



Becket Keys Church of England School

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Mr Sedgley

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Ralph Waldo-Emerson

A colleague here used the quote above to introduce her thoughts and memories of Mr Sedgley. It is very appropriate. He did not tread the usual path, but he was prepared to change direction and do something new. A lesson for all of us.

Before Mr Sedgley became a teacher, he was a very successful banker in the city. He decided a couple of years ago to leave that world to come into teaching. He took a training opportunity through 'Now Teach' and learned his craft in challenging schools in London. After training, he decided that it would suit him better to work closer to home and he

applied for a role at Becket Keys Church of England School. Mr Sedgley was in his 'newly qualified teacher' year with us.

It was clear that he loved his work, and he was quickly becoming a very capable and competent teacher. He took great joy in helping the students in the school and inspiring them in the subject he loved. Through lockdown no other teacher had received as much positive feedback as Mr Sedgley. He was working incredibly hard to support students in their home learning activities.

Mr Sedgley never made a big deal of the fact that he had enjoyed a very successful career in London before coming into teaching. He was at Becket Keys to learn as well as to teach and he communicated with me directly about his ideas and thoughts about teaching and was keen to hear my responses.

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He was humble, gentle and a deeply caring teacher. He will be greatly missed.

Today, the chapel was open for staff and students to come and reflect on his life. We lit candles, wrote our memories and thoughts, and said prayers. It was a special time and a fitting way to support students, many of whom have endured their first experience of grief with Mr Sedgley's passing.

We were pleased that Mrs Sedgley and Mr Sedgley's two sons were able to join us in the afternoon. I know that they will take a lot of comfort from the Book of Condolence once it is complete. If you would like to contribute to it, please email: bookofcondolence@becketkeys.org by the end of Wednesday 8th July.

We continue to pray for the Sedgley family in their grief and remember Mr Sedgley with great fondness as a man who was prepared to walk a different path and leave a trail. His trail at Becket Keys will live on for many years to come.

We have set up on JustGiving a collection that we are having in his memory. We would like to purchase a tree, a bench and create an annual 'Mr Sedgley's Mathematics Prize'. We would also like to present a floral tribute at his funeral and give some money to a charity of the family's choosing. If you feel able to contribute to this, please go on-line here:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/MrSedgley

**Mr Scott-Evans
Head Teacher**

Mr Hogg's Year 8 class were asked to write a poem based on 'Eavesdropping' by Jackie Wills – listening to all the sounds they can hear in their house as they work. This was a particularly brilliant submission from Alfie.

Drowning in Noise

I'm drowning in the noise again

Life has sprung back to normal,

I had almost forgotten normal, as

the new silence around me became familiar.

The sweetest sounds I have grown to love have disappeared,

instead being replaced by thunderous booms.

The distant sound of car rumbling on the motorway.

Police sirens rushing to tend an emergency, deliberate with purpose.

The once clear blue skies now commanded by purring aircraft.

Trains on the tracks carrying passengers that consume the chorus of the morning bird

Song.

The fresh morning air making the back door creak,

Mum swishing her hair from her face.

My brother's phone rings, muffled chatting fills the landing.

The paintbrush licks the wall creating a slap with each stroke.

The clock, the unbroken ticking, a constant reminder that the minutes, hours and days

don't stop.

I long to turn it back to the silent earth we were gifted with for a while.

Alfred Driscoll 8HS

Headteacher's Notices



Government Announcements

The government released their guidance on wider schools' re-opening from September yesterday. As you can imagine, the guidance is lengthy and complex. The government has made clear that they are expecting all schools to re-open to all students from September, to provide a full curriculum to students. Attendance will again be mandatory. Under the guidance, schools are required to consider how they can best keep staff and students safe whilst running a full timetable. The guidance covers the safety measures that schools might implement and ways in which they might adapt learning in the new academic year to support students. As you would expect, my leadership team is now digesting this guidance carefully and considering how we can best implement it at Becket Keys Church of England School. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our students back onto site. I will include updates on our plans in later

letters this term and I expect that there will need to be some further communication across the summer break to ensure you have all the information you need for the new academic year.

You may also be aware that the government has announced some additional funding for schools to help meet students' academic needs as they return to school in September. We have not yet received any details of how and when this funding will be allocated to schools. Please rest assured that we will carefully consider the allocation of any funding we are given to ensure that best use is made of it to support students' learning in the aftermath of this very disrupted academic year.

