



# Becket Keys Church of England School

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

A DECADE OF ACTION TO REPAIR THE EARTH

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## The Earthshot Prize

This week in Collective Worship, I have been speaking to the students about [The Earthshot Prize](#). You may have seen something of this on BBC 1, recently.

We talked about how Christianity, like all world faiths, encourages us to be stewards of God's world and how our aim should be to leave the planet better than we found it.

Barak Obama said, "We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it." The Earthshot rises to that challenge.

A previous American President (JFK) said, "We choose to go to the Moon!" This became known as the Moonshot. An audacious ambition to get to the Moon in

less than a decade. In a famous race against time the world united behind this ambition.

Prince William is attempting a similar feat and saying that in the next ten years we need to save the planet we all know and love.

In response to this, and in association with our new students' newspaper, I am taking a lead on our very own Earthshot project here in school. I want to offer practical and financial support to students' ideas to improve the environment here at Becket Keys. We will form our own Earthshot council and listen to ideas of students. We will choose some to put into action each year for the next ten years. We will use money from the School Fund to support their ambitions to change the way we work.

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As part of this, I announced my own "Power of Ten Earthshot". I challenged our students and staff to do ten simple things consistently for the next year including planting a tree fruit to hopefully grow a sapling to plant in the school grounds next year. I am encouraging every student to collect an acorn or a conker (or similar) and to plant it over the next few days ready for next year.

If everyone (including all of you reading this) continued to do these ten things for a year and joined me in planting a tree next year we would make a significant impact. If we repeat it every year for the next ten years, it will make even more of a difference. And, if we could encourage ten other people, (or ten other schools) to join us just imagine what we could do! Especially, if those ten people (or schools) encouraged another ten next year.  $10^{10}$ !

Over the next ten years, thousands of trees could be planted, items could be recycled, litter could be collected, and the world could be changed.

Our own school is blessed with space for hundreds and hundreds of trees, and we have the nature reserve across the road to add to as well. We have ordered 400 trees from the Woodland Trust to plant around our school field this year as part of the [Queen's Jubilee](#) Green Canopy.

I plan to be at Becket Keys for at

"The Earth is at a tipping point and we face a stark choice: either we continue as we are and irreparably damage our planet, or we remember our unique power as human beings and our continual ability to lead, innovate and problem-solve. People can achieve great things. The next ten years present us with one of our greatest tests – a decade of action to repair the Earth."

Prince William



least another 10 years, my legacy here will not only be to teach thousands of students about the importance of protecting the environment, but also to do something about it.

Will you join me in this mission? Will you commit to doing the ten simple things below? Could you join our Earthshot Prize council? Would you be willing to financially support our work by making a contribution to our School Fund? JFK said, "We choose to go the moon (and do the other things), not because they are easy, but because they are hard." Hard choices need to be made. Ambitious ideas need to be thought of. We have "Faith in Learning" – we believe in the power of ideas to change things. Let's all support our students in coming up with their own Earthshot ideas.

My "Power of Ten" List:

1. Help with the recycling at home every week, ensuring that everything that can be is recycled.

2. Never buy water in plastic bottles. Always take a reusable bottle.
3. Switch off lights and taps when not in use.
4. Help with planting, watering and picking edible produce at home.
5. Pick up at least one piece of litter every day.
6. Eat vegetarian at least one day per week. Cut down on meat – especially beef.
7. Make sure all paper and card at school goes into the right bins.
8. Take soft plastics into a supermarket where they can be recycled.
9. Walk or cycle to school.
10. Plant a tree this year.

I will be checking in with students again after next week to see how they are getting on with this Earthshot and what other ideas they may have for our school.

**Mr Scott-Evans**  
Headteacher

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Want to see your design in print and used for the Becket Keys Church of England School Christmas Cards 2021?

Fancy winning a £20 book token and 20 cards to use for your own purposes? This competition is open to all year groups. Template on Satchel One.

