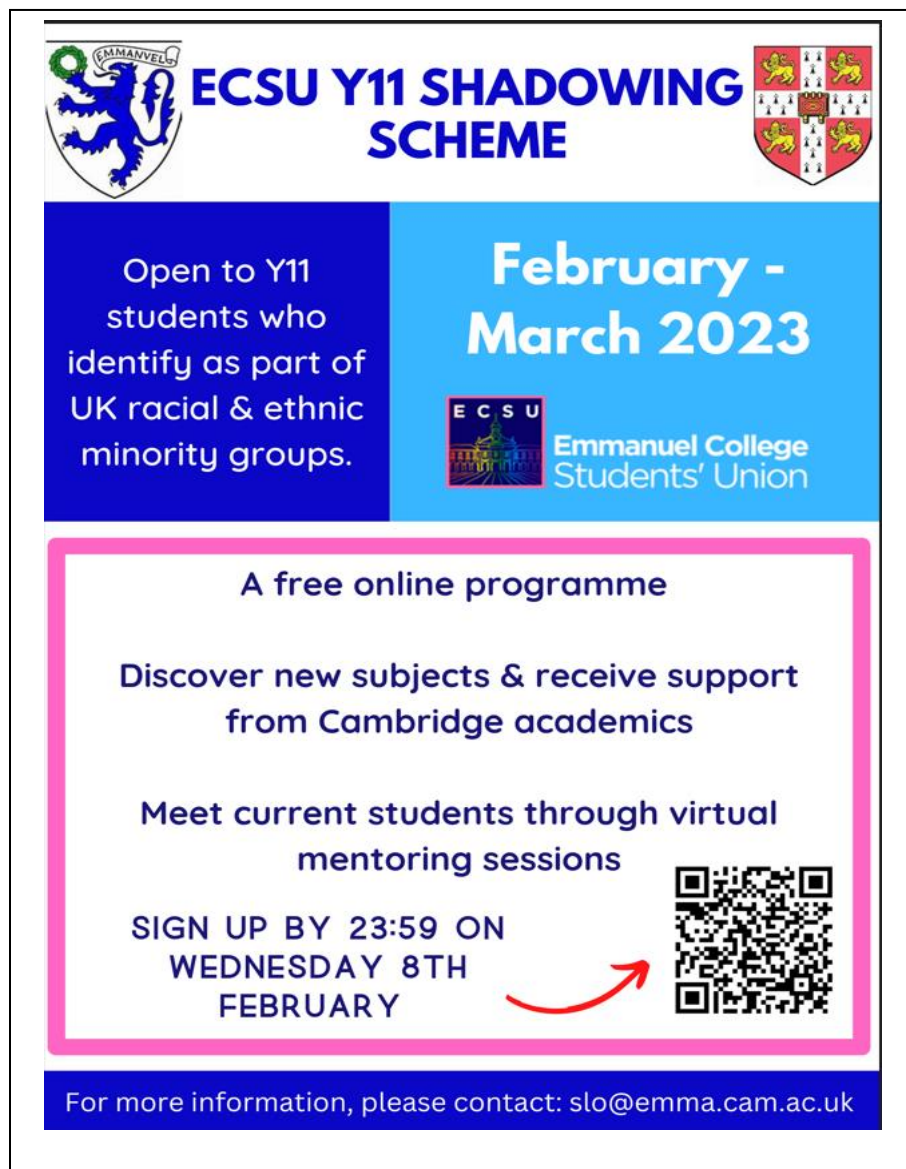
GLOBAL GUEST



Hot DELI DELICIOUS DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Rustic Beef Ragu in Penne Pasta with Crispy Garlic Flat bread	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie served with Buttered New Potatoes and Spring Greens	Pork Sausages served with a Yorkshire Pudding, Buttered Peas and Roasties	Sticky Soy and Ginger Chinese Pork Loin served with Noodles and Prawn Crackers	Crispy Battered Fish Fillet, Chunky Chips, Peas and Homemade Tartare Sauce
Vegan Bolognese With Crispy Garlic Flat Bread and Green Salad	Roasted Vegetable Puff Pastry Pie served with Buttered New Potatoes and Spring Greens	Tomato Mozzarella and Baby Spinach Tart, with Glazed Root Vegetables	Courgette and Cheddar Frittata served with Spiced Roast New Potatoes	Cheddar and Red Onion Quiche with Sweet Potato Wedges and Beans
Freshly Baked Tomato and Mozzarella Pizza Slices	Southern Oven Fried Chicken served in a Soft Bap	Veggie Egg Noodle pots with Teriyaki Broth	BBQ Marinated Chicken and Street Food Rice Wraps	Fillet of Fish Fingers in a Fresh Cobbler Roll
Warm Apple Sponge with Custard	Key Lime Pie with a Digestive Base	Rocky Road Tray Bake	Coconut and Raspberry Jam Slice	Orange Zest Brownie

MAIN COURSES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES



ECSU Y11 SHADOWING SCHEME

Open to Y11 students who identify as part of UK racial & ethnic minority groups.

February - March 2023


ECSU Emmanuel College Students' Union

A free online programme

Discover new subjects & receive support from Cambridge academics

Meet current students through virtual mentoring sessions

SIGN UP BY 23:59 ON WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY



For more information, please contact: slo@emma.cam.ac.uk

Year 11 students are now welcome to apply for the annual Emmanuel College Student Union's Shadowing Scheme 2023. **Students must identify as from a racial or ethnic minority in the UK to apply and take part.**

