

Becket Keys Church of England School

17th November 2023



MOCK EXAMS BEGIN NEXT WEEK

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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](#).

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 ready to support us when required! The DfE says that, '

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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 noted to require some support with conduct and character via the My Child at School (MCAS) App. As a guide, the average Becket Keys student only has 2 such notes.



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I am also hosting some meetings for parents on 7th December. There will be a special prayer meeting focusing 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)



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**For your generous
2023 Harvest Festival
donation
Weighing 106.1Kg**

Brentwood Foodbank / Doddinghurst Road Community Church
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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

Year 9 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 10th November 2023, 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: blow painting, Chinese martial art, papercutting and haggling in China. They had fun and had found new friendship. 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



Check out the video made by the British Council about Mandarin at Becket Keys. <https://vimeo.com/880100260>

Music Department



House Music 2023

Congratulations to 7AC on their outstanding performance last Friday at House Music 2023! The level of talent displayed was truly exceptional, leaving a lasting impression on our guest judge, local record producer, Dan Frampton. His remarks highlighted the remarkable quality of singing and the infectious enthusiasm exhibited throughout the event.

A special acknowledgment goes to our Sixth Formers who dedicated the past six weeks to leading tutorial session rehearsals. Their commitment and guidance significantly contributed to the well-prepared and polished performances of all the participating groups.



We are thrilled to announce that the Solo Artist Cup was won by Jess Martin for her rendition of "Breath" from In the Heights. Her performance was a testament to the dedication and skill of our



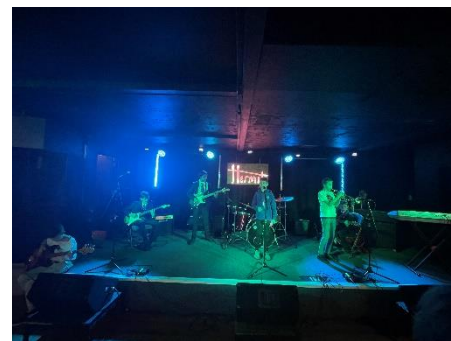
Year 13 performers, who collectively delivered outstanding performances. This event not only showcased their immense talent but also served as an inspirational moment for our Year 7 students, demonstrating the incredible results achievable through hard work and dedication.

Once again, congratulations to 7AC and all the performers for making House Music 2023 a memorable and impressive event!

Friday Rock Factory links with Hermit Club in Brentwood

We are delighted to share the exciting news that our rock factory club is returning to the prestigious Hermit Club in Brentwood. Following the enthusiastic response from our lower school last Friday, where students had a fantastic time forming rock bands and

showcasing their talents in a professional venue, we are thrilled to extend this opportunity to our older students this coming Friday. The journey of musical exploration and expression continues, and we can't wait to see the impressive results of their hard work and dedication.



Mr Romhany
Director of Music

CHRISTMAS FEAST

6th December 2023

£4.50

Glazed Hand Carved Roast Turkey with
Redcurrant & Cranberry Sauces, Stuffing & Pigs
in Blankets

or

Vegan Christmas Wellington with Soya &
Cranberry

Both Served with Chef's Famous Crispy Roast
Potatoes, a Medley of Honey Roasted Seasonal
Vegetables & Rich Gravy

&

Traditional Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce

or

Christmas Tree Brownies with a Dusting of Snow



Christmas Lunch for Students

Each year we are delighted to celebrate a Christmas dinner at lunchtime with our students and this year the meal will be held on Wednesday 6th December 2023 to coincide with the Christmas jumper/non uniform day.

Tickets for this lunch will be available at the tills in all catering areas (Bistro, Orangery & Deli) from Monday 20th November and will cost £4.50.

Kindly note that the lunch on this day will only be available in the Bistro or the Orangery and so Sixth Formers will need to join the rest of the school if they wish to have Christmas lunch.