COMPETITION  
-TIME-



Designs for the Becket Keys  
Church of England School  
Christmas Cards 2021  
must be returned to  
Reception by  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

✓ DO: A5 portrait or landscape designs.

✓ DO: Colour or black and white. You can use pencils, pen or paint.

✓ DO: Stay within the guidelines of the sheet provided on SMHW.

× DON'T: Include any text.

× DON'T: Use computers.

× DON'T: Use glitter or stickers.

**ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT**



Designs which reflect our Christian Ethos  
are particularly encouraged.

Please speak to Mrs. Sharp if you have any questions.



School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is now every Wednesday at 8.45am. This is a short meeting where we pray together for local and national events and for any intentions of those in our school family. All are welcome, please enter via reception.

If you have any prayer intentions, please send them into the school via the office email: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)

## Friends of Becket Keys Pre-loved Uniform

Friends of Becket Keys will be holding a nearly new uniform sale on:

**SATURDAY**

**30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**11.00AM – 1.00PM**

We have some special offers for this sale as hoodies and rugby tops are buy one get one free! Great to have a spare!

Also available are some lovely black school coats, so do come along to see if there are any available in your son/daughter's size before the weather gets really cold.

If you have any uniform that you wish to donate, it can be dropped into the school reception. We would appreciate it if any uniform that is donated is in good, clean condition. Thank you.

Please address any enquiries to [uniform.becketkeys@gmail.com](mailto:uniform.becketkeys@gmail.com)

We appreciate your support for these sales as all the money raised is donated back to the school and invested in equipment for the students.

# YEAR 7 *All Saints'* PARTY

The Year 7 students enjoyed a fabulous evening yesterday at their disco. Mr Fish organised a wonderful event with entertainment from the school Stage Band and DJ DT (Dan todd) and DJ MarXy. Many thanks to all who attended and to those who volunteered their time to help organise and chaperone the event.





Remember on **Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the whole school will be off-timetable, and students will be given a variety of opportunities to undertake more immersive learning linked to their curriculum, alongside opportunities to develop personal skills and to try something new.

Please note that students are still required to attend school in their uniform.



## Covid-19 Home Test Kits

All students have now been offered home test kits. If your child has not received a kit and wants to test, please ask them to collect from reception. More tests are available if they are required and we would encourage all students to keep testing regularly during the All Saints' break.

As a reminder, if your son or daughter is taking part in the Covid-19 home testing, please remember to conduct your tests on a **Wednesday and Sunday**.

[Please find here a step-by-step guide to COVID-19 self-testing.](#)

You must upload your results to: <https://testregister.co.uk/login> and then follow the steps to the Government website.

Test Register has been updated, if you need to change any details or if you have any queries regarding this process please contact: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)



Becket Keys  
135.5 kg.

*Thank you!*

**Thank you so much for your extremely generous donation to our Harvest Festival appeal.**



Brentwood Foodbank.  
Website: [www.brentwoodfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.brentwoodfoodbank.org.uk)  
Registered Charity Number: 1142825  
Registered Office at: [2591 Drove Road, Brentwood, Essex, S1617 9DX](#)

# Mandarin Department - Chinese Bridge Competition



## What is this event about?

The 'Chinese Bridge' competition is the world's largest Chinese competition for Chinese learners. It has become an important platform for students from all over the world to learn Chinese and understand Chinese culture. As of 2016, millions of young people from more than 110 countries have participated in this competition.

In previous years, the 'Chinese Bridge' competition was only for university students who had learnt Chinese for years. In 2021, the first 'Chinese Bridge' competition for young learners in the UK, organised by the centre for Language Education and Cooperation, UK, took place on 26th June.

The theme of the event is Chinese, Joy and Fun with the aim of providing a stage for young Chinese learners worldwide to demonstrate their Chinese language proficiencies, to stimulate the motivation of learning Mandarin in joy and fun.

Participants are students aged between 5 and 14 years old (absolute non-native speakers). They are tested on listening, speaking, reading, writing and also on Chinese culture skills.