This free online scheme aims to provide participants with the opportunity to discover new subjects through subject streams: Humanities, Humanities & Social Sciences, Biological & Medical Sciences, and Physical & Mathematical Sciences.

Each 'stream' will involve students watching specially recorded lectures on a range of topics, following which they will complete small written tasks and receive feedback in supervision-style sessions, all of which is designed and led by **Cambridge academics**. Students will also meet current undergraduate students through virtual mentoring sessions and learn about university and student life in general during weekly social sessions.

The programme will run across **four weeks beginning from the 27th February and finishing by 24th March**. There will be two academic and/or social sessions a week via Zoom. Students will also be invited to visit Emmanuel for a **Celebration Day** upon completing the Shadowing Scheme (*date and time to be confirmed during the scheme*).

Applications are open to **Year 11 students who are from a racial or ethnic minority background**. However, numbers will be limited and students who also meet one or more of the following eligibility criteria will be prioritised:

Attend UK state school.

Eligible for (or has been eligible for in the past 6 years) Free School Meals.

Experience of being in care or a young carer.

First generation (would be the first in their family to attend Higher Education)

The deadline for Year 11s to apply is **23:59 on WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

Students can apply via this online form: [ECSU Shadowing Scheme Application Form](#) or use the QR code on the poster.



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Speakers for Schools were founded in 2010 by ITV's Political Editor, Robert Peston, their aim is to end educational inequality by giving all young people access to the same prestigious networks available to the top fee-paying schools in the UK. There are many talks from today's influential figures via the Inspiration programme and are available all free of charge.