A Prayer for Year 11 and 13 students to use during their mock exams:

Jesus,

This mock season is challenging, and I have mountains of work ahead of me, yet I trust in you. I know that when I put my faith in you, even when it is as small as a mustard seed (Luke 17:6), miracles can be accomplished. I pray that as I study in these coming weeks, as I soak up knowledge and memorise facts, as I read and process and write, that you would be renewing my mind and strengthening my spirit. Help me to persevere through the massive the busy schedules and help me to keep my eyes fixed on you throughout it all.

As I enter my classrooms and exam rooms, I pray you would blanket me in your peace. Ease any anxieties, calm my restless mind, and give me focus on the task at hand. I pray that I would know my worth is in you alone, not in any grade I do or do not achieve. I pray that I would feel your presence during my exams, and that I would be comforted by your nearness.

Thank you for the gift of this education, Jesus. I pray that these exams would be a celebration of all I have been learning, and that I would be grateful for all that I have experienced and for all the ways I have grown.

Amen.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Becket Keys 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>

Think: *Philosophy for Everyone* Essay Competition

We are looking for essays of not more than 1,200 words that engage with any **one of the following three themes**. The winner will be published in an issue of Think, the shortlisted candidates will win a year's free subscription to Think, and other prizes will be awarded to all those who make the longlist.



Could a machine think?

Is it morally wrong to eat meat?

Can I know that the world
I experience is real?

The competition is open to any pupil currently studying in school year 12 or 13
Deadline: Sunday 31st March 2024



The Royal
Institute of
Philosophy

To learn more about
how to submit, use the QR code or
visit Think Essay Prize on our website.

royalinstitutephilosophy.org



Competition

Exciting news for sixth formers! A brand new essay competition for philosophy with three questions to choose from (see the link below) Both philosophy and non-philosophy students encouraged to enter. 1200 words max.

More information here <https://royalinstitutephilosophy.org/news/think-essay-prize/>

Road Safety



- point out people who are endangering themselves;
- encourage your teenager to practise judging the speed and distance of approaching vehicles on busy roads and identify safe gaps in the traffic;
- stress that you should never lose concentration and follow others blindly into dangerous situations.

Cycling

It is a good idea to:

- buy and encourage your son or daughter to wear a cycle helmet, and something fluorescent and reflective to improve visibility;
- encourage your son or daughter never to take lifts on the back of a friend's bike;
- remind your son or daughter not to listen to music while they are cycling;
- make sure your child is aware that cyclists must obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals.

Becket Keys has always had an outstanding reputation for the way our students behave when they are going home. We have teachers who walk with the students towards the High Street, however, please remind your son/daughter to be considerate of other people and families using Sawyers Hall Lane, whether in cars or pedestrians and to acknowledge their thanks if they are given the right of way. We understand that the pavements may be congested so students must be patient and considerate.

We would also remind parents to take care and be mindful of pedestrians and other drivers when travelling. We do not want any student to be injured so please avoid driving down Sawyers Hall Lane if you can and meet your son/daughter at another location. The Brentwood Centre is ideal and only a short walk away.

More information on road safety:
<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/secondary/>

Did you know?

Teenagers are more at risk on the roads than they think. Most teenagers do not realise that they are more likely to be killed or injured in a road collision than any other age group. Find out how to help your teenager stay safe.

Help protect your child

Please talk to your son or daughter and reinforce road safety messages to help keep them safe:

- stress the need to concentrate and be careful at all times;
- warn of the dangers of distractions – listening to music, texting, phoning or even chatting to friends while walking are big distractions;
- keep talking about the dangers of traffic;



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 allow 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.



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Cubing Club

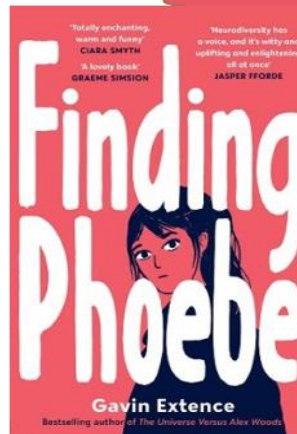
Whether you're an experienced cuber or you've never solved one before and wondered how it's done...

Join us in J11 – Tuesdays after school, 15:20 – 16:00

Cubes provided but bring your own if you have one!