Our remote learning and end of year diagnostic assessments

A reminder that students are currently being set diagnostic assignments and quizzes that will help us identify each student's strengths and areas for development to aid our planning for next year. These diagnostic activities are being set in the usual way we set work on Satchel One some will require students to log on to the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). We have been very pleased with the students' responses to these. We really do not want students to worry about these activities. They should enter into them with the

same excellent spirit that they have all of their remote learning activities.

We will provide parents and carers with student engagement reports in the last week of term. We are very aware of the limitations of these reports, but they are intended to give you some helpful information to supplement and summarise all that is on Show My Homework for you already. You will see something about the quantity and quality of work that your child is submitting to teachers, a percentage mark for the end of year assessment and in the case of older students (Y10 and Y12) some indication of our current view of trajectory towards exam targets.

Year 6/7 Year 11/12 Transition

Families have been updated regularly with letters and videos about transition arrangements. We are heavily oversubscribed for Year 7 again this year with over 750 applications! There are still 168 families on the waiting list. We could fill the school twice over. Please pray for the students who are coming here in September, I am sure there are many nerves about it.

With Sixth Form, the majority of our students are our own Year 11s and they should feel particularly confident in the process as they have a guaranteed place in our

school (as long as they reach the entry grades). External students have all been sent offer packs now and are responding in excellent numbers. We sent 280 offers out this year which is again an increase on previous years and in line with our projections.

Lifting of Lockdown

From Saturday 4th July the social distancing rules will be relaxed to 1metre plus. This means that we should try to stick to 2m distance, but where we cannot, we should have other mitigation like PPE or handwashing or sitting side by side not face to face. Most parks open this weekend and the outdoor exercise and play equipment will be available again. Two households can now come together inside as long as they keep the 1m+ rule. They can share a meal as long as they aim to sit 1m away from each other. With the further lifting of restrictions this weekend we are conscious that life may be increasingly busy for you all. Please be assured of our continued prayers for all our families as we navigate 2020 together.

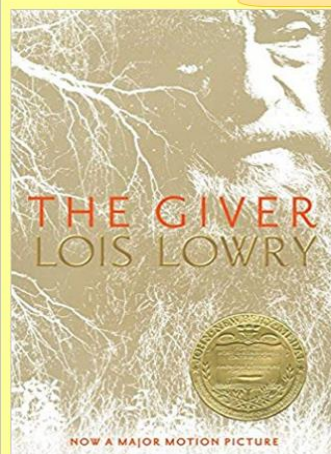
Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher



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Book of the Month - July



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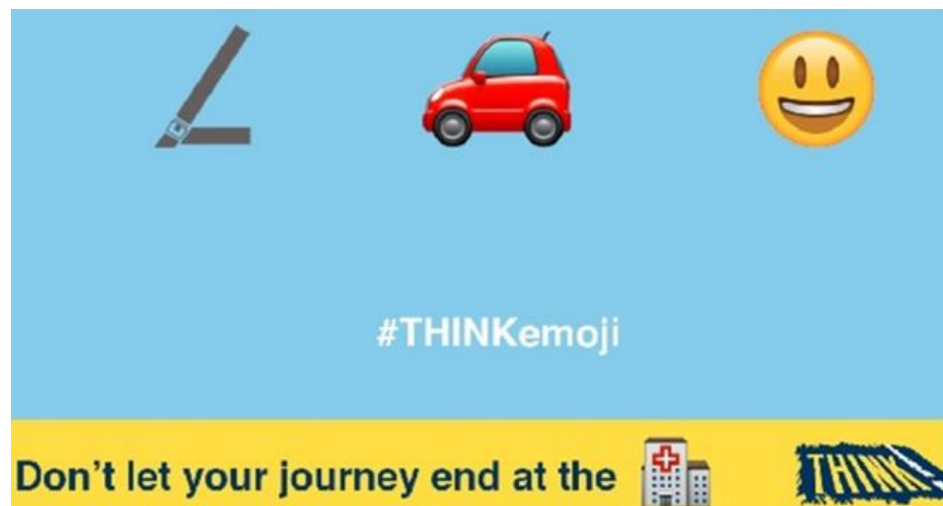
This award winning novel tells the story of twelve-year-old Jonas lives in a seemingly ideal world. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver does he begin to understand the dark secrets behind this fragile community.