## We won!

Four of our Year 9 MEP students were entered for the competition. Three of them got through to the final and all of them won the first prize of key stage 3!

## Our winners are:



**Joshua Witchalls:** First Prize of the Key Stage 3---Individual Show  
**Olivia Banfield:** First Prize of the Key Stage 3---Group Show  
**Siddhika Sharma:** First Prize of the Key Stage 3 - Group Show

It is worth mentioning that **Olivia Banfield** and **Siddhika Sharma** also won awards of 'Excellent Response to Questions' in the interactive Q&A session after the competition. **Amabelle Trinder** was awarded the certificate of participation for her dedication.



Our students spent a lot of time in preparation for it. I was extremely pleased with the enthusiasm and determination all our participants demonstrated during the process. To me, they are all winners!

We were informed that there were 254 entrants from all over the UK. We are so proud of our students' achievements to have reached this stage!

The worldwide final 'Chinese Bridge' competition will take place in November, via Zoom. Our winners will represent the UK to participate in the final competition. We wish them BEST OF LUCK!

**Mrs Zhang**  
MEP co-ordinator





## Remembrance Day

This year the History department are looking to make a remembrance display of poppies in Welby and the Main Hall. We would like your assistance in making some poppies. With this newsletter we have attached some instructions on how to make a poppy and we would appreciate it if the students would take part in this craft over the All Saints' holiday so that we are able to make an impressive display.

The poppies can be made out of material, such as felt or paper/card and should be handed in to their tutor or dropped into the History department after the break.

Thank you!



### All Years Running Club

- Starting on Thursday 14th October – sign up at the fixtures board
- Run by Coach Melvyn and Tracy.
- Please meet at the sports hall
- £2 per session

If you want to improve your fitness, train for cross country or improve your long distance running, this club is for you!

You must sign up! Only 24 spaces available.

Sign-up sheet will be up on Monday 4th Oct.



## Uniform

All students are required to wear smart leather shoes.

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

Students should not have any extreme hairstyles and hair must not be dyed, no shapes cut into the hair e.g stripes or undercuts.

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

This week's recipe is one of my favourites for this time of year. I love autumn, the crunchy leaves on the ground, and the changings of colours of the trees and best of all the different types of seasonal squash in the shops. What better way to celebrate this season with a delicious pumpkin cake to share with family and friends. I hope you enjoy making this.

**Mrs English**  
Head of Food

### Ingredients

#### For the cake:

- 300g self-raising flour
- 300g light muscovado sugar
- 3 tsp mixed spice
- 2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 175g sultanas
- ½ tsp salt
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 200g butter, melted
- zest 1 orange
- 1 tbsp orange juice
- 500g (peeled weight) pumpkin or butternut squash flesh, grated

#### For drenching and frosting

- 200g pack soft cheese
- 85g butter, softened
- 100g icing sugar, sifted
- zest 1 orange and juice of half

### Method



#### • STEP 1

Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Butter and line a 30 x 20cm baking or small roasting tin with baking parchment. Put the flour, sugar, spice, bicarbonate of soda, sultanas, salt into a large bowl, and stir to combine. Beat the eggs into the melted butter, stir in the orange zest and juice, and then mix with the dry ingredients until combined. Stir in the pumpkin. Pour the batter into the tin and bake for 30 mins, or until golden and springy to the touch.

#### • STEP 2

To make the frosting, beat together the cheese, butter, icing sugar, orange zest and 1 tsp of the juice till smooth and creamy, then set aside in the fridge. When

the cake is done, cool for 5 mins then turn it onto a cooling rack.

Prick it all over with a skewer and drizzle with the rest of the orange juice while still warm. Leave to cool completely.

#### • STEP 3

If you like, trim the edges of the cake. Give the frosting a quick beat to loosen, then, using a palette knife, spread over the top of the cake in peaks and swirls. If you're making the cake ahead, keep it in the fridge then take out as many pieces as you want 30 mins or so before serving. Will keep, covered, for up to 3 days in the fridge.



