

Becket Keys Church of England School

17th July 2020

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK!

Mr Scott-Evans writes ...

Disentangling Knots.

"In a contemplative fashion,
And a tranquil frame of mind,
Free from every kind of passion,
Some solution let us find.
Let us grasp the situation,
Solve the complicated plot—
Quiet, calm deliberation
Disentangles every knot."

Some unfamiliar lines from Gilbert and Sullivan (The Gondoliers), which apparently Harold McMillan had hanging on the wall in 10 Downing Street provide, I think, a suitable start for our final newsletter of the year.

Despite all the difficulties of the past 120 days, with "quiet, calm deliberation", together we have found a way through. Indeed, not just to "stay free from every kind of passion" and concern, but, yes,

to "grasp the situation" and "solve the complicated plot". Furthermore, even though it has been a storm we have been inventive and creative and learned new things.

In our specific community, aiming to be an Outstanding Church of England School, we have indeed learned a lot! For example, the skills we have developed in technology have been really quite significant. We have improved our effective use of Show My Homework and built on what was already a very good system. We are now regularly recording videos and using asynchronous on-line teaching. With Year 12, we have used synchronous online teaching and we will be ready to roll that out further next year if we once again head towards lockdown (full or partial).

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The students have learned a lot as well. They have become much more active participants in their learning. They have taken ownership over it and been responsible for a lot more of it than ever before. That is no bad thing. For half of the academic year, they have needed to apply a tranguil mind to the problems of each day - not easy. There have been plenty of difficult moments in most households! However, these are important lessons. And through their own endeavours they have disentangled various knots. Impressive.

I hope that as parents, you too feel better informed and more aware of what your children are learning than ever before. It has clearly not been easy to get used to working at home and having the children there all the time, but you have done it! You have made it work. I know from what you have written to me over these months that you have been extremely proud and impressed with what our students produce each day. As well you should be!

OK, I admit it, I cannot fully escape that sense of disappointment and grief which has been with me since March 20th when we closed the school. I wrote about it at length at the time. Despite virtual equivalents being provided, students have missed sports day, summer concerts, Eucharists, exams, clubs, friends, lots of wonderful food from the Bistro, the school play and so much more! We work so hard to provide the students

with the most Outstanding educational experience and then...this happens. But in all of that disappointment, I am growing in the sense that a lot has been achieved and a lot has been learned. We will come out of this, back to school in September, all the stronger and all the more determined to once again "disentangle every knot" that is set before us.

Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher

Summer Work

We do want all of our student to enjoy their summer holiday, however there are some things that you can do in order to keep you brain active.

We have uploaded some tasks to the website for you to complete:

https://www.becketkeys.org/summer-work.php

We would also like to encourage all students to read more and have sent home our Summer Reading Recommendations. We are sure you will find something to interest you!

JustGiving

It is your last chance to contribute to the Mr Sedgley Memorial Fund.

Our JustGiving page closes today (17th July). 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 online here:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/ MrSedgley



School uniforms to suit you

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.smartypantsschoo lwear.com/

Headteacher Notices

Reports Have Been Sent Home

You should have received a slightly different report to usual this week. We hope this is helpful. If you have not been sent a report it will be to do with us not having the right email details for you. Please contact the school office and ask for help:

office@becketkeys.org.

Well done from all the teachers to all the students on their efforts this year! And to you our parents for all the support that you have provided as well.

Term Dates for 2020 to 2021 and 2021 to 2022

We have now finalised our term dates 2021 to 2022. These will be useful for those of you planning holidays a long way in advance. As you know the dates for 2020-2021 have been on the website for a long time. Please make sure that you have them in your diary for the year ahead. We start back in school on Friday 4th September (Year 7 and 12) and Monday 7th September (all year groups). Both days start at the normal time of 8:30am.

Staff Changes

We are fortunate to have very little staff turnover again this year. The longest standing member of staff leaving us is **Liz Sitch**. Liz worked in the finance team and was a founding member of staff. She actually was one of the few colleagues who joined us from Sawyers Hall

College. She has decided now is the time to retire and we wish her a fond farewell. Judith Fenn has decided not to return to teaching after her Maternity Leave and will be staying at home with baby Miriam. We wish her well with everything! Ana Marquez has found a new part time role at a different school. We will miss her from our Spanish department. Hayley Busby has a new role at Chelmsford County High School for Girls, we would like to thank her for her contributions across science, but particularly with our Sixth Formers. Stacey Rubery has a promotion to the leadership team of another school; we wish her well. The longest standing member of teaching staff leaving us is Mark Foley who has an exciting job opportunity in Qatar, taking a leading role in an international school.