Book of the Month - November



Fifteen year old Phoebe is autistic, and prefers things planned out, without surprises. She prefers to stay in her comfort zone: reading, walking her dog, writing fantasy fiction, being left alone, and surviving school with as few incidents as possible.

When her best (and only) friend, the vicar's daughter, rebels and gets a secret boyfriend, Phoebe reluctantly agrees to cover for her. Before long, Phoebe's dealing with all sorts of unwelcome changes she'd rather not, like deception, fashionable jackets, and the bewildering politics of the school chess club. Breaking the rules has never been Phoebe's thing, but as events take a seriously unexpected turn, she learns about her own ability to cope with even the most devastating revelations, and her capacity to adapt and grow. Phoebe realises there's more to her than she ever imagined . . .



The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is 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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

**NEW FOR THIS YEAR
STARTING WEEK COMMENCING
11th SEPTEMBER**

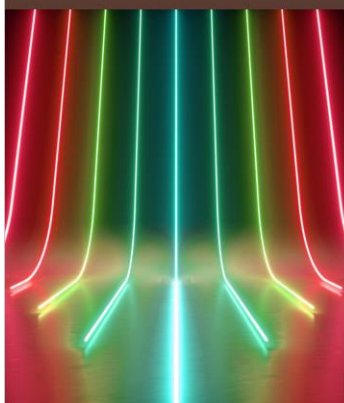


| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Yr9 & Yr10 'Creative Space' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Palmer) | Yr9 & Yr10 'Creative Space' 11.50-12.30 RH1 (Mrs Palmer) | GCSE 'Theory Workshop' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr) | Invitation only and bookable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

Chess Club

C21
Tuesday Lunch (4.2)

From Beginner to Improver
Everyone Welcome



SCIENCE CLUB

KS3 Years 7-9
Every Monday from 3.10 - 4pm.
We will be working on lots of exciting projects with lots of practical work so please come along for some fun!
Starts on Monday (9th October)
W21



Becket Keys Rugby Returns!
Who: Year 7, 8 and 9 Boys and Girls
When: Every Thursday from 3:10 – 4:30pm
With Who: Our excellent rugby coach Anthony Sherwood and 6th Form student helpers
What to Bring: PE kit, rugby boots, optional mouthguards.



Learn and share a hobby and come for a chat. Wool and needles can be provided.
Mrs Simmons

**Every Thursday
Lunch 4:2 in C20
12.45 - 1.25**



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!

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS



Your child's school has invested in the award winning resource, GCSEPod, to help your child reach their goals!

Join the thousands of parents/carers encouraging their children to use GCSEPod to support learning, homework and revision.

- ▶ Proven to increase results
- ▶ 28+ exam mapped subjects
- ▶ Available online and offline
- ▶ Audio visual content
- ▶ Builds confidence
- ▶ Independently accessible assessments

Want to find out how you can support your child more with GCSEPod? Then join one of our free webinars by registering here: <https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-webinars/>

"The correlation between success and failure was made almost 100% clear by the use of GCSEPod."

Head of MFL
at Yateley School

"I found GCSEPod especially useful to compliment my knowledge and I'm certain it helped me secure the grades that I have been so happy to receive."

Student

"My daughter used GCSEPod for her GCSEs and was very successful with her results, she absolutely loved your Pods and this style of revising."

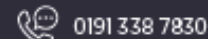
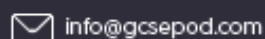
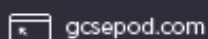
Parent

Student Activation

Please follow these instructions if your child has not yet activated their GCSEPod account

1. Go to GCSEPod.com and click 'LOG IN'
2. Click 'New to GCSEPod? Get Started'
3. Enter your child's details and confirm the name of the school they attend
2. Create a username and password

For more information please visit
www.gcsepod.com/parents





November Festive Food Items

Christmas Cake

Christmas Pudding

Savoury Biscuits

Sweet Biscuits

Tinned Salmon

Tinned Ham

Tinned Custard

Selection Boxes



Savoury Snacks:- crisps, nuts etc

**Items will be given to clients in December
to help them celebrate Christmas**

Brentwood Foodbank / Doddinghurst Road Community Church
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A Message from the Admin Team

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

office@becketkeys.org

You can also send a message via the contact page on the [website](#).

