



Becket Keys Church of England School

1st December 2023

WEEK ONE OF ADVENT - HOPE

IN THIS ISSUE

Mr Scott-Evans writes.....

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to share with you the results of our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools), and it is with immense pride that we publish the report [here](#) and on the front page of our [website](#). The rigorous inspection process affirmed God's goodness to us and that we are fulfilling our aim to bear fruit – fruit that will last.

We are delighted that the inspection outcomes reflect the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, governors, clergy, chaplains and parents alike.

The inspector praised our school for its exceptional commitment to providing high-quality education. The rigorous RP curriculum, combined with innovative teaching methods, has

been recognised as a model for educational excellence. The entire curriculum was praised by the inspector as benefitting from the Christian ethos that permeates everything about our school.

The inspection clearly highlights the positive learning environment we have cultivated at Becket Keys Church of England School. It is a testament to the nurturing atmosphere where each student is known by name and cared for as an individual. We are particularly pleased that the Christian values of respect, responsibility, and forgiveness, which are integral to our school, were noted and commended.

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responsibility did not go unnoticed. Inspectors acknowledged the strong sense of community engagement, with our students being celebrated as courageous advocates both within the school, in the wider community and overseas.

This achievement is a celebration for all of us. It reflects our collective commitment to creating an environment where every student can thrive academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Whilst we celebrate the inspection outcome, we also recognise the importance of continuous improvement. We remain dedicated to providing the best possible church school for all students and will use the inspection feedback to enhance our practices further.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your partnership with us. Together, since we opened our doors for the first time in 2012, we have created a community that embraces our motto of 'Faith in Learning'. We are not ashamed to bring Christian Faith into the learning of the school nor do we shy away from proudly teaching students that learning will open doors for them in the future.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the inspection outcomes in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may like to come along to our special prayer

meeting on Thursday 7th December at 8:45am which give thanks for our school and the inspection. It will be followed by our Friends of Becket Keys Annual General Meeting.

**Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher**



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This year's Christmas Carol Concert takes place on Thursday 7th December 2023 in the Main Hall and will be a wonderful opportunity to listen to music performed by the many musical groups we have at Becket Keys.

Tickets for guests and parents are available to book here:

[Becket Keys Carol Concert 2023](#)

The Christmas Carol Concert is a wonderful tradition at Becket Keys and we are delighted that we can once again share this festive event with you and your family.

Thursday 7TH DECEMBER 2023
BECKET KEYS CofE SCHOOL – MAIN HALL
7.00pm – 9.00pm

There is no charge for the concert tickets, but we will be having a collection at the end of the evening and any money donated will be split between the Governors' Hardship Fund and the Music Department so if you are able to a donation for these causes it would be appreciated!

Refreshments will also be available to purchase prior to the event.



The SEND Roadshows are in person events for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

You do not need any diagnosis to come and get help at a roadshow. You may:

- be new to SEND and unsure what help is available
- feel your child needs help or have questions about the support they already receive
- want to find out what support there is for you as a parent or carer
- not be sure what support you might need

What you can get out of a roadshow

There are many different professionals who can help you under one roof. This includes local support groups, education professionals, health teams and social care teams.

You can:

- access support and information



Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities (SEND)



SEND Local Offer ROADSHOW

- understand the different services available
- find out about support available in schools
- find out about local support, such as parent groups
- meet other carers and parents
- Thursday 7 March – Mid Essex – The Hamptons – Chelmsford
- Wednesday 13 March – NE Essex – Colchester Football Stadium
- Tuesday 19 March – West Essex – The Harlow Hotel

The dates and locations of the Essex Local Offer Roadshows for the Spring term are:

- Monday 4 March – South Essex - The Holiday Inn - Basildon

Follow this link to discover more details about the roadshows as they become available, including which services will be attending <https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

Christmas JUMPER DAY



Wednesday 6th December

Christmas Lunch in the Restaurant.
& Christmas Mufti Day.

£70 provides shoes, uniform and school fees for a student for 1 year!

I GOT SHOES



Special Needs And Parents
Registered Charity No. 1077787

Christmas Jumper Day

- Raise money for our school charities.
- Wear a Christmas Jumper or other bright colour non-uniform.
- Bring at least a £1 cash donation to school in advance or on the day.

What to wear?