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## Design & Technology Department



The Year 12 Design Technology class have put their latest material knowledge into practical application, making these personalised acrylic and pewter cast door handles.

Each student was encouraged to design a handle of their choice and go through the following steps:

1. Use CAD and CAM to design and manufacture the acrylic sections.
2. Construct the mould and clamp it shut.
3. Heat and then cast the pewter into the mould.
4. Use the centre punch and pillar drill to create the hole for the thread.
5. Use a tap set to put the thread into the hole.
6. Use wet and dry paper and polishing compound to produce a fine and glowing finish!



THE LIGHT SHINES  
BRIGHTEST IN THE DARK.

PAUSE

## Shine brightly

***"You are the light of the world ... let your light shine among men that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16)***

As we approach the All Saints' Holiday, I ask you to think about what you will do this Halloween? Join in with the secular celebrations? Creep around in the darkness? Hide with the lights off? Hustle the family out of the house? Think again. Instead, simply let your light shine! After all, where does your light shine the brightest, but in the darkness! Be inspired by the Saints and remember with gratitude all those dear to you that have departed from this world. In Matthew 5:14, Jesus tells His disciples "You are the light of the world". He also calls us to illuminate and make visible the reality of Christ's presence. Remember, it is the reflection of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ Himself, that people will see in us.

In Philippians 2:15, the Apostle Paul says, "Believers, you are to shine as light in the world". The Greek word used here is very similar to the word for the beacon that a lighthouse emits. That beacon is bright and unmistakable in its purpose. It warns of danger. It directs to safe harbour. It provides hope for those who have lost hope. Every day we are surrounded by people searching around in the darkness, separated from the God who loves them. God uses His children, like beacons from a lighthouse, to show the way to Him.

YOU ARE THE  
*light of the  
world*

MATTHEW 5:14





When we return to school, we will celebrate the feast of All Saints' Day (1<sup>st</sup> November) and, on All Souls' Day (2<sup>nd</sup> November). It is comforting to know that no Christian is solitary. Through baptism that we become members together of the body of Christ. We become members of a company of saints and our mutual belonging transcends death:

***One family, we dwell in him,  
one Church, above, beneath;  
though now divided by the  
stream,  
the narrow stream of death.***

Charles Wesley

The Church of England website eloquently explains All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day:

'All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the

Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate way. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have

passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy.'

**Reflect on these words and take time to pray this All Saints' holiday:**

*Dear God,*

*We praise you for giving us the glorious example of the Saints. We aspire to meet their company, praising you forever in Heaven. Help us to follow in their footsteps and the example of Jesus Christ. Help us submit to Your call, seeking Your order in all things, just as the Saints did. Help us to commit ourselves to Your glory, and to the service of our neighbours. As we remember those we love, but see no longer, may we give thanks for the ways that they nurtured us and touched our lives. May we remember that we are saved by your amazing grace and shine as lights in the world always.*

*Amen.*

Mrs Sharp  
Deputy Headteacher



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## Free School Meal Vouchers

### All Saints' Holiday

In order to continue supporting families entitled to Free School Meals over the school holiday, the local authority will again be issuing vouchers to those eligible across Essex. The scheme will again be co-ordinated by Wonde, using the same process as last academic year.

Parents and carers of eligible children will receive an email from Wonde next week to allow you to claim a voucher for this period. You should have now received this so please check your junk mail if you have not received an email yet. The message will contain a link to 'redeem a voucher'. You will be taken to Wonde's 'evouchers' page (previously named Schoolvouchers), where you will need to enter your details and confirm your email address before being asked to select the retailer you wish to receive a voucher for. You will then be given a PIN and the option to view the voucher. Having confirmed the PIN, you will be issued your voucher. The voucher barcode can be printed off or scanned on a smartphone for use in-store.

Details of the process and more questions about Wonde can be found on their website here <https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb> The vouchers are worth £15 a week per child and can be used to buy food in most supermarkets.



