

Becket Keys Church of **England** School

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Mr Scott-Evans writes ...

No Time to Waste!

With students returning to school after 6 months of learning at home, we are all conscious of the importance of time!

Due to the regulations about selfisolating if you have symptoms, and the long wait times for tests to come back, we are concerned about how disrupted the year could be.

Therefore, we are continuing to work hard to teach students about good hand hygiene, use of face masks and social distancing. Fortunately, Brentwood does not have many cases at present which gives us an opportunity to get used to the new routines. Staff and students have a lot to remember and a lot to learn.

There is another problem that causes lost learning time in certain schools. Not just now during a pandemic, but all the time: low-level disruption. In its most recent report * on this, Ofsted found that behaviour such as calling out, chatting, not having the correct equipment or using mobile phones during the school day was leading to an hour of lost learning time! An hour! That is one-fifth of the school day! How can these schools possibly expect students to make the desired levels of progress in such an environment?

As I was saying last week, thankfully authority is alive and well at Becket Keys. We specifically teach new teachers to quickly and effectively take on the rôle of the expert in the room. They must assume the mantle of authority straight away and have

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Year 7

Our latest cohort are settling well into their new surroundings. Here are their thoughts on the first couple of weeks

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the charisma to carry it off. That is why all new staff are being observed in their first week of teaching here. In fact, every lesson, every day sees members of the senior leadership team walking around the school to check that authority is present in the room. At least once already, a member of the senior team has stayed for a whole lesson with a new teacher and then written up a report on their performance. We call this: 'starting smartly'. If we can train new staff to take on the authority that they are blessed with here, and if they can use the same routines and rhythms that are present in the rest of the school, they will quickly benefit.

The Ofsted report was written in 2014 and it frustrates me to think that this remains such a fundamental problem in so many schools. Especially now! But not here. At Becket Keys there is a palpable sense that students love their school and their lessons, staff love their jobs and the rôle they play. Everyone is working together to make the most of every minute and to keep the school not only undisrupted but also wonderfully safe.

My prayer is that we continue to be blessed with God's protection for as long as possible and keep the school open. Please join me in speaking to your sons and daughters about their school day and their use of the hand gel, their face covering and the importance of social distancing. Please also continue to support us in teaching them the good learning habits we have always had here. Respect for teachers and the other students in the class. Respect for the opportunity to learn!

Sometimes teachers, like referees, will make mistakes. When that happens, please do not undermine them. A teacher's word must continue to be final or the 'game' falls apart. A lack of respect for the teacher is the same as a lack of respect for a referee: everyone loses out. My children sometimes come home and tell me that they are in detention when they do not deserve it. I always show them the teacher's point of view and explain how hard it must be for the teachers to get it right every time. I point out that they would not want to be in a class where the teacher did not have this authority. So, they must respect them and their decision even if they disagree from time to time.

Time is precious. Let's not waste a moment. Thank you for your support. Have a great weekend.

> Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher

* Ofsted Report

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/below-the-radar-low-level-disruption-in-the-countrys-classrooms

School Transport

Students are strongly encouraged to avoid public transport for their journeys to school wherever possible. As ever, we encourage walking and cycling to school as green modes of travel with clear health benefits. However, we recognise that it will not be feasible for some students to walk/cycle to our site.

If you travel to school by public transport, please make sure that you check the timetable for any changes that have been implemented for the new term.

Remember that you will require a face covering to travel on any public transport.

NIBS Buses

http://www.nibsbuses.com/?pag e_id=42



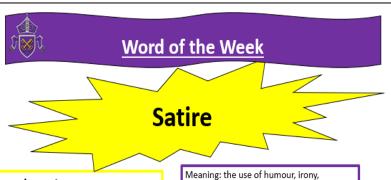
First Buses

https://www.firstgroup.com/essex

Trains

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





In sentences:

- The latest biography of the president is a satire designed to mock the leader.
- The newspaper column provides the perfect venue for the vengeful editor to post a monthly satire about his enemies.
- As the celebrity could not laugh at herself, she did not appreciate the comedy show satirising her life.

Meaning: the use of humour, irony, exaggeration or ridicule to expose and criticise people's stupidity or vices, particularly in the context of contemporary politics and other topical issues.

