

Becket Keys Church of England School

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Mrs Sharp, Deputy Headteacher writes.....

**Courageous Advocacy:
Empowering our school
community to make a
difference.**



What kind of person was Jesus?
What kind of life did He lead? If
we are truly to follow Him, we
must take a fresh look at His life
on earth. We must follow in His
footsteps and imitate Him.

This week, Mr. Fenn has been
leading collective worships for all

year groups on the theme of
courageous advocacy.
Courageous advocacy is a quality
we are striving to further develop
in our community, inspired by the
teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus
himself was a courageous
advocate for justice, compassion
and love. He cared for the poor
and the marginalised. He taught
us to love our neighbours as
ourselves and to extend a helping
hand to those who in need. Mr.
Fenn explained to students that
the Bible calls us to imitate Jesus:



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'Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.'

Ephesians 5:1-2

We are called to:

'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.'

Proverbs 31:8-9

Through our partnership with the Brentwood Foodbank, we can put these teachings into action. By donating food items or perhaps even volunteering our time, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus.

**BRENTWOOD FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

The Brentwood Foodbank have recently shared concerning statistics about rising hunger and hardship in our local community. There has been a **67% increase in the number of people needing support over the past year.** Winter is proving to be difficult for many families who use their services. **During 2023, Brentwood Foodbank provided 120,000 meals to Brentwood residents referred to them in crisis.** Brentwood Foodbank further illustrated this increasing

need through the following statistics:

'In the whole of May 2021, we supported 180 people.'

On Tuesday 19th December 2023 we supported 180 people in one day.

During December 2023 we supported 1,020 people, of whom 391 were children.'

As a school, traditionally we have encouraged foodbank donations as part of our Harvest Festival offering. Considering the cost-of-living crisis and this appeal for help, we are now committed to encouraging and coordinating donations on a more regular

basis, beginning with a collection throughout February.



Staff, students, visitors and friends of Becket Keys, can bring their donations directly to the collection point in Main Reception from next **Thursday 1st February**. The final day for donations will be **Thursday 29th February**. The current shortage items are listed below. The list also contains essential non-food items required by families:

Food	Non-food items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UHT milk • Tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc.) • Tinned fish • Tinned fruit • Sponge/rice puddings • Coffee (small jars) • Long-life juice • Pasta sauce • Tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans, tomatoes) • Tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli) • Tinned soup • Jam and spreads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shower gel • Shampoo/conditioner • Deodorant • Toilet rolls • Washing up liquid • Laundry detergent pods

As Christians, we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Our partnership with Brentwood Foodbank allows us to live out this calling by providing practical support to those who are facing food insecurity. It is through acts of kindness and generosity that we can truly make a difference to the lives of others.

We encourage all students, parents and staff to embrace the Christian message of love and compassion by getting involved in this important initiative. Let us remember the words of Jesus, who said, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me' (Matthew 25:40). Every act of giving and advocacy is an opportunity to serve Christ.

In addition, please join us in prayer, as we seek to make a positive impact in the world, guided by our faith. Pray for:

People experiencing acute poverty: that they would receive the support they need and be able to find positive pathways forwards.

Food banks: that they would receive sufficient food donations, and that they would be able to respond to every person who needs their support with sensitivity and kindness.

Our society: for justice and compassion to prevail in political and economic decision-making, so that everyone is protected

from poverty and has the chance to flourish.

Pray for people in our community and beyond who are facing unemployment, ill-health, isolation or money worries. With our February foodbank collection in mind, we especially pray for those who are unable to afford enough to eat. We pray for supportive relationships, practical provision and real hope.

We are proud of our community's dedication to living out our Christian values and commitment to helping others. Let us continue

to foster a culture of compassion, empathy, and courageous advocacy within our school community, firmly rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Together, we can make a significant difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity,

Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher



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A Message for Year 9 Parents

We would like to invite you to the Guided Curriculum Choices (options) evening which will take place:

Thursday 15th February 2024
6.00pm - Main Hall

More information will follow shortly, but for now, please put this date into your diaries. Students and parents should attend together.

Becket Keys Sixth Form

Application Deadline:

9th February 2024

Join our distinctive Sixth Form at Becket Keys Church of England School by applying through our website. For tour dates please email sixthform@becketkeys.org.





