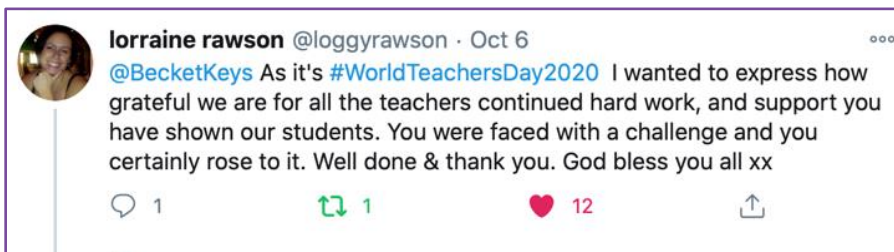




# Becket Keys Church of England School

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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### Mr Scott-Evans writes ...

**"Give thanks in all circumstances" 1 Thessalonians 5 v18 .**

This week, a parent put the above message on Twitter:

It probably took Mrs Rawson about 2 minutes to compose this Tweet and send it, but it has brought a great deal of encouragement to me and other staff this week. I think often we overlook the importance of expressing gratitude. Something that is so simple to do can have a great impact.

In recent days, I have been teaching lessons on Microsoft

Teams to Sixth Formers who are at home self-isolating; I have had to do this alongside teaching the rest of my class who are in school. This has been a steep learning curve for me and quite a juggling act. It takes a lot for me to get flustered and particularly when it comes to technology, I feel quite confident. However, even for me, it has been a challenge. Therefore, it really means a lot when students remember to type three simple words at the end of the lesson: "Thank you, sir".

We teach all our students to thank teachers as they leave a classroom and it is very

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encouraging to me that students have applied this to their virtual classrooms as well.

Children are not naturally grateful or humble. This is not their fault: they simply do not realise the impact of their actions on others unless it is pointed out to them. They need to be taught. They need to be helped to empathise with others. Our Sixth Formers, on the whole, have reached this level of maturity and in their final years at Becket Keys really understand and fully appreciate just what they have here.

I want all students to grow up to be grateful that they have good parents, good teachers and plenty of fantastic opportunities. If that is what we want, we need to make it happen using the skills that we have. We teach it, model it and value it in the day to day situations that we find ourselves in.

Humility brings gratitude. Too many young people are being taught that the world revolves around them, their happiness, and their aspirations for wealth and superiority. This is dangerous.

Instead, here at Becket Keys, we teach humility explicitly and help students to feel grateful in a world of pure materialism. Instead of trying to have more than other people, we teach students to be grateful for what they have already. Constant striving for more is a deeply unsatisfying approach to life. By

teaching students to be grateful, we guide them to more gratifying lives. GK Chesterton once said: "There are two ways to have enough. One is to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less." Wise words.

We cannot simply tell students to be grateful and to desire less, that does not get us anywhere. Students need to actually feel it. That takes skill and effort on behalf of the staff. We are constantly looking for opportunities to draw students' attention to things around them that they may be at risk of feeling no gratitude for. For example, in the final weeks of this term, Mr Shields and I will be giving students the specific opportunity to stop and think of teachers who have made a difference for them since we returned to school. They will be given the chance to write a postcard to that teacher saying, "Thank you". It will be good for the students to do this. It will also be good for the teachers! A few words of gratitude go a long way.

So finally, "thank you" to Mrs Rawson for your kind words of appreciation on Twitter this week. As we come to the weekend, I would encourage us all to look around us and be grateful for what we have and to take a moment to send a word of appreciation, if we can. You never know what a difference it can make.

**Mr Scott-Evans**  
**Headteacher**



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

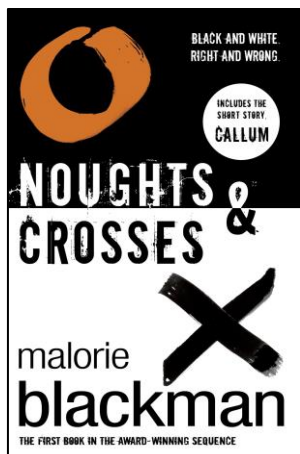
Year groups will be 'bubbled' in different areas and if there are a lot of students who wish to make use of this opportunity, we will open other rooms.