"Lowry is once again in top form raising many questions while answering few, and unwinding a tale fit for the most adventurous readers." Publishers Weekly

You can listen to the audiobook for free here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQq79KFowEA>
An online or hard copy can be purchased from Amazon, Waterstones or independent booksellers.

Road Safety

A Message from Essex Police



Make sure you always wear your seatbelt even if you are 'only going down the road' (the most common reason drivers give when stopped for not wearing their belt properly).

Wearing a seatbelt can mean the difference between life and death. If you choose not to wear a seatbelt, you are 16 times more likely to die in the event of a crash.

#StandingUpForBeltingUp

You can see more information at <https://saferessexroads.org/>

Free School Meals - Update



For those in receipt of free school meals, you are due to receive your next eCode to cover the last 2 weeks of term on Monday 6th July.

Edenred have also announced that two new retailers have joined the scheme and from this week you can now order eGift cards for Company Shop Group and Iceland.



Expiry periods for new eCodes have changed

The eCode you received on Monday will not have an expiry period of one month. Due to this change please make sure you are using your eCodes to claim your eGift card as soon as possible so they do not expire.

Any previous eCodes will still have a two-month expiry period. If you are unsure when an eCode expires please refer to the email in which it was sent. Once an eCode has expired, it cannot be redeemed for an eGift card. The eGift cards have different expiry periods as shown below.

Covid Summer Food Fund

The school will be claiming these on behalf of all students currently entitled to free school meals. We have been informed that the process should work exactly the same as it has up until now and you will receive an eCode during the last week of term to cover the summer holiday period.

Remember, if you have any questions or problems regarding this process please refer here - [FreeSchoolMeals_ParentCarerFAQs](#)

Supermarket	Expiry	Denominations available	Spend online	Spend in-store	Min order value	Max order value
Sainsbury's eGift card	24 months from last transaction	Open value, £1 denominations	No	Yes	£1	£500
Tesco eGift card	5 years from last transaction	Open value, £1 denominations	No	Yes	£1	£250
Asda eGift card	24 months from last transaction	Fixed £5, £10 or £15 denominations	Yes	Yes	£5	£210
Morrisons eGift card	12 months expiry	Fixed £5, £10, £15, £25 or £50 denominations	No	Yes	£5	£200
Waitrose eGift card	24 months from last transaction	Open value, £1 denominations	Yes	Yes	£1	£2,500
M&S food eGift card	24 months from last transaction	Fixed £5, £10 or £15 denominations	No	Yes	£5	£200
Aldi eGift card	5 years expiry	Open value, £1 denominations	No	Yes	£1	£1,000
McColl's eGift card (including RS McColl's and Martin's)	All eGift cards expire on 31/12/2021	Fixed £5, £10 or £15 denominations	No	Yes	£5	£210
Iceland	2 years expiry	Open value, £1 denominations	No	Yes	£5	£300
Company Shop Group	12 months expiry	Fixed £15 denominations	No	Yes	£15	£90

Food Department

It was “buon giorno” from the Becket Keys Food students this week with some great photos of Italian inspired dishes being sent in. I was really pleased to see pasta being made from scratch at home, this is a great skill to practise and not as hard as people think.

Here you can see Joseph making fresh tagliatelle.



Dan made this delicious looking ravioli.



Sebastian made a classic 'spag bol'



Matilda made a very healthy fusilli with summer vegetables.



Fish with pasta is a great combination as you can see from this fresh looking salmon made by Anna-Kaye.



Food from other cultures is always a feature of the dishes sent in and it is great to see meals that look good enough to have

come from the local restaurant being made at home.

Our undercover chef “Anon” made chicken chow mein as shown below.



Demmie made sweet and sour pork.



Megan made a beautifully presented Thai Green curry.





Oscar's lucky family had an entire Chinese feast cooked for them.

These dishes not only save you money, but also are also lower in salt, fat and sugar than the take away equivalent, so it pays off to cook them at home.

The ever popular Spanish cuisine was displayed by Eloise who made prawn kebabs and paella.



I think Mrs Martin and the Spanish Department must teach very inspiring lessons to get so many of you making great Spanish food every week!

After last week's "Great Becket Keys Bake off" there were some more high quality cakes sent in this week.

Here is a bread and butter pudding made by Matthew Bills.



An amazing chocolate hedgehog birthday cake from Izzie Tillbrook.



More chocolate with a rich looking sponge from Luke Hollmans.



