



Becket Keys Church of England School

24th January 2025

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Mr Scott-Evans writes.....

The Power of Forgiveness

At Becket Keys, we teach that forgiveness is a powerful and transformative act that can bring peace and healing to our lives. It is one of our key values. Father Mark, came to speak to Year 7 today about this very thing. He told us that as we navigate through our daily challenges at school and elsewhere, it's important to remember the unending forgiveness that God offers us.

In the words of Psalm 86, we are reminded to rejoice in God's mercy, His readiness to forgive and His unfailing love:

"O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help. Listen closely to my prayer, O Lord; hear my urgent cry." Psalm 86:5-6 (NLT)

These verses remind us that no matter how many times we falter, God's love and forgiveness are always available to us. This assurance can inspire us to extend the same forgiveness to others.

The Lord's Prayer also teaches us about the reciprocal nature of forgiveness:

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

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Students have been reading books from the fantasy genre; see some suggestions for further reading.

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Teaching students (and adults sometimes!) about forgiveness can be challenging, but we know it is a crucial step towards personal growth and spiritual well-being. By forgiving those who have wronged us, we free ourselves from the burden of resentment and open our hearts to healing and reconciliation.

As the Buddha taught "Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned."

Matthew 6:12-15 (ESVUK) reminds us:

"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Forgiveness is a costly, beautiful gift. It is never cheap. Theologian and apologist Amy Orr-Ewing, who acts on behalf of abuse victims around the world, says it this way:

"The abuse does hurt, it does matter, and it was wrong. It matters so much that to forgive it requires something huge: the death of the Son of God."

With the cross still ahead of him, Jesus gave his followers the invitation to forgive. He came with self-sacrificing love and



intention, and gave himself to pay for all that we owe now and all that we will owe in the future. He held nothing back at the cross and stretched out his arms in full forgiveness and love even unto death.

Reflecting on the hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice made for our forgiveness:

"When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride... Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

Forgiveness in School Life

In our school community, forgiveness plays a vital role in maintaining harmony and fostering a supportive environment. Students often face

situations where they need to seek forgiveness or extend it to others. Whether it's a misunderstanding with friends, a disagreement during a lesson, or a something said in the heat of the moment on line, these experiences are opportunities to practise forgiveness.

By forgiving others, we show empathy and understanding, which helps to build stronger relationships. It also teaches us to take responsibility for our actions and to learn from our mistakes. When we seek forgiveness, we demonstrate humility and a willingness to make amends, which are essential qualities for personal growth.

Forgiveness can also alleviate stress and anxiety, allowing students to focus better on their studies and extracurricular activities. It creates a positive atmosphere where everyone feels valued and respected, contributing to a more inclusive and compassionate school environment.

Recent Events and Upcoming Opportunities

As well as speaking in Collective Worship, Father Mark also led our weekly Eucharist today which as ever included a time of repentance. Everyone is welcome every Friday at 1pm to this short service in our chapel.

Furthermore, this Sunday is Education Sunday at St Thomas' Church, and Father Mark will be leading the service. It would be wonderful to see our students and their families there. Students are encouraged to attend in their school uniforms to represent our school community.

As we reflect on these teachings, let's strive to embody the spirit of forgiveness in our daily lives. Whether it's forgiving a friend, a family member, or even ourselves, let's remember that forgiveness is a gift we give not only to others but also to ourselves.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Scott-Evans
Head Teacher



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(With thanks to Lectio 365 for some of the ideas in today's newsletter article)



Manna Meals



FREE COMMUNITY TEATIME TOGETHER, SUNDAY LUNCHES, HOT MEALS & CAKES

Future dates:

Wednesday 8th January at Bishops Hall Community Centre (4pm - 6pm - Tea Time Together)

Wednesday 22nd January at Bishops Hall Community Centre (4pm - 6pm - Tea Time Together)

Wednesday 5th February at Bishops Hall Community Centre (4pm - 6pm - Tea Time Together)

Wednesday 19th February at Bishops Hall Community Centre (4pm - 6pm - Tea Time Together)

Wednesday 5th March at Bishops Hall Community Centre (4pm - 6pm - Tea Time Together)

Wednesday 19th March at Bishops Hall Community Centre (4pm - 6pm - Tea Time Together)

Wednesday 2nd April at Bishops Hall Community Centre (4pm - 6pm - Tea Time Together)

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Performing Arts Department

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AUDITIONS

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

15:10 – 17:30

IN RUNCIE HALL


Becket Keys Production

July 2025

You will be auditioned in:

- 1. Acting**
- 2. Singing**
- 3. Dancing**

You must practise & perform the audition material found on **Satchel One.**



We are also looking for **backstage support:**

- Staging
- Moving equipment
- Lighting
- Sound
- Stage management

You are **required to attend the audition** so
You can be **registered** for the production.