Etymology:

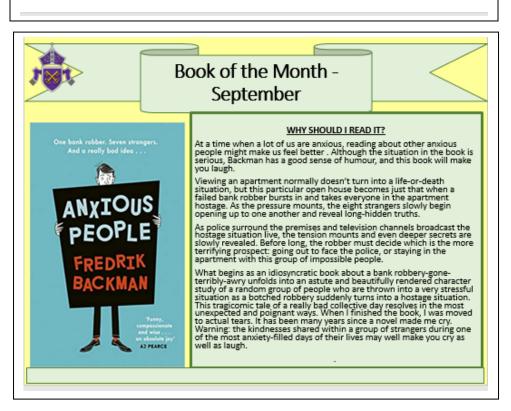
From the Latin <u>satura</u> meaning a full dish or medley of ingredients, and later a collection of poetry and prose on various subjects.



Remember that Homework Club is up and running! Every afternoon after school students can stay until 4.30pm to complete their homework in C11.

Year groups will be 'bubbled' in different areas and if there are a lot of students who wish to make use of this opportunity, we will open other rooms.

Using Homework Club is just one way we provide for students who do not want to leave site at 3.10pm. Avoid the traffic! Stay here for a while!





Please make sure that your son/daughter has adequate drinking water for the day. This is especially important during this spell of warm weather on the days they have PE.

Remember that drinks are available for purchase from the Bistro at break and lunch.

Year 7 - The First Couple of Weeks!



After such a long period of time away from the classroom, it has been a real joy and pleasure to be back teaching again. The return of routine, responsibility and face to face relationships have been welcomed. I have been impressed with the resilience and attitude of our students, particularly the newest members of our community: Year 7.

From our very first day together (which was only two weeks ago!), your children have approached everything that has been asked of them with confidence, responsibility and respect. In every classroom I enter, I see keen learners, model students and outstanding characters. Watching friendships develop during social times has been particularly pleasing; already I can see that this year group are special!

With so many opportunities missed as a result of circumstances out of our control, I always thought it was going to be a little challenging to integrate this new year (I originally called

them Year 6.5) into our school. I could not have been more wrong! Systems and procedures have been learned and followed impeccably, and 'Year 6.5' are fast becoming a strong cohort of established Year 7 students; it has only been two weeks!

I cannot thank you enough for the support and trust you have placed in us. We will always have the best interests of your child at the forefront of everything we do, but it would be naive of me to think that there would not have been any apprehension or uncertainty surrounding the first day of this new school term for you. Your children, our students have been remarkable, and I am so proud of every one of them. They have made a great start to life at Becket Keys, and I am so excited to see what they will go on to achieve as we continue to develop together at Becket Keys.

God bless,

Mr Pethers Head of Year 7 & 8

Here is what some of our new students had to share about their first couple of weeks:

I have really enjoyed my start to the year. I loved meeting all the teachers and making new friends and I can't wait to continue at Becket Keys.

Imogen Walls



Becket Keys is an incredible school! They have welcomed me with open arms. The teachers here are fair, supportive and their motivations is like no others. All in all I have enjoyed every second of my time here so far and I honestly feel that anyone who comes to this school is incredibly fortunate.

Krasi Daneva – 7EW

I have only been at Becket Keys for a couple of weeks, however I already feel comfortable and at home in the school. Everyone has been welcoming and are always ready to help whenever it is needed. I am looking forward to spending many more years here at the school with so many happy people.

Esmé Hodges

On the first day of school, I was very nervous because I thought it would be hard to make friends and fit in. I realised that if I interacted with more people I would make friends and I just had to be myself. Teachers were also very helpful.

Bobbie Neaster



My name is Joshua and I have been at Becket Keys for two weeks, yet I have already made many friends. The teachers and students are very supportive. Whenever I ask a teacher where a classroom is, I get an immediate answer with a smile. Sixth Formers are also always there to answer any questions and to make sure that no one gets bullied. Classes are very exciting and we learn a lot. So far, I have really enjoyed my time here and I think that this is an amazing school!