Our gorgeous chocolate trio is finished with a mousse by Megan Gouldebrough.



I was also impressed with some of the savoury baking this week. In particular this chicken and leek pie, that Sidney made using filo pastry which is a good alternative to the usual puff pastry.



Finally, the best presented dish submitted this week was Charlotte Hope's Chilli Chicken, it is great to see restaurant techniques, such as putting a swoosh on the plate, being used at home. There is a saying that "you eat with your eyes first" and I think this plate of food is a great example of this, I can almost taste that mango salad!



Next week, there will be a showcase of the Year 10 Food end of year exam photos, from what I have seen so far I am sure you will be impressed with the quality of what is being made!

Please keep sending in all your photos, we love seeing them and they will help to inspire more people to cook at home, as so many of you are already doing.

Mr Shapland
Head of Food



Although the retail unit of Smarty Pants, our uniform supplier, is unable to open. The company is available online to help you with all enquiries and to assist you to confidently place your order online.

Visit their website for the latest information:

<https://www.smartypantsschoolwear.com/>

Becket Keys Virtual Extra-Curricular Clubs

In the remaining few weeks of term, staff will be running extra-curricular clubs aimed at our Year 7-9 students who will not be returning this academic year (however all students are welcome to have a go). These activities are not compulsory and sit outside of the normal timetable and are meant to be fun and engaging for those who find something of interest. Staff will be uploading their clubs to YouTube so they can be watched at any time that is convenient.

Staff will then promote their clubs via Satchel One by attaching it as an "announcement" on the notice board function. They may also be emailed home to you as well.

If you have any suggestions for a club you would like to see, please do not hesitate to contact your Head of Year who will pass suggestions on! However, for now, enjoy the clubs!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drumming for beginners – with Mr Scott-Evans	Cooking fun – With Mrs English		Art and Textiles Virtual Club – with Mrs Brassett and Mrs Cherry	Fitness Fridays – with Mr Lane

Food Department – Cooking Club

Hello everyone, I hope that you are well and are enjoying the extra-curricular cooking club. I have certainly enjoyed producing these videos for the Becket Keys community.



This week's cooking club video was of me cooking a family favourite Turkish dish called Tava. This dish is simple and easy to make for the family that only requires four basic ingredients. In the video, I have demonstrated how to make it and have also added an additional dish for those of you who may like to make an authentic Tzatziki dip to accompany the Tava. For those who have missed it, please see the attached link to the video on YouTube.

Below are the ingredients you will need and a photo of the actual dish that I cooked.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWnBsqaQ-w&feature=youtu.be>

Tava

Chicken whole or portions for your family, (alternatively you can use lamb or for a vegetable dish use aubergine, courgette and cauliflower instead of meat)

1 tin of chopped tomatoes, (half fill the tin with cold water to rinse out the tomato juice)

Potatoes 1 large one per person

1 onion

Olive oil & Salt and pepper

Tzatziki:

2 x large tablespoons Greek yoghurt

The juice of half a lemon

1 handful of flat leaf parsley

1 handful of mint

1 garlic clove

$\frac{1}{4}$ of cucumber

1 tablespoon of olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste



Beau Ayres in Year 7, has made this week's cooking club dish of Tava, she has added yellow peppers to her dish, which has not only added a bit more colour but has incorporated one of her five a day.

Well done Beau this is very impressive!

Next week on 7th July the cooking club video is another family recipe that has been passed down through four generations of my

family, it is a Turkish dish called Koftas.

As BBQ season is upon us, you are going to love making this, however you can cook this under the grill or in a frying pan, you do not need to BBQ them. We actually use this recipe with the students in school and it has proven very popular.

Please see next week's cooking club recipe below in preparation for your weekly shopping list. I hope you enjoy making it 😊



Kofta (makes 4)

500g Lamb mince

1 finely diced brown onion

1 very large handful of flat leaf parsley

2 salad tomatoes grated

1 tsp ground Cinnamon

2 tsp ground Cumin

Salt and Pepper to taste.

Pitta bread and salad to serve with it.

I hope you enjoy making these recipes and please do send me your photos.

Take care and get cooking!

