



Becket Keys Church of England School

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Mr Scott-Evans writes.....

Reflections on Andrew Hampton's Inspiring Talk: "Working with Boys"

Last night, Becket Keys was privileged to host Andrew Hampton, author of "Working with Boys," for an enlightening and engaging talk aimed at parents and teachers. With over 100 parents in attendance, the event was a resounding success, leaving everyone with valuable insights and practical advice on fostering positive masculinity among our teenage boys.

Andrew Hampton's presentation was both thought-provoking and heartwarming. He began by highlighting the unique qualities that boys bring to their families and communities. From their

boundless energy and bravery to their loyalty and sense of humour, boys possess a range of admirable traits that, when nurtured correctly, can lead to the development of strong, positive male identities.

One of the key messages from Andrew's talk was the importance of understanding what boys truly want. He emphasised that boys seek social connection, respect from their peers, and the opportunity to be good at something. They also desire to be seen as worthy and to have a sense of autonomy. By recognising and supporting these needs, parents can help their sons thrive.

Andrew provided practical advice on how parents can meet these

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Church of England School

Parent Workshop

Special event welcoming author of 'Working with Boys' Andrew Hampton.

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Becket Keys Catering

More information about the food and events coming soon.

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Art & Textiles

A showcase of excellent work from our talented students.

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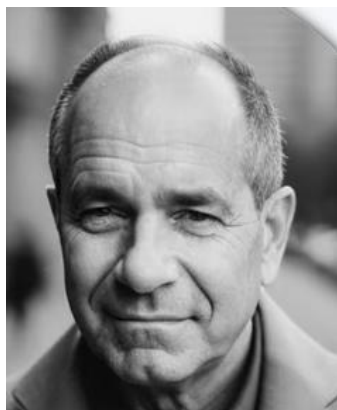
Sports News

Excellent results from the recent fixtures for the school teams.

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needs more effectively. He stressed the importance of being non-judgmental and accepting boys as they are. He also highlighted the need for parents to be protective and supportive, while also encouraging their sons to take risks and embrace their sense of adventure. By negotiating online time and respecting their sons' need for social connection, parents can help their boys balance their digital lives with real-world interactions.



To foster meaningful conversations at home, Andrew suggested parents prompt their sons with questions that are relevant to them, such as:

- "Tell me about your friends – how are they doing?"
- "What was the best thing that happened to you today? Was it a) something to do with a teacher, b) something a mate did or said, or c) something else?"

- "Apart from lunch and coming home, which are the parts of the day you most look forward to?"
- "If each of your teachers was an animal, what would they be?"

He also advised parents to avoid lecturing, humiliating through teasing, and judging. Instead, parents should listen actively and validate their sons' experiences with affirmations like, "That sounds really tough for you." Asking permission before offering advice is crucial, as it shows respect for their autonomy.

YOU ARE *Kind*
 YOU ARE *Strong*
 YOU ARE *Smart*
 YOU ARE *Brave*
 YOU ARE *Special*
 YOU ARE *Loved*

Andrew emphasised the importance of affirmations and showing love in various ways, including words of affirmation, physical touch, gifts, quality time, and acts of service. He reminded parents that their children want them to be close but also respectful of their space, to acknowledge their experimental

identities, and to guide them without becoming over-involved.

The talk also delved into the dynamics of boys' friendships. Andrew explained that boys often form larger, less clearly defined groups and tend to resolve conflicts quickly without seeking adult intervention. Understanding these dynamics can help parents and teachers support boys in navigating their social worlds more effectively.

One of the most impactful parts of the evening was Andrew's discussion on the qualities that make boys truly remarkable. He spoke about their sincerity, loyalty, and ability to find humour in almost anything. He also touched on their focus and retentive memory when it comes to their passions, whether it's football, online games, or other interests. By recognising and celebrating these qualities, we can help boys feel valued and understood.

In conclusion, Andrew Hampton's talk was a powerful reminder of the importance of creating a supportive and nurturing environment for our boys. By understanding their unique needs and qualities, we can help them grow into confident, compassionate, and resilient young men. We are grateful to Andrew for sharing his wisdom and look forward to implementing his advice in our school community.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and contributed to the success of this event. Together, we can continue to build a culture of positive masculinity at Becket Keys.

Parents gave unanimously positive feedback to this event and the following are a few comments we received:

Thank you for a thought-provoking talk and a chance to reflect on my relationship with my son.

Extremely relatable talk – he was great! It was encouraging to hear the experiences I have shared by Andrew and other parents.