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.

Thank you!



**YEAR 7 DISCO
THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2023**

Tickets are now available to buy on ParentPay £12.75



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 talks from today's influential figures via the [Live Broadcasts](#), these are a great way for students to hear from leading figures from a range of industries and are all free of charge.

HOW TO JOIN THE LIVE BROADCASTS

- Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready.
- You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)

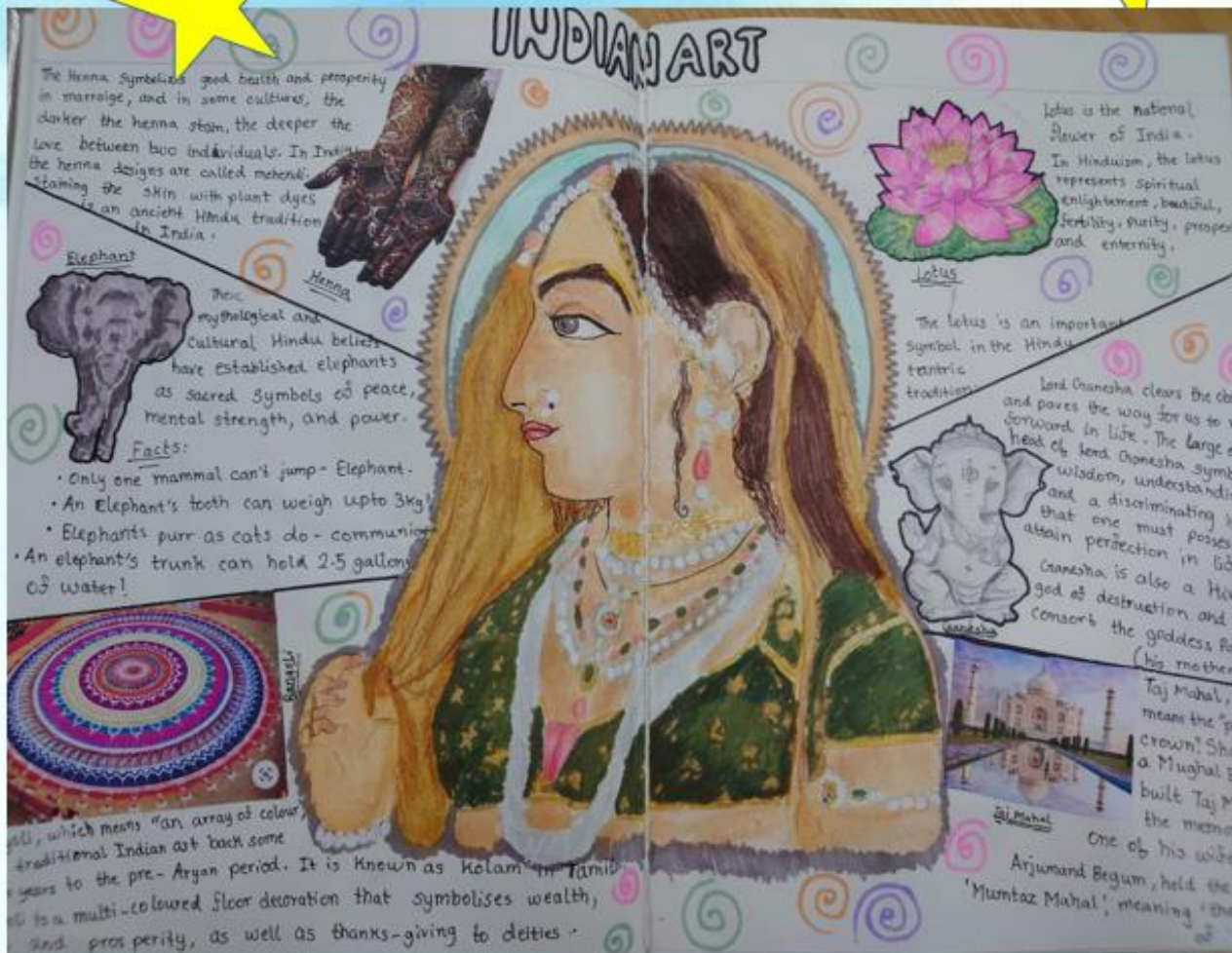
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| Monday 20 th November 10-10:45am | SEND Panel Sufia Hussain, Inclusion, Equity & Diversity Director EMEA, Wunderman Thompson & Jessica Francourt, Head of HR, National Gallery KS3-5/S1-6 | This panel event is tailored to students who wonder what it will be like for them to enter the workforce. Our expert speakers will address questions on creating inclusive workspaces, especially for those with unique support needs. Entering the job market can be daunting, gain hope and reassurance after discovering why inclusion is vital for all companies. Don't miss this opportunity to ease your worries and envision a bright future in the working world! Click here to register |