We are growing our staff team and are excited to announce the following colleagues are joining us:

Mr Darren Harvey – Second in Charge of Mathematics

Mr Bradley Taylor – Mathematics

Mr Thirubirathab Thirunimalan – English

Mr Francisco Galvez - Spanish

Mr Argyios Menexes – Music

Mr Kieran Walker – Head of Government & Politics

Mr Kamruzzaman Khan - RP

Mrs Gurdeep Sahota – Science Teacher

Mrs Sarah Hodge – Sociology & Psychology Teacher

Mr Luke Bassett – Site Team Assistant

Mrs Sally Gander – Finance Assistant

HT Challenge

If we had been in school, Mr
Pethers and I would have been
talking to Year 7 and 8 students
about the Head Teacher's
Challenge. As you know, every
summer from Year 6 transition to
Year 9 we encourage students of
Becket Keys to take on the Head
Teacher's Challenge. I would like
to think that this might be the
best year ever! Attached to the
newsletter are the challenges:
Stage 2 for Year 7s and Stage 3
for Year 8s. I strongly encourage
all students to take part!

Virtual Summer Concert + Link

https://youtu.be/AEsNU1tNZKo

My thanks to all the students and staff who took part in our Summer Concert. It was a wonderful event.

Sports Day + Link

https://youtu.be/klvOcVJIAWY

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Virtual Sports
Day. If you watch the video above you will see many students and staff taking part, you will also discover who won!

Wishing you a Fond Farwell



Well what a strange end to the most wonderful two years of my career. I was made to feel incredibly welcome by staff and students immediately and have become very attached to Becket Keys in such a short time, making it a very difficult goodbye. I came back into teaching after a career break from having my two children and chose Becket Keys to come back as a part time maths teacher, being local myself and only ever being impressed by the students I saw in the area. This impression was true and I have continued to be impressed by the commitment, character and attitude of the students. This is also true of the staff, from teachers, teaching support to admin and special mention to the amazing catering team who provide the best school lunches I've ever had! In particular, I have to give a massive shout out to the maths department, who truly are outstanding. Even after 15 years, I have learnt so much about teaching in my two years here from the team, I really feel I am leaving a better teacher in many ways. The team have very quickly

become like family and I will miss them incredibly. There are many staff that will have a special place in my heart from Becket Keys. However, an opportunity has come up for me to return to my career, as an Assistant Headteacher at Belfairs Academy. It is a role I left before having children and I am very excited to be able to continue on this path of my career, particularly leading on the curriculum with teaching and learning which is my dream role, whilst staying part time to balance that time with my children still.

Thank you to everyone who helped make memories with me from all the shows and concerts, my wonderful form 10PP, Bushcraft trip and just in every lesson that I taught, that allowed me to bounce around, put up with my Welsh ways and share my love of maths! It is not goodbye but see you soon! Love to you all.

Mrs. Rubery Mathematics Teacher



Hi all. I'm afraid this is goodbye as I won't be returning to Becket Keys in September as I migrate with my family to begin a teaching position in Qatar from August. I really regret not being able to say goodbye to you in person. My four years at Becket Keys have been wonderful and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching and meeting you all. I wish you all the very best in your future endeavours, whether at Becket Keys or elsewhere.

Best wishes.

Mr Foley ①
Head of Government & Politics
& History Teacher



I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Becket Keys. It was a privilege to be part of such a great school and I will miss teaching and working with you all.

As I look back on my time as Mrs Fenn (the better Fenn) I'll miss my Year 7 form (now Year 8) who started their BK journey the same time as me. I'll miss the amazing food from the Bistro. I will miss the echo of R13, the laughs in the music & drama office and the friendship and support of the RP department. I now look forward to the challenges and joys of my new job: full time mum.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3 v 5-6

Mrs Fenn Head of RP



Hi Becket Keys!

What can I say? The past three years have gone by so fast and that's purely down to how much fun I've had teaching here and getting to know all of you amazing people. I am moving on to teach at a school closer to home so it is with sadness I am saying goodbye. But who knows what the future may bring? I hope to see some of you again at some point. I actually had a past pupil be my midwife for my son, as much as I would like to see you all again perhaps not in that setting again! I will especially miss my

form 9AC, you became like my own children here and I am sorry that I never got tell you in person that I was leaving and say goodbye: it has been a strange year! I wish everyone all the best at Becket Keys, may all your dreams and aspirations come true. Have a great summer!

