



Becket Keys Church of England School

15th September 2023

WELCOME BACK!

IN THIS ISSUE

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 two of the new colleagues who are joining us; I hope you will give our new staff a warm welcome!

We are also delighted to include details of many of the clubs that we are running for the year ahead. I want to urge every student to look very closely at the clubs lists and select some to try. 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 in PE we believe that students should be able to choose

which activities interest them the most.

Clubs are also great ways to meet students in other year groups and take part in sports that students enjoy. All students benefit from being good at something. We all just have to keep looking to find our thing! Other clubs in things like music are fantastic at Becket Keys and I urge all Year 7s who can play an instrument (or would like to) to come along to orchestra and get involved. Caring older students and staff will be on hand to help them settle in and find their place. We can always make Pieces easier or harder so students should come along feeling confident that they will be able to play along!

The newsletter is a crucial way that we communicate with you

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Details of some of the many clubs available to students.

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We have some new members of staff at Becket Keys meet two this week.

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We have a new school catering company. See what is on offer next week.

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Art & Textiles

This department have had a busy week and already have excellent work to share.

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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.

The newsletter 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.

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! We look forward to hearing from you. You can write in at any time on any issue to: office@becketkeys.org.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Scott-Evans
Head Teacher



A full extra-curricular club timetable is on the school website here: [Becket Keys](https://www.becketkeys.org)

Student Achievement

Erin Delea - Year 12

Erin Delea will be continuing her elite rugby training this year alongside her studies but has also been selected for the England Athletics Youth Talent Programme!

Erin has always been an outstanding athlete from PE lessons to extracurricular, her determination in all things competitive has given her a fantastic attitude towards her studies and she is always striving for higher things. Erin was able to maintain her elite level sporting practices alongside her GCSEs and managed to achieve an outstanding set of results! Erin has now joined us at Becket Keys Sixth Form, and we are so pleased that she is continuing her studies here. Erin is studying PE, Geography and Chemistry all whilst training with Saracens Rugby Club and now attending practices for the England Athletics Youth Talent Programme. We are incredibly proud of Erin's achievements so far and look forward to seeing her continue her successes in further education.



Extra-Curricular Clubs



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yr9 & Yr10 'Creative Space' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	Yr9 & Yr10 'Creative Space' 11.50-12.30 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	GCSE 'Theory Workshop' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr)	Invitation only and bookable space.	Yr7-Yr13 'Time to Shine' 15.15-16.25 RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr & Mrs Palmer)



MINECRAFT Club in W03

Starting 11th September

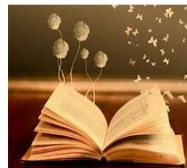
Day	Time	For
Monday	First lunch	Y9
Wednesday	After school (3:20-4:30)	All years
Friday	Second lunch	Y7 & Y8

Everyone welcome!

- You do **not** have to own a copy of the game.
- You do **not** have to have played before.

Our School Library (Lib A)

- Your school library is open at the following times:
 - Tuesday (4.2) 12.50-1.20
 - Wednesday (4.1) 12-12.30
 - Thursday (4.2) 12.50-1.20
 - Friday (4.1) 12-12.30.
- More opening times will be announced soon.
- The library is open for you to:
 - Come and borrow or return books,
 - Get help on finding a book you might enjoy reading,
 - Sit and read,
 - Discuss books with other students.



BREAK CODES. MAKE FRIENDS. WIN PRIZES.

ENTER THE CYBERFIRST GIRLS COMPETITION 2023/24



Calling all Y8 Girls

Looking for girls who wish to participate in this year's CyberFirst Girls team competition. Each team is made of up to four girls from Year 8.

Information meeting

Date: Monday 18th September
Time: 3:20 – 4:00
Location: W03

For anyone interested in participating – you do not have to have a team to attend.

This competition club will run every Monday afterschool from 25th September in W03.



MASTERPIECE

In the MASTERPIECE™ season, FIRST LEGO League, teams will imagine and innovate new ways to create and communicate art across the globe.

We are looking for teams of 2-10 people to prepare to compete in a national competition across four categories:

- Robot Game – Research – Robot Design – Core Values.

Information meeting

Thursday 14th September at 3:20pm in W03.

Come and find out more and express your interest in participating.

You do not have to have a team, anyone interested should come.

Final team selection by Wednesday 20th September.
Club will start Thursday 21st September.



HOMEWORK Club

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!

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:

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|--------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| 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.