Watch the trailer for this great show here:

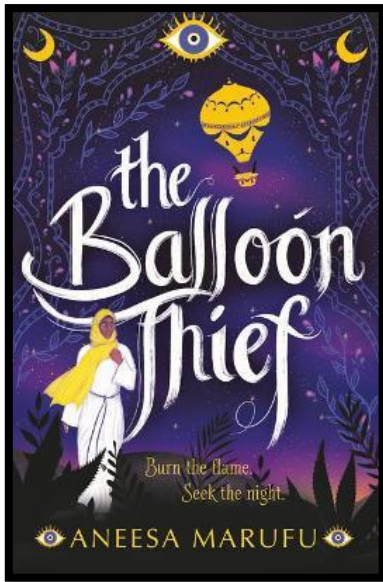


<https://youtu.be/hlijaVOFuwE>



English Department

This month the Year 7s have been reading 'Harry Potter' in form time. This is a fantasy novel that tells the story of a boy going to a school for wizards! If you enjoy this genre, here are some of my recommended reads!



The Balloon Thief Aneesa Marufu

The year's must-read young adult fantasy - ancient djinn, an epic adventure, and one girl's courage to seek her own destiny...

Burn the flame. Seek the night. For Khadija, the only escape from her father's arranged betrothal is the sky. When she spots a rogue hot air balloon fighting against its ropes, she leaps at the chance for adventure.

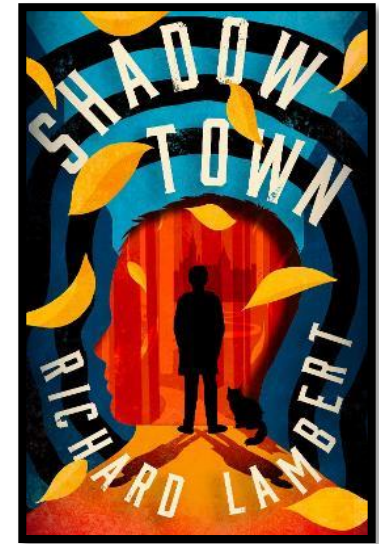
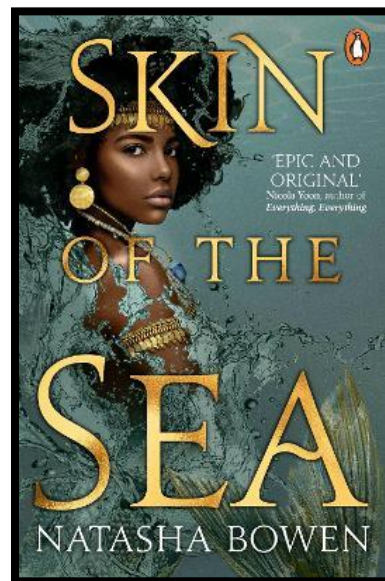
Harry Potter Series:

The Philosopher's Stone
The Chamber of Secrets
The Prisoner of Azkaban
The Goblet of Fire
The Order of the Phoenix
The Half-Blood Prince
The Deathly Hallows

Skin of the Sea Natasha Bowen

This thrilling debut is infused with the history, language and mythology of West Africa. Set in the mid 1400s when the Portuguese first began abducting and then buying West Africans, it pursues an interesting perspective on the terrible human cost of the Slave Trade.

Yemoja has created many Mami Wata, mermaids tasked with escorting the souls of enslaved people thrown into the sea. Simindele, a teenage girl, is one of them, but when she instead saves the life of a boy, she unwittingly puts all the Mami Wata in peril and must seek the forgiveness of the supreme deity.

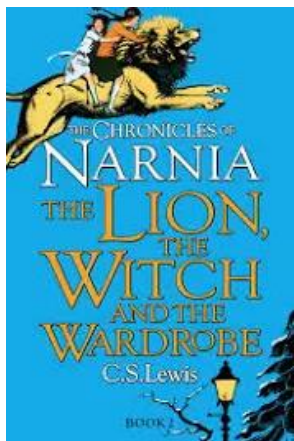


Shadow Town Richard Lambert

Toby, a lonely, unhappy boy from suburban London who finds himself pulled into an alternate world during the upheaval of his parent's impending divorce.

Toby's dad is an unkind grump, embittered by his lot in the world, and consumed by the fantasy novel he's been writing since before Toby was born. Toby's mum is a climate activist. Neither parent really pays him any attention, and his sole friends are their lodger and her cat, Alfred. Toby's miserable lot is shaken up when a shadow appears in his garden and his dreams, and he finds himself transported to a strange land, where elemental forces (blazing fires, floods and earthquakes) are at play in a kingdom ruled by a tyrant.

This month the Year 8s have been reading 'Eragon' in form time. This is a fantasy novel that tells the story of a boy who finds a dragon egg and ends up raising a dragon! If you enjoy this genre, here are some of my recommended reads!



The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe C.S. Lewis

Narnia... the land beyond the wardrobe door, a secret place frozen in eternal winter, a magical country waiting to be set free.

