

Becket Keys Church of England School

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What is Holocaust Memorial Day?

Thursday 27th January marked Holocaust Memorial Day. Holocaust Memorial Day is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, as well as in the genocides which have followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

From the time the Nazis assumed power in Germany 1933, they used propaganda, persecution and legislation to deny human and civil rights to German Jews. Centuries of antisemitism were used to justify their actions.

With the outbreak of World War Two in 1939, Germany invaded Poland and subjected around two million Polish Jews to violence and forced labour. Thousands of Jews were murdered in the first few months of German occupation. Soon, Polish Jews were confined to certain neighbourhoods which became known as 'ghettos'. Living conditions were purposely terrible; a deliberate attempt by the Nazis to cause the deaths of hundreds of thousands more Jews. This approach was repeated across Eastern Europe in other countries occupied by the Nazis.

In 1941, the systematic murder of Europe's Jews began, initially with death squads and the creation of work camps and later with extermination camps. The largest of these camps, Auschwitz-Birkenau, was liberated on 27th January

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1945, inspiring the date chosen
each year to remember those
affected. The exact number of
people murdered by the Nazis is
unknown, but it is estimated that
by the end of the Holocaust,
around six million Jewish men,
women and children had been
killed.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27/1

To mark Holocaust Memorial Day, all year groups attended special assemblies. They learned that the word Holocaust has a Greek origin and can be broken down to mean "completely burnt". They listened to the actions of the Nazis and watched a video showing a survivor's story. Importantly, they learned that these events of the past are still very much relevant today. Genocide sadly still continues to occur where prejudice and persecution are left unchallenged. Students were encouraged to reflect on our collective responsibility to stand against these processes when we see them happening in our own communities. Outside of Holocaust Memorial Day, students spend a term in Year 9

studying the Holocaust in more detail to help them understand how it came about and how we can work together to prevent similar events occurring in the future. Ideas associated with the Holocaust, such as discrimination,

are also explored in detail across the curriculum, particularly in PSHE.

> Miss Hanson History Teacher



Unacceptable

An Applied Theatre Production Wednesday 2nd February 2022

With sexism, sexual harassment and sexual violence being crucial topics, our Year 10 students will have the opportunity to watch the play "unacceptable" to engage and broaden their understanding.

The Essex Youth Service commissioned "Alter Ego", to bring drama performances to Essex schools. "Unacceptable" is a new, applied theatre project aimed at raising awareness, starting conversations and promoting cultural change around sexism.

This is a fantastic learning opportunity to educate our students on these key topics. Developing understanding around these issues is imperative in keeping our students safe and making a positive contribution to society.

The play will start at **2pm** and will finish at **3pm** in the main hall. Students will be dismissed from school as soon as the performance has finished.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Miss North, who will be happy to help.



The Queen's Jubilee



Platinum Pudding Competition

Would you like to see your pudding creation served up at street parties and other celebrations up and down the country? Fortnum & Mason is inviting you to invent the Jubilee Pudding for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

The winning pudding will be an important part of the celebrations marking Her Majesty's 70 years as Monarch. And the creator of the winning pudding will be invited to be at the centre of the celebrations.

Get cooking, and your creation could be a joyful and delicious part of the first ever Platinum Jubilee.

Follow the link below to enter the competition, Mrs English will certainly be entering!

https://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinumpudding

Closing date: 4th February 2022



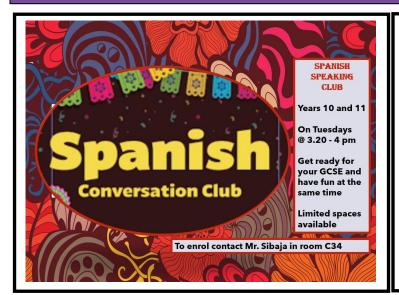
The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is every week on Wednesday at 8.45am.

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



Extra-Curricular Clubs





Are you interested in entering a coding competition? Registration is now open for three competitions. Come along to Code Club to find out how to enter either as a team or an individual.