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1pm		Barbershop (singing)	Theory Club (8am)		
3:15pm	Orchestra Upper Voice	BK Choir	Marching Band (drums) Stage Band	Gospel Choir	Rock Factory

- Orchestra is open to all yea groups for students who play an orchestral instrument.
- Becket Keys Choir – Year 7, 8 & 9.
Upper Voices for student in Years 10, 11, 12 & 13.
- Barbershop – Singing group for Year 7 & 8 students.
Gospel Choir – open to singers in all year groups.
- Stage Band – Woodwind, brass, bass, guitar, drums, keyboard & piano.
- Marching Band – open to all drummers.
- Rock Factory – open to all guitars, bass, drummers and vocalists.

Meet Some New Staff



Mrs Culling PE Teacher

I am very excited to be re-joining Becket Keys! I started my teaching career here in 2013 where I taught both PE and Geography to Key Stage 3, at that time there was only year 7, 8 and 9 students at the school. Since returning I can see how the school has developed into a thriving, full school and I feel proud to be able to re-join such a fantastic team of colleagues and look forward to teaching and meeting the students. Over the past 8 years I have gained experience working at two schools in Havering, including working as Curriculum Team Leader of PE, and have got married and had two children, all of which keeps me very busy! I have always loved sport from a young age and played in all the teams at my secondary school, as well as hockey and football at club level and at university. More recently I enjoy running and playing netball on a more casual basis, which fits in around work and family life. I grew up in Bristol

where I completed my A-levels in PE, Psychology and Biology and I always knew I wanted to be PE teacher. I studied sport at the University of Bath where I completed my undergraduate degree in Coach Education and Sports Development as well as my PGCE in Physical Education. I completed my teacher training in secondary schools in Bristol and whilst I think I have lost my west country accent, colleagues and students tell me otherwise! I look forward to beginning the new term and becoming involved in school life.



Mrs Barker Spanish Teacher

Born in México, the country where chocolate (or "xocolatl" in Náhuatl from the antiques Aztecs) came from, a nation full of colours, traditions and ancestral flavors. Although I have always lived in Mexico City, one day I had the idea of coming to England to study British English, because it seemed much cooler and more elegant than US

English, so I traveled for a short period of time from Mexico City to the historical city of Bristol, of course, making the obligatory stop to visit to London.

Upon returning to Mexico, I treasured the places I had visited in England as a beautiful memory, without imagining that later God would have a plan for me to come and live here.

Professionally, I have always been oriented towards the entrepreneurial and business field, due to my university studies in one of the most important educational institutions in Mexico and Latin America with a BA in Commercial Relations - Marketing and Master's in Business Administration. I started my professional career as Marketing executive in Six Flags, whilst studying at university, which was an amazing opportunity to begin my career. From there I had the opportunity to work for international companies like Subway and Burger King, where I held the role of Marketing and Public relations manager, with the objective of creating new experiences for the consumer.

I then joined Pepsi Co as a Key account manager in Marketing. During the pandemic, like many other people around the world, I began to rethink my life. So together with my husband we chose to live in Essex. Finally, in

January 2021 I arrived in the UK to start a new chapter of my life. I then had this lovely opportunity to join the languages team here at Becket Keys teaching Spanish. I am excited to share my language with students and staff alike, whilst at the same time-sharing Mexico's rich and diverse culture. I look forward to meeting you. ¡Muchas gracias!



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**LOST
PROPERTY**

Please make sure that **EVERY** item of uniform, PE Kit and equipment is named. There are over a thousand students at the school all wearing the same uniform.

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.

Parent/Teacher Subject Consultation Evenings

These online events are a chance for parents to speak with individual teachers about the progress their son/daughter is making in each subject. However, if you ever have any concerns please contact the school via office@becketkeys.org or via the [contact page](#) on the school website.