Lucy is the first to find the secret of the wardrobe in the professor's mysterious old house. At first her brothers and sister don't believe her when she tells of her visit to the land of Narnia. But soon Edmund, then Peter and Susan step through the wardrobe themselves. In Narnia they find a country buried under the evil enchantment of the White Witch. When they meet the Lion Aslan, they realize they've been called to a great adventure and bravely join the battle to free Narnia from the Witch's sinister spell.

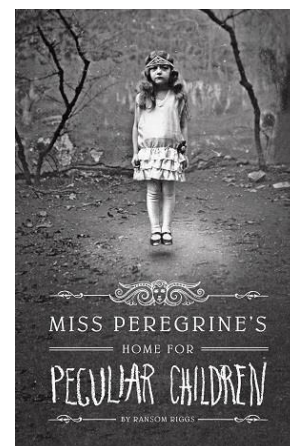
If you enjoyed this then try the next book in the Narnia series:

Prince Caspian: The Return to Narnia

Shatter Me Tahereh Mafi

Juliette hasn't touched anyone in exactly 264 days. The last time she did, it was an accident, but The Reestablishment locked her up for murder. No one knows why Juliette's touch is fatal. As long as she doesn't hurt anyone else, no one really cares. The world is too busy crumbling to pieces to pay attention to a 17-year-old girl. Diseases are destroying the population, food is hard to find, birds don't fly anymore, and the clouds are the wrong colour.

The Reestablishment said their way was the only way to fix things, so they threw Juliette in a cell. Now so many people are dead that the survivors are whispering war—and The Reestablishment has changed its mind. Maybe Juliette is more than a tortured soul stuffed into a poisonous body. Maybe she's exactly what they need right now. Juliette has to make a choice: Be a weapon. Or be a warrior.



Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children Ransom Riggs

A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason. And somehow-impossible though it seems-they may still be alive.

This month the Year 9s have been reading 'The Hobbit' in form time. This is a fantasy novel that tells the story of a hobbit going on a quest with a wizard and a company of dwarves! If you enjoy this genre, here are some of my recommended reads!



Fallen Lauren Kate

The moment Luce looks at Daniel she knows she has never felt like this before. Except she can't shake the feeling that she has . . . and with him - a boy she doesn't remember ever setting eyes on.

Will her attempt to find out why enlighten her - or destroy her?

If you enjoyed The Hobbit then you could try other books by the same author, J. R. R. Tolkien :

The Lord of the Rings

This story was written in three volumes:

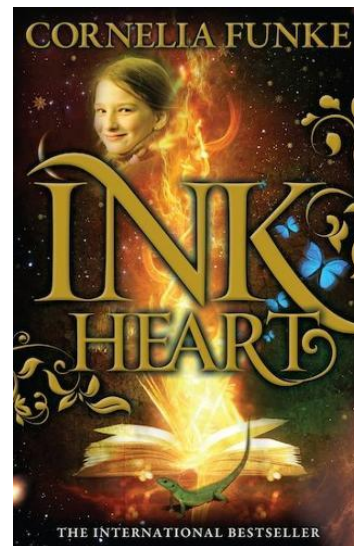
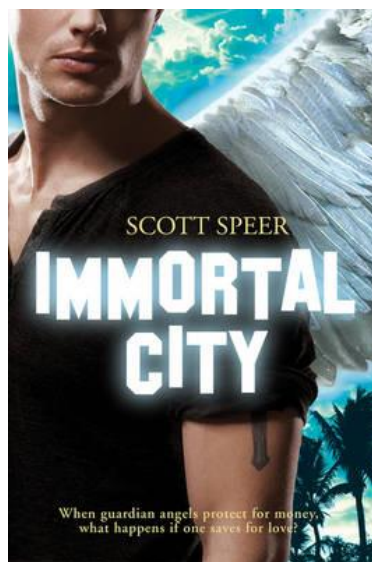
The Fellowship of the Ring

The Two Towers

The Return of the King

Immortal City Scott Speer

What if angels not only walked among us - but were our celebrities? What if they saved people for money? That's the reality in Angel City, where hot young Jackson Godspeed is the angel everyone's dying to date. Everyone except for Madison Montgomery, that is. She's too busy studying and waitressing to pay attention to the gossip blogs. Then Jackson tumbles into the diner where she works, and they forge an instant, unforgettable connection. But as Maddy is reluctantly drawn into Jackson's glamorous world, Jackson fears he's exposing her to more than just the paparazzi. A serial killer is murdering one angel at a time. Not only could Jackson be next - but it seems the killer's got sights set on Maddy...



Ink Heart Cornelia Funke

Meggie loves books. So does her father, Mo, a bookbinder, although he has never read aloud to her since her mother mysteriously disappeared. They live quietly until the night a stranger knocks at their door. He has come with a warning that forces Mo to reveal an extraordinary secret - a storytelling secret that will change their lives forever.

Other books by this author:

Ink Spell

The Thief Lord

Dragon Order

Reckless: The Petrified Flesh

The Colour of Revenge



Becket Keys MUSIC

CHAMBER CONCERT

FRIDAY 31st JANUARY 2025

Some of our Becket Keys musicians will be performing at the next Chamber Concert that takes place in Runcie Hall, Friday 31st January at 6.00pm. This is an informal performance that parents and families can attend.