| Thursday 23 rd November 10-10:45am | Speaking Multiple Languages: Your Career Superpower with Misha Glenny, Journalist and Broadcaster KS3-5/S1-6 | Meet Misha Glenny, a multilingual expert! With a career that spans the globe, he's witnessed firsthand the incredible opportunities and advantages that come with speaking multiple languages. In this broadcast, you will see that languages aren't just a means of communication but also a gateway to endless possibilities. Click here to register |
| Friday 24 th November 10-10:45am | It's all about Sound: Avgoustos Psillas, Sound Designer, Audio Craft Scandinavia AB & Royal Swedish Opera KS4-5/S4-6 | Meet Avgoustos Psillas and discover the world of sound engineering. Do you love music and sound but don't want to be on stage? Or want to know how to make live audio sound amazing? Maybe a career in Sound Engineering would suit you! Don't miss the chance to hear about how exciting a career in audio can be. Click here to register |
| Monday 27 th November 2-2:45pm | Blind not Broken: Lucy Edwards-Cave, Blind Broadcaster, Journalist, Content Creator, & Disability Activist KS3-5/S1-6 | Step into a world of charm, charisma, and creativity in this broadcast, when we are joined by Lucy Edwards-Cave, Blind Broadcaster, Journalist, Content Creator, and Disability Activist. After losing her full eyesight at 17, Lucy had no one to take inspiration from who was going through the same thing and made it her mission to share her experiences with the world. Tune in and hear how one woman built a community that champions disability advocacy and is changing how the world views blindness #BlindNotBroken. Click here to register |