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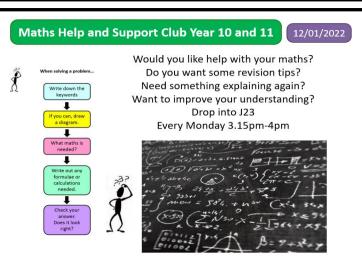


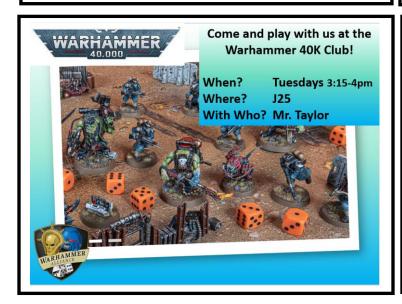
g Coders Competition do your :bit – <u>micro:bit</u> challeng Y7-9 BAFTA Young Game Designers

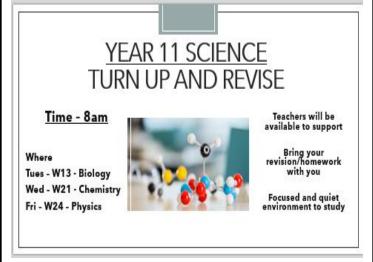
Day/Time: Mondays, afterschool (3:15-4:30)
Where: Computer Science Labs (W03) with Ms Pogoda
Open to: Y7-Y9

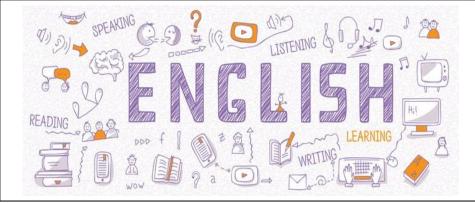




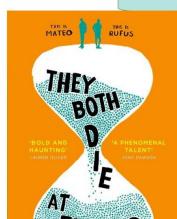












ADAM SILVERA

Book of the Month -January

Discovering they have less than 24 hours to live, two young strangers embark on an adventure of a life-time within the confines of one day – in this moving and unforgettable bestseller from Adam Silvera.

A love story with a difference - an unforgettable tale of life, loss and making each day count.

On September 5th, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: they're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: there's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure - to live a lifetime in a single day.

Although it may seem depressing, this is a beautiful, heart-breaking and life-affirming book.



In sentences:

- 1. When it comes to learning how to play the guitar, my daughter is a dilettante who will practise one day but not the next.
- 2. A dilettante student, he changed course every year: studying Law, Psychology, Linguistics, Philosophy, Sociology and Art History.
- 3. He could be seen as a dilettante, born to wealth and privilege and insensitive to the concerns of ordinary voters.

Meaning: someone who seems to be interested in a subject, but whose understanding of it is not very deep or serious

Etymology: from the Italian, person loving the arts'



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

All year groups are welcome to attend, these sessions are supervised by members of staff so if students have any queries there are staff available.

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!



Year 11 Date Changes

<u>Sixth Former</u> <u>for a Day</u>

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Sixth Form
Bridging Event

Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th June 2022



Attendance

Despite a challenging two years, attendance at Becket Keys has remained high. Students have missed a lot of school, totalling around six and half months between the two "lockdowns". Therefore, now more than ever, attending school is extremely important.

Students are always faced with contracting colds and other sickness as well as the potential to contract COVID-19. I would like to take this time to remind you that the following reasons are not excuses for time off school:

- Headaches
- Colds
- Nausea
- Earache
- Toothache
- General fatigue

Please continue to send your son/daughter in school if they are suffering from any of the above, students have missed enough time from school and should not miss any more time for avoidable reasons, absences of this nature will be unauthorised.

Our medical team is fantastic and if they see your son/daughter is struggling, they will send him/her home.

Mr Shields Assistant Headteacher





Please make sure that you topup your son or daughter's account each week so that he/she is able to access all the delicious meals in the school restaurants.

There is a small overdraft facility on their ParentPay account of £2 for emergency situations which covers the cost of a sandwich.

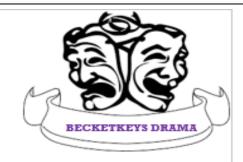
Due to the cashless system in place there is no other back up.

We do not want any student to miss lunch or the great choice of food available every day in our restaurants. The chefs work hard each day to provide a variety of delicious meals for the school.