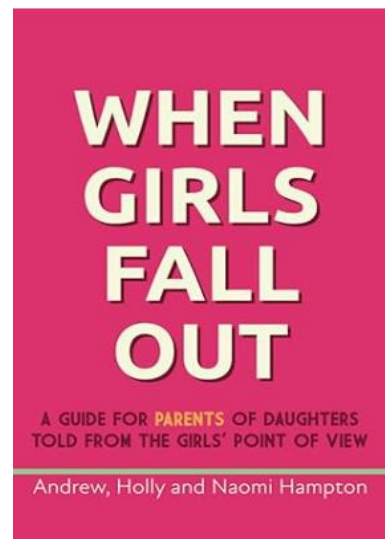
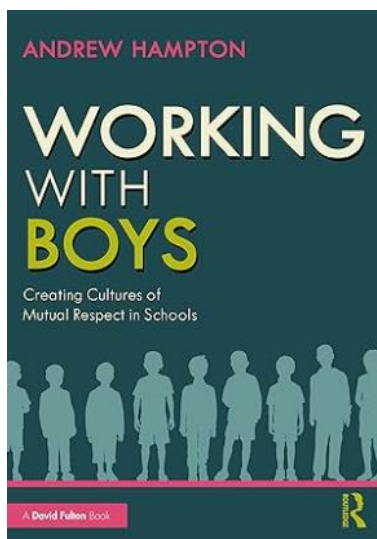
Please can Andrew come again to talk about girls? Easy conversation style of the presenter was easy to follow with great knowledge and insight.

Wish it was longer. So much to get through – there was not enough time, but great to get a flavour of what the books can share.

Really clear practical advice and 'spot on' observations!

I will be looking to bring Andrew back in the future and am seeking other guest speakers to give similar talks. Thank you to all the parents who came last night. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

**Mr Scott-Evans
Head Teacher**







FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS IN BRENTWOOD!

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Book a space using your emailed HolidayActivities voucher code or contact one of our clubs to check dates and times and book a space!

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Late Gate

*Early is on time
On time is late
And late is unacceptable!*

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.



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>.

Charity Update - I Got Shoes

A Message from 'I Got Shoes'

One of our P7 students, who just passed her PLE exams with a Second Division, had to leave her family and school and was sent to work as a maid in the neighbouring town. Not only this, we learned any small earnings would also be returned to the guardian looking after her, it would not even be for her to keep.

I thought to myself, "Lord, she is only 15." I have five granddaughters and could not imagine this being their destiny. Surely, this young girl must have some say in her future?

Later that week, we met with the headteacher of our local secondary school. As we shared the situation, disbelief washed over us all. We wondered, what we could do to help. While we felt compassion, caution also crept in. Our friend suggested, "Even though it feels pretty set, let's pray the guardian's heart will be moved." Typically, a guardian will have the final say. Again, the hard truth hitting us is that their culture dictates gender roles and rights. So, we prayed.

We asked our **I GOT SHOES** team in Uganda to begin liaising with the family and offered a scholarship for her to study and help with any extra needs. *To our*



ecstatic joy, he agreed. She is now in secondary education learning academic, vocational, and spiritual truths to build a strong foundation for her life.

Luke 1: 79 ... Jesus came,
"To shine on those living in
darkness and in the shadow
of death, to guide our feet
into the path of peace."

*To pray ... for His light to
shine in darkness.*

*To believe ... when it seems
impossible.*

*To act ... not deferring to
caution, but taking action.*

This beloved girl's story is being rewritten thanks to your generosity, prayers, and our

team's diligent action on the ground! By the way, the young girl's name? Hope.

Thank you all for your recent donation from the non-uniform day it is your generosity that helps us to change lives together.

With love & gratitude –
Penny & Gary x

**I GOT
SHOES** 



**Eid
Al-Fitr**

Dal Pakora with Sweet Chilli Sauce
 Chicken Tikka Wings with Crispy Garlic
 Asian Slaw Salad, Vegetable Samosa &
 Mint Yogurt Dressing

Vegan Keema Curry
 Or
 Chicken Tikka Masala
 Both Served with Onion Coriander Salad
 & Pilau Rice

Gulab Jamun with Cinnamon Syrup
 Eid Cookies
 Nankhatai Shortbread

**THE FESTIVAL OF
BREAKING THE FAST**
 TRY SOME TRADITIONAL CELEBRATORY DISHES AND SNACKS



**COMING
SOON!**

**EASTER
EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

**ENJOY
SOME
CRACKING
TREATS
FROM THE
31st March!**

**IT'S HOT CROSS FUN
WITH OUR EASTER BUNS**
 TREAT YOURSELF BEFORE YOU HIT THE HOLIDAYS!



FOOD ALLERGENS

LET US KNOW OF ANY CHANGES

- Please make sure the school has the latest information regarding any food allergies you son or daughter has
- We use this information for lots of things – including school trips and at the tills
- Please email the school if anything has changed, or to check the information we hold office@becketkeys.org





School Uniform

It is important to all of us that every one of the students who attend Becket Keys looks smart in their uniform at all times. All students are required to wear shoes and not trainers.