Joshua Eida

I am a student in Year 7, so far I have loved it here at Becket Keys. It was scary on the first day but each week it gets better. Becket Keys is a very good school and I have loved every bit of it and cannot wait to do more here.

Storm Townsend

On my first day at Becket Keys I was so nervous and shy as I couldn't believe that I was at high school. My first day was confusing at first but now I am getting to know more things, I think it will be good. I know it will get easier.

Anon

I have really enjoyed my first few weeks at Becket Keys. At first, I was worried that I was going to get lost but after the first few days I knew my way around. At primary school we only had one teacher, here it is very different because we have a different teacher for every subject. I enjoy this more as the teacher gives more focus to that one subject. I am enjoying every lesson at Becket Keys and I look forward to what the coming months will bring.

Kaitlyn Bell



My name is Olivia and I have just started at Becket Keys. I have been here for two weeks now and am slowly settling in! I have really enjoyed Mathematics, PE and History so far. I have made some great friends and I have now met all of my lovely teachers! I was very anxious a few weeks ago, but now I feel a bit more settled. I would like to thank all of my friends and teachers who have helped me to settle in especially my form tutor Mr Taylor and Mr Pethers my Head of Year. I am looking forward to my time here at Becket Keys.

Olivia Snowsill

I was extremely nervous about starting a new school, it seemed so

big and busy. Even though we are in a coronavirus pandemic the students and teachers at the school have made it very easy to settle in and take this huge weight about starting secondary school off my shoulders. The lessons are enjoyable and educational, they teach you in great details about the subject. The teachers always have a smile on their faces. I am very comfortable at this school, having fun with my friends and learning.

Sophia Tredgett

My time here at Becket Keys has been amazing! I have made lots of friends and everyone is so kind. Even though my time here has just started, I can tell that this is the perfect school for me.

Abigail Alderson



I was scared and nervous but as I got to socialise with my form and different classes I soon realised it wasn't so bad! I have made at least ten friends and my goal is now to make at least twenty more!. The teachers and students are very nice and understanding. PE is the thing I find the most difficult, but I find the people around me cheer me on and help me to keep moving.

Mark Uthumpa

New Staff in Mathematics



Mr Taylor Mathematics Teacher

I was born in Essex and have lived here all my life. I have always had a talent for Mathematics, but never really fell in love with the subject until I transitioned into secondary school and began to see the relevance it had to real life and the interesting things that could be done with it.

I studied Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Chemistry at A-Level, and moved on to study Actuarial Sciences, a statistics focused degree that continued to develop my love and interest of Mathematics. I have always loved probability and randomness, and Mathematics has given me the tools to both create and experiment with various ideas, as well as equipping me with the tools to apply it to the real world in fun and interesting ways. The most interesting use I have had for my skills thus far was in programming and developing my own game for others to play via the internet. I hope to inspire

students to see Mathematics in the same way I do, as a fun and interesting topic which will become a powerful tool to use in everyday life, both in work and in downtime at home.

My other interests, outside of Mathematics and game design, are Table Tennis and JuJitSu, a martial art which I recently achieved Black Belt status towards the end of last year.

I am new to Becket Keys and the Brentwood area, having taught previously in the Benfleet-Thundersley area (closer to Southend-On-Sea) and I am excited to meet new faces and look forwards to working with the community that surrounds Becket Keys.



Mr. Harvey
Mathematics Teacher

I grew up around Bishops Stortford, Herts where I completed my GCSEs at Leventhorpe and A levels at Herts and Essex High School. Before going to the University of Nottingham, I took a gap year and worked for a computer consultancy based in London (one of the directors there was the husband of my A level Maths teacher). During this time, the company won a contract to supply computer equipment in Luxembourg. This gave them an opportunity to set up an office there, and I was fortunate enough to spend 6 months working in Luxembourg.

At university, I studied Mathematics-with-Engineering, as I wanted to focus more on how Mathematics can be applied to real life situations rather than the philosophical aspects of the subject.

After graduating, I worked in a variety of roles in industry, including working as a Computer Systems Analyst for a large food manufacturer. In 2003 I needed to work closer to home, and this also gave me the opportunity to reevaluate what I wanted to do longer term. I started teacher training in 2006, via the Graduate Teacher Programme through Harlow Education consortium, and have been teaching ever since, at schools in Hertfordshire and Essex.