If you have any queries, please contact the school – office@becketkeys.org







MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS3 "TIME TO SHINE" 3.15pm-4.15pm RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	KS3 & KS4 "TECHNICAL CREW" 3.15pm-4.15pm RH1 (Mrs Barr)	KS5 'Applause Co.' Invite only 3.15pm-4.15pm	KS5 'Applause Co.' Invite only 3.15pm-4.15pm RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr/Mrs Palmer)
YR9 & YR10 'PAGE TO STAGE' 3.15PM-4.15pm RH2 (Miss Condon)	KS4 'Practical Showcase Rehearsals' 3.15pm-4.15pm RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr)	RH2 (Mrs Barr)	



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch	GCSE Music Support 2 nd lunch		Music Theory (8am)	Keyboard Club (1 st lunch)	
3:15	Orchestra	Senior Choir Junior Choir	String Ensemble Forte Drumming Club	Stage Band	Rock Factory



CALLED TO SERVE

The world defines greatness in terms of power, possessions, prestige and position. If you can demand service from others, you have made it! In our self-serving culture with its "me first" mentality, acting like a servant is not always a popular concept. Jesus, however, measured greatness in terms of service, not status. God determines your greatness by how many people you serve, not how many people serve you.

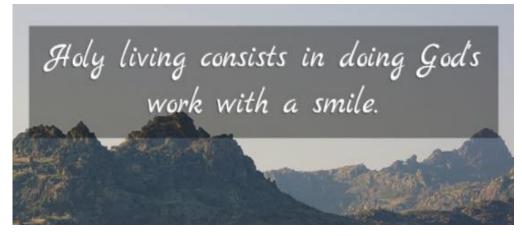
Thousands of books have been written on leadership, but few on servanthood. Everyone wants to lead; no one wants to be a servant. But to be like Jesus is to be a servant:

"Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve and to give my life." Matthew 20:28 For Christians, service is not something to be tacked onto our schedules if we can spare the time. It is the heart of the Christian life. Jesus came "to serve" and "to give" – and these two verbs should define your life on earth too. Serving and giving are part of God's purpose for our lives. Mother Teresa once said, "Holy living consists in doing God's work with a smile."

Jesus taught that spiritual maturity is never an end in itself. Maturity is for ministry! We grow up in order to give out. It is not

enough to keep learning more and more. We must act on what we know and practise what we claim to believe.

The mature follower of Jesus stops asking, "Who's going to meet my needs?" and starts asking, "Whose needs can I meet?" A servant heart reveals Christian maturity. God notices even the smallest acts of kindness; picking up litter, checking someone else is OK, smiling and forgiving someone ... the list could go on indefinitely. There are always things we could



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do or say to brighten the day for those we meet and reflect God's love.

St Teresa of Avila's beautifully expressed this servitude:

Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks

Compassion on this world.

I love the tangible, physical nature of these words. They are direct and unmistakable. We see that the Christian life is dynamic and active; to be lived out in our lives, to be embodied. We are called individually to be salt and light in this world, preserving the teachings of Jesus and revealing God's love (Matthew 5:13-16). Anyone can be a servant. All it requires is character!

Let us pray:

May God grant us open eyes, open minds, open hands and open hearts, so that we can continually be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here on earth.

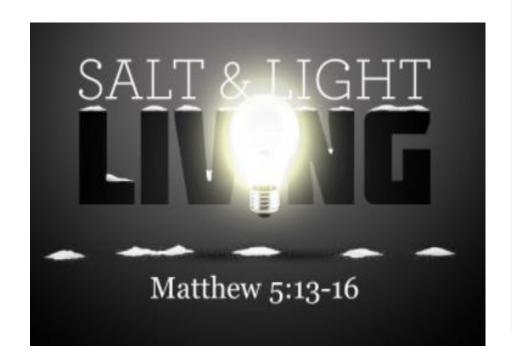
May God bless us with the right resources,

along with a spirit of generosity, kindness, humility, compassion, a thankful heart, and an everwilling heart for serving God and others.

Amen.

Mrs Sharp Deputy Headteacher





Lunchtime Eucharist



Lunchtime Eucharists have now resumed and are held in the John Wraw Chapel.