> Mrs Busby Science Teacher



Dear Students,

I hope you keep safe and well. It is this time of the year when we say goodbye, sending farewell and saying "see you in September". Under the current situation, it is more difficult as we are not seeing each other.

Last year we didn't get the chance to say goodbye when I had to leave school to go on maternity leave and now that I am back I still can't see you all! I feel sad to say goodbye to everyone as I will start a new chapter in my life and I will not be returning in September.

I am really thankful that I met you all and I will keep with me wonderful memories. I wish you all the best in your life and I hope you keep practising Spanish. Have a wonderful Summer and rest as you were working so hard in these difficult times.

Mrs Marquez Spanish Teacher

School Transport

If you travel to school by public transport, please make sure that you check the timetable for any changes that may be implemented after the summer.

NIBS Buses

http://www.nibsbuses.com/?pa ge_id=42



Trains

https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/



Year 8 Science at Home

This week I have been asking Year 8 students to try some Science at home! On Monday, students attempted some Chemistry which included experiments such as; making a lava lamp from cooking oil, water and food dye, making ice cream using ice cubes and the classic Mentos in a bottle of coke experiment. Tuesday saw students attempt some physics including moving water with static electricity and testing air pressure in a can. Finally, Wednesday saw students try and extract DNA from a strawberry using household items!

I have received some amazing photos and videos from students and whilst it is a shame I cannot publish all of them, here is a selection from what I received.

It is great to see our Year 8 students exercising their scientific curiosity!

Professor. Shields Science Bod



Charlie Kavanagh



Harry Adams



Matthew Nutman



Alfie Clark



Emily Worrell



Matthew Tilbrook







Adam Mahoney



Matthew Tilbrook





Millie Latham



Alfie Clark DNA from a strawberry

Food Department

So we have reached the end of the term and what an interesting time we have all had! It was heartening to see that even though you had lots to do at home in other subjects, almost all of you were taking the time to regularly cook delicious food for your families. I believe that the skills you have learnt during this time will last you a lifetime and bring you good health and much happiness. You will always remember the smiling faces of your family when you made them delicious food.

Now you know how to cook, you will be spared what I had to go through when I went to university. When I went to school my "home economics" lessons only taught me how to make jam tarts and scones, not delicious savoury food, so when I left home I had to survive dreary canteen food and weird tasting "Dolmio" sauce. This was a far cry from the home cooking I was used to and I had to learn how to feed myself. Fortunately, most of you will not have to go through this, because you are already making fantastic food as can be seen in this week's photos.

Much like my time in University, Italian dishes remain the most popular cuisine with our students. Louis, Sophie and Thomas all made risotto.



Louis Farel



Sophie Kelly



Thomas

Aimee made spaghetti bolognaise.



Elizabeth made fusilli with a tomato sauce.



Taylor made a really imaginative dish of spaghetti with prawns.



Also keeping the Italian flag flying were Cameron and Dan who made pizzas (who needs Dominoes?!)



Cameron Beaken



Daniel Wilkinson

George made a family sized Macaroni cheese below packed full of additional vegetables to add colour and flavour.



I am always impressed with the broad range of cultures that influence the food Becket Keys students make each week. Ryan made Koftas from Turkey, a

recipe demonstrated by Mrs English in the cooking club last week.

Amelie made this feast of pulled pork with macaroni cheese from the USA.



Aimee made a Spanish Paella.

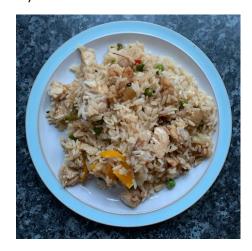


Chinese food was popular with this stir-fry from Alfred Clark.



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Chicken fried rice from Beau Ayres



Special fried rice from Elizabeth.



Matthew Tilbrook made a Malaysian chicken satay



Felix Heywood-Biles made this rich looking Tunisian dish of harissa chicken with rice and flat breads.



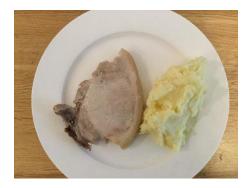
Scarlett Ridley made this beautifully presented Mexican Chilli



Many students made pancakes this week. Are these Scotch, American or French, you decide, they all looked delicious?!



Keeping things traditional with British classics were Mae with her pork chop.



A meat pie with fabulous pastry crust from Arabella.



Moving on the something sweet we have an apple crumble with custard from Matthew Bills.



Bread and butter puddings from William and Emily. A great way of using up bread that is slightly stale.





Finally, to France with Becket Keys students showing that tricky choux pastry is "pas de problem" for them, look at these delicious chocolate eclairs from Edith, Rifat and Holly.