School UNIFORM SALE

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Saturday 22nd February
Held in the Bistro
11.00am – 12.30pm

Cash would be appreciated.

If you have any uniform you would like to donate, please send it to the Main Reception with your son/daughter. We are particularly looking for aprons, ties, PE shorts, skirts and t-shirts.

Thank you!

SPRING SHOWCASE Open Evening

Wednesday 5th February 2025, 6pm-8.30pm

- ✔ Meet teaching staff
- ✔ Listen to subject presentations
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English Interhouse Competition - Round 2

This year we have launched the English Interhouse Competition. Over the course of this school year, students will have 6 opportunities to earn points for their house in an attempt to be the overall winner of the English Competition. Each term, we will run one round of this competition for Year 7 and 8.

Round 2 was to complete a piece of creative writing based on one of the given song lyrics shown. There were a good number of entries, which made judging very tough but eventually a decision was made.

Year 7

1st Place – Ava Foster (7EW)

2nd Place – Aadya Pramod Jain (7EW)

3rd Place – Melody Shanley (7FS)

The points so far stand at:

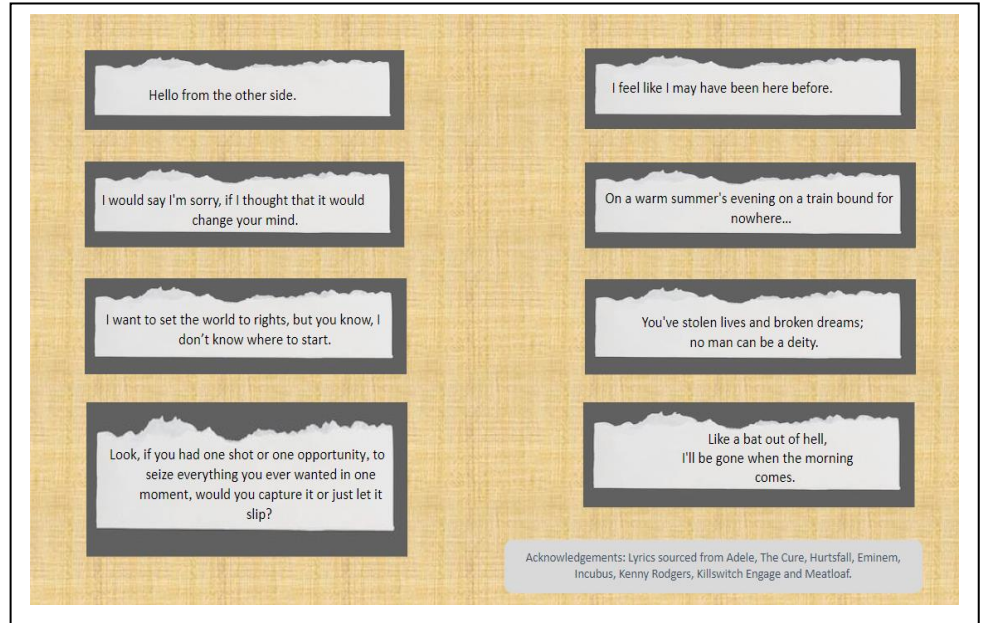
- 7AC - 20
- 7EW – 39
- 7FS - 26
- 7HS - 3
- 7PP - 1
- 7WW – 2

Year 8

1st Place – Anna Benns (8AC)

2nd Place – Sam Collins (8AC)

3rd Place – George Birleson (8AC)



Acknowledgements: Lyrics sourced from Adele, The Cure, Hurtsfall, Eminem, Incubus, Kenny Rodgers, Killswitch Engage and Meatloaf.

Points so far stand at:

- 8AC - 35
- 8EW – 1
- 8FS - 1
- 8HS - 1
- 8PP - 2
- 8WW – 1


Further, this round doubled up as the Inter-trust writing competition, which was open to all year groups. I would like to thank everyone who entered. The writing standard was incredible, and it was clear that students had worked hard on these entries. The results of the Inter-trust competition will be announced later in the year.

Round 3 of our Interhouse competition started Monday 13th January, which is to create a bookmark which shares something about your passion for reading, a particular book or author. You have until Friday 14th

February to get these entries in. Remember you get points just for entering, so every entry really does count. I am looking forward to seeing all of these entries.

Miss White
English Teacher





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Understanding Teenage Anxiety	(CODE: DOL4C47Y24)	27/03/2025

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You can email acfamilylearning@essex.gov.uk, if you cannot find the course/session you are looking for or if you need any further information or have questions Community &

Family Learning Team - Adult Community Learning
Essex County Council



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, especially with the planned road and engineering works so please make sure that you are leaving enough time to get to school.

Parents can call the main school line 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app to report genuine lateness. We thank you for your support.