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Wednesday 1 st February 10-10:45am	The World of Events with Piers Shepperd, Technical Director, Wonder Works Limited For KS3-5/S1-6	Over the past 10 years Piers has worked rolling out a series of 'mega events' throughout Europe and Asia. Critically acclaimed highlights include: the flown molten Olympic rings, the cauldron, and James Bond and the Queen's parachute stunt. Join us as we talk to Piers about the world of events as a career. Click here to register
Thursday 2 nd February 10-10:45am	From Acting to Podcasting with Luke Franks, Author, Actor and Podcast Host For KS4-5/S4-6	Have you ever wanted to start a podcast or become a TV Presenter? TV presenter, podcast host and content creator, Luke Franks is joining us to give us some insight into his career journey. Click here to register
Friday 3 rd February 10-10:45am	Get into Marketing: Trevor Johnson, Head of Marketing, Global Business Solutions, EUI For KS3-5/S1-6	In this broadcast, Trevor Johnson the Head of Marketing, Global Business Solutions, EUI, at TikTok will be talking about the development of social media and marketing. Previously to being at TikTok, he spent 12 years at Facebook/ Instagram and was one of Facebook's earliest employees. This has given him an excellent knowledge of the industry and how it was changed and will continue to develop in the future. If you have an interest in social media marketing this is the broadcast for you! Click here to register
Monday 6 th February 2-2:45pm	About the Past Imperfect podcast with Alice Thomson and Rachel Sylvester British Political Journalist and Podcaster, The Times For KS4-5/S4-6	Join the hosts of the Past Imperfect Podcast, Alice Thomson and Rachel Sylvester, as they talk about the ins and outs of hosting a podcast. We will look at what led them to start, how they cultivated an audience, and the impact it has on them in addition to their work at The Times. Click here to register
Tuesday 7 th February 10-10:45am	Comedy as a Career with Arabella Weir, BBC Comedy Writer & Performer For KS3-5/S1-6	Arabella Weir is a comedy actor and writer, broadcaster, and presenter. She is probably best known as one of the stars of the BBC's multi-award-winning The Fast Show. In this broadcast, Arabella will be talking about her career in comedy and giving advice for aspiring comedians. Click here to register



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

Subject Consultation Evenings

Year 9
Thursday 2nd February 2023

Year 7
Thursday 16th March 2023

Year 10
Thursday 8th June 2023

Help out when you check out

Collect FREE donations for **FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS** every time you shop online.

Join, shop and raise here:
easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeysschoolbrentwood

If you are doing shopping online. Why not see if you can help raise some funds for FoBK through your online purchases in a few easy steps:

Click [here](#) then

- Click 'Sign up and support this cause'.
- If new to Easyfundraising then set up an account.
- Browse the hundreds of online shops who participate in the scheme and go shopping! As long as you go into the online sites through the Easyfundraising site, you will register a donation to FoBK. You can even get an App for your phone! It will not cost you a penny!

If already a member, then why not refer a friend? FoBK will get a bonus when each person you refer makes a purchase.



You want a career with opportunities

We have a world of them

HSBC Together we thrive

HSBC UK Work Experience Programme 2023

Applications will go live imminently!

Applications are opening next week for the HSBC UK Work Experience Programme 2023.

The programme is designed for students in full time school/college education, within years 9-13.

Students will gain real life hands-on experience of the world of work, develop a deeper understanding of the finance industry and receive some amazing recruitment tips to help them in the future!

HSBC UK Work Experience Programme 2023 dates:

- Week A: 10th-15th July 2023
- Week B: 7th-11th August 2023

The programme is hybrid (2 day placement in-person and 3 days of virtual employability and skills workshops).

How to apply:

From next week, students will be able to apply.

Contact work.experience@hsbc.com for any questions in the meantime.

HSBC Work Experience Recruitment Team

HSBC Bank Plc, HSBC UK,
Level 5, 1 Centenary Square, Birmingham, B1 1HQ

Mobile: 0207 832 8300

Website: www.hsbc.com/careers/students-and-graduates



Music Industry Careers

Are you interested in the various career opportunities available in the music industry?

Watch [Peter Leathem, CEO, PPL, talk about working as a lawyer specialising in the music industry.](#)

Or [Chris Scott, MD, Domino Recording Company, talk about his career in music labels.](#)



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

As an apprentice you will be an employee earning a wage and getting holiday pay, work alongside experienced staff, gain job-specific skills and get time for training and study related to your role. Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



ITV live online career challenges

Cost: FREE
ITV is creating some of the nation’s best-loved and most-watched programmes.

It connects with millions of people every day, makes programmes the public can't get enough of and reflects and shapes the world we live in...and they do all this through the power of creativity!

ITV On Demand is a digitally-led entertainment and media company that creates and brings brilliant content to you everyday.