Mrs English – Food Teacher

Recipe to try at home:

Pasta made by hand is so much better than shop bought it is well worth the effort and seeing the lovely food that Joseph and Dan made this week I thought more of you could give it a try. Here is my recipe for fresh tagliatelle “Al Fredo” I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

For the tagliatelle:

100g flour (plain or bread flour will also work well)

1 Large Egg (or 1 medium egg and 1 egg yolk)

Al Fredo sauce:

1 or 2 Rashers of pancetta or streaky bacon

2 Tablespoons frozen peas

20g Butter

20g Plain flour

250g Whole milk – more if needed

50g Cheddar grated

One tablespoon grated hard cheese e.g. parmesan

To make the pasta:

Put the flour in a bowl, use your fingers to make a well in the centre and crack in the egg (or egg and yolk). Use your fingers to bring the flour into the egg and start to make the dough, you may need to add a few drops of water to make it easier to work with, but don't make it too wet or it gets sticky. Once the flour and egg are fairly well mixed together, tip the bowl onto your work surface, try and make into a



dry ball and knead for 8-10 minutes. It is a hard dough and takes a bit of work to get it to form a dough. Persevere and it will work! After kneading, wrap the pasta in cling film and leave to rest for half an hour whilst you prepare your sauce.

Mr. Shapland's Pancetta Al Fredo Sauce

This sauce is so easy you will never buy sauce from a jar again! Even if you do not make the pasta this sauce is definitely worth making!

The first step is to put a large pan of salted water on the heat to bring to the boil. You will use this to cook the pasta, so you want it to be boiling as soon as the pasta has been cut into strips.

Chop the pancetta bacon into small pieces and fry gently in the butter until it starts to go crispy. Add in the flour and stir. Add the milk **SLOWLY, STIRRING CONSTANTLY, you don't want a lumpy sauce!** Cook on a low heat for 5 minutes, then add the grated cheese and peas. Leave on a low heat whilst you make and

cook your tagliatelle. Stir every minute or two until needed.

Finishing the dish

To make the tagliatelle divide pasta dough in 2. Roll out the pasta dough with a rolling pin until it is thin enough to see your hand through (you can of course use your pasta machine if you are lucky enough to have one at home). Once you have a nice thin sheet of pasta, use a table knife or a butter knife to cut into 1 cm wide strips lengthways. It doesn't matter if the strips are not exactly even, they will still taste great. Using tongs to be safe, pick up the pasta and lower it carefully into the boiling water. Cook the pasta for 4 minutes, until it is “al dente” (this means it still has a bit of bite to it, not all soft). Use tongs to lift the pasta out of the water and add it to sauce. Try to get some of the pasta water into the sauce as it helps the pasta and sauce to combine. Stir and serve in two pasta bowls or plates and sprinkle the parmesan on top. You can also scatter chopped parsley over the dish as a garnish if you have some. Enjoy!

Mathematics Department

Maths challenge

Very well done to our Year 7 and 8 students who completed the online maths challenge last week.

These problem solving tasks allow our students to think broadly and use their logic skills to test their mathematics!



Next week some Year 9, 10 and 11 students will have the opportunity to join in with the Interactive Maths Show from the AMSP and Maths Inspiration.

We will join **Matt Parker, Ben Sparks, Zoe Griffiths and Rob Eastaway**, plus Special Guest **Dr Hannah Fry**, LIVE as they reveal mathematical curiosities from the world of music, sport, games, and lotteries.

There will be puzzles and quizzes, a chance to ask questions, AND an opportunity to win a fantastic prize. I am really looking forward to joining our students for this exciting opportunity!

Research task:

Consecutive numbers

Consecutive means 'following'.

For example, 2 & 3 are consecutive numbers, so are 5, 6 and 7.

By adding any number of consecutive numbers together which numbers can you get? Which numbers can you not get?

Maths Puzzle 9: Four Fours

Use exactly four 4s to form every integer from 0 to 50, using only the operators +, -, x, /, () (brackets), . (decimal point), x^2 (square), square root and ! (factorial).

Example: $1 = \frac{(4 + 4)}{(4 + 4)}$

$$13 = 4! - \frac{44}{4}$$

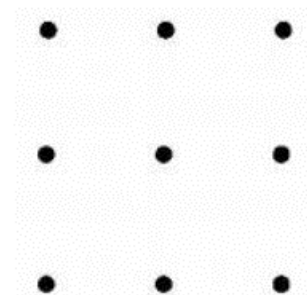


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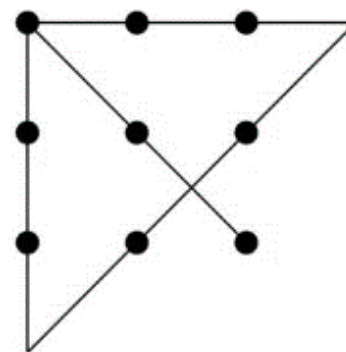
Solution

Maths Puzzle 8: Only four lines

Without taking your pencil from the paper, draw four straight lines that pass through all nine points.