Rifat Ahmed



With six weeks of cooking time coming up I know some of you are going to want inspiration to help you decide what to cook. Why not try some of the recipes in the booklet I created at the start of lockdown?

I hope you will have a go at cooking at least once per week over the summer and as always I look forward to seeing the photos of your delicious food!

Mr. Shapland Head of Sourdough ;-)



Cooking Club

It has been another great week receiving student's pictures of them making the cooking club dishes at home, I am so proud of all of you for taking part: well done! Last week's cooking club video was of me making Kofta here is the link if you missed it https://youtu.be/eKb7UDbZ7kE

Nyssa Agarwal a Year 7 student sent in her version of a Cauliflower Kofta, I had never heard or made this dish, so Nyssa sent me a copy of her recipe. I followed Nyssa recipe and cooked this at home this week, it was amazing, my family loved it so well done Nyssa and thank you. It's great to see students adapting one of my recipes and adding their own twist to it. This is the beauty of cooking you can experiment and be creative or just have fun.

This week's cooking club video saw me demonstrating how to cook a Paella, please see the link here:

https://youtu.be/GzqNFAnmevU

I have really enjoyed producing these videos for the virtual cooking club. It has been a pleasure to be part of one of the extra-curricular clubs for Becket Keys. Thank you for watching, I wish you all a wonderful summer break, stay safe and keep cooking. I will look forward to seeing you all in the classroom in September. Please enjoy seeing a selection of this weeks cooking club entry's. Take care ©



Nyssa Agarwal Year 7 Delicious Cauliflower Kofta



Harry Adams Year 8 Chilli Prawn Pasta



Harrison Cox Year 7
Paella



Aimee Stevens Year 7 Paella



Ryan O'Flaherty Year 8 Kofta



Poppy Holder Year 7 Kofta



Holly Shelton Year 7 Kofta

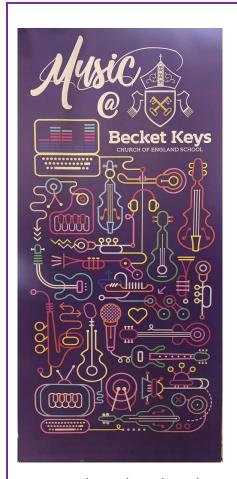


Olivia Wildman Year 8

Olivia added turmeric to her paella for a different twist.



Lara Loki De Oliveira Year 7



Every week, students have been busy preparing performances for us all to enjoy. We have enjoyed a number of fabulous 'Couch concerts' hosted by Mr Romhany over the past few weeks.

The Summer Concert premiered on Wednesday 15th July and was a wonderful evenings entertainment. There were amazing performances (with one or two surprises) from the many groups and ensembles at Becket Keys. These have been prepared over the last few weeks.

You can view the concert here:

https://youtu.be/AEsNU1tNZKo



What does it mean to be alumni?

Becket Keys alumni are former members of our school.

We do not want your journey with Becket Keys to end on your final day as a student...

Why should you keep in touch?

- We want to offer support to you on the next steps that you will take and keep up-to-date with the amazing things you go on to do after leaving Becket Keys.
- It has been a particularly unique year and we still have a lot to celebrate. Joining us on our social network platforms and Future First will allow us to easily communicate information of future events with you as a group.
- Following us on **Instagram** and **Facebook** will allow you to access exciting opportunities for higher education, training and employment as well as keep up with events and developments at Becket Keys.
- You may want to get in touch to volunteer to give back to the school in some way.
- Future First also offer free alumni workshops to show you what is possible in the future. These are developed around 2 main strands:

Pathways and transitions - Designed to share information on routes into the world of work including the real-life stories of your alumni to inspire and motivate.

Skills development - These workshops will support individuals in developing key employability skills.

Action required...

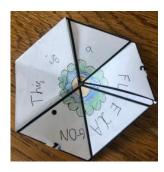


Mathematics Department

I have been so impressed with the hard work and dedication of all of our mathematics students during this difficult time. Well done for continuing to submit work of an excellent standard right up until the last week!

In our final week, Year 8 have been looking at some interesting geometry skills. These include Tangram puzzles, paper folding tricks and the Four colour Theorem.



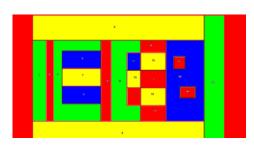




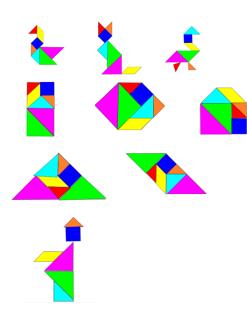
2D and 3D Flexahexagons and paper folding tricks to make regular polygons.