- Comfy shoes – it will be a normal school day and you have to do all the usual walking around!
- Something warm and cosy. (Weather is expected to be dry but only 6 degrees Celsius).
 - No midriiffs on show
 - No bare shoulders
- Something bright and cheery.
- Something smart enough for school. Imagine talking to Mr Scott-Evans in his office in what you are thinking of wearing!
- You will still need to bring your Becket Keys PE kit if you have PE.

I GOT SHOES



easyfundraising.org.uk
feel good shopping



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/becketkeyschoolbrentwood

If you are doing Christmas 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.

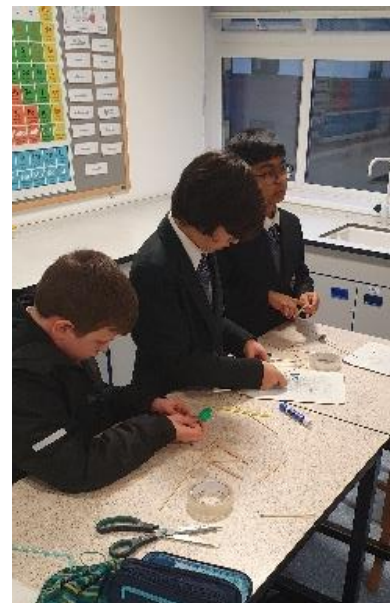
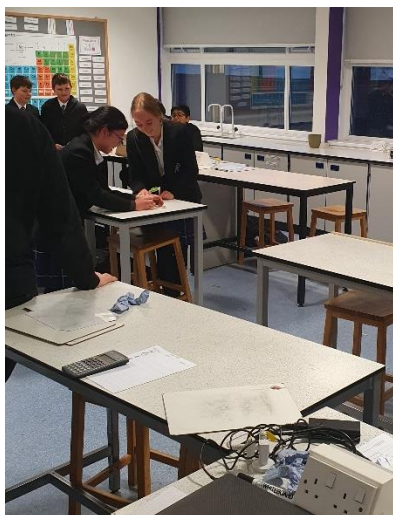
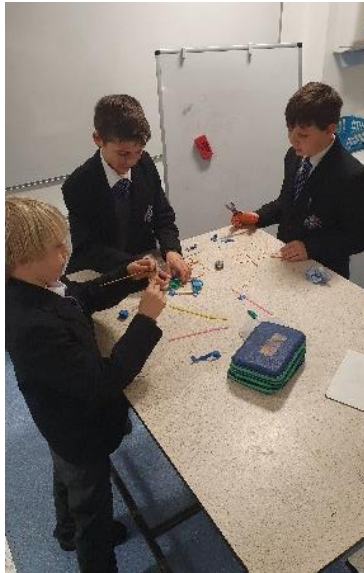
Science Club

This week in KS3 science club we continued working through the STEM zombie apocalypse project.

The group were told we had some experimental antivirus capsules that may stop the zombies from multiplying. Our task was to work out a way to disperse them around our 'safe enclosure'. We had to build catapults to throw the antivirus capsule (a ping pong ball!) as far as possible. The students had some time to build their catapult using a variety of materials the science technicians had provided. After a set period of time, it was time to put each team's catapult to the test!

The Sixth form leaders organised a competition which we will be continuing with next week. As always, we are an extremely welcoming club with lots of practical work and so all KS3 students are welcome!

Mrs Lee
Science Teacher



Design & Technology Club

There was a festive feeling in the air in the department on Tuesday. Our Design and Technology Club were about to start a new mini project!

The Brief: Design a game for Year 12's to play in their Interhouse Christmas competition. It must be fun, and we should be able to create a version of the same activity for each form group with a consistent theme. We should be able to apply a scoring system to our game to establish a clear winner.

A version of 'Pin the tail on the donkey' was agreed. We decided that 8 representatives of each form group should be blind folded, spun around a few times and required to place the relevant carrot, star, nose, or moustache on our various designs!

Here are some of our amazing designers and their work. Next week we will finish and put a pack together with our scoring system, blindfolds, blue tac and all the items to be stuck on in a plastic wallet for each form tutor to use. Super team effort!

Mrs Mullan
Design & Technology Teacher





Design & Technology Club

Give the Gift of Reading

In the newsletter last week Mr Scott-Evans asked all families if they would like to donate any books to Becket Keys Church of England School.

Do you have some old children's books that you are looking to clear out? Perhaps you are making space for Father Christmas to bring a few new ones again this year. If you have some books that your sons/daughters have grown out of and are not going to read again, we would love to receive them. If your son/daughter read them from the age of 10 upwards they will be suitable for us.