Mandarin Department



To celebrate Chinese New Year, Becket Keys have an exciting day planned for all Year 7 students.

This has always been a very popular and welcomed event in the past.

What will happen on the day?

Students will be off their regular Friday timetable and will go to six different workshops throughout the day as a tutor group. For example, they could be in a science, film or martial arts workshop. There will be a chance to watch Lion dancing at

lunchtime and there will be a special themed menu available in the Bistro and Orangery (for the usual lunch prices).

Further details with a full timetable for the day will be released soon, in the meantime all Year 7 parents need to log on to Parent Pay and contribute to the cost of this event by **Friday, 31st January 2025**.

Unfortunately, if we do not collect enough money, we will have to cancel the event.





Book of the Month – January 2025



Tove was 12 and Liva 9, when the Germans occupied Norway. They remember everything as if it happened yesterday.

Mose and her daughter Agna are incomers in the village, treated with suspicion. But young Liva, left out of the secrets her sister Tove and brother Hakken share, idolises Agna and follows her everywhere. Unwittingly, they lead the German soldiers to a perfect island. Once a haven for picnics and story-telling under the midnight sun, it is transformed into a grim prisoner of war camp. This is an unlikely place to find buried treasure, but it's there.

There are ways to fight back, especially when Haakon joins the resistance, slipping through shadows to carry out dangerous acts of sabotage. And the girls themselves have their parts to play. Friendships are made and broken, family trust is turned upside down and lives change forever as Tove and Liva recall their childhood experiences of living through WW2 in a story that moves from light to darkness to light again.

Tense, evocative and compelling, this story of wartime resilience is inspired by the author's own family history.

PE Extra Curricular - Term 3



Day	4.1 Lunchtime (11:50-12:30) 4.2 Lunchtime (12:40-1:20)	After-School (3:10-4:30)
Monday	GCSE Intervention	Year 9, 10 + 11 Girl's Football Year 9, 10 + 11 Boys' Football
Tuesday	TUP Badminton + GCSE Intervention	Year 7 Basketball Year 8 Boys' Football Year 8 Girls' Football
Wednesday	Year 7 Netball For All/Invite Only	Year 7 Girls' Football Year 10 + 11 Basketball Club
Thursday	(4.1) Year 8 Basketball (4.2) TUP Basketball	Year 7 Boys' Football
Friday	(4.1) Year 9 Basketball (4.2) TUP Futsal	

Keys:

- Astro
- Sports hall
- Main Hall
- Field
- Playground

New Y8 and Y9 club!



When? Wednesday at 12:15

What? Come practise your language skills and compete against other students!

Who? Open to all Y8 and Y9 students

Where? C33

Mrs. Bolaños & Mrs. Barker



Please 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 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.



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- Come to year 7 social club!
- A place for year sevens to meet new people, play some games, do some crafts and sit and chill!
- Wednesday lunchtimes in Library B!
- You are welcome to bring lunch with you.

YEAR 7 SOCIAL CLUB

SOUP CLUB...YEAR 8




Lunchtime Soup Club is back!

Where: W31

When: Mondays at 11:50 to 12:10

Run by: Mrs Stevenson





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. (You can check out the menu for the next week on the next page).

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

Drawing Club


When? Monday 12pm

Where? C24

What? A relaxed approach to mindful drawing. We will practise some drawing techniques and share our creations








Mandarin Excellence Programme

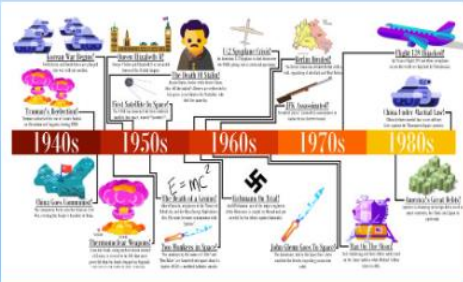


Y7, Y8 and Y9 Mandarin lunch time club
(for Mandarin students only)


Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Every Friday 13:00-13:30	Every Monday 12:10-12:40	Every Wednesday 12:10-12:40
First session will be on 4 th October	First session will be on 30 th September	First session will be on 2 nd October



HISTORY CLUB!

History club is on every Tuesday from 3:15- 4:15 in J13 for all students!



WEEK 1
WEEK COMMENCING
 06/01/2025 27/01/2025 17/02/2025 10/03/2025 31/03/2025
CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS £2.80		VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS £2.80	
<p>MONDAY Lemon & Herb Piri Piri Chicken with Spicy Rice</p> <p>TUESDAY Classic Beef Lasagne, Garden Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Honey Glazed Roast Gammon or Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy</p> <p>THURSDAY Creamy Chicken Korma with Rice</p> <p>FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce</p>	<p>MONDAY Piri Piri Quorn, Macho Peas and Spicy Rice (VE)</p> <p>TUESDAY Vegetable & Mixed Bean Lasagne, Garden Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread (V)</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roasted Squash & Feta Pie, Seasonal Vegetables or Salad (V)</p> <p>THURSDAY Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese, House Salad or Seasonal Vegetable (V)</p> <p>FRIDAY Crispy Onion Pakora Burger with Mango Chutney & Garden Peas (VE)</p>		