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!

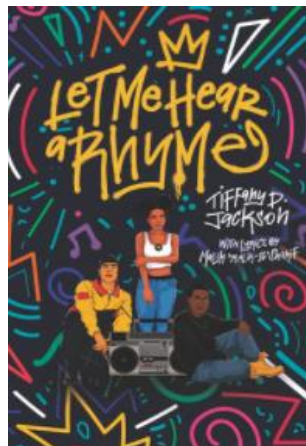


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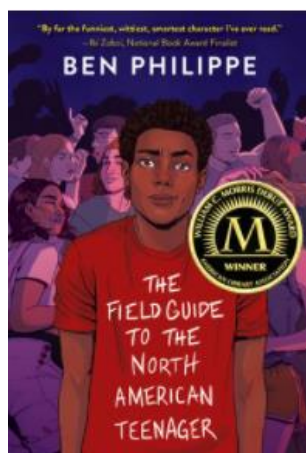
## Book Club Suggestions – Black History Month



Malorie Blackman has used science fiction to explore social and ethical issues like in the popular novel noughts and crosses where she explores the idea of a world where Africa colonised Europe.



Brooklyn, 1998. A book about music, rap and fame.



Norris Kaplan is clever, cynical, and quite possibly too smart for his own good, he has recently moved to Austin, Texas.

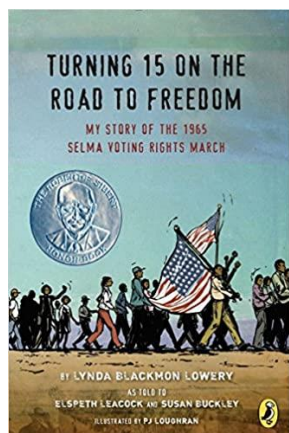
Sent into a new high school and sweating a ridiculous amount from the oppressive Texas heat, Norris finds himself cataloguing everyone he meets: The Cheerleaders, the Jocks, the Loners, and even the Manic Pixie Dream Girl. This way he can at least amuse himself until it is time to go back to Canada, where he belongs.

Yet against all odds, those labels soon become actual people to Norris...like loner Liam, who makes it his mission to befriend Norris, or Madison the beta cheerleader, who is so nice that it has to be a trap. Not to mention Aarti the Manic Pixie Dream Girl, who might, in fact, be a real love interest in the making!

But the night of the prom, Norris messes everything up royally. Follow his story as he tries to pick up the pieces.



Set in the deep American South between the wars, The Color Purple is the classic tale of Celie, a young black girl born into poverty and segregation. Raped repeatedly by the man she calls 'father', she has two children taken away from her, is separated from her beloved sister Nettie and is trapped into an ugly marriage. But then she meets the glamorous Shug Avery, singer and magic-maker - a woman who has taken charge of her own destiny. Gradually Celie discovers the power and joy of her own spirit.



Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom (10+)

A memoir on the Civil Rights Movement from one of its youngest heroes. Lynda Blackmon Lowery, jailed 9 times before her fifteenth birthday. Lowery fought alongside Martin Luther King Jr for the rights of African Americans. In this memoir she shows today's young readers what it means to fight on-violently and how it felt to be a part of changing America.





## Word of the Week

# Curfew

### In sentences:

1. The city ordered a curfew after the rioting started.
2. My daughter has a ten o'clock curfew.
3. The coach imposed a curfew on his players because their late night parties were affecting their games.

Meaning: an order specifying a time during which certain regulations apply.

Etymology: a contraction of the French *couvre-feu*, meaning 'cover the fire'. In medieval Europe, it was common for a bell to be rung at a certain hour in the evening (often eight o'clock) indicating that all fires must be covered or put out, to stop them spreading once people were asleep.