This is a good opportunity for clearing out some shelves! However, more importantly, it is a chance to help students to get their hands on more books. We want our school to be full of books in every classroom and every department.

You can also donate books for younger children, and we will share them with other local schools. Indeed, books for adults are also welcome; we have book swap shelves around the school for adults too!

So, if you feel able, why not send some books into school with your son/daughter, they can place them under the tree in Main Reception or you can drop them in and place them under the tree? Just to add to the fun, we'll have a box of chocolates in Main Reception and we will happily swap a Cadbury's Hero for each book that is brought in. That goes for adults too. If you are popping along for a prayer meeting or a Eucharist between now and Christmas, why not bring a book along?

If students prefer, they can also bring them into their form for the Becket Keys Book Swap. Please take this opportunity now or in the new year to support the rich culture of reading that we are always striving to foster in school.

Many thanks to those who have already contributed.



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



Can you help?

We are looking for parent/community volunteers to attend the post-16 education trip on Tuesday 16th January 2024. This trip involves 30 Year 11 students exploring post-16 education at one of the local colleges (to be confirmed)

If you are willing to volunteer, please email

office@becketkeys.org

Many thanks!

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.

Kindly note that this is the only lunch available on this day and will 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.

REMEMBER

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!

LOST PROPERTY

If your son/daughter has misplaced anything at school, then kindly inform him/her that all lost property is taken to reception for collection.

Please make sure that all items, especially uniform are named, this will ensure that items can be returned to the student easily.

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>

Friends of St Thomas' Presents

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CONCERT

**SATURDAY
2 DECEMBER 2023**

FEATURING:
Becket Keys School Choir
Essex Dance Theatre
St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School Choirs
St Thomas' Kids

AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH, BRENTWOOD

Free entry, licenced bar

Bar opens: 6.30pm
Concert Starts: 7.00pm



Christmas Raffle

**Tickets - available after 10.00am Mass on Sundays
or Church Office on Thursday mornings or on the St
Thomas Church website**

£2.50 per ticket or £10 for 5 tickets

Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 17th December 2023 after 10.00am Mass

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 get to 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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Book of the Month - December



Twelve-year-old Flora Winter and her mother are off to the small seaside town of Helmersbruk for Christmas. When they arrive, Flora soon discovers an abandoned mansion straight out of a fairytale. But it's not just the manor that's mysterious - porcelain figures are appearing out of nowhere, a strange boy in a green cap seeks her friendship, and she hears eerie whispers in the night.

Flora is determined to unravel the secrets of Helmersbruk Manor - but as the clock ticks down to Christmas, Flora must solve the mystery before time runs out.

An enchanting Christmas mystery, with an illustrated chapter for each day of advent.

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 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

Year 10

Thursday 13th June 2024

PE Extracurricular Timetable 23/24



Day	Before School 7:30-8:20	2 nd Lunch 12:40-1:20	After-School 3:10-4:30
Monday	STAFF BRIEFING	Year 7 Mixed Basketball	Year 7&8 Boys' Football Year 7&8 Netball
Tuesday	Year 7&8 Mixed Futsal Squad Gymnastics	Invite Only Netball/Basketball Training	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 KS3 Rugby Training
Friday	STAFF BRIEFING	TUP Badminton GCSE Theory Drop In (W04)	GCSE Filming (Invite) All Years' Girls' Football

Keys:

- Astro
- Sports hall
- Main Hall
- Field
- Netball Courts



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 / Dodinghurst Road Community Church
 Registered Charity Number 1171227