Girls in Year 7-9, should have their hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up/ half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please. If boys have long hair, they too need to have it tied up.



We know that the weather is changeable at the moment, but 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. Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.

On Thursday 3rd April, 9WW will be running a tuck shop at lunch time (early lunch) selling some delicious treats!

Please bring some change with you. Prices will range from 50p - £2.50. change will be limited

COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUTH RUGBY LEAGUE

AGE GROUPS
BEGINNERS WELCOME: just turn up and have fun!
 U7s - Year 1 & 2 (mixed gender)
 U9s - Year 3 & 4 (mixed gender)
 U11s - Year 5 & 6 (mixed gender)
 U12s - Year 7

JOIN OUR YOUTH TEAMS ON THE SAME DAY!
 U14s - Year 8 & 9
 U16s - Year 10 & 11 (10am - 12pm)

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In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry... Star of the week

Y11

Phoebe Bright



Key stage 3

Eden Withers Y9

David-Divine Foghere Y7



Key stage 4



Jose Alfredo Y10

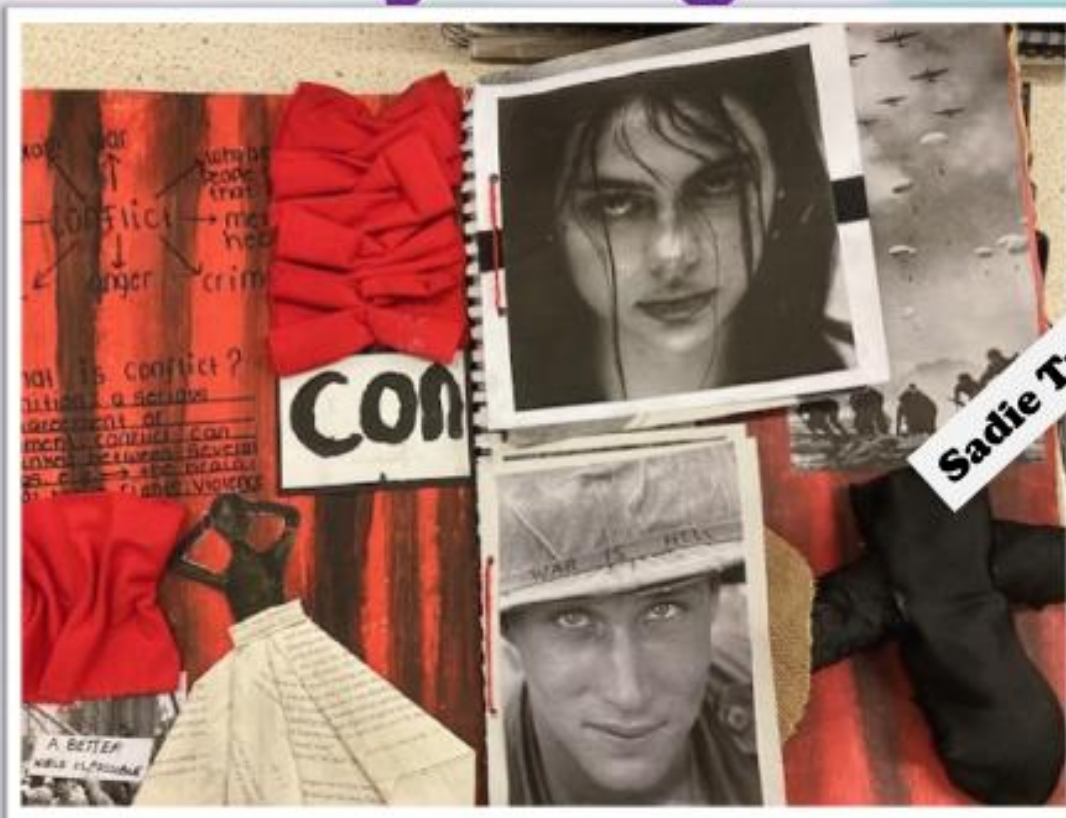


Lilly Penfold Y10



Jose Alfredo & Laila Franklin Y11

Key stage 4



Sadie Turrell Y11



Phoebe Bright Y11

Sports News!

Miss Plunkett’s Powerhouse Team Back in Action! 🏆 🏃‍♀️

The girls’ football team delivered a commanding performance, securing a resounding 13-1 win today in the last 32 of the National Cup. From the first whistle, they asserted dominance, showcasing their attacking prowess and defensive strength. It didn’t take long as the Constantinou sisters used their skills to create the first goal as Ama crosses it in for Gabbie to finish.