The data teams require lots of different skills and people to ensure they continue to keep viewers engaged! Are you creative, curious, collaborative, love to learn and have great ideas?

Digdata challenges are for you!

Join in the live online career challenges to find out the different questions asked and the data used to help answer them.

[ITV "First Step" live online career challenge](#)

Monday 30th January at 4.30pm

Who should be the main sponsor of Britain’s Got Talent in 2023?

[Register to attend](#)

[ITV "Next Step" live online career challenge](#)

Tuesday 31st January at 5pm

ITVX – Ads or No Ad’s that is the question!

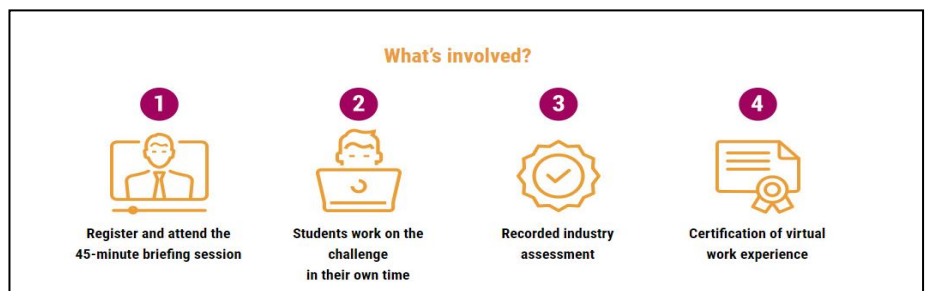
[Register to attend](#)

[ITV live online career panel](#)

Thursday 2nd February at 6.30pm

[Register to attend](#)

We invite students, parents, teachers and career leaders to discover more about their career and placement opportunities in data!



PAUSE

COMMIT TO SUCCEED

"Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed" (Proverbs 16:3).

Yesterday's GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the success of our 2020-2022 cohort. Success was celebrated in full measure; academic, progress and character. Faith, as always, was firmly at the heart of this event.

God is *for* your success in life; he created you for a purpose and wants you to succeed. It is God, your Creator, who will measure your success in life, and no one else.

Knowing God is *for* you will change your whole perspective on life. It means you do not need to be afraid of God, because God is *for* you. Jesus said, "I did not come into the world to condemn it, but to save it." In effect, Jesus is saying, "I did not come to scold you; I came to save you." If God is for us, who can be against us?

Proverbs, as a literary form, communicate general life principles and not exact promises. In other words, we can generally

Blessed is the one...whose delight is in the law of the Lord...

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

- Psalm 1:1-3

expect God to bless the things we do when we operate according to His ways in dependence upon Him. However, this does not mean we will always find things easy, whether preparing for examinations or being successful in an interview. Instead, we can expect God to fulfil His promise of Romans 8:28, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

This proverb is similar in context to Psalm 1:1-3

'Blessed is the person who does not follow the advice of wicked people, take the path of sinners, or join the company of mockers. Rather, he delights in the teachings of the Lord and reflects on his teachings day and night.'

He is like a tree planted beside streams— a tree that produces fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither. He succeeds in everything he does.'

When we commit our ways and our work to the Lord, He will bless our efforts according to His perfect will in ways beyond our understanding. We should serve the Lord faithfully and then leave the results to Him. Though we will still face times of difficulty, we can trust that God is working for His ultimate good, and ours, through our efforts to please Him in our daily lives.

How can we commit our ways and our work to the Lord? Below are seven key ideas to apply every day, so that you can be a witness for God and receive His blessing:

Start working enthusiastically
Understand who you really work for
Concentrate on building your character
Care about the people you work with
Exceed what is expected of you
Expand Your Skills to SUCCEED
Dedicate your work to be used for God's purposes

Dedicate your schoolwork or career to be used for God's purposes. Whatever you want God to bless, you give to him first. Dedicate it and then God will bless it. The blessings that God pours out in your life, in your time at school or work, in your family, and in your health, all come because of Jesus Christ. In the words of Ephesians 1:3:

"Let us give thanks to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world."