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

Art & Textiles

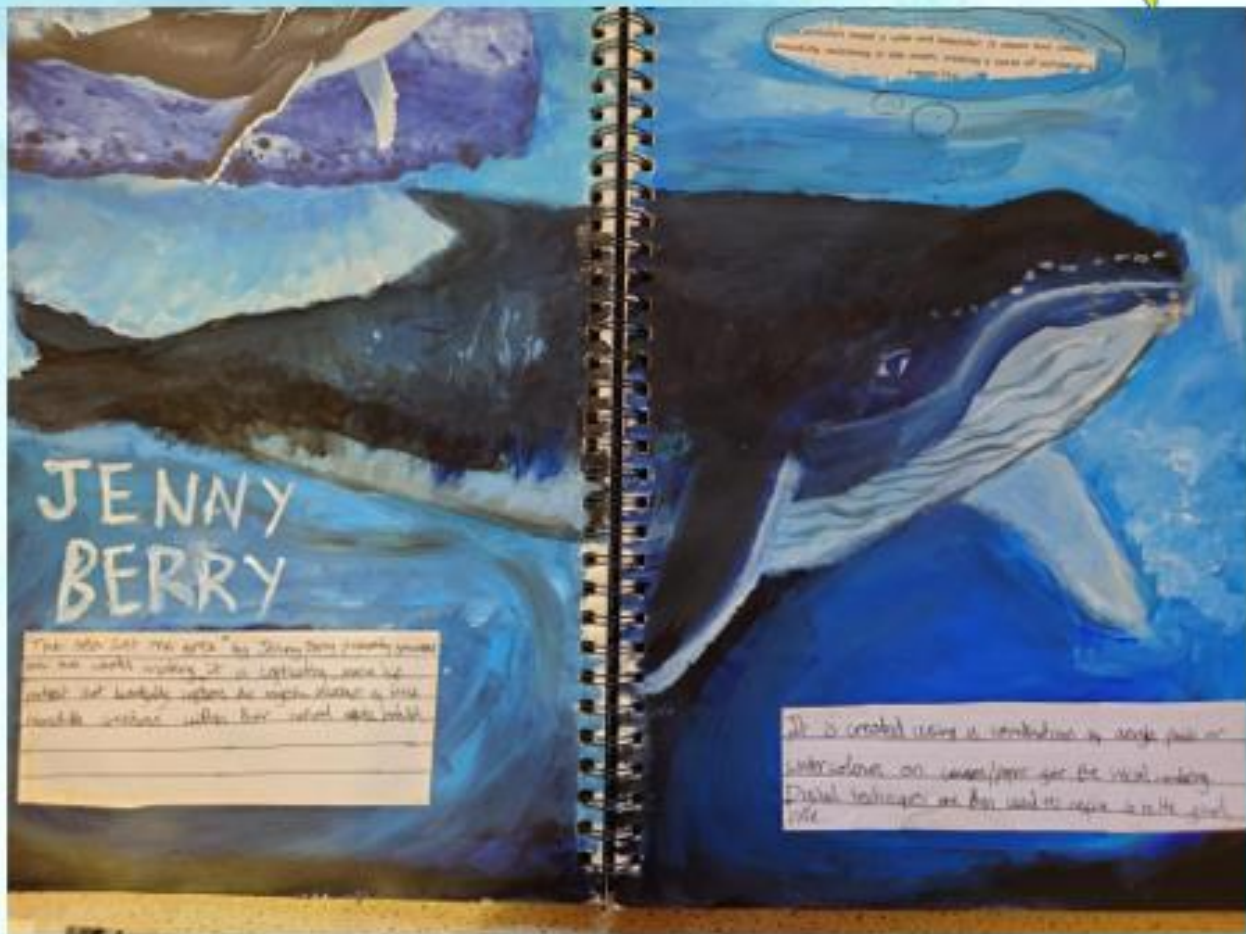
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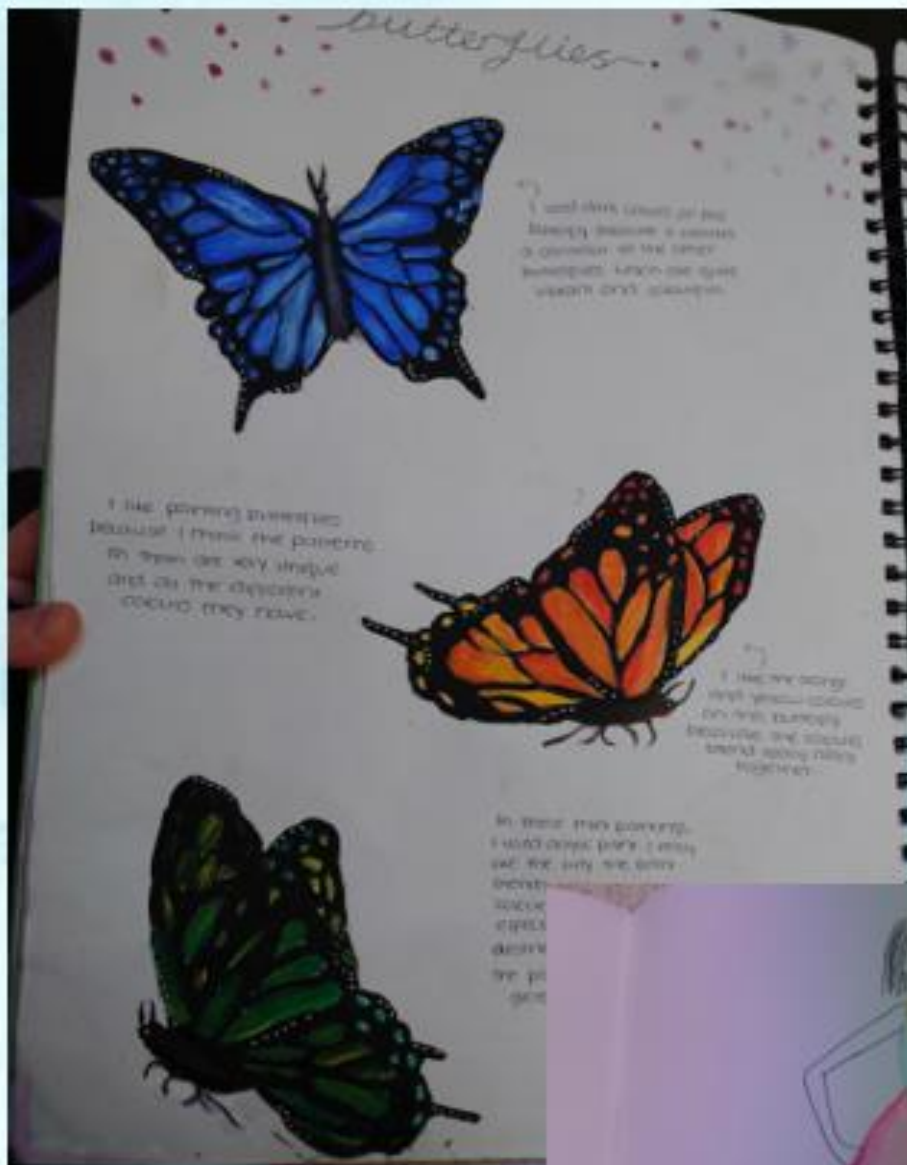
Mrs Brassett