The 4 colour theorem states that any map can be shaded using 4 colours, with no 2 regions of the same colour next to each other!





The tangram is a Chinese dissection puzzle consisting of seven flat polygons, called *tans*, which are put together to form shapes



The last tangram is a paradox. It is known as the 'dignified gentleman' and to be able to do it, there needs to be an extra piece at the bottom for a foot.

Maths Puzzle 10: Think of a Number

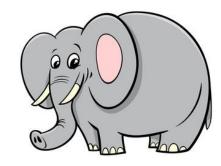
Think of a number between 1 & 9 Add 1 then Multiply by 9 Add 1

Add the two digits of your answer Divide by 2

Turn the number you have into a letter: 1 = a, 2 = b, 3 = c, 4 = d, etc Shout out the name of an animal beginning with your letter! Explain why this works.

Solution: Think of a Number

For all multiples of 9 the sum of the digits is equal to 9. When you add one you get 10, which halved equals 5. The obvious animal beginning with the letter *e* is an elephant.



If you have enjoyed looking at these puzzles over this year, more can be found here:

https://padlet.com/teresarobinso n/RET

PE Department

Within the PE department we would like to celebrate the successes of the year and highlight a few key moments in which we find joy and triumph. Although the year has not ended as we planned, the run up to this point had been incredibly successful...

Within our netball teams at the point of lockdown our Year 7 Netball Team were in 1st position within their league, our Year 8 Netball Team were in 3rd position and our Year 9 Netball Team were in 2nd position. These teams were full of momentum and would have achieved highly if the season were to continue! The continued practice and intense dedication to your team has proven within your games and we hope you carry this forward into next year.



Year 7 Netball





Year 8 Netball



Year 9 Netball

Our football teams carry a familiar story! At the point of lockdown, all KS3 Football teams were in 1st place in their leagues. These teams were thriving under the direction of Mr Lane and would have arguably had their most successful season yet!



Year 7 Football



Year 8 Football



Year 9 Football

This year was due to be the Becket Keys' Gymnastics Squad first team display, which would have been a week ago today.

Unfortunately, this was not to be, but we would like to thank all our gymnasts for the enjoyment they have brought this year, the outstanding level of talent within our ranks and the highest number of gymnasts in the squad EVER!

Next year, looks to be an explosive year of talent and performance – and hopefully some new leotards! A massive thank you to Angela, our gymnastics coach, who has been incredibly dedicated to the school and all things gymnastics. We

would not have made it this far without you!

Special mention must go to the Senior Swim Teams who had an amazing year in their competitions.





We had hoped to enter our basketball teams into more Essex and National competition in September. At this time, basketball will not be going ahead until January 2021, however, we still have every intention of putting our successful teams into their appropriate leagues and pushing them to achieve more than in current Becket Keys history!



Year 9 Basketball

Virtual Sports Day

The PE department would like to show our full appreciation to the dedicated pupils at Becket Keys by continuing to show their passion for sports, as around 350 pupils took part in our virtual sports day! The outstanding 'cando' attitude of our pupils saw some finding creative ways to take part in the activities and this is where we give a special mention to J.Lawrence in 8EW who used a frozen pizza to complete his tennis ball bounce! This type of improvisation sets our students as a calibre above the rest. Additionally, our staff members took it upon themselves to ensure that students were as enthusiastic as us. Special mention to Mr Romhany, Mrs Blacow and Miss Silman who went above and beyond to entertain us with their efforts.

It was obviously disappointing that we could not have our annual sports day, it is an event that students and staff alike look forward to in the calendar year. This year we had as much joy and entertainment as we would at a normal sports day. The videos we received allowed us to feel as though our students were with us and we were cheering them on just as much. As previously mentioned J.Lawrence put a smile on every single one of the PE teams face (including Mr Jones!).

Mae Blackwell did a fantastic improvised shot put with her

shoes! Many students also made us smile with their sheer joy and excitement of doing sports day!

Here is a run-down of the results that are also available to you here (https://www.youtube.com/watch ?v=klvOcVJIAWY&feature=youtu. be) in a more entertaining video with special highlights!

Thank you all and hopefully we will be back on the field next year!