Year 8, 9 and 12

12.10pm on Tuesdays with Father Hamilton

Year 7, 10, 11 and 13

1.00pm on Fridays with Father North

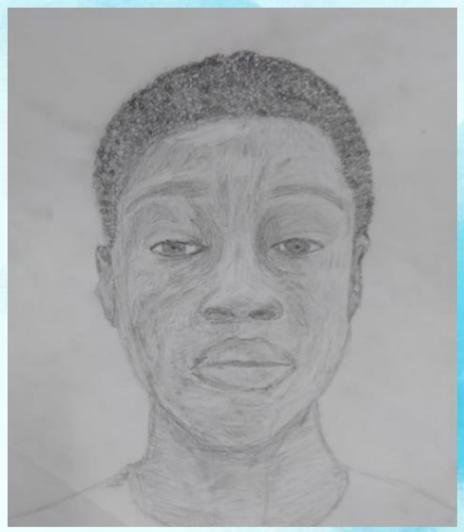
Students are able to get a lunchtime pass from their Tutor so they can get early access to the front of the queue for the Bistro or Orangery for their lunch prior to the service.



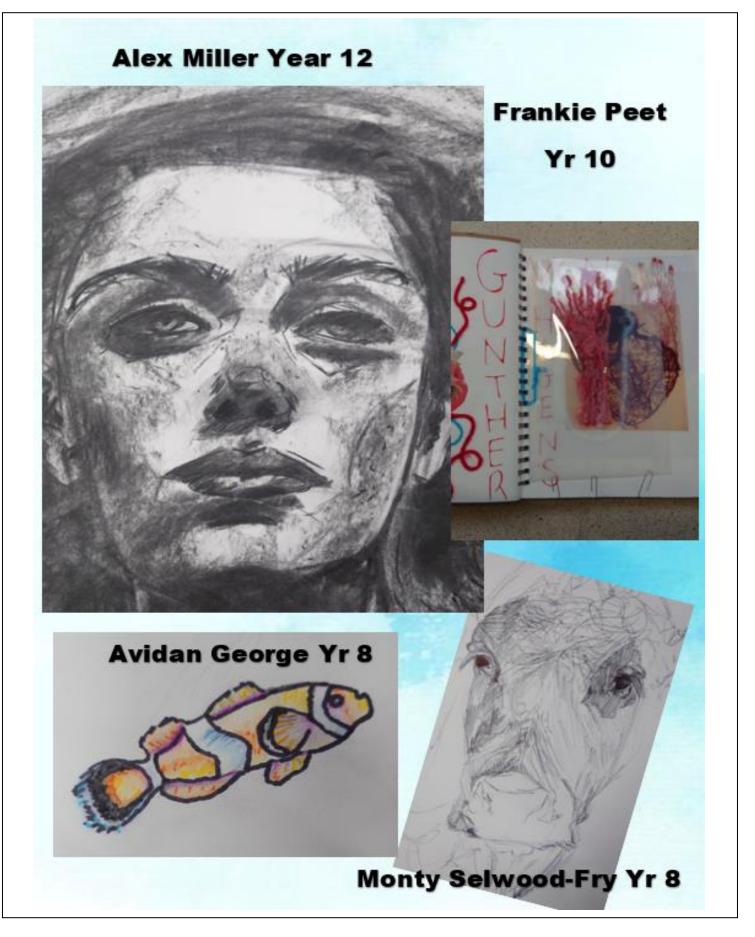
It has been a brilliant week in Art.

Well done for all of the great work throughout the Year groups, you are making fantastic progress!