DESSERTS Free with the main meal or £1.55 if purchased individually

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Syrup Sponge with Vanilla sauce	Apple Strudel & Custard	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Pear & Cocoa Sponge	Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

Fruit & Yoghurt Pots Available Daily - Price: £1.00

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD
Available Daily

£1.80

JACKET POTATOES
Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

Prices from £2.10

MONDAY
Buffalo Cauliflower Wings on Salt & Pepper Wedges (VE)

TUESDAY
Chicken Yakitori with Rice

WEDNESDAY
Loaded Potato Skins

THURSDAY
Garlic & Lemon Chicken Gyros

FRIDAY

Prices between £2.65/£3.00

NATURally Hot Bowls Prices £2.65

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pakistani Tarka Dhal (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

Pizza from £1.55, Pasta 16oz £2.50

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Pasta in a Cheese Sauce	Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni, Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Margherita Pizza

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.



The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is 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 would like to join us for the Eucharist, then please come to reception on Fridays just before 1.00pm.

If you have any prayer intentions, please send them into the school via the office email:

office@becketkeys.org

Options

A Message for Year 9 Parents

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

Thursday 13th 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.

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

The Brentwood foodbank is part of [The Trussell Trust](#)'s network of 428 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in the local community, as well as across the UK.

The Foodbank Network was founded in 2004 in Salisbury, since then [The Trussell Trust](#) has helped communities work together to launch foodbanks nationwide in a wide range of towns and cities.

In 2023/24, food banks in the Trussell Trust's network provided 3,121,404 three-day emergency food supplies and support to UK people in crisis. Of these, 1,144,096 were distributed for children.

You can make a donation at Sainsburys, Tesco Express in Brentwood High Street, St Thomas of Canterbury Church or St Stephen's Church.



**January 2025
Shortages**



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**to donate to our
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Dresses | Suits | Shoes | Accessories
All sizes and styles welcome!

Prom season is nearly upon us! And for most students, the whole prom experience is exciting. But for some students, prom isn't an exciting time, as the cost of buying an outfit is something their family cannot meet.

The Baytree Shopping Centre in Brentwood is looking to help those who find the cost is beyond their budget. The Pop-up Prom Shop will be open at the centre in March.

Please drop your donations to:

The Security Office at The Baytree Shopping Centre, Brentwood, CM14 4BX
(at the back of the centre by multi-storey lifts).

Key Lime PR & Marketing, Billericay, CM12 9AB
(Billericay High Street, Audit House between the library and police station).

We will happily collect bundles of items donated to your school
please email zest@key-lime.co.uk to arrange.

If you know someone may benefit from a free prom outfit and would like to book an appointment for the prom shop up, please ask them to email: zest@key-lime.co.uk

For any further information: 01277 600320

Thank you in advance from all the families who will benefit from your generous donations.



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Homework Club is available for all students.

Every afternoon after school students can stay for a supervised session 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.

Full details of all extra-curricular clubs are available on the school website here:
<https://www.becketkeys.org/extra-curricular>.



Speakers for Schools were founded in 2010 by ITV's Political Editor, Robert Peston, their aim is to end educational inequality by giving all young people access to the same prestigious networks available to the top fee-paying schools in the UK. There are many talks from today's influential figures via the Inspiration programme, noted below are a few that are available week commencing 20th January are listed below and are all free of charge. There is also a library with hundreds of recorded sessions available. For a full list of the talks available, information about work experience and details of the National Teen Book Club go to [Speakers for Schools: Leading Social Mobility Charity](#)

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Tuesday 28 th January 2025	Industry Spotlight – Sport Give the Sports Industry a 'Try' with the Rugby Players Association Register here	Join this talk with the Rugby Players Association who will take you behind the scenes of the sports industry. Discover the wide range of roles that make the magic happen—from player management and coaching to media, events, and business operations. Your passion could become a dream job in sports, let's kickstart your future!
Monday 10 th February 2025	IntoTech: Lights, Camera, Innovation - The Future of Film and Tech Register here	Some of the team from Edit123, a television post production facility based in central Glasgow that help with quality control and delivery for film and television to major UK broadcasters and internationally & Framestore, a multi Academy Award-winning creative studio that combines talent and technology in film, content, advertising. They will discuss the intertwining of Film and Tech and discover how ever evolving tech is influencing film - you don't want to miss this!
Wednesday 12 th February 2025	National Apprenticeship Week: Discovering Legal Apprenticeships with DWF Register here	Are you interested in pursuing a career in the legal sector? Join in during National Apprenticeship Week, for an engaging and informative webinar where you will delve into the world of legal apprenticeships. The session will be delivered by DWF's Apprenticeship Programme Manager, Ben Winstanley. Take the first step towards a rewarding future in law!