Year Group Totals

Year $7 = 1^{st} PP / 2^{nd} FS / 3^{rd} EW / 4^{th} HS / 5^{th} AC / 6^{th} WW$

Year 8 = 1^{st} EW / 2^{nd} FS / 3^{rd} HS / 4^{th} PP / 5^{th} AC / 6^{th} WW

Year 9 = 1^{st} EW / 2^{nd} PP / 3^{rd} AC / 4^{th} WW / 5^{th} HS / 6^{th} FS

Year 10 = 1^{st} HS / 2^{nd} WW / 3^{rd} FS / 4^{th} EW / 5^{th} AC / 6^{th} PP

OVERALL = 1^{st} EW / 2^{nd} PP / 3^{rd} HS / 4^{th} FS / 5^{th} AC / 6^{th} WW

Individual results are below.

Mr Lane PE Teacher

Year 7										
SLJ	Shot Putt	1 minute keepy uppy	Standing Stork	Sit Ups	Speed	4 metre ball throw	Plank	Tennis ball bounce	Burpees	
T. Jamieson 7EW	E. Cooper 7WW	S. Eldred 7AC	J. Cordwell 7EW	E. Cooper 7WW	L. Kerry 7PP	S. Eldred 7AC	E. Ratal 7PP	J. Kirk 7FS	A, Thompson 7PP	

Year 8										
SLJ	Shot Putt	1 minute keepy uppy	Standing Stork	Sit Ups	Speed	4 metre ball throw	Plank	Tennis ball bounce	Burpees	
M. Tilbrook 8EW	H. Jasper 8EW	H. Wainwright 8FS	P. Haywood- Biles 8FS	M. Tilbrook 8EW	A. Matthews 8AC	Z. Shepard & J.Falco 8HS	W. Gimmill (8FS)	M. Janavicius 8FS	E. Higgs 8HS	

Year 9										
SLJ	Shot Putt	1 minute keepy uppy	Standing Stork	Sit Ups	Speed	4 metre ball throw	Plank	Tennis ball bounce	Burpees	
C. Bendelow EW	J. Saunders EW	L. Short HS	T. Heyes EW	T.Are AC	J. Saunders EW	J. Saunders EW	C. Hayes WW	Z. Humphreys AC	C. Hayes WW	

Year 10									
SLJ	1 minute keepy uppy	Standing Stork	Sit Ups	Plank	Tennis ball bounce	Burpees			
S. Lawini WW	E. Smith- Turner HS	T. OʻRiordan FS	F. Cowdhury EW	L. Fisher-Hope AC	D. Kirk WW	M. Kupryte HS			



Student Contact Information

As I am sure you will all appreciate, it is vitally important that we hold accurate records, addresses and contact numbers. We need at least 2 contact names/numbers in case of an issue with your son/daughter at school. It is also vital that we hold necessary health information about all our students in the event of a medical emergency.

Sometimes parents may not receive vital school information if we have not been advised of any change in data. Therefore can we ask that if you have changed any of your contact details (phone, email address or home address), that you let us know immediately so we can update our systems ready for September.

Please email through any changes to office@becketkeys.org

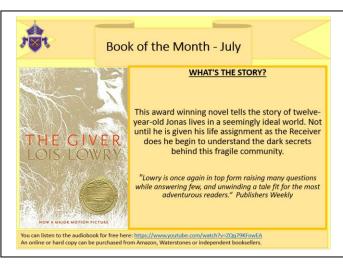
Black Lives Matter by Reece James

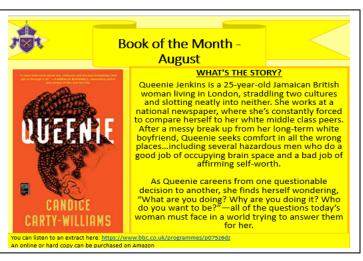
They were said to be inspired, How many statues of black people are there? The council retrieved Edward Colston, What can we do with symbols of slavery? BLACK LIVES MATTER!