Book of the Month - January



Set in 1939, 1978 and 2019, this is a sweeping story of three generations of boys in the same Iranian family as they move between the US and Iran, discovering who they are. 1939. Bobby, the son of a calculating Hollywood stage mother, lands a coveted MGM studio contract. But the fairy-tale world of glamour he's thrust into has a dark side. 1978. Saeed is an engineering student with a promising future ahead of him in Tehran. But when his parents discover his involvement in the country's burgeoning revolution, they send him to safety in America, a country Saeed despises. And even worse—he's forced to live with the American grandmother he never knew existed. 2019. Moud is a gay teenager living in Los Angeles with his distant father, Saeed. When Moud gets the news that his grandfather in Iran is dying, he accompanies his dad to Tehran, where the revelation of family secrets will force Moud into a new understanding of his history, his culture, and himself.

Thought-provoking, poignant and defiant, assuredly interweaving three complex stories, timelines and characters, this is an arresting celebration of activism, forbidden love and fragile but enduring family bonds.

WOW! GIRLS RUGBY Taster session



Year 6 and 7 girls come and
try **GIRLS ONLY** rugby

**GIRL
POWER**



Sunday 4th February
10.30 or 11.30

40 minutes
Followed by a drink and
snack in the clubhouse

hosted by Tigan Renshaw



PLAY

King George's Playing Fields
Ingrave Road, Brentwood
Essex, CM13 2AQ

Scan to secure a
space

**St Thomas of Canterbury
Church
Education Sunday
Bake Off
Sunday 28th January**

**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**



We are delighted to announce our first Chamber Concert of the year will be held at the Hermit Club!

The Hermit is situated just at the top of Sawyers Hall Lane, 15 Shenfield Road, Brentwood CM15 8AG.

This will be a concert where all those taking part are Becket Keys students. It will showcase performances by the bands who have been working at The Hermit for the last two terms and we will also enjoy contributions from our Year 13 music students who are preparing for their final exams.

The tickets are free however there will be a retiring collection to support our ongoing work with the Hermit Club.

You can find out more details about the Hermit Club and the work they support on the website: [The Hermit Club](#)



Inspired and led by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) - a part of GCHQ, students in Year 8/9 in England and Wales and Year 9/10 in Northern Ireland and S2/S3 in Scotland, can join free cyber security development days running throughout February and March 2023.

The CyberFirst Investigators 2024 initiative is designed to increase understanding of the different specialisms within cyber security and equip students with valuable, in-demand skills.

There is a series of fun, interactive face-to-face one-day courses as well as virtual courses, to choose from. On the day, the girls will be role playing as cyber security experts working for a fictitious app company, Sirius Cyberworks. Unfortunately, disaster has struck and there has been a serious breach of the company network - a new flagship app has been leaked. The students role is to work through four different parts of the company, uncovering how the leak happened whilst learning new cyber skills along the way.

FACE-TO-FACE COURSE DATES

Face-to-face courses are run on a Saturday from 9am to 4pm. For safeguarding purposes, specific venue details are released only to registered attendees closer to the time.



Saturday 9th March - Central London

Saturday 9th March - Canterbury

Saturday 16th March - Leicester

Saturday 23rd March - Ipswich

HOW TO BOOK

For parents or guardians looking to book their dependant please register them at: bit.ly/Investigators2024

Places are limited, so if you have students who might be interested, please share this information with them so that they don't miss out.

Teachers, if you have any questions please contact our team at cyberfirstadmin@qa.co.uk we're happy to help.



Nearly New Uniform Sale

We are pleased to announce our next nearly new uniform sale.

Saturday 10th February 2024

School Reception

11.00am – 12.30pm

If you have any donations they would be happily accepted, please bring them to the school reception.

BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer free, club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years), who are eligible for benefit based free school meals, or from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal!

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

As half term programme are smaller and offer less activity days, you will not book on with your HolidayActivities voucher, but book on through the Essex ActivAte website instead. Simply find your local area and book on with the link provided or contact the club directly.

Find out more about February half term clubs and book on here.