INVESTIN THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE

Reality Check: What nobody tells you about working in top careers

A free student & parent event series

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Highly-paid, demanding and competitive fields like medicine, law, banking, engineering and entrepreneurship continue to be highly popular amongst school students today. But how much do you really know about what it's like to work in these fields? Join our network of professionals as we unpick the reality of working in top industries today, where we'll be demystifying salary expectations, job security, work culture and how to stand out from the competition.

STUDENT WEBINARS 6-7PM (UK TIME) If you are unable to attend live please still register to receive the recording of the event and follow up resources.

What it's really like to work in **FINANCE**

10TH FEBRUARY

What it's really like to work in **MEDICINE**

10TH FEBRUARY

What it's really like to work in **ENGINEERING**

11TH FEBRUARY

What it's really like to work in **LAW**

11TH FEBRUARY

What it's really like to start your own **BUSINESS**

12TH FEBRUARY

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7-8PM (UK TIME)
SALARY, STATUS AND STABILITY
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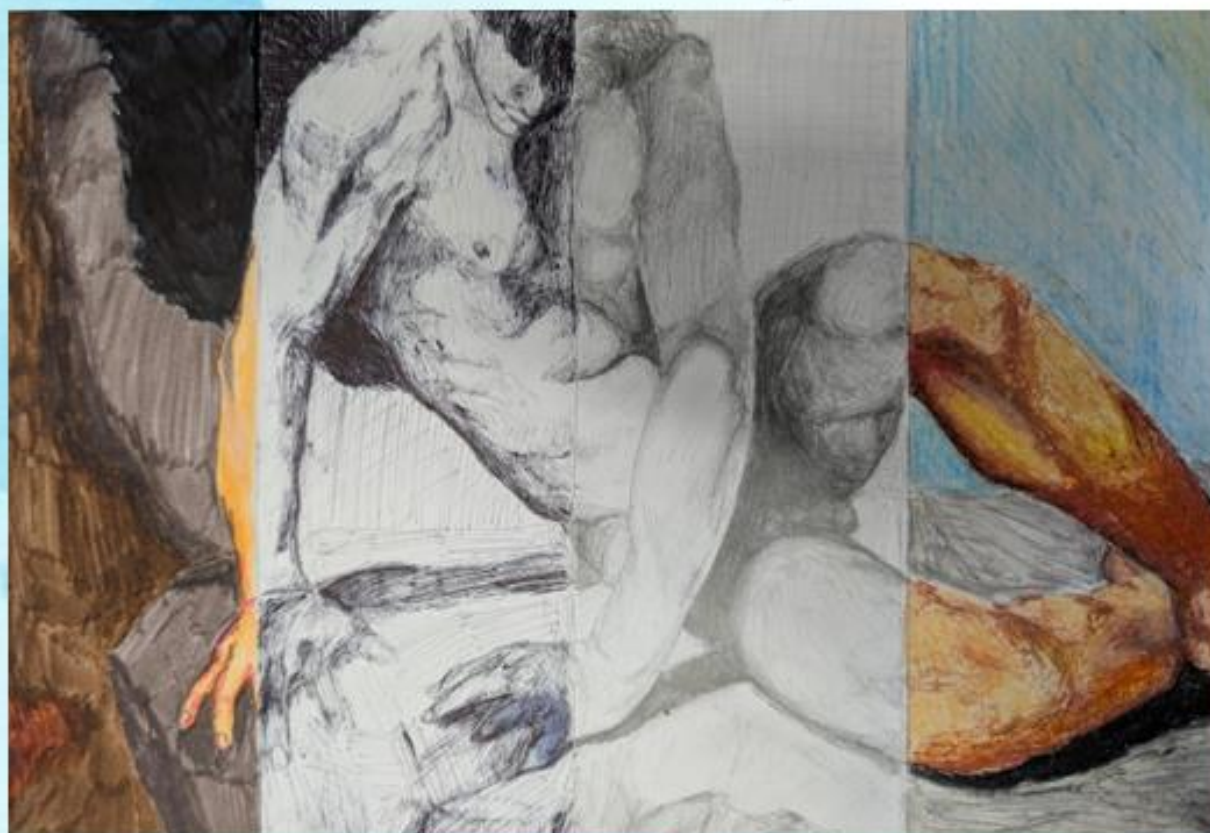
Art & Textiles

Here are all the fantastic pieces from this week with

Mrs Brassett.



Star Artist for Art Mark Umthumpha Yr 11



[@becketkeysarttextiles](https://www.instagram.com/becketkeysarttextiles)

Year 11 are progressing towards the end of their course and producing their best work yet. Here is a wonderful piece by Mark. Amazing!



Art Club Year 7

Year 7 Art Club students have been creating some 3D Lizards from papier mache and Modroc. The bases are prepared and will be ready to paint next week!