Year 11
Thursday
2nd November 2023

Year 8
Thursday
Thursday 9th November 2023

Year 12
Thursday
16th November 2023

Year 11
Thursday
11th January 2024

Year 9
Thursday
1st February 2024
Followed by a Year 9 – Options Evening
Thursday
15th February 2024

Year 7
Thursday
29th February 2023

WEEK 3	Classic Favourites	EASTERN	Great British	SOUTHERN STYLE	Fish & Chips
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	BBQ CHICKEN FAJITA Braised Rice	BEEF & TOMATO RAGOUT Pasta	SLOW COOKED LEG OF PORK Roast Potatoes, Pan Jus	CHICKEN KORMA Pilau Rice	CHIP SHOP 'FRYDAY' FISH/PIZZA/SAUSAGE OR SALMON FISHCAKES Chips
VEGETARIAN MEAL	FALAFEL & VEGETABLE FAJITA Braised Rice	PLANT BASED TOMATO & HERB RAGOUT Pasta	ROAST BEETROOT, ONION & GOATS CHEESE TART TATIN	SQUASH, CHICKPEA & SPINACH KORMA Pilau Rice	VEGAN ONION BHAJI BURGER Chips
VEGETABLES	MEXICAN SPICED SLAW	CHOP CHOP SALAD GARLIC FOCACCIA	ROASTED ROOTS & GREENS MIXED SALAD	ONION SALAD NAAN BREAD	PEAS SLAW
PASTA POTS	HOMEMADE TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	HOMEMADE TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	HOMEMADE TOMATO & BASIL
JACKET POTATO	TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT	APPLE & BERRY PIE Custard	WARM CHOCOLATE BROWNIE Chocolate Sauce	STEAMED LEMON SPONGE Custard	UPSIDE DOWN SPICED APPLE SPONGE Cinnamon Custard	OUR PASTRY CHEF SPECIAL
FRUIT	SELECTION OF FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY				
JELLY POTS	SELECTION OF JELLY POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS	SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
<p>TRY OUR HOME-MADE SOUP WITH FRESHLY BAKED BREAD</p> <p>LOOK OUT FOR AMAZING BLUE DOT MEAL DEALS</p> <p>PIZZAS, WRAPS & PANINIS FRESH OPTIONS EVERY DAY</p> <p>TAKE HOME A TAKEAWAY Collect Before You Go Home</p> <p>LUNCH MEAL DEAL Check out what's on offer today!</p> <p>WATCH OUT FOR OUR POP UP & STREET FOOD PROMOTIONS</p> <p>All of Our Deli Range, Sandwiches, Salads & Desserts are FRESHLY MADE HERE DAILY</p>					

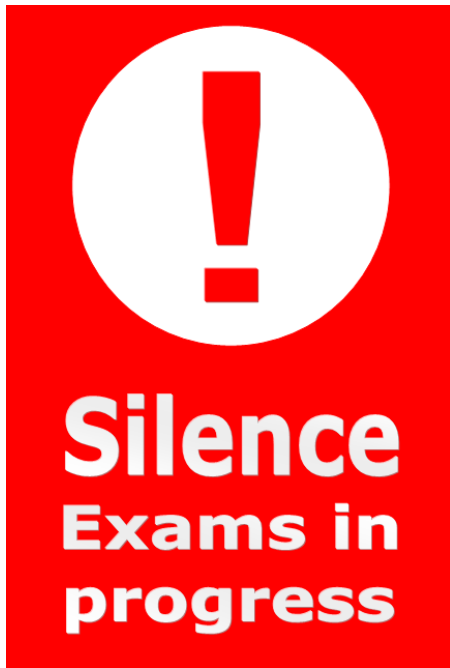


Please make sure that you top-up your son or daughter’s account each week so that he/she is able to access all the delicious meals in the Bistro.

There is a small overdraft facility on the ParentPay accounts of £2 for emergency situations which covers the cost of a roll. 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.

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



EXAM INVIGILATORS REQUIRED!


We are currently looking for Exam Invigilators to join our team for the 2023/24 academic year. You can work flexible hours while also supporting the school and our students through their GCSE and A Level exams.

Please see the [vacancies page](#) of our website for more details and how to apply.

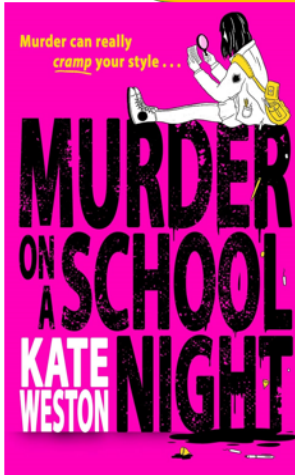
Deadline for applications is 29th September 2023.



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Book of the Month - September



MURDER ON A SCHOOL NIGHT
KATE WESTON

There's never a good time to find a dead body. But finding a dead body while you're trying to kiss your crush?

Dead awkward.