Art & Textiles

with

Mrs Brassett

**Star Artist Year 7
Harshika Sunderesan**





Elle Holdcroft

Yr 10



@becketkeysarttextiles

Madison

Moon

Yr9



Lily Fritz Yr 8



frida kahlo



At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can.
- Frida Kahlo

I paint myself because I am alone. I paint myself because I am the subject I know best.
- Frida Kahlo

I personally find Frida Kahlo a very inspiring and talented artist. I love her artwork and how all the colours in her pieces complement each other very well.




I started by sketching the outline and where the cracks would roughly be. I then went in with the base colours, gradually building up the shadows with darker colours making more details. You can see this on the outfit and leaves, also on the background.








Frida Kahlo
- Mexican artist, born July 6th, 1907.
- Work was influenced by art traditions, the surrealist tradition and her life long experience of chronic pain.
- 55 of her 143 paintings are self-portraits.
- At the age of 6 (1913), she contracted Polio.
- In 1929, she marries her fellow communist Diego Rivera.
- In 1940, Kahlo begins teaching painting in Mexico.
- Tragic bus accident and inability to have children at the age of 18.
- She was born Magdalena Carmen Frieda Kahlo y Calderón.
- The name Frieda comes from the German word Friede, which means peace.

Amelie Coleman Yr 11

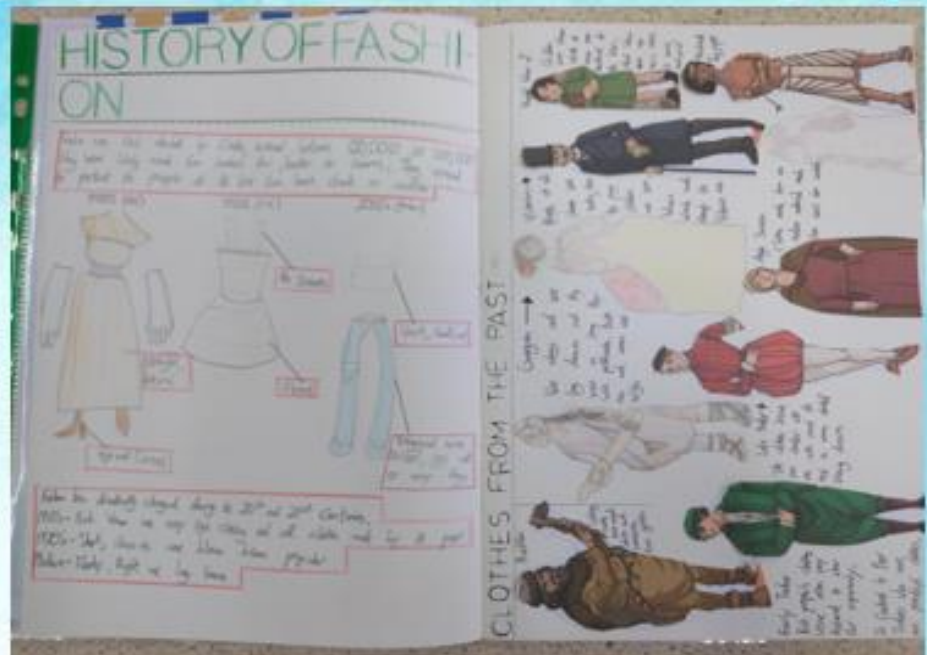




Lucy Manders Yr 13



Riley
Dagohoy
Yr 9



Sports News

Girls' Football U13 National Cup

Round 3 of the National Cup!

The girls played Riverside Barking School in this round; it was a tough game against a physically strong opposition. After a great corner from Abi Fisher, Ama sliced the ball first time into the top corner to put us 1-0 up! After many battles and hard work, the opposition came back with a goal before half time. 1-1 going into the second half meant extra hard work for the girls which they delivered with fantastic play and great strikes from Betsy and Ama, however none of these shots saw the back of the net. Our defense put up strong battles to win tackles and stop the opposition getting through. With the full-time whistle blown this put us into extra time, during this time we saw shots from both teams and amazing saves from our keeper Erin who was diving from post to post. The opposite had a breakthrough at the last minute which led to one shot being saved by Erin then a rebound shot being saved again by Erin and then another shot that was cleared off the line by Anna Benns! Just when it could have been over the girls gave their all to stop those last minute shots. The extra time whistle blew, and we went to penalties. With the girls being very nervous they performed amazingly, Erin made amazing saves and our girls



scored incredible goals, however, so did the opposition. After a lot of back and forth between saves and goals the girls stepped up to take the 12th penalty of the night, we scored, which meant if the opposition did not score the next penalty we won. They stepped up to take the penalty and ERIN SAVED IT! After a whopping 12 penalties WE WON! The whole team jumped for joy and praised each other for their amazing work effort. I am incredibly proud of

everyone on this team, every single person gave it their all and got the well-deserved win. On to the next round!

Captain: Betsy Winney

In game time goal: Ama Constantinou

Players' & teachers' player: Erin Hayward & Anna Benns.

Miss Plunkett
PE Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

STUDENT CHRISTMAS LUNCH
NON-UNIFORM DAY
WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2023

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CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023

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WHOLE SCHOOL ADVENT EUCHARIST
TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2023
11.00AM

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YEAR 7 THEATRE TRIP
PETER PAN
SOUTHEND CLIFFS PAVILLION
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

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A-LEVEL PRESENTATION EVENING
TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 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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