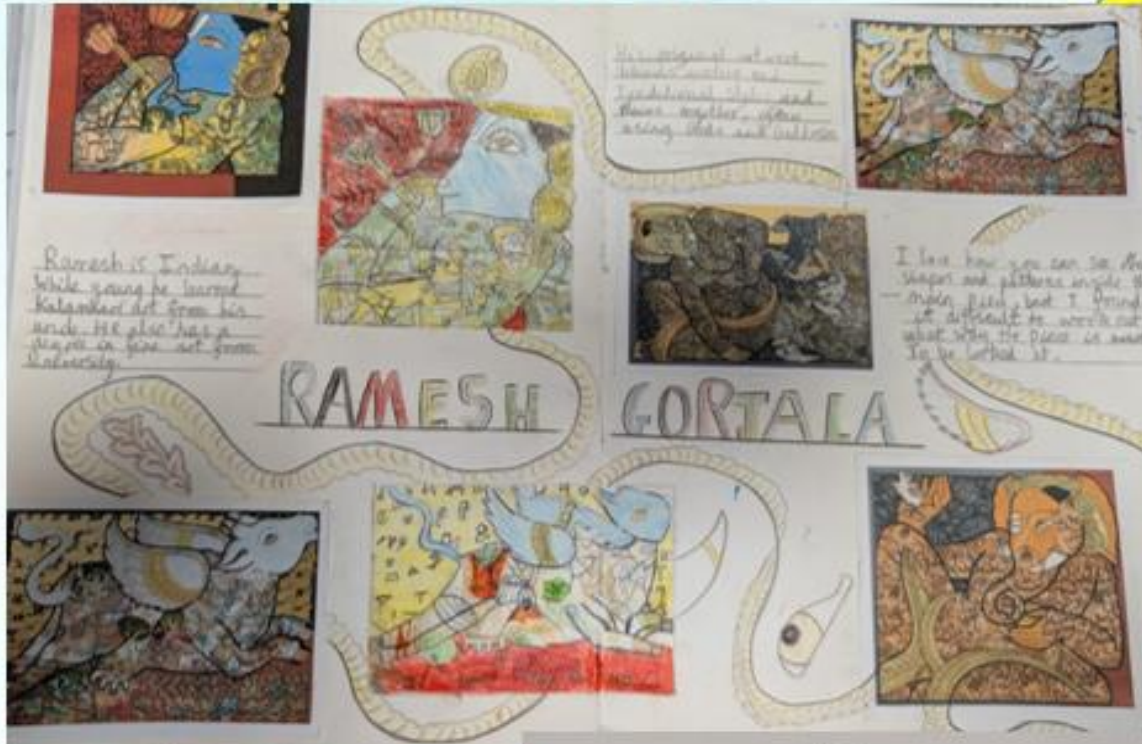


Rosie Newman

Yr 8



Seren Dade Yr 7



Milo Waters

Yr 11





It is important to spend time outdoors in nature and to be active. Spending time in nature has been found to assist with anxiety and depression and there are also links between nature and relaxation and being outside gives our bodies much needed vitamin D from sunlight. Being active is good for both your mind and body and every minute of activity counts; the more you do the more you will benefit. Exercise can improve your sleep, clear your mind, boost your energy and help with back or joint pain.

In order to combine nature and exercise why not join the Parkrun? Parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Parkrun is 5k and takes place every Saturday morning. Junior Parkrun is 2k, dedicated to 4-14 year olds, and their families, every Sunday morning.

Parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit and no one finishes last! Everyone is welcome to come along.

YEAR 9 BOYS OPEN TRAINING SESSION AT OLD BRENTWOODS RFC


**SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 9:30AM – 11:15AM
ALL LEVELS OF ABILITY WELCOME**

Come along to the open training session at Old Brentwoods RFC. Taking place on rugby pitch one, located by the main stand.

- Weekly training sessions & matches
- Elite level coaching in all youth age groups
- Pathway to adult 1st XV rugby
- Age grade rugby for boys and girls in Y1 to Y13
- No match fees
- Welcoming & friendly club
- Exceptional facilities
- Club physio's
- Access to international tickets
- Active social calendar

We welcome players of all abilities, those who are playing rugby at school and want to join a club, those who fancy trying rugby for the first time, or those looking for a new club.

For more information contact Tom or Dan at obrfcu14s@gmail.com however, feel free to just turn up on the day.

 **Old Brentwoods RFC**

Old Brentwoods RFC, Aswells Road, Brentwood, CM15 9SE

Parkrun is free and you only need to register once whether walking, jogging, running, volunteering or a combination.

There are currently 1,163 parkrun events around the country taking place every weekend, with more

locations being added all the time.

You can go along to any event, any weekend. Find out more here:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING
THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2025

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YEAR 7 MANDARIN DAY CELEBRATION
FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025

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SCHOOL PRODUCTION AUDITIONS
FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025
AFTER SCHOOL 3.10PM – 5.30PM

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YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING
THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2025

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YEAR 10 SEVILLE TRIP
THURSDAY 13TH- 17TH FEBRUARY 2025

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LENT HOLIDAY
MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 21
FEBRUARY 2025

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YEAR 7 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING
THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2025

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YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS
THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 7TH
MARCH 2025

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