Maths Puzzle 8 Solutions: Only four lines: You need to think "outside the box"



Year 7 – Mandarin Excellence Programme

As most of us know, Mandarin as the most spoken language in the world and being able to speak Mandarin opens up a world of opportunity. Becket Keys have been part of the British Council Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP) since Sept last year and we currently we have a class of 23 students participating in the programme.

All the students on the programme study eight hours of Mandarin per week, consisting of a combination of four hours in school learning and four hours guided self-study, involving research about Chinese culture and culture immersion days.

This year, our Year 7 students have worked tirelessly in taking part in lunch time and after school Mandarin clubs. During the lockdown, they were given a speaking and a writing task to complete as their end of year project set by University College London (UCL) Institute of Education (IoE), the body that oversees the Mandarin Excellence Programme. Our Year 7s were asked to introduce themselves, talk about their families and pets, their interests and hobbies.

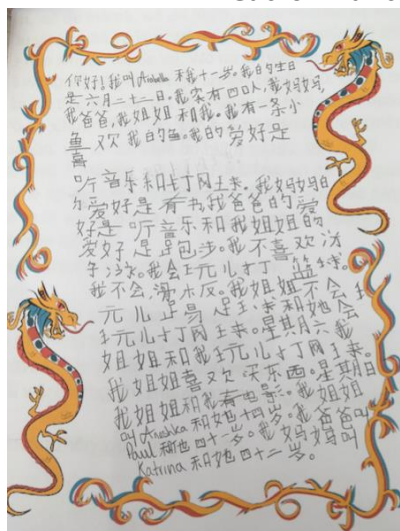
The department were very pleased by the standard of the work our students produced, despite the lockdown the quality was excellent! The work was neat and well- presented, demonstrating the effort students had made. Lots of the students made full use of the

vocabulary and the sentence structures learnt to write very lengthy and detailed pieces with extended research. It was a great pleasure for the staff to look through the students' work.

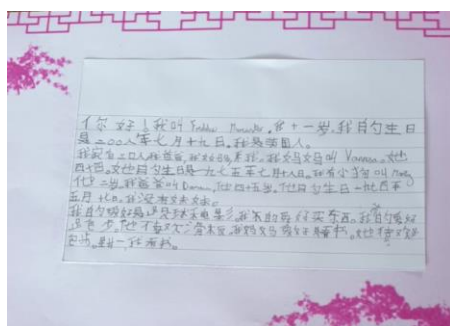
I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all our Year 7 Mandarin students for their energy and time in completing the showcase tasks. Your hard work has definitely paid off. Well done Year 7 MEP students! We are so proud of you!

Mrs Zhao

Head of Mandarin



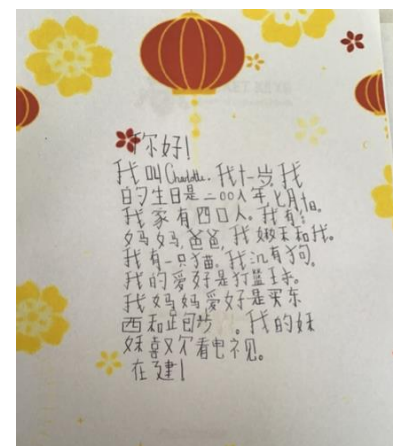
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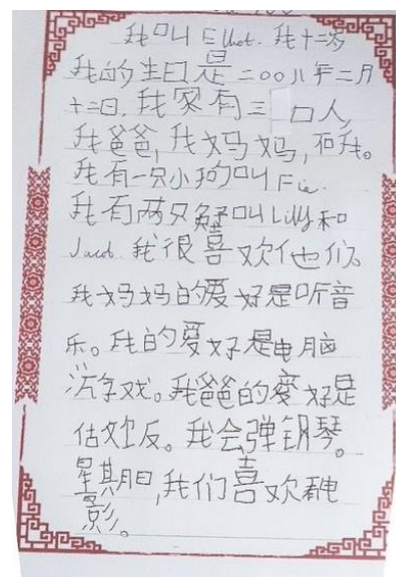
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Charlotte Fenn