Let us pray:

Dear Lord,
 Thank you that you have a purpose for each of our lives and want us to succeed. Remind us, that only you can truly measure our success. As we try to live by your example, we thank you for your many blessings in our lives. **Amen.**

Mrs E. Sharp
Deputy Headteacher



In the last few 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.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY ITEMS REQUIRED

All Day Breakfast

Meatballs

Spaghetti

Rice

Noodles

Rice Pudding

Custard

Tinned Fruit

Instant Mash

Potatoes

All Cleaners

Washing Powder or Gel

Shampoo

Toothpaste

Shaving Gel

Nappies Size 3,4 & 6

Baby Wipes

Deodorants

Toilet Roll

Collections are becoming more important. Please assist those who are less fortunate and donate urgent items on the above list. Collection points are at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Stephen's Ingrave (Friday 10am-12pm) and Sainsbury's. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Art & Textiles

Star Artist Year 9
Phoebe Bright





Aurora Bould

Yr 13

Samuel
Northcott

Yr 7





Emily
Rokozynski
Yr 12

Ruby Mack

Yr 7



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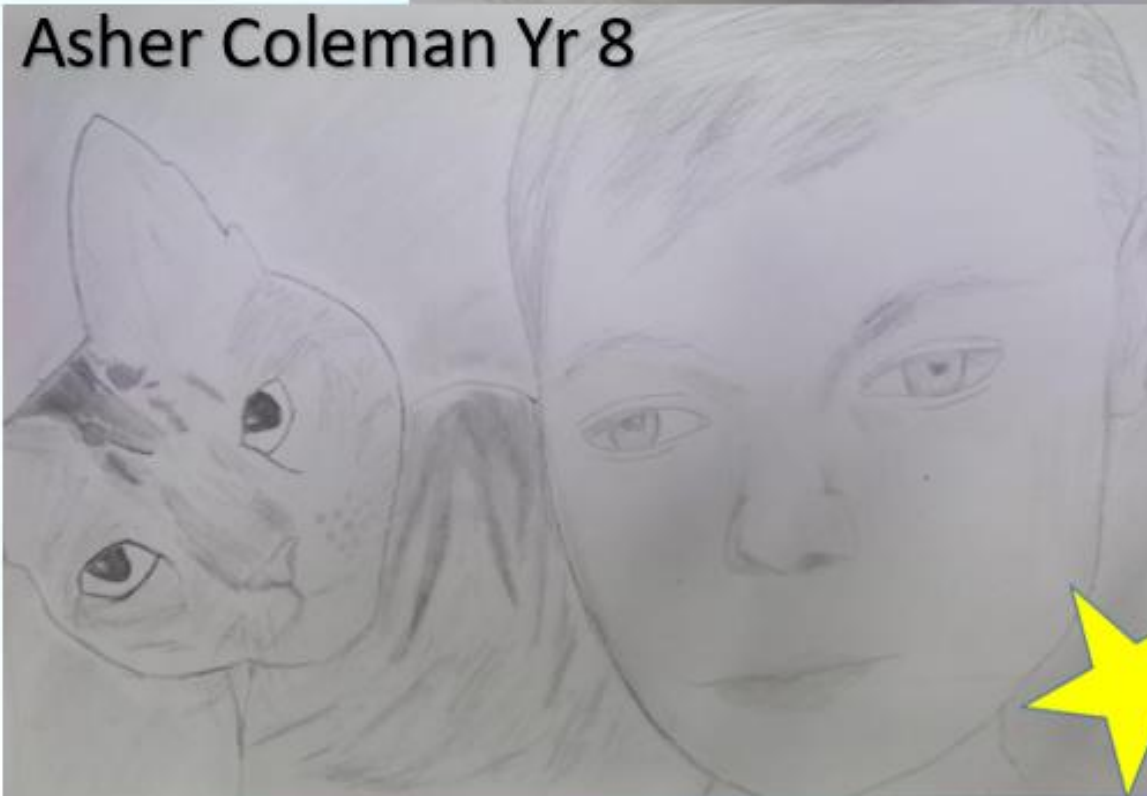