The team wasted no time in making their mark, scoring an impressive seven goals in the first half. Edee getting an outstanding hat trick. Their fluid passing and clinical finishing left the opposition struggling to keep up. The attacking players combined brilliantly, breaking through the defence with ease. Anna ran rings around the middle and played great through balls for Edee to run onto. They then reversed their duo magic and Edee assisted Anna in a clinical shot that the keeper could not stop.

Second Half: Continued Brilliance

Despite the comfortable lead, the team maintained their intensity in the second half, adding six more goals to their tally. Adding Immy to the hat trick club and Edee getting a double. Their relentless pressure and sharp finishing



ensured that the opposition had no chance of stopping.

This emphatic 13-1 win highlights the team’s skill, teamwork, and determination. It was a dominant display from start to finish, setting a high standard for the next round 🏆

We are so excited we are through to the last 16 of this competition, well done girls 😊

Player of the Match: Ama C

Coaches Player of the Match:
Edee E

Goals:

- Gabbie 🏆
- Ama 🏆
- Edee 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆
- Anna 🏆
- Immy 🏆 🏆 🏆
- Charlotte 🏆

Girls’ Netball Year 8

What a game! Our girls put on an incredible performance in what was undoubtedly our most competitive match of the season. Right from the first whistle, both teams battled hard, and the score remained neck and neck throughout.

The first quarter saw a strong start from both sides, with Shenfield just edging ahead 7-4. Our team responded brilliantly in the second quarter, narrowing the gap, but Shenfield held their lead at halftime, 13-8.

Going into the third quarter, the intensity ramped up, and our girls showed fantastic determination, matching Shenfield goal for goal. By the final quarter, the game was still within reach, with both

teams pushing to the limit and Bella scoring even more to close the gap. The final score ended 22-19, a narrow three-goal loss, but an outstanding effort from every single player.

This was the closest match we've played all season, and the girls should be incredibly proud of their performance. Their teamwork, resilience, and skill were on full display, making this a game to remember. 🏐💪

Player of the Match: Bella M ✨

Girls' Football U16

The U16s put in an outstanding performance to secure a well-deserved 3-1 victory over Plume, despite challenging circumstances. With only 11 players available, the team showed incredible determination, adapting to unfamiliar positions and working tirelessly throughout the match.

The game started with a strong attacking display, and it wasn't long before the breakthrough came. Betsy running through the midfield with a timely pass to Grace who placed it in the net.

In the second half, their hard work paid off as Lily found the net, putting the team back in the lead. The defensive unit stayed solid under pressure, and a brilliant team goal sealed the victory, with Abi making it 3-1.

Special recognition goes to Oprah and Maddie, who were named



Players of the Match for their exceptional performances. Both players demonstrated great skill, resilience, and leadership, playing a crucial role in securing the win.

Well done girls 💪

Miss Plunkett
PE Teacher

Year 7 Girls' Futsal by Isabel Shipperlee

The Year 7 girls Futsal team played in a tournament against a number of other schools from the surrounding area. Ormiston, Sandon and St Martin's. The team played really well throughout the fast paced games, scoring goals and setting up lots of chances. The team had an excellent defence strategy which meant that only three goals were conceded in the whole tournament. The final game against St Martins was 2-1 to Becket Keys, this meant that we secured the title of **Messa Champions!!**

Huge thanks to Ms Schafer for being great coach and well done to the whole team!

Team

Edee Eldred

Isabel Shipperlee

Charlotte Snow

Melody Shanley

Dolcie Roberts

Gabriella Constantinou



Book of the Month - March



Set during the American segregation era, this is a spellbinding story of struggle and determination.

Twelve-year old Charley is set on becoming the first female pitcher to play professional baseball, even if that's a lofty dream for a Black girl in the American South in the 1920s. Even so, her grandfather Kofi's thrilling stories about courageous ancestors and epic journeys make it impossible not to dream big. She knows he has so much more to tell, but according to her parents, she isn't old enough to know about certain things, like what happened to Booker Preston that one night in Great Bridge, and why she can never play on the brand-new baseball field on the other side of town. When Charley challenges a neighbourhood bully to a game at the church picnic, she knows she can win. Then a dispute on the field leads to Charley making a fateful decision, one that will bring consequences she never could have imagined.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LAST DAY OF TERM

STUDENT HALF DAY 12.40pm FINISH

NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

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EASTER HOLIDAY

MONDAY 7TH APRIL – FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025

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EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY 21ST APRIL 2025

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

TUESDAY 22ND APRIL 2025

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