Elliott Ward

Year 7 MEP Showcase

我叫 Krithika. 我十一岁. 我的生日是二〇〇八年七月一日. 我家有四口人, 我爸爸, 我妈妈, 我妹妹和我. 我没有弟弟和姐姐和哥哥. 我家没有宠物. 我的爱好是看书和听音乐. 我妹妹的爱好是游泳. 我妈妈的爱好是买东西. 我爸爸的爱好是看电影. 我会打篮球. 我不会滑板. 星期六, 我喜欢打篮球. 星期一, 我妹妹喜欢游泳. 星期二, 我们喜欢看电影.

Krithika Jeyakumar

你好 Jacob:

我叫 Jacob, 我十二岁. 我的生日是二〇一〇年十二月二日. 我家有四口人, 我爸爸, 我妈妈, 我妹妹和我. 我没有姐姐, 弟弟和哥哥. 我没有宠物. 我喜欢狗, 我妈妈没有. 我的爱好是看书, 我妈妈喜欢看钱. 我妈妈的爱好是上网和我妹妹的爱好是听音乐. 我喜欢打篮球, 我妈妈和妹妹没有. 我们还会游泳, 我也会. 星期二我和我爸爸看电视. 再见, 来自 Jacob.

Joshua Witchalls

你好 我叫 Liam, 我是十一岁. 我家有四个人, 我爸爸, 我妈妈, 我姐姐和我. 我喜欢玩电子游戏. 我姐姐喜欢听音乐. 我的家人在星期六看电影. 我们在星期三跑步. 我有一只小猫和一只大猫. 我喜欢打篮球. 爸爸喜欢打篮球, 妈妈喜欢读书.

Liam Tingay

早上好

我叫 Minela, 我十一岁. 我的生日是二〇〇八年七月二十日.

我家有四口人. 我爸爸, 妈妈, 姐姐和我. 我有一只大狗和三条小鱼. 我的大狗叫 Bob. 我的小鱼叫 Blue, Green 和 Yellow. 我喜欢我的狗. 我姐姐有一只电子叫 Lily.

我的爱好是滑冰和听音乐. 我爸爸的爱好是打篮球. 我妈妈的爱好是买东西. 我姐姐的爱好是看电视. 我喜欢打篮球. 我不喜欢跑步. 我会打乒乓球. 我不会踢足球. 星期五我和爸爸喜欢打篮球.

我喜欢中国. 我喜欢安静. 我喜欢中国儿歌. 对不起. 我喜欢对不起. 对不起. 很好.

Minela Kupryte

Houses:

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EW WW HS

!SPORTS DAY!

Deadline is between Monday 5th - Friday 10 July 3pm

standing long jump . standing shot put
1 minute keepy uppy . standing stork . balance
1 minute sit ups . speed bounce
4 metre ball throw . plank challenge
. tennis ball bounce . burpies

Don't forget Sports Day! Check out this video for more information.

<https://youtu.be/VWmgkzPgVbw>



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Art & Textiles



It has been another at great week of home learning for Art & Textiles. We are very proud of all the work you are creating!

Star Artist for Art Connor Baines Yr10



Danilo De Vito Yr 10

Well done to Connor Baines in Year 10 for his excellent portrait piece. Great progress for GCSE Art!

Special mention to Samantha Pain Year 9 for her continued commitment in improving her artwork throughout home learning. Well done Samantha!

Cydney Etchells Yr 9



Samuel Turner Yr8



In Textiles this week

...more great work from home learning in Textiles!

Mrs Brassett and Mrs Cherry are so proud of you!

Star Designer for Textiles

Charlotte Hope Y10

Calling any budding fashion designers out there!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4io30FtTuo>

Y10 Textiles: Here, Charlotte used stitching in a very effective way to imitate the lines and texture on a shell. Beautifully done!