## 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/?page\\_id=42](http://www.nibsbuses.com/?page_id=42)



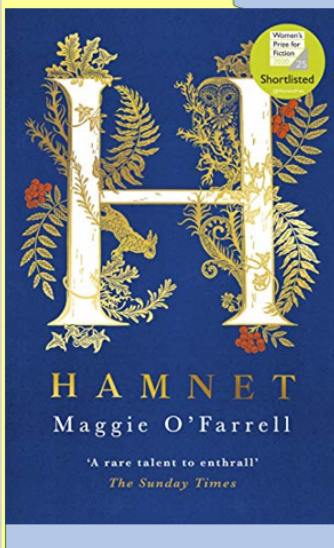
## First Buses

<https://www.firstgroup.com/ess>  
[ex](https://www.firstgroup.com/ess)

## Trains

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

## Book of the Month - October



### WHY SHOULD I READ IT?

This book makes an award winning story from a few of the details we know about William Shakespeare's life.

On a summer's day in 1596, a young girl in Stratford-upon-Avon takes to her bed with a fever. Her twin brother, Hamnet, searches everywhere for help. Why is nobody at home?

Their mother, Agnes, is over a mile away, in the garden where she grows medicinal herbs. Their father is working in London. Neither parent knows that one of the children will not survive the week.

*Hamnet* is a novel inspired by the son of a famous playwright. It is a story of the bond between twins, and of a marriage pushed to the brink by grief. It is also the story of a kestrel and its mistress; a flea that boards a ship in Alexandria; and a glovemaking's son who flouts convention in pursuit of the woman he loves. Above all, it is a tender and unforgettable reimagining of a boy whose life has been all but forgotten, but whose name was (almost) given to one of the most celebrated plays ever written.



# Art & Textiles



The Artwork is progressing very well so far this term. Well done to all the Becket Keys Artists!

**Tolulope Are Yr 10**

**Star Artist for Art**  
Hannah Thomas Yr 10



**Connor Baines Yr 11**



**Eva O'Flynn De La Torre**

**Yr 11**

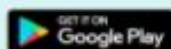


## Friends of Becket Keys

# Raise funds for The Friends of Becket Keys every time you shop online

Find us on easyfundraising to start:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeysschoolbrentwood/>



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Easyfundraising, is the UK's biggest charity shopping site and has over 4,000 participating retailers. Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for the School. It only takes five minutes to sign up and costs you nothing, but over the years we have raised over £2,300 from our supporters shopping via the Easyfundraising Scheme.

You can register here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeysschoolbrentwood/>

You can activate the donation reminder, which will pop-up on any of the participating retailers' websites if you chose to shop outside of the Easyfundraising portal.



## Uniform

All students are required to wear smart shoes and not trainers.

Girls in Year 7-9, should have their hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up/ half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please

Boys should not have any extreme hairstyles and hair must not be dyed, no shapes cut into the hair e.g stripes or undercuts and long hair is not permitted in Year 7-11.

Now that the weather is getting colder please remember that all students will be in need of a **COAT** – Plain **BLACK** without coloured flashes, logos or slogans, no 'fashion items', no 'puffer' jackets.

Bags should also be plain black.



Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.

## Food Department

### National Curry Week 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October!

The very first National Curry Week took place in October 1998 and was founded by the late Peter Grove. Peter was a prominent journalist who had fallen in love with curry. His vision was to drive awareness and appreciation of the burgeoning Indian restaurant industry, whilst also raising funds for charity.

Since the 1970s, curry houses have become a staple of highstreets up and down the country and millions of curries are consumed every single week. The love affair shows no signs of slowing and that is why I am sharing my favourite curry side dish recipe with you this week. I hope you like it!

### Recipe of the Week

#### West Indian Spiced Aubergine Curry

**Serves 2**

#### Ingredients

- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- ½ tsp ground turmeric
- 1 large aubergine
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- ½ green chilli, finely chopped
- 1cm piece ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 tsp caster sugar
- ½-1 tbsp rapeseed oil



- 3 spring onions, chopped
- ½ bunch of coriander, shredded
- cooked rice, natural yogurt, roti and lime wedges, to serve

#### Method

##### STEP 1

Mix the dry spices and 1 tsp salt together in a bowl and set aside.