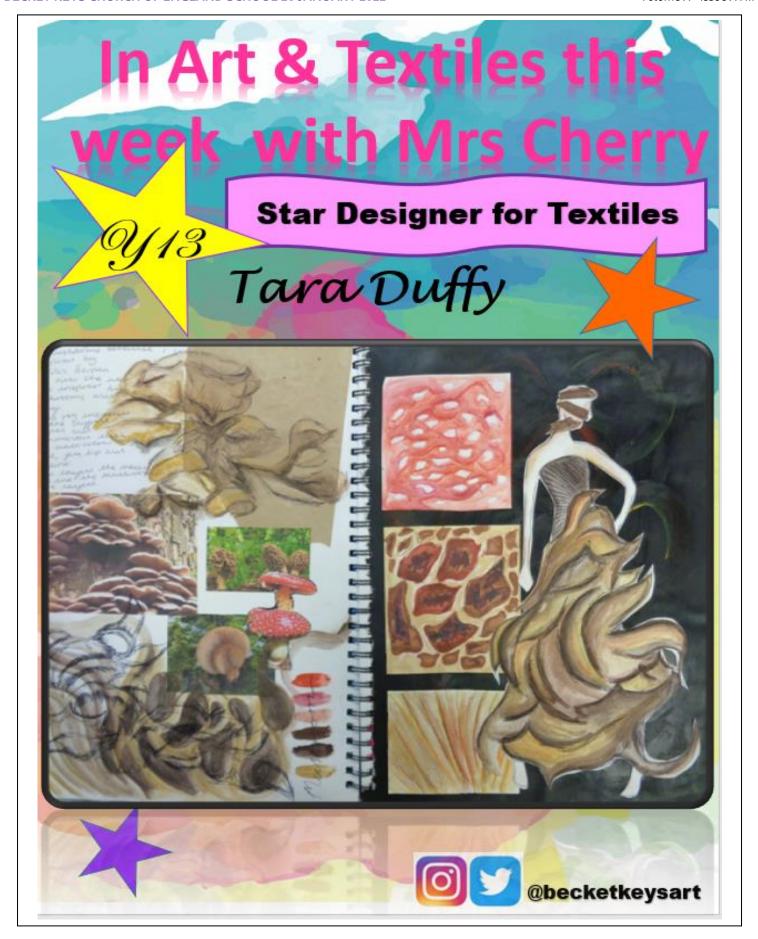
Star Artist for Art



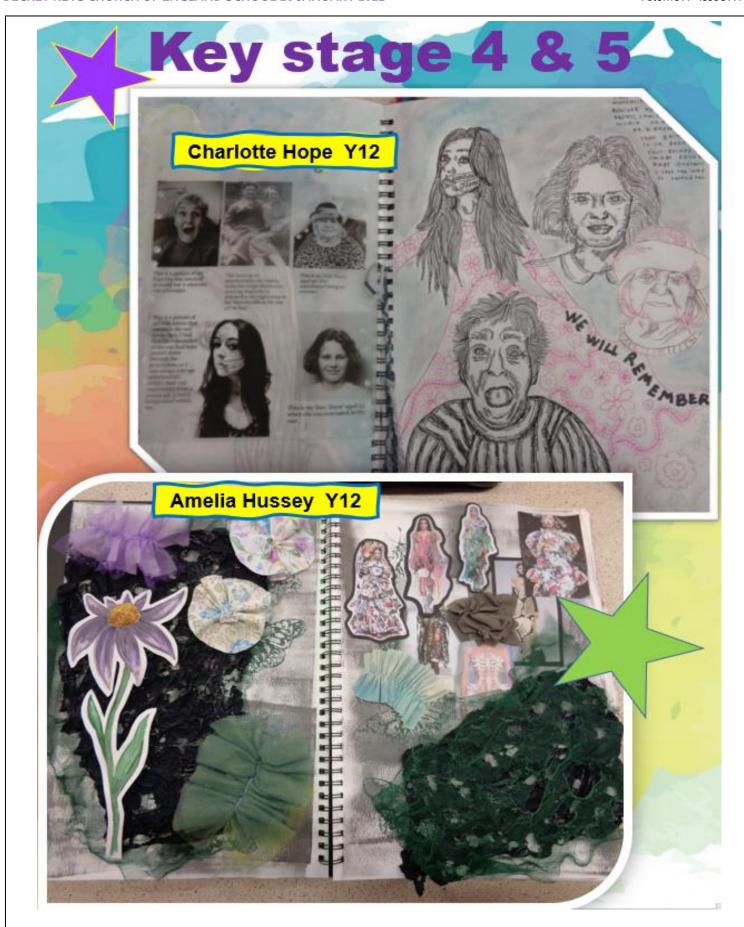
Jaye Adenuga Yr 8











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Founded in 2010 by ITV's Political Editor, Robert Peston, Speakers for School's aim is to end educational inequality by giving all young people access to the same prestigious networks available to the top fee-paying schools in the UK. Talks from today's influential figures via the Inspiration programme and the work experience programme link state school students to industry-leading companies and networked support partners. Speakers for Schools is helping to level the playing field for young people of all backgrounds. The services for schools and students are entirely free of charge!