Star Artist Year 10

Mark Unthumpha





Luisa Allen

Yr11

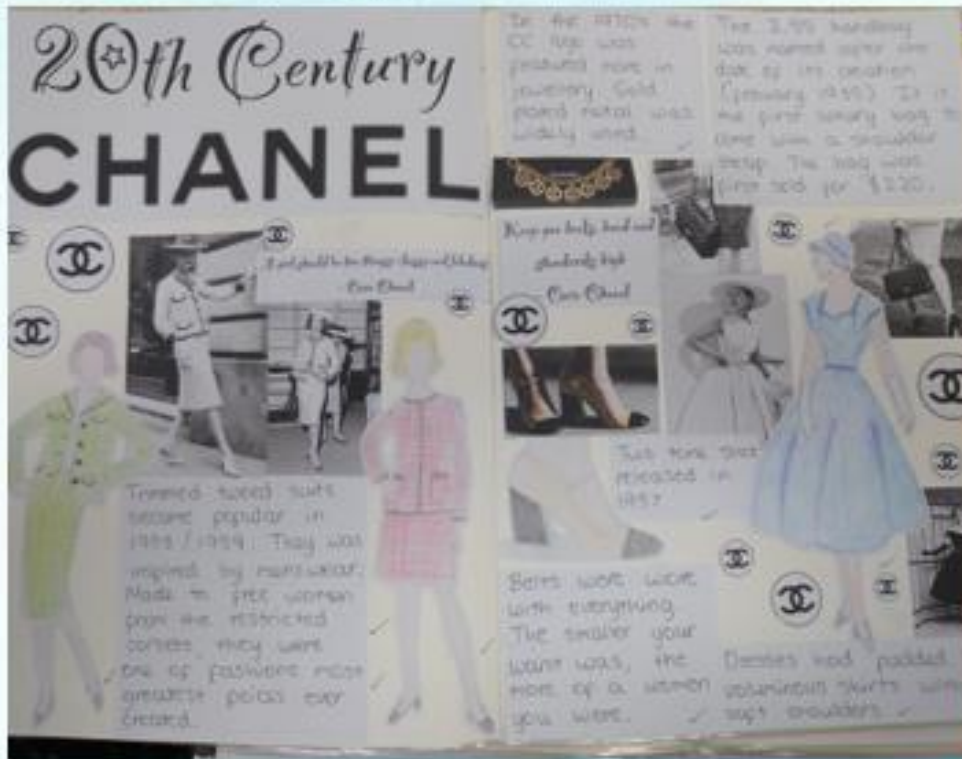


Leoni Witchells

Yr 9



Hannah Hagger Yr 9



Isabella Hutton Yr 9





Tiger Collages Yr 7



Reuben Howard



Luca Tredgett



Harry Blackwell



Sports News

Year 8 Boys' Football

The tension surrounding this game was palpable as the weeks of uncertainty on whether this fixture would be played were finally answered with a wet and slippery affair on the BK Astro. We set up in a 4-2-3-1 formation to shore up the midfield, anticipating physical and pacy opposition.