##### STEP 2

Slice the aubergine into 1cm rounds, then score both sides of each round with the tip of a sharp knife. Rub with the spice mix until well coated (you should use all of the mix), then transfer to a board. Put 150ml water in the empty spice bowl with the tomato purée, chilli, ginger and sugar. Set aside.

##### STEP 3

Heat the oil in a large non-stick frying pan over a medium heat and arrange the aubergine in the pan, overlapping the rounds if needed. Fry for 5 mins on each side, or until golden. Add the liquid mix from the bowl, bring to a simmer, cover and cook for 15-20 mins, turning the aubergine occasionally until it is cooked through. If it seems dry, you may need to add up to 100ml more water to make it saucier. Season.

##### STEP 4

Scatter over the spring onions and coriander, and serve with rice, yogurt, roti and lime wedges for squeezing over.

Enjoy ☺

**Mrs English  
Food Teacher**



Learn how to write and perform your own song!

Online  
Starting at the beginning of November  
3.45-6.15pm

A pilot therapeutic 15-week project for 13-19 year olds\* who will learn to:

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- Express your feelings and your view of the world in your own way
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- Practise and perform

You will gain confidence and experience and have a sense of achievement that will stand you in good stead going forward in life.

No experience necessary.

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Worried about yourself? Feel lonely? Find it difficult to express yourself? Come along!

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# LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property is stored in reception. If your son/daughter has misplaced anything, please send him/her to collect it.

We also have a large number of coats which were left at school prior to the lockdown which the students will soon need as the weather changes so please get them to call into reception to check.

Please remember to name all items of uniform so that things can be returned.

THANK YOU.

## Stay safe



In order to try and stop the spread of the virus, we are actively encouraging our students to wear masks in the following areas:

- Corridors
- Communal toilets

Please provide your son/daughter with a face covering (where possible in school colours: black, purple, gold, grey or white). A spare in their bag would also be useful.

If we all do our bit between lessons as well as following all of our other guidance, we can slow the spread of this virus and therefore keep our school open!



**World  
KITCHEN.**

21st Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov, 30th Nov

**WEEK ONE****Aspens**  
**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****TRADITIONAL  
DISH****Sweet & Sour  
Chicken**Pieces of chicken  
cooked in a home-  
made sweet and  
sour sauce served  
with noodles**Beef Lasagne**Bolognese layered  
with pasta and  
cheese sauce with  
garlic bread and  
house salad**Roast Pork**Served in a giant  
Yorkshire pudding  
with roast potatoes,  
seasonal  
vegetables and  
gravy**Murghi Badami**Marinated chicken  
served with rice and  
cucumber raita and  
Kachumber**Traditional Fish &  
Chips**Fillets of fish cooked  
in a homemade  
batter served with  
chips and peas**VEGGIE  
DISH****Lo Mein**Chinese vegetable  
and noodles**Vegetable  
Lasagne**Roasted vegetables  
layered with pasta  
topped white  
sauce, served with  
garlic bread and  
house salad**Creamy Quorn  
Pie**Quorn and  
vegetable puff  
pastry pie served  
with seasonal  
vegetables roast  
potatoes and gravy**Sweet Potato  
Balti**Lightly spiced sweet  
potato, chickpea  
and lentil curry  
served with rice  
cucumber raita and  
Kachumber**Tempura  
Vegetables**Slices of vegetables  
cooked in a  
homemade batter  
served with chips  
and beans**Hot-DELI-****DELICIOUS  
DESSERTS**Our Hot Deli Range includes fresh doughs, pasta & noodle pots, filled jacket spuds & paninis  
hot chicken wraps, wings & dusted wedges. We rotate our range throughout the week.**Fruity Banana  
Loaf****Apple Crumble  
Cake****Summer Berry  
Slice****Carrot Cake****Ice Cream Tub**

## Bistro & Orangery

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!

The Catering staff are working very hard in order to make sure that the food offered is individually packaged and safe, but please remind your son/daughter that if an item is picked up then it must be purchased.