I have lived in Essex for over 20 years, with my partner and our 3 daughters aged 23, 17 and 10.



Food Department

Hello & welcome back!

I hope that you are all well and are enjoying getting back into a routine now students are back in school.

It has been wonderful to see our students in a classroom again, engaged and eager to learn. This week I asked my students what recipe they would like to see in the newsletter. Oliver Selwlyn in Year 9 asked for a quick stir fry recipe, so here is my go-to recipe for a quick, nutritious, easy stir fry that can be adapted.

Whilst completing my chef training in London I was fortunate enough to be taught by Ken Hom who showed me how to make the perfect stir fry. One of the most important tips he gave me was to use a small ladle of water to cool the wok down while cooking, not only to prevent the food from sticking and burning, but also to create steam that will help cook the dish quicker. He also taught me to add my soy sauce towards the end of cooking for a fuller flavour, as Chinese people mainly use soy sauce as a seasoning. Another tip that is important is to get all your Mise en place ready. Mise en place means, preparation of equipment and ingredients ready before the cooking starts.

There are two types of soy sauce that could be used, you can see here a picture to explain the difference.



Recipe of the Week Ingredients Makes 5 servings

Egg noodles 250g pack.

- 1 Onion.
- 1 Whole head of broccoli.
- 2 cloves of garlic.
- 1 Thumb sized piece of ginger.
- 3 Chicken breast.
- 2 Tablespoons of dark soy sauce.
- 1 Tablespoon honey.
- 2 Tablespoons of peas.
- 1 Teaspoon Chinese five spice.
- 2 Teaspoon of sunflower or vegetable oil.
- 2 Teaspoons of sesame oil. Handful coriander chopped.

Method

Place the egg noodles into a large bowl and cover with just boiled water from the kettle to soften the noodles (this should take about 10 minutes) or follow the pack instructions.

Peel and thinly slice the onion and

garlic, place in separate bowls and put aside.

Grate the ginger using the small hole on your grater, (no need to peel the ginger, just make sure you wash it) place in a bowl and put to one side.

Prepare the broccoli into small florets and wash in a colander. Slice your chicken into small 1 cm strips, place into a container.

Now you are ready to start cooking!

Heat the sunflower oil in a wok or frying pan on a high heat, add the sliced onions and stir for a minute to soften. Then add the chicken evenly to the pan, do not stir for a minute, leave the chicken to colour on one side.

After one minute stir the onions and chicken strips to stop them from sticking. Then add the broccoli, ginger, garlic then stir to colour the other side of the chicken.

At this point you will need to add a little water to the pan, normally half a ladle.

Leave to cook for five minutes still on a high heat, stirring if needed. While waiting, check the noodles are soft, and if they are drain them into a colander and set aside.

Now add the Chinese five spice, honey, soy sauce and peas to the pan, stir around the pan and mix well. Then toss in the noodles making sure they get coated in the sauce.

Keep stirring for another five minutes till the broccoli is tender and the chicken is cooked to 75c. When adding the noodles you may need to turn the heat down to prevent the noodles from burning.

To finish the dish, I add a little sesame oil and chopped coriander to add another dimension of flavour.

Serve and enjoy!



This stir fry can be adapted with other ingredients that you have in your fridge and cupboards, you could use prawns, tofu, and beef or just make a vegetable stir fry. You also do not have to use egg noodles, any noodle would work well or maybe even use rice.

I hope you enjoy this recipe and have a go at making it at home. If you do make this at home, please do send in your picture for me to see. Enjoy ©