The boys were up for it from the get-go as Captain Jamieson regimented the boys into order for their warm-ups, releasing any nerves before the blow of the game whistle. We started quickly out of the gates when Stan Boon sent a delicious through ball beyond the defender to allow Joe Wainwright to blitz past the wandering full back. With cute control and composure, Wainwright fed the ball to the back post where a hungry Scott Malyon pounced to put the BK faithful 1-0 up.

Despite the clear game plan, the opposition showed glimpses of their power in midfield when a tentative back line allowed their talisman through on goal to release a venomous strike beyond the reach of the outstretched Jake Allan. The seemingly breezy opening now blown into a clash of titans. 1-1. Etienne Harper-Taylor and Drew Hodges worked tirelessly in the midfield to



Year 7 Girls' Football

Year 7 girls came up against Drapers in the next round of the Essex Cup. Although the pitch was incredibly muddy the girls adapted well and managed to score 8 goals! It was fantastic play from everyone.

Goal scorers:
Kessiah Kinghorn x2
Immy Ellis
Lily Ballantyne x2
Scarlett Oliver
Anna Bennis

minimise their physical presence in the middle, battling tooth and nail to not let the opposing physicality better the boys before the half time whistle. However, even the strongest of barriers are bettered on occasions and despite the resolute standing of our defensive line, the boys saw themselves 2-1 down after a

scramble to get the ball out of the box found a waiting member of the opposition, who arrowed the ball beyond Allan. Normally, a lusty blow before the half time whistle would send any team into disarray, however, Wainwright the Whippet leapt onto a loose ball to entice the opposition goalkeeper to close him



down...PENALTY TO BK! Exuding confidence, Wainwright stepped up to take the penalty he earned and brought the boys back level. 2-2 going into half time.



After the team talk and game plan expressed, the boys were determined and started to play some lovely football. Intricate passes between Louis Hayes, Alfie Kinnear and Ollie Poulteney saw chances created early in the half to no avail. The proverbial door was being knocked on with the knocks increasing in force with every minute. However, with all the forward momentum pushing us towards a lead, the opposition seized on their opportunity to counterattack as

their pacey striker broke past our highly placed defensive line. This left him with time and space to slot home and make the BK Boys' job increasingly difficult. 3-2 and running out of time.

Jovan Hungan, Leo Nicoll and Ollie Pallett entered the field, energising the team with fresh legs and determination. Their positive, never-say-die attitude sparked life into the team to push the boys beyond disappointment. This knock-on effect was evident with the back line as Peter Neall stood firm with fleeting attempts to break through being coolly halted with smooth precision. The pain of losing in the 2nd round of the National Cup resonated within the team, with echoes from the bench praying for history to not repeat. Those calls were heard as Louis Hayes bulldozed his way towards goal to be the man to bullet a header off a parried shot in the box within the closing moments of the game.

3-3 it would end at the final whistle with penalties to decide the fate of the winners. As the boys huddled for penalties on the halfway line, the nerves of the team were swallowed by Jake Allan who seemingly stood 8 foot tall in the goal. Their first penalty was gobbled up and spat out by Allan, which set the tone for the rest of the shootout. Ollie Pallett with the highlighting penalty who thundered his effort into the top corner, despite showing initial apprehension. 5-4 on penalties to see the boys welcome an away tie to Woodlands School on Tuesday.

The word to describe this result would be determined. The boys showed so much heart and used the pain of the National Cup loss to fuel their hunger for success. A proud performance.

Mr Marc Carter
PE Teacher

Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 4th December
Boys' Football
V
Ormiston

Tuesday 5th December
Boys' Football
V
Woodlands

Thursday 7th December
Girls' Basketball
V
St Martin's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS AGM
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023
9.15AM

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023
6.30PM FOR 7.00PM

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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 –
WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023

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