Lydia Christian Y8

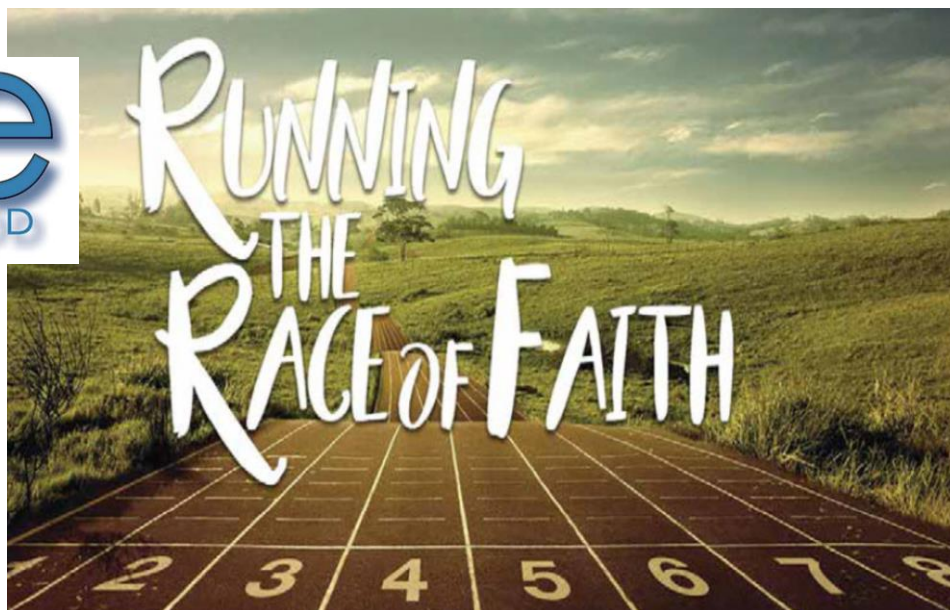


Ruby Cole Y9

Oscar Smith Y7



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I was looking through the preparations for the Becket Keys Virtual Sports event scheduled for next week and Hebrews 12:1-3 came to mind! A race is a good example: it is long and difficult; you cannot stop in the middle and take a break; there is a leader, and there is a finish line. The same is true for Christianity. The race in Hebrews:1-3 is a metaphor for the day-by-day life of faith. It would be wrong to simplistically use this as encouragement for runners. Indeed, it is not actually even a verse about sport! There is a much deeper meaning for us to explore.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

The passage begins with “Therefore,” so we look back to find the reason for this verse. The writer of Hebrews has just finished listing Old Testament saints who displayed faith in God, including Abraham, Sarah, Moses, and Rahab. The author wraps up that section by noting the horrible persecution Christians underwent, including imprisonment, stoning, and being sawn in two (Hebrews 11:35-37). He states that all of these people gained approval through their faith, just as New Testament saints were saved by faith.

The passage tells Christians to put down the distractions and sins of the world and live the Christian life with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the One who gave us faith and who will perfect it; the One who has completed the work the Father sent Him to do.

By taking these words at face value, we miss the great truths and great encouragement in the passage. The verses are describing Christianity. All of the verbs in the first two verses are ongoing verbs. Christians do not lay aside sin, run, and fix their eyes on Jesus once. We do it every day. We are to continue to abandon sin and believe in Christ with endurance, not losing heart. We continue, knowing that the saints who came before us persevered and gained approval and that our own Saviour endured hostility so that we would not lose heart.

The Christian lives life, runs the race, by watching Jesus – first to see who He is and then to follow the example that He gave when He came to this world. We are told to fix our eyes on Him, not to look away from Him. We stop looking at ourselves and our sins and turn

to fix our eyes on Him. We follow Him. This is faith.

Returning to the race as a metaphor for the day-by-day life of faith. Living life, through faith, with Christ-like character, we should, every day, let go of anything that hinders us from believing in and following our Saviour, set our faces towards Jesus, and live looking unto Him. On this race, the example of the Saints can inspire us. In particular, this Sunday, **St. Thomas of Canterbury Church will celebrate its Patronal Festival**. May the example of Saint Thomas inspire our faithful living!



Let us pray:

Dear Lord,

A life of faith does not promise to be easy. Help us keep our eyes fixed on you and follow you. May we run an amazing race, encouraged by your example and those of our patronal saints. May we pass on the Good News to others along the way, in the glory of your name and in the service of your kingdom.

Amen.

**Mrs Sharp Deputy
Headteacher**

Music Department



Every week, students have been busy preparing performances for us all to enjoy. If you missed the final Couch Chamber Concert in the series you can catch up by clicking on this link:

<https://youtu.be/usmatUQxl4U>

We are now looking forward to the summer concert, which will be premiered on **Wednesday 15th July** and will feature group performances from the many ensembles at Becket Keys. These have been prepared over the last few weeks.

Please contact Mr Romhany if you are interested in participating.

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