For more information visit their website: speakersforschools.org

SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS: UPCOMING TALKS

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Wednesday 2nd February 10-10:45am	Jonathan Foster, Chief Fire Officer, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service For KS3-5/S1-6	Are you interested in working for the Fire Service? Join us for a broadcast with Jonathan Foster to find out about his inspirational journey to becoming Chief Fire Officer for North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Jonathan will be sharing some of his main life lessons and he is looking forward to answering your questions.
		Click <u>here</u> to register
Friday 11 th February 10-10:45am	Alessandra Bellini, Chief Customer Officer, Tesco & President, Advertising Association For KS4-5/S4-6	Ever wonder what a Chief Customer Officer does day to day? How do you maintain a brand's image, globally? How do you take on the challenge of working in a large organisation? Don't miss this opportunity to hear from Tesco's Chief Customer Officer. Click here to register
Monday 28 th February	Mathew Dunn, CFO, ASOS	More details to be announced
2-2:45pm	For KS4-5/S4-6	Click <u>here</u> to register

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Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School



We are delighted to announce the first events in our Success Beyond School series for 2022. These are free-of-charge, live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential.

We have 5 fantastic seminars this term, including topics such as 'how to help your child choose their career' and 'how to inspire young women to become entrepreneurs.' These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

Wednesday 9th February: Making it in Medical Sciences

Expert advice on breaking into medicine, dentistry and veterinary science.

Wednesday 9th March: Women in Business

Inspiring entrepreneurship in our young women.

Wednesday 23rd March: The Ultimate <u>Career Experience</u>

Everything you need to know about InvestIN's life-changing Summer Experiences.

Wednesday 6th April: The Career Workshop

Helping your child to choose their future with confidence.

Sports News



Year 7 Boys' Basketball

The Year 7 boys' basketball team won 19-7 in their recent match against Boswell School.



Year 8 Boys' Football

A win for the Year 8 boys' football team against Sandon last week! 2-0 to Becket Keys.

Excellent results! Well done boys!







OLD BRENTWOOD RFC 'ACORNS'

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING CLUB RUGBY ON SUNDAYS?

THE U12 (Year 7), U13(Year 8) and U14 (Year 9) boys' teams are actively recruiting players! You are even welcome do a free trial for a few weeks. It does not matter if you have played previously as the RFU Qualified Coaches will teach you all you need to know.





INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOUR PARENTS:

Training: Sunday & Tuesdays

Matches: League & Cup Matches on Sundays

Contacts:

U12 John Green — 07831 49444 U13: Paul Walker — 07772 865955 U14: Jason Ives — 07977 045264

Clothing: Wear warm sports clothing & football boots. IMPORTANT: A Gumshield is essential!!

Address: Old Brentwoods Club, Ashwells Road,

Brentwood CM15 9SE

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Monday 31st January

Year 11 Boys' Basketball v Great Baddow High School (H) Year 7 Girls' Netball v Hylands (A)

Tuesday 1st February

Year 9 Girls' Netball v Beaulieu Park (H)

Wednesday 2nd February

Year 8 Boys' Basketball v St Martin's (A) Year 7 Boys' Basketball v St Martin's (H)

Monday 7th February

Year 8 Girls' Football v Chelmsford County High (A) Year 9 Girls' Netball v Chelmsford County High (H)

Tuesday 8th February

Year 7 & 8 Girls' Football v Sandon (H)

Wednesday 9th February

Year 11 Girls' Netball v St John Payne (A)

Year 7 Boys' Football v Chelmer Valley High School (H) Year 11 Boys' Basketball v Shoeburyness (H)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 9 CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2022

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LENT HOLIDAY

MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY –
FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2022

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL)

MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2022

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YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 MOCKS

TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY -

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2022

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SIXTH FORMER FOR A DAY

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2022

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LAST DAY OF TERM

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2022

STUDENT HALF DAY

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