## Word of the Week



- In sentences:**
1. We can disprove this scientific conjecture by conducting an experiment.
  2. Stating your team would win was a conjecture, not a fact.
  3. The judge dismissed the evidence as pure conjecture.

**Meaning:** a guess about something based on how it seems, not on proof

**Etymology:** From the Latin *conjectura*, 'put together in thought', from *con-* 'together' + *jacere* 'throw'.

## Book of the Month - October



From astronaut Tim Peake and bestselling author Steve Cole: exciting action-adventure rooted in cutting-edge space-age science and technology.

When Danny is kidnapped by Adi - who can run through brick walls and make cars drive on water - he realises that all humans are in danger. Adi is part of a super-advanced hive mind, the Swarm, which intends to protect the Earth from the environmental catastrophe caused by the human race.

Adi - Alien Digital Intelligence in the form of a girl - can bend the laws of physics and control digital data, but as a digital being she wants to know what it's like to be human. Which is where Danny comes in.

But what exactly is the 'help' the secretive Swarm is offering? Can Danny and his friend Jamila help Adi stop the Swarm Agents and give humanity a second chance?



The Art Newsletter, showing the amazing effort and commitment of our students to develop their skills in Art. Mrs Brassett is so proud of all the work created!



## Star Artist

Jamie Short Yr 13



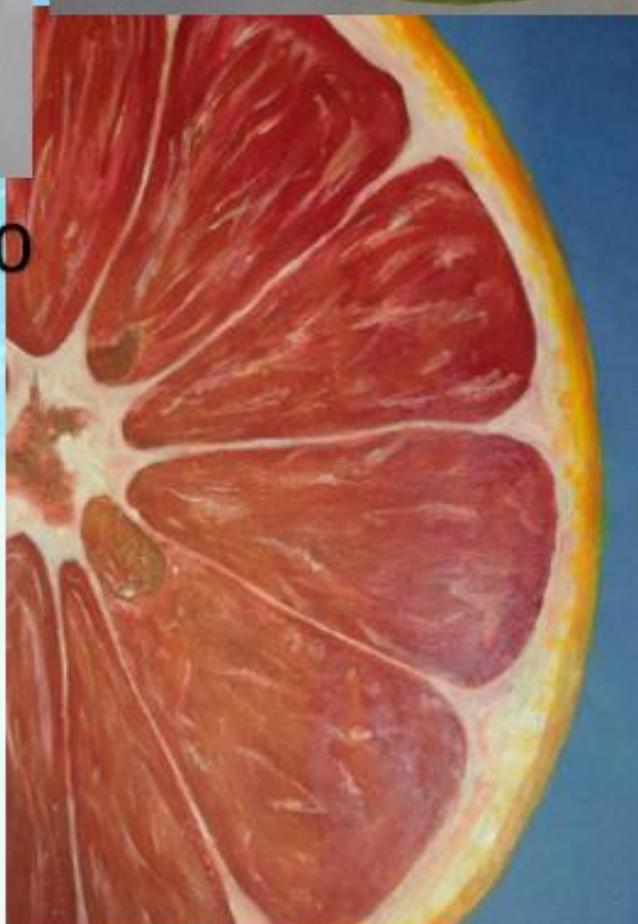
# Cordelia Hoxha Yr 12



# Tilly Nelson Yr 10



# Nicola Wierdak Yr 10



# Lowri O'Brien Yr 10

**N A T U R A L**

Maria Bobbain, 100s from Louisiana, she is a professional artist who specialises in vibrant oil paintings.

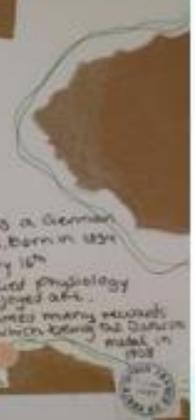


Ernst Haeckel...



- He was a German citizen, born in 1834 February 16th  
 - He studied physiology and enjoyed art.  
 - He claimed many records are of which belong to Darwin made in 1908

Haeckel was inspired by nature and usually did just drawing illustrations and decorative pieces for other people's books!