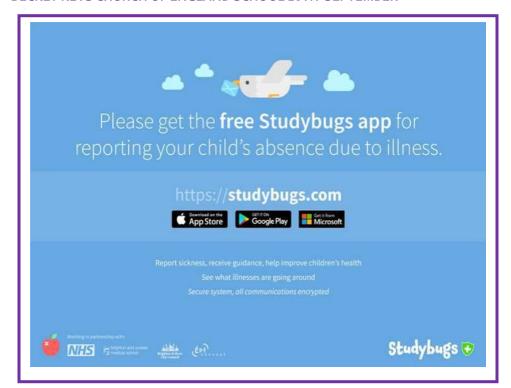
Mrs English Food Teacher

Becket Keys School Nurse



Our School Nurse is currently unable to meet with students on site but please do contact Mrs. Cavalier if you feel your child would benefit from this support. In addition to this, all students have been made aware of the nursing team CHAT Healthline. This is manned by a School Nurse between the hours of 9-5pm Monday to Friday, and they will respond to all messages within 24 hours Monday – Friday. The aim is to provide timely, and convenient access to confidential health advice for every young person in Essex.

Students can phone or text: 07520 615732. Please note, self-referrals are accepted if the student is aged 13 and over. If the student is under this age, the school nursing team will seek parental consent.





Student Contact Information

As we are 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.

If you have changed any of your contact details (phone, email address or home address), please make sure you let us know immediately so we can update our systems.

Please email through any changes to office@becketkeys.org Many thanks for your co-operation.



In order to keep the students and staff safe, we are unable to allow any parents to access the school site at this time unless an appointment has been made.

If you need to drop something urgently it will need to be left at the school gate. Students should be encouraged to be organised and have all the uniform and equipment they require on a daily basis.



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.

Visit their website for the latest information:

https://www.smartypantsschoo lwear.com/

31st Aug, 21st Sept, 12th Oct, 2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec





MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Quesadilla

Spicy beef layered tortilla wrap with street corn and fajita wedge

Chicken Shawarma

Arabic spiced chicken, flatbread with soused red cabbage & parsley with a hummus dressing

Pineapple Roasted Gammon

Served with red onion salsa, roast potatoes & vegetables

Dopiaza Chicken Sausage & Chips

Chicken cooked in Butchers pork a onion spiced sausage served with sauce served with chips and beans naan bread



TRADITIONAL

DISH

Quornadillia

wrap with street

corn and fajita wedge

Spicy Asian Noodles

Spicy Quorn and Tofu and vegetables Served with a bean layered tortilla in a spicy sauce flatbread and kale & mango salad served with noodles

Egyptian Falafal Vegetable Paella Quorn Sausage & Chips

Served with a house salad

Quorn sausaae served with chips and beans



DELICIOUS DESSERTS Our Hot Deli Range includes fresh dough s, pasta & noodle pots, filled jacket spuds & paninis hot chicken wraps, wings & dusted wedges. We rotate our range throughout the week.

Italian Crumble Cake

Chocolate Sponge

Sticky Toffee Pudding

Apple Flapjack Ice Cream Tub

Although the Bistro are currently unable to offer their full range of food, there are still some delicious dishes to try. Check out next week's menu!

School Photographs

If you did not pre-register for your son/daughter's photo and wish to view/purchase, please email the school office@becketkeys.org to request the photo link code. All photos will be sent to your home address free of charge for a two week period.

You can contact Carmel Jane directly for this code or indeed if you are having any issues accessing the picture: info@carmeljane.co.uk 01277 822674









OF YOUR DAY

Dear Parents of Year 10 students,

I wanted to let you know how incredibly hard your children have been working since our return to school. I have been popping into their lessons and have been so impressed with the level of focus and engagement.

I know that some of you are concerned about the amount of time we have been away from school, so I would like to tell you about how we are making the most of our time in school, particularly during form time.

Heads of Department for English, Science and Mathematics have created targeted tasks for Year 10 students to complete during form time on a Monday, and we are allocating Thursdays for either revision or homework. Please encourage your child to have tasks to do during this time when their form tutor is on hand to support.

As always, please do get in touch with me or your child's form tutor should you have any pastoral queries.

I am so happy to be back with my year group!