Emily Lorenc

Yr 8



Asher Coleman Yr 8



In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

Star of the week

Emma Blake

Y12

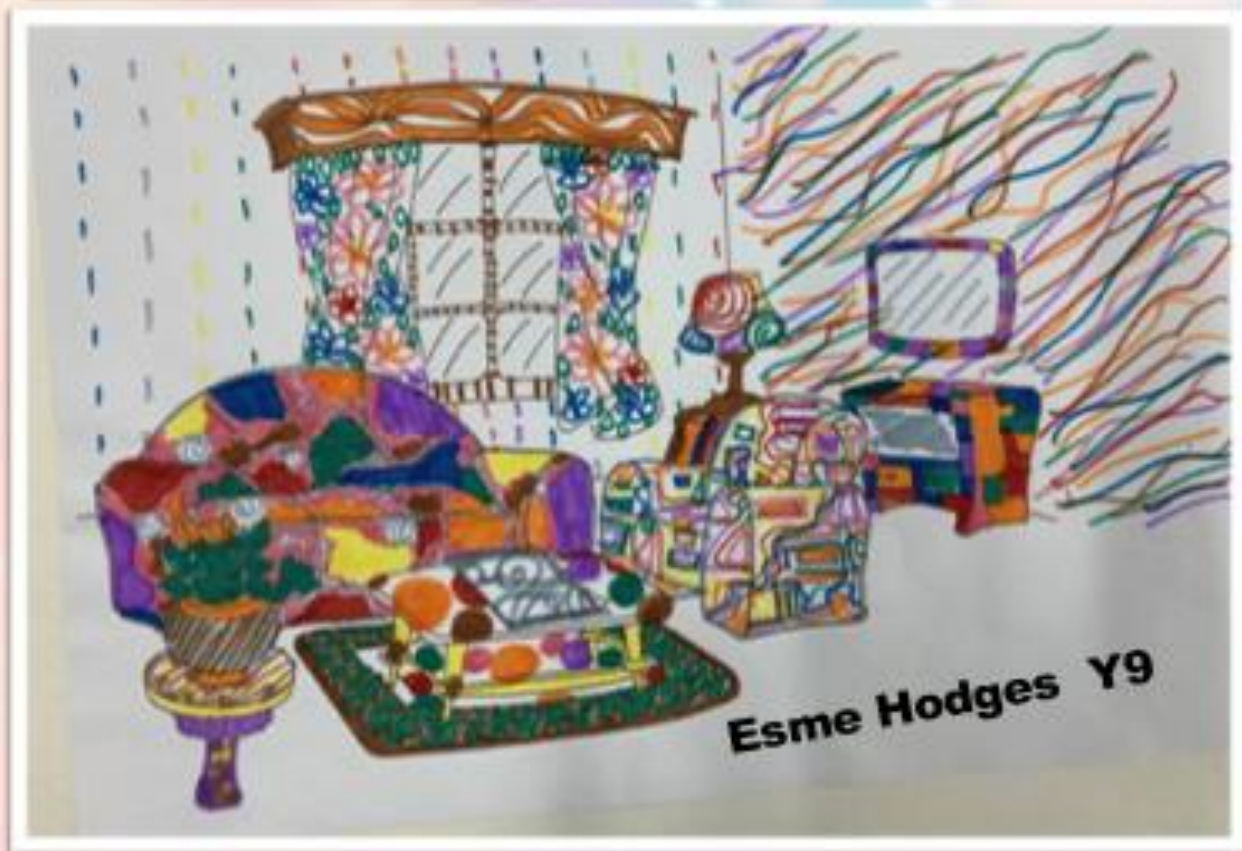


Key stage 3

Esme Hodges Y9



Ellie Grose Y9



Esme Hodges Y9

Key stage 4

Hollie Goodwin Y11

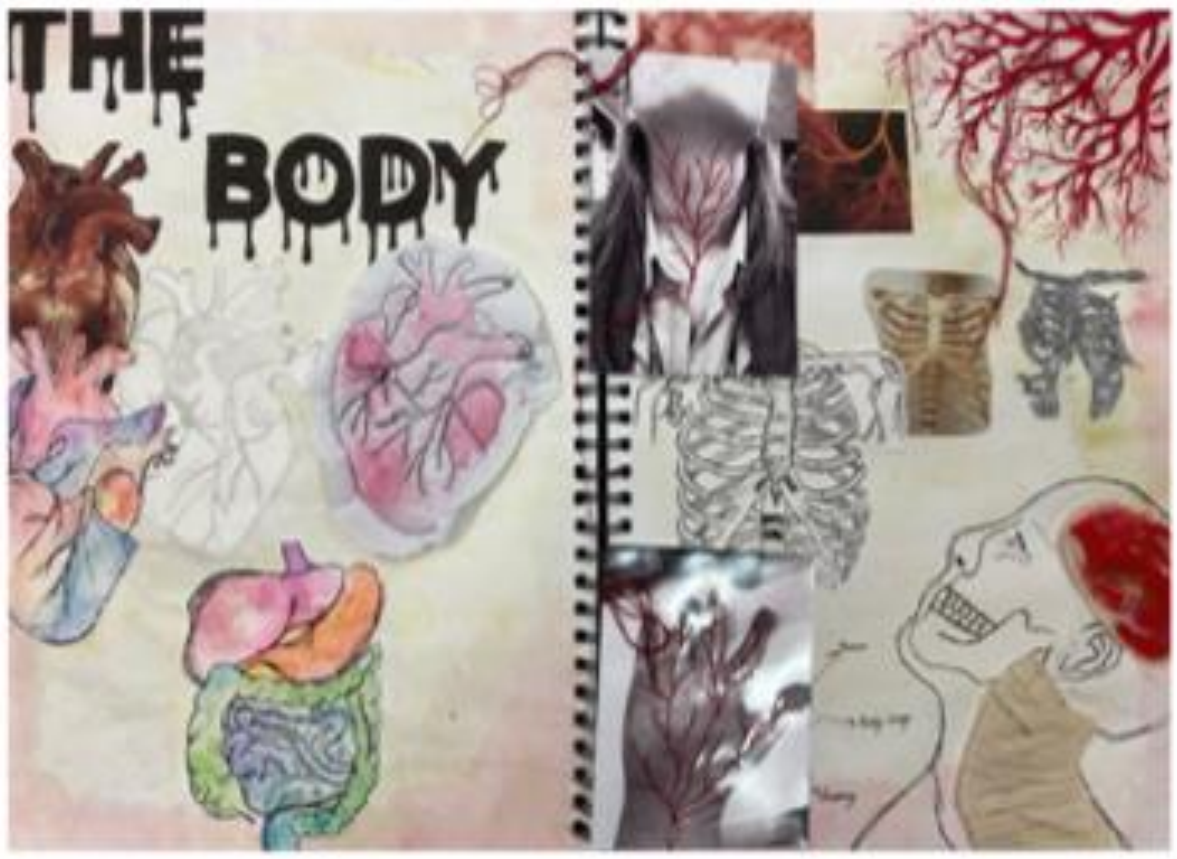


Darcy Reid-Kwei Y11



Key stage 5

Emma Blake Y12



Ruby Cole Y12

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 9
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING
THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2023

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CHAMBER CONCERT
FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023
OPEN TO ALL BECKET KEYS MUSICIANS
PARENTS & CARERS WELCOME TO
ATTEND

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YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING
TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2023

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SKI TRIP MEETING
5.30PM ONLINE

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LENT HOLIDAY
MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 17TH
FEBRUARY 2023

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INSET DAY
NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2023

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