Kerry had different plans for her first secondary school party — like not going. All she wanted to do was stay home in the safety of retro rom-coms and her strict retainer schedule. Instead her BFF, fiercely outgoing mystery-fanatic Annie, has roped her into going to the party to investigate who's cyberbullying Heather, the most popular girl in school.

Finding herself getting close with her dreamy crush is odd enough, but when the two of them discover the body of Heather's second in command, Selena, things get really weird. And when a second student turns up dead, Annie and Kerry—no matter how much she resists—are officially on the case ...

A hilarious murder mystery-rom-com from author and comedian Kate Weston investigates the sinister side of social media when bullying turns bloody—and a string of classmate deaths sets amateur sleuth Kerry hot on the trail.

Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60- minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

[Click here to Register](#)

In the Autumn Term we'll cover:

1. **How to Get (And Keep) Your Child Motivated**
- 19th September @6:00pm
2. **How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time**
- 3rd October @6:00pm
3. **How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams**
- 17th October @6:00pm
4. **How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**
- 14th November @6:00pm
5. **How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child**
- 28th November @6:00pm
6. **How To Help Your Child Alleviate Stress**
- 12th December @6:00pm





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.



The Parent & School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is starting again on 13th September 2023 and will be every Wednesday during term time 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



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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;

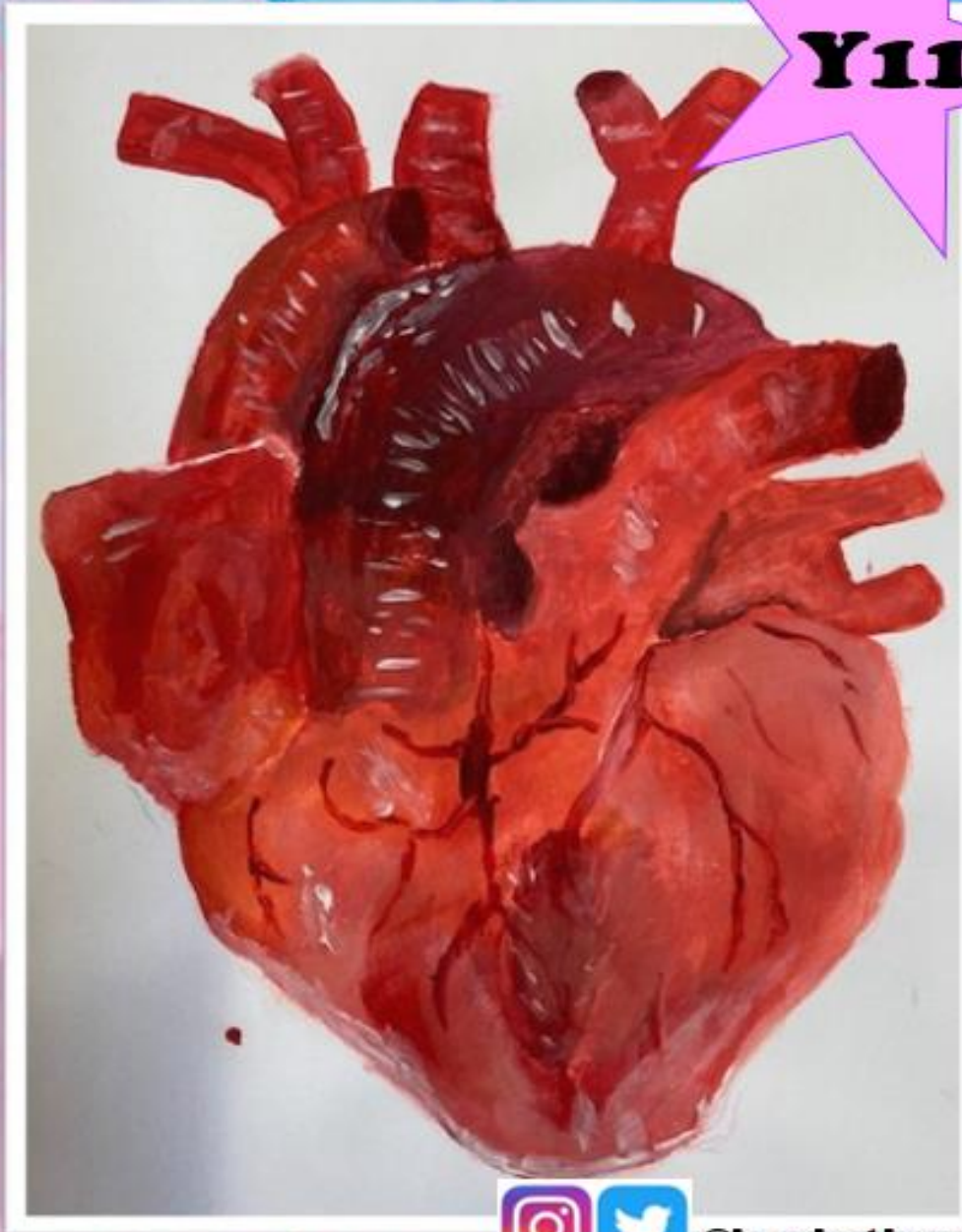
And together may the school community know your Holy Spirit in its midst.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*In Art & Textiles this
week with Mrs Cherry...*
Casey Melpous