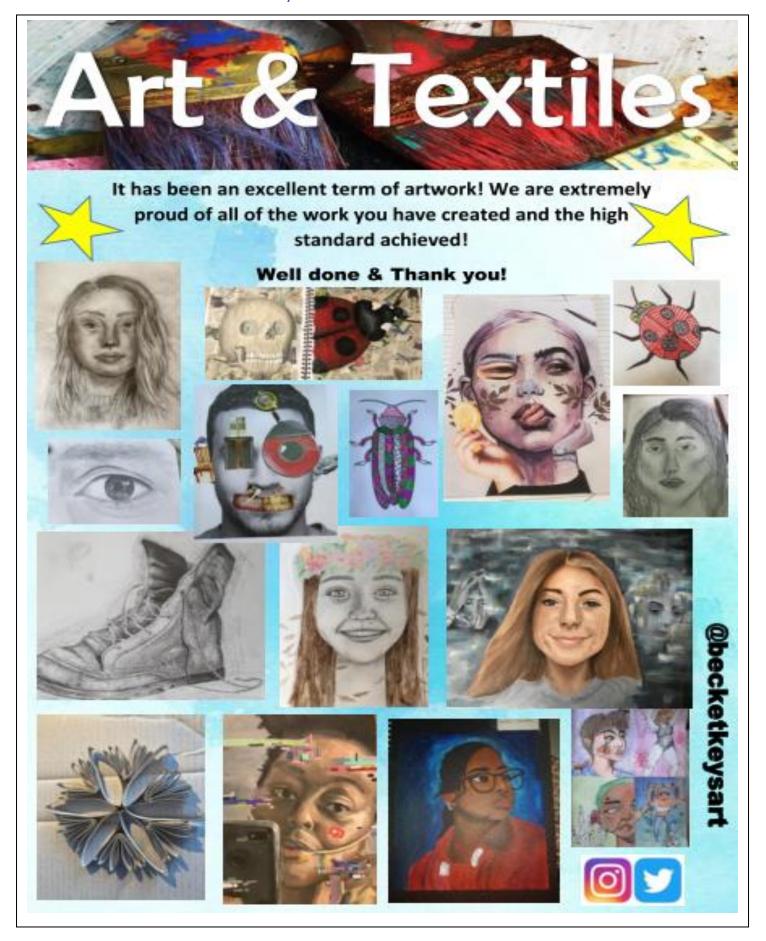
Bristol City Council, Calls to rename roads, BLACK LIVES MATTER! Sculptures to be removed.

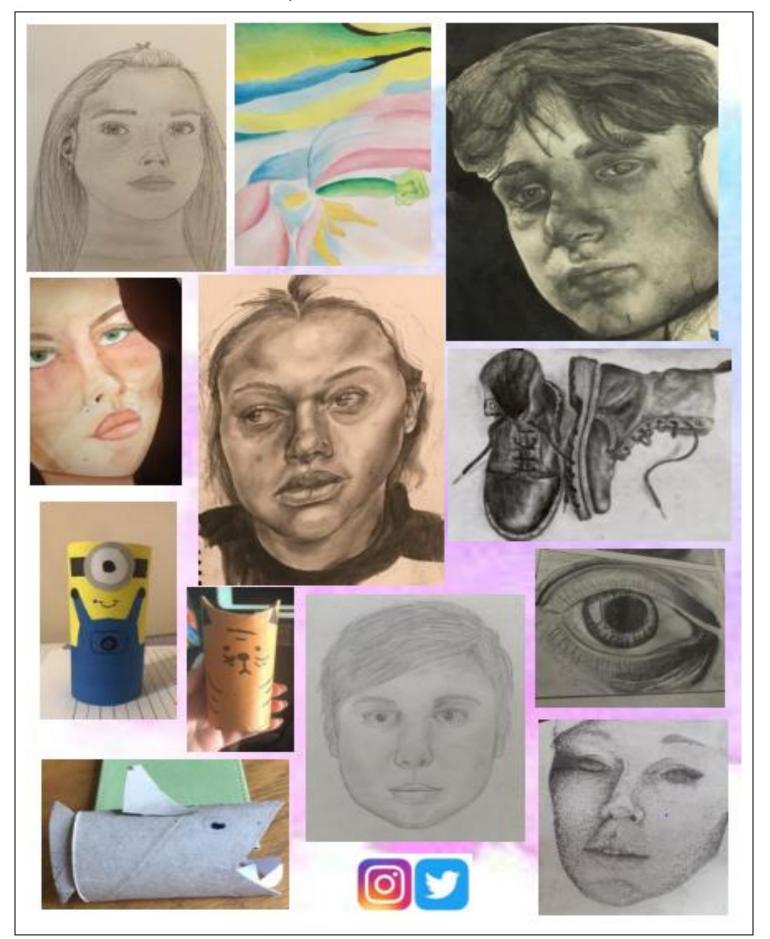
Two arrested after racist chants, Education is important, black history should be taught more in schools. BLACK LIVES MATTER!

"no justice, no peace"
"no justice, no peace"
George Floyd - "I can't breathe"
"say her name"
"say her name" - India Kager, Breoma Taylor.....
Families seek answers
BLACK LIVES MATTER!