Miss Brown - Head of Year 10





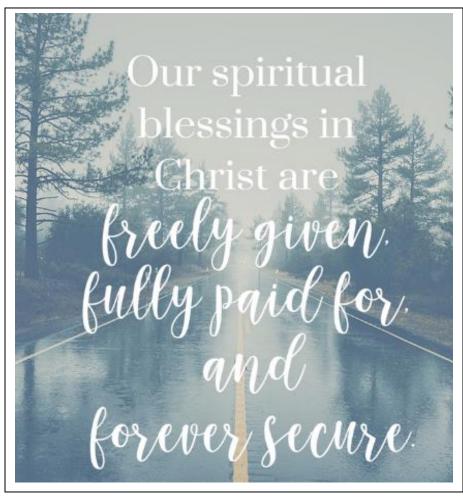
We are blessed to bless others

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. - Ephesians 1:3

This is a wonderful truth. We are blessed with every spiritual blessing. But, what does that mean to you? Are God's blessings just in the financial area of our lives, or are His blessings for every area of our lives: spiritual, emotional and physical? God's blessings are so much more than what we can ever imagine. He has completely filled us to the full with Himself. We have been blessed with the fullness of heaven to fulfil our purpose and destiny here on earth. We are fully equipped and lack nothing!

I like the message of Ephesians 3:19 from the Amplified Bible:

'...And [that you may come] to know [practically, through personal experience] the love of Christ which far surpasses [mere] knowledge [without experience],



that you may be filled up
[throughout your being] to all the
fullness of God [so that you may
have the richest experience of
God's presence in your lives,
completely filled and flooded
with God Himself]...'

In hearing these words and reflecting on their meaning, remember why we are blessed. We are blessed to be a blessing to others! God's blessings flow to us, which can then flow out to others. How will you share these blessings? How can you help others feel God's presence in their lives?

Meditate and bring these words to God in prayer.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord, in the complicated times in which we live, help us to grow in our faith rather than faulter. Help us remember we are blessed, however difficult the challenges we face. May we be secure in the knowledge of your blessings and recognise experiences of these blessings in our lives. May we reach out with these blessing to others and feel equipped to support all those we meet. May we radiate your love.

Amen.

Mrs Sharp Deputy Head teacher



School Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that Becket Keys School will be a blessing to the people of Brentwood.

Encouraged by the example of Peter, Thomas of Canterbury and all your saints, may its students know the beauty of your truth;

May its staff know the joy of your service;

May its headteacher and governors be led by a vision of your kingdom;

And together may the school community know your Holy Spirit in its midst.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Coronavirus Attendance Advice

What to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
my child has	Do not come to school	the test comes back negative.
coronavirus symptoms	Contact school daily	
	Self-isolate	
	 Get a test as soon as possible 	
	 Inform the school immediately about 	
	test result	
my child tests positive	Do not come to school	they feel better. They can return to
for coronavirus	Contact school daily	school after 10 days even if they have
	 Self-isolate for at least 10 days 	a cough or loss of smell/taste. These
	 Inform the school immediately about 	symptoms can last for several weeks
	test result	once the infection is gone.
somebody in my	Do not come to school	the household member test is
household has	Contact school daily	negative.
coronavirus symptoms	Self-isolate	
	 Household member to get a test 	
	 Inform the school immediately about 	
	test result	
somebody in my	Do not come to school	the child has completed 14 days of
household has tested	Contact school daily	self-isolation and does not display
positive for coronavirus	Self-isolate for 14 days	symptoms.
NHS test and trace	Do not come to school	the child has completed 14 days of
have identified my child	Contact school daily	self-isolation
as a 'close contact' of	Self-isolate for 14 days	
somebody with	,	
symptoms or confirmed		
coronavirus		
we/my child travelled	 Do not take unauthorised leave in 	the quarantine period of 14 days h
and has to self-isolate a	term time	been completed
part of a period of	 Consider quarantine requirements and 	
quarantine	FCO advice when booking travel	
	 Provide information to school as per 	
	attendance policy	
	Returning from a destination where	
	quarantine is needed:	
	Do not come to school	
	Contact school daily	
	Self-isolate for 14 days	
we have received	Do not come to school	school inform you that restrictions
medical advice that my	Provide any evidence you have	have been lifted and your child can
child must resume	Contact school as required by your	return to school again.
shielding.	Head of Year	
	Shield until you are informed that	
	restrictions are lifted, and shieling is	
	paused again	



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER -

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

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STUDENT HALF DAY

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2020 -

FRIDAY 1ST JANUARY 2021

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021

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