FREE BRENTWOOD ACTIVITY CLUBS
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

Essex ActivAte is the funded Holiday Activity and Food programme across Essex, helping to support eligible children and families during the school holidays and half term breaks through free engaging and fun activities

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Jack of All Sports
Bentley St Pauls Primary, CM15 9SE (4-11 years old)
20th, 21st, 22nd February, 9am-3pm
Contact them on: 07919 888093

Sports Cool - Mainstream & SEND Level 2
Holly Trees Primary School, CM14 5RY (4-11 years old)
21st, 22nd (9am-3pm) & 23rd February, 9am-1pm
Contact them on: 07935 535292

HCL Activity Camps Ltd
The Knights Way Centre, CM13 2AZ (5-11 years old)
20th, 21st & 22nd February, 9am-3pm
Contact them on: 07778 874029

The Peaceful Pony
Ingatestone Road, CM4 9PB (5 - 16yrs)
19th February, 10am-12 & 12:30pm-2pm
Contact them by email to book: jadedoughty.tpp@gmail.com

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK

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Python Code Club

Mondays after school 3:20 – 4:30 in W03

5th February – April 22nd

Prioritising Y9 who are considering taking GCSE computer science and Y10 students not currently taking GCSE computer science but are considering taking A level computer science.

This club will support preparation for the computer science GCSE and A level entrance exams.

Please see Ms Pogoda in W03 to sign up if you are interested.



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) KS4 & KS5 'Practical Showcase Rehearsals' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr)	GCSE 'Theory Workshop' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr)	<u>Invitation only and bookable space.</u>	Yr7-Yr13 'Time to Shine' 15.15-16.25 RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr & Mrs Palmer)

WEEK 1	Classic Favourites	EASTERN	Great British	SOUTHERN STYLE	Fish & Chips
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	SMOKED PAPRIKA CHICKEN STROGANOFF Pilaf Rice	CLASSIC GROUND BEEF LASAGNE Homemade Garlic Focaccia	HONEY MUSTARD GLAZED GAMMON Potatoes, Jus	CHICKEN DOPIAZA Pilau Rice	CHIP SHOP 'FRYDAY' FISH PIZZA, SAUSAGE OR FISHCAKE Chips
VEGETARIAN MEAL	ROAST ONION & MUSHROOM STROGANOFF Pilaf Rice	ROASTED ROOTS & BEAN LASAGNE Homemade Focaccia	MACARONI CHEDDAR CHEESE BAKE	PANEER & CHICKPEA CURRY Pilau Rice	CHIPOTLE QUORN TORTILLA Chips
VEGETABLES	STEAMED BROCCOLI	CHOP CHOP SALAD	ROASTED ROOTS GREENS CHOP CHOP SALAD	CORIANDER & ONION SALAD	TOMATO SALSA MINTED PEAS
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	BERRY & BRAMBLE APPLE CRUMBLE Vanilla Sauce	CORNFLAKE CRISPY CAKE	PEAR & COCOA SPONGE Custard	APPLE & CHOCOLATE TURNOVER	OUR PASTRY CHEF'S SPECIAL
FRUIT	SELECTION OF FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY				
JELLY POTS	SELECTION OF JELLY POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS	SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				

TRY OUR HOME-MADE
SOUP
WITH FRESHLY BAKED BREAD

LOOK OUT FOR
AMAZING BLUE DOT
MEAL DEALS

PIZZAS, WRAPS & PANINIS
FRESH OPTIONS
EVERY DAY

TAKE HOME A
TAKEAWAY
Collect Before You Go Home

LUNCH MEAL DEAL
Check out what's on
offer today!

WATCH OUT FOR OUR
POP UP
& STREET FOOD
PROMOTIONS

All of Our Deli Range,
Sandwiches, Salads
& Desserts are
**FRESHLY MADE
HERE DAILY**