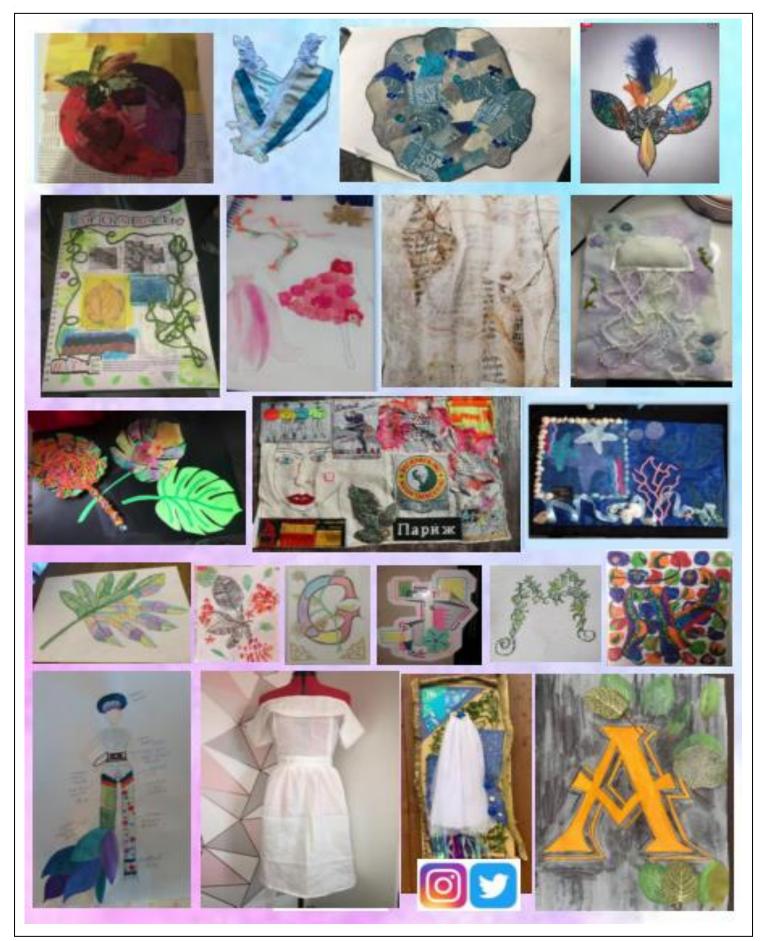






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A different kind of summer

The summer holiday feels somewhat different this year. While we can still look forward to time with our family, our travel plans may be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and uncertainty remains. Somehow we seem to have lessons to learn in terms of when, where and how we find refreshment, rest and peace. This should not be dependent on where we are, the weather or the rollercoaster of life in these unsettling and constantly changing times. We need to change our way of thinking. We need our own protective 'bubble', a shelter for all time. We need to look beyond the wants of this world and look instead to our Heavenly Father.

True rest is not found simply because it is the summer holiday, true rest is found in the Lord. The secret to finding real peace is not found in time off from work and home learning, it is found in Him. It is in His presence that we find refreshing for our souls, renewing of our spirits, peace in our hearts and rest for our worried thoughts. The Bible



speaks to us of this on numerous occasions, for example:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest".

Exodus. 33:14

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus...the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:6-7, 9

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah. 54:10

Psalm 91:1



So, this summer, at home or away, perhaps we should take time to make some changes. To consider how we can carve out more time to rest in the Lord's presence and encourage others to find this true peace and rest.

Changes that can last a lifetime . . .

Let us pray:

Dear God,

Thank you that you are the One who brings us rest, lifts our burdens, and gives us peace. Thank you that you renew our strength and encourage our weary hearts. Thank you that you know our needs before we even ask you, that you know our thoughts, and what troubles us today.

We bring before you our summer holidays. We ask you for times of refreshing from your Spirit, that you would draw us closer to your presence as we seek after you. We ask you for your blessing and favour on our family, friends and all in our school community. Help us to remember what is most important in this world, and what is not. Teach us to hold on to what matters, and how to let go of what does not matter.

Forgive us for putting other things above our relationship with you. We ask for the peace of your presence, as we turn back to you. We thank you for your promise that times of refreshing will come to those who follow whole-heartedly after you.

In Jesus' name,
Amen

As this is the last Biblical Pause of this academic year, I pray that you will walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you have a truly blessed and peace-filled summer in Him.

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roday sees the publication of the last edition of our Living Faith Worship@Home series. We have seen the importance of firm foundations, being steadfast in our faith and having a vision. We have also seen that vision is given clarity when we set ourselves targets, with God's Word as our compass. This edition focuses on facing each day with a 'can do' solution focused attitude. We can do anything through Him who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13)!

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