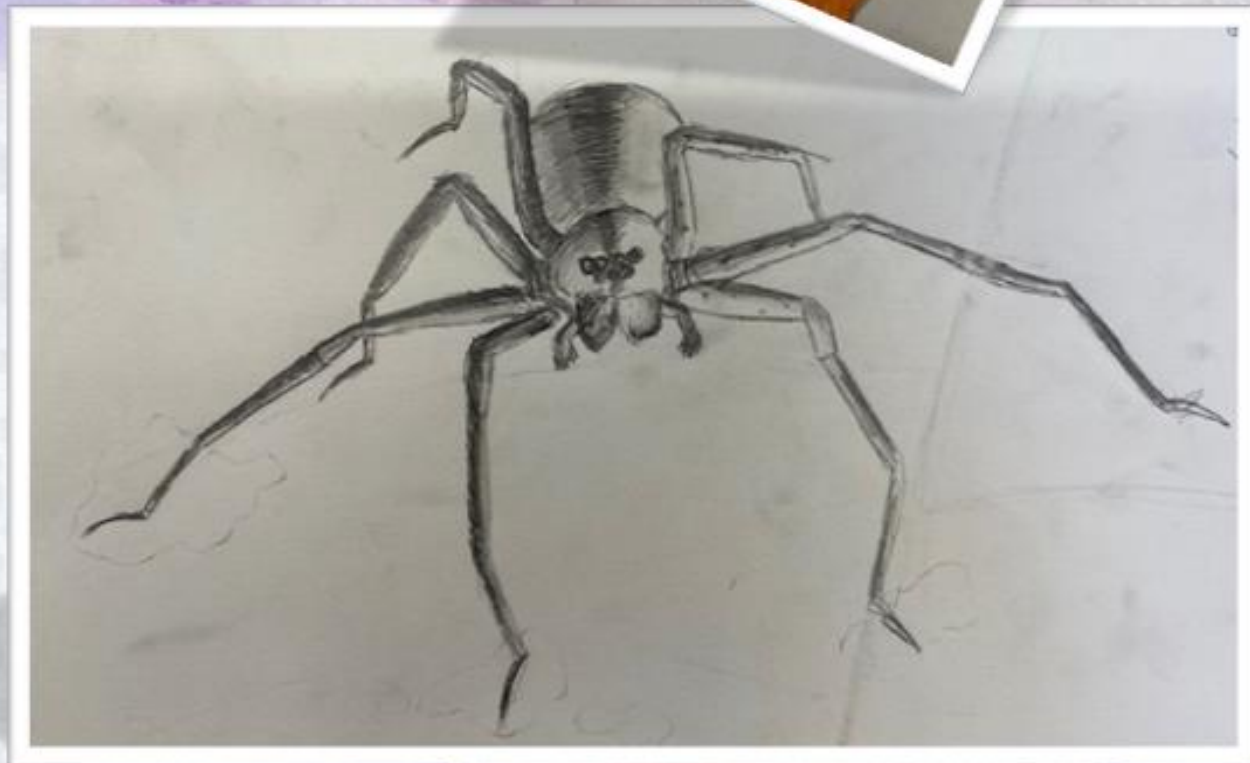
Star of the week



Y11



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Bhavana Chatti Y8



Tiana Abraham Y8



Ruby Robinson-Gray Y7



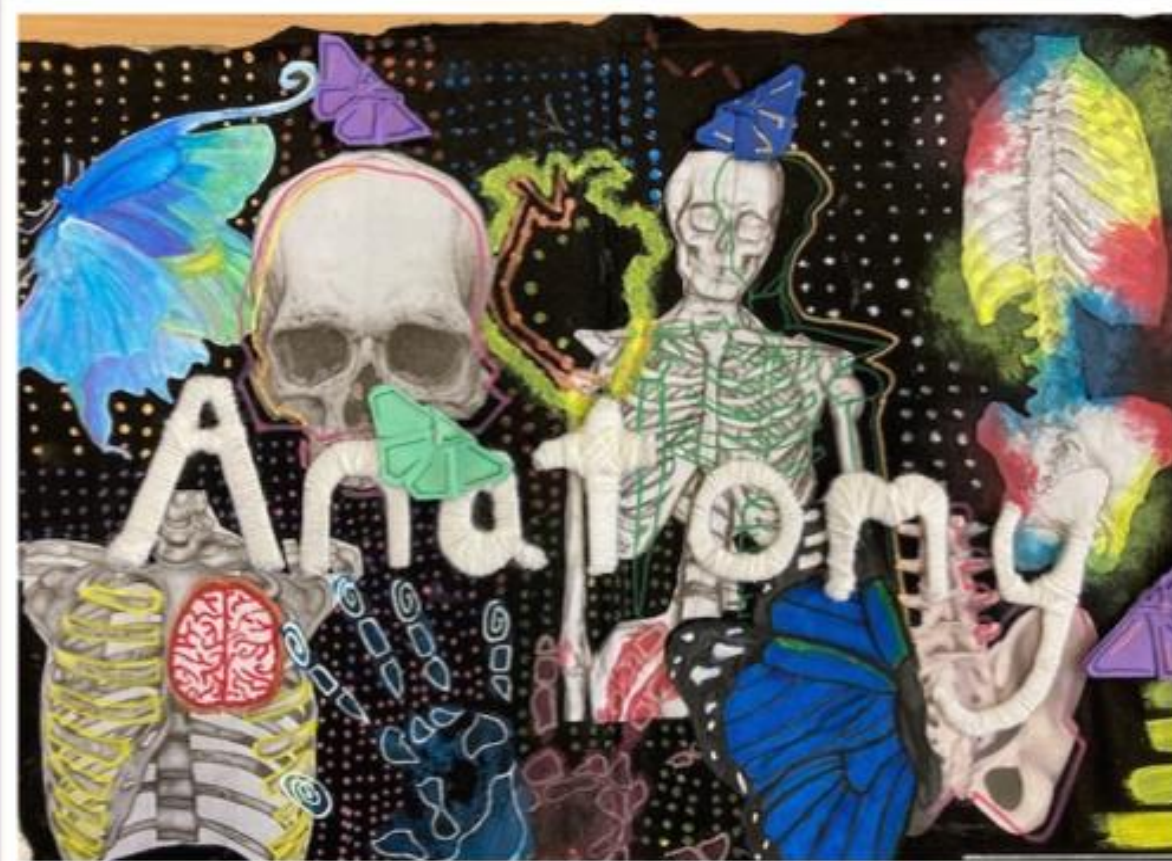
Ella Wallhead Y11



McKenzie Reid Y13



Casey Melpous Y11



Sidney Turrell Y11

Sports News

PE Extracurricular Timetable 23/24

Day	Before School	2 nd Lunch	After-School
Monday	STAFF BRIEFING	Year 7 Mixed Basketball	Year 7&8 Boys' Football Year 7&8 Netball
Tuesday	Year 7&8 Mixed Futsal Squad Gymnastics	Year 11 & 13 Basketball	All Years' Boys' Squad Football
Wednesday	All Years' Open Gym Squad Gymnastics	YR7&8 Girls' Futsal	Year 9, 10, 11 & 6th Form Netball
Thursday	Year 8+9 Mixed Basketball	TUP Basketball	KS4/5 Mixed Basketball
Friday	STAFF BRIEFING	TUP Badminton GCSE Theory Drop In (W04)	GCSE Filming (Invite) All Years' Girls' Football



Keys:

- Astro
- Sports hall
- Main Hall
- Netball Courts

Can you help?

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with the school extra-curricular rugby club this is held after school and will be held on a Wednesday or Thursday evening.

Please call the school or email office@becketkeys.org

Thank you!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN SCHOOL

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023
 A CHANCE FOR PARENTS TO COME AND
 SEE THE SCHOOL AND MEET THE TUTORS
 ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME

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OPEN EVENT FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7 STUDENTS

THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2023

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2023

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS

MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023

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LAST DAY OF TERM

STUDENT HALF DAY

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2023

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2023 –

TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023

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