Please make sure that you check and top-up your ParentPay account regularly.

**ParentPay**  
COUNT ON US

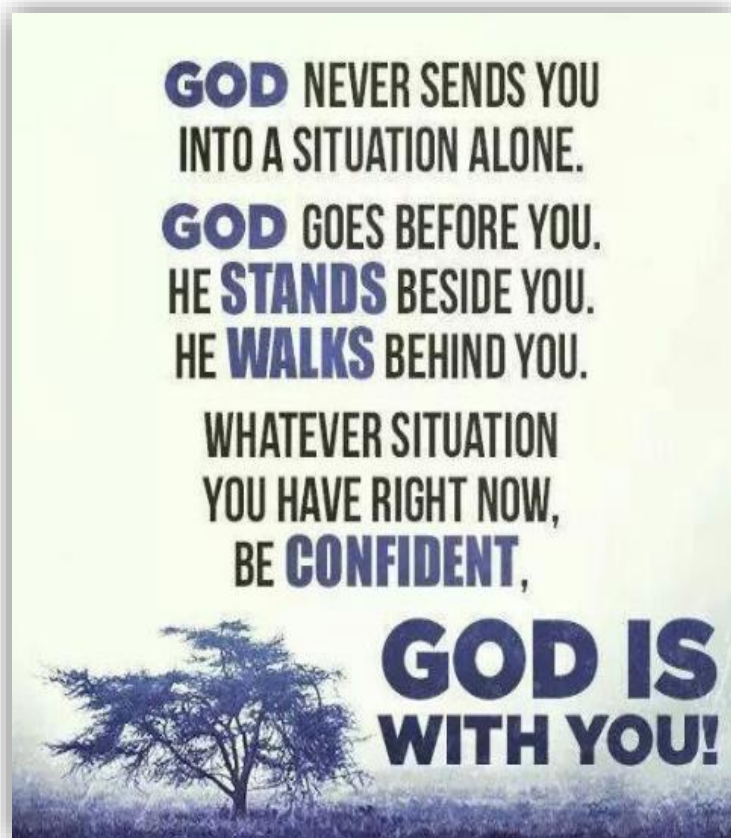


## God goes before you

*'And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.' Deuteronomy 31:8*

Many people are afraid to fulfil their plans because they fear the unknown that lies ahead. This was particularly true of important figures in the Old Testament. If they had been daunted by challenges, this would have changed the course of humanity. Yet, they moved forward in faith and did their part in executing God's great plan.

It is of utmost importance that God's hand should be stretched out in protection over people that He sent out in His name. This protection and the steadfast faith of Biblical heroes, has meant that much has been accomplished for the Kingdom of God. The most important fact is that they believed in the Lord. Remember, His view is perfect and eternal. He will always be there for you too. In the most challenging times, He will offer His protection, support and guidance.



Before putting your plans into action, you need to lay them before God and submit them to His will. Wait on the Holy Spirit to guide you. Walk intimately with Christ in prayer, meditation and Bible study and move forward when and as he guides you. He knows what is best for you. Trust Him completely and never doubt the fact the he will keep you safe. He will grant you the fulfilment of your plan.

*Dear God,*

*Whatever plans we may have (preparations for examinations, choosing university courses, relationships, financial decisions or a dream that never surfaces) may we lay them before you and wait for the guidance of your Holy Spirit. May we have steadfast faith*

*and feel your presence in our lives. May we always remember that you are a step ahead.*

*During these challenging times, may we always be grateful for the many ways you have touched (and will continue to touch) the lives of those in our community and beyond.*

*God is with us now and always. Amen.*

**Mrs. Sharp**  
Deputy Headteacher



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Churches Together in Brentwood



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for our troubled world.**

**Guest Speaker – Rev Nick Lear**

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**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
7.30 p.m.**

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## 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*



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 have all the uniform and equipment they require on a daily basis.

## Stay Hydrated!

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.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

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### ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS

MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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### STUDENT HALF DAY

FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020 –

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2021

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### INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

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