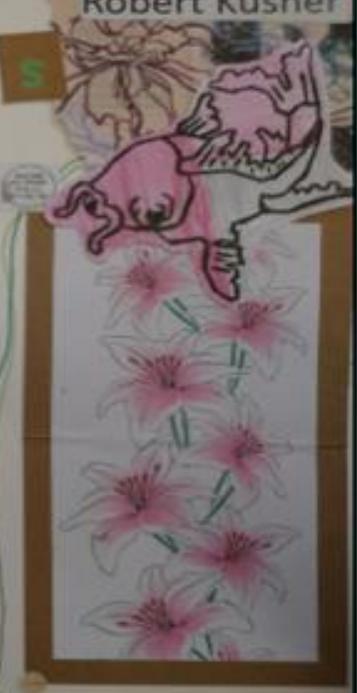
**F O R M S**



Ima Atelina is a contemporary artist and designer and is also a graphic illustrator who works ink, pencils and water colors. She is from New York.



Robert Kusner



# In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

## Key stage 4 & 5

**Star Designer for Textiles**

**Y10**

*Darcy Reid-Kwei*



**@becketkeysart**



# ★ Key stage 3

This week Year 9 did the **Bin Bag Challenge!** They had to make outfits using just plastic bags, newspaper and sellotape. **Well done Year 9!**



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# ★ Key stage 3



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## Sports News

### Cross Country

Becket Keys PE Department hosted a successful District Cross Country 2021 with four other schools including Anglo, St Martins, Brentwood County High, Shenfield and Ursuline.



On the 19th of October the first half of Cross Country occurred; Year 7 up to Sixth Form girls competed throughout the day. Luckily, as schools started to arrive the sun came out, adding extra excitement for the competition to start.

The first race was our Year 7 girls. This was their first time completing a Cross Country Race, a distance of 1600m, but even though they were nervous, the girls still tried their hardest and got great results. Imogen Hutton came in 11th place and Isabel Collins came in closely behind her taking 13th. They all did themselves proud.

After this race was an exhilarating competition with our Year 8 girls fighting for the top 10 places for this 2000m race. Evie Warn took home 2nd place, Chloe Squirrel

3rd with Niamh Stevenson taking 9th place.



The next race was our Year 9 girls, also 2000m. They had tough competition, but all the girls put in all the work they could and it paid off with Elizabeth Thompson coming 6th, Katie Todd coming 13th and right behind her Emma Cooper taking 14th.

Finally, our last race of the day was the Year 10,11,12 and 13. These girls really gave it their all, running 2500m and it definitely paid off producing excellent results: Maddie Barker leading the way in 1st place, Erin Delea in 7th, Tilly Wright in 9th, Izzy Brook in 14th and Philippa Burrell in 16th.

The boys' Cross Country took place on the 21st of October, even though it was only 2 days later, the weather had drastically changed and it was very windy. However, this did not stop the boys from competing at their best. The first race was once again Year 7s, and they were excited to be a part of the event. They pushed through the cold weather and participated very well throughout the 2000m.

The Year 8s were up next with a 2500m race and bringing confidence to the table was Josh Eida who fought for first place during the whole race, but at the last corner was overtaken but still took home a proud 2nd place and Oliver McDermot with a great race taking 9th.

The next race was the Year 9s. They all fought hard around the 2500m course. Max Sanderson kept a good pace throughout came in 7th and the rest of the boys were not far behind. They had tough competition, but they all did so well.



Finally, the last race of this years Cross Country was the Year 10,11,12 and 13s running a 3500m course. The boys gave it all the effort they had and made themselves proud with the first 3 having a close result of: Calum Hayes in 8th, Sam Carey 9th and Luke Rouse 10th.

Thank you to all the schools and students that attended the day. Well done to those who took part.

**Isabel Plunkett**  
PE Teacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

### YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS

MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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### ENRICHMENT DAY

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

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### STUDENT HALF DAY

THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021 –

MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022

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### INSET DAY

TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

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