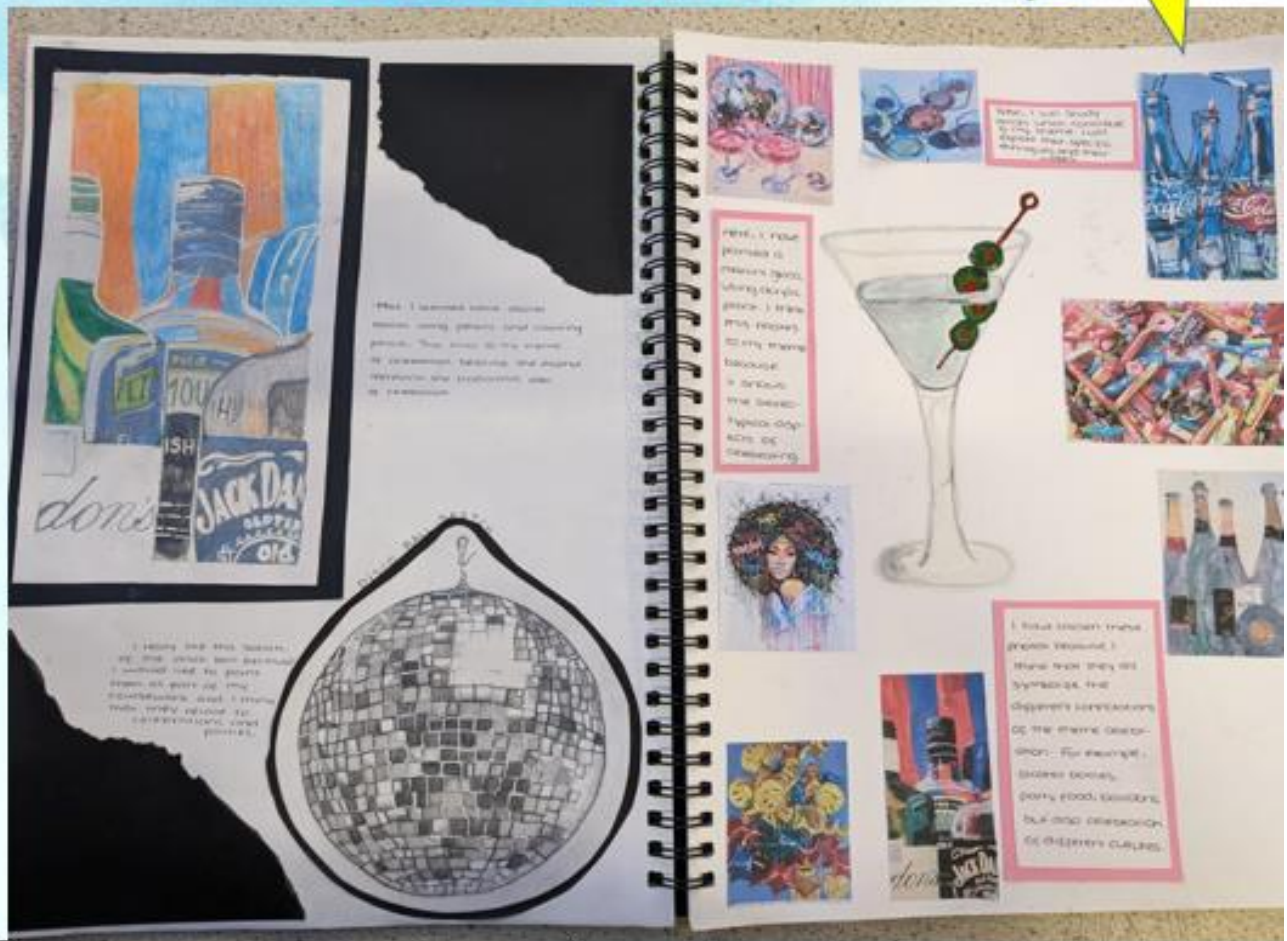
Art & Textiles

with

Mrs Brassett

Star Artist Year 11

Luisa Allen



@becketkeysarttextiles



Felicity

Hart

Yr8



Analeigh Franklin

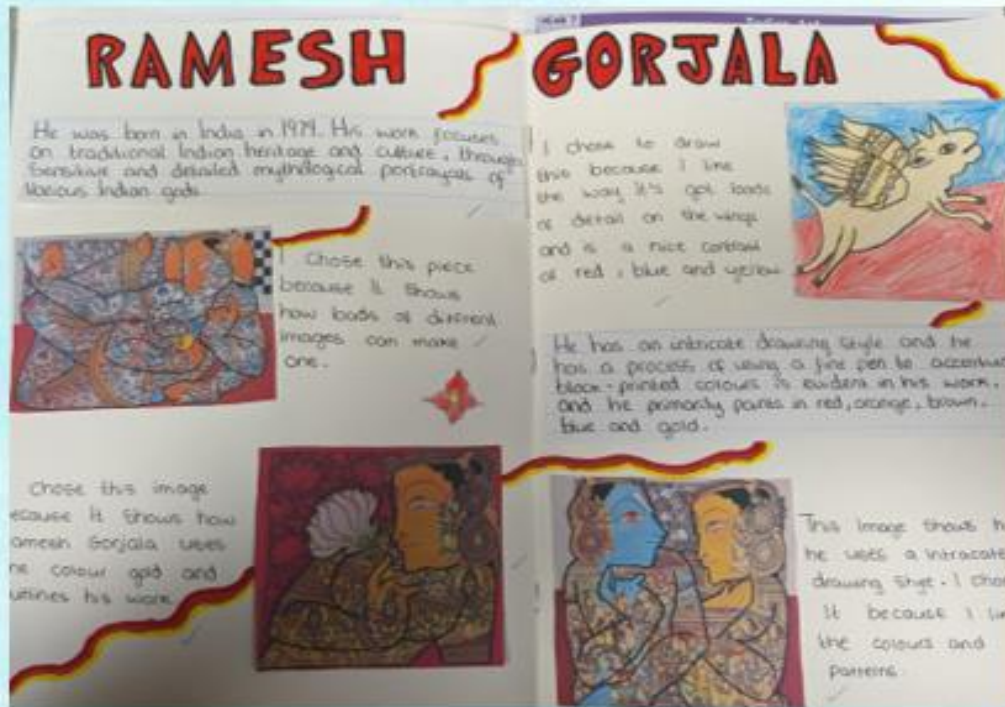
Yr 7



Jaya Sahota

Yr 12





Layla Chiddick Yr 7



**Anne-Kaye
Fullerton
Yr 11**



Sports News

Girls' Football

Year 8

The Year 8 girls had their last round of the Essex Cup before the quarter finals, unfortunately Forrest took the win after a 5-0 scoreline. Despite the loss the girls worked very hard on the pitch and played good football, but we just could not finish. I am so proud that they got this far, and they should feel proud of themselves for all they have achieved. To get this far in the Essex Cup is a huge accomplishment!

Players of the Match:

Betsy Winney & Vienna Hayes

Miss Plunkett
PE Teacher



Boys' Rugby

Year 8

This fixture was a historical event for Becket Keys as it signaled the return of competitive rugby after five years! We travelled to Great Baddow to play in a festival where we were seeded against



Sandon, Ormiston and St John Payne.

The team that entered this competition was a true mixed bag of rugby players, ranging from weekend competitive players to those who were impressive in PE lessons playing for the first time! There are two words that I will use to sum up today: Heart and character.

The first game finished as a 2-0 loss (trys counted as 1). After finding ourselves two down after a few minutes, the second half allowed me to witness the fastest learning I have ever seen. After being thrown in at the deep end we were swimming against the current in the second half and without doubt would have come back had the game been longer.

During the second game we focused on our newfound strengths and got the ball to

James Stevens whose lightning pace and agility allowed him to score two with Harrison Blake scoring a powerful try. We almost threw it with inexperience as the opponents scored two late on in the game, but that heart and character allowed us to see out the win.

In the final game we played a very physical side with a lot of tall boys who would have given our minibus a good scrum! We fell short in this game and injuries set in with captain Louie Newnham taking a particularly sore one.

Harrison B, Ethan, David, Sam, Henry, Franklin, Louie, Rupert, James, Harrison S, Dan, Tate, Jensen, James D, Ollie and Archie. Honestly boys, you truly made the school proud and upheld Becket Keys values.

Mr Lane
PE Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

UCAS DEADLINE

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2024

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CHINESE STUDENTS VISITING

BECKET KEYS

MONDAY 29TH JANUARY – FRIDAY 2ND
FEBRUARY 2024

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PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

YEAR 9

THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2024

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YEAR 8 MANDARIN BFI TRIP

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024

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YEAR 7 CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2024

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YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024
6.00pm MAIN HALL

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LENT HOLIDAY

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 23RD
FEBRUARY 2024

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INSET DAY

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

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EASTER HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH – FRIDAY 12TH APRIL
2024

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