

Becket Keys Church of England School

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YEAR 11 BASKETBALL TEAM – NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! PAGE 17

Mrs Course, Deputy Head of Sixth Form writes:

Today we gathered to say a fond farewell to our 2022 Year 13 cohort. As part of our celebrations the students were able to take some time mingling with their friends and many completed the shirt signing, they were unable to do in year 11. It has been a wonderful day with the students in good spirits and although anxious for their exams they are feeling well prepared and supported with more revision sessions to come. There was a wonderful and joyous atmosphere and students took full advantage of the balloon arch for some keepsake photos.

It is always so good to hear our students talking about their time at Becket Keys so fondly. As always there are those students who are sad to leave, those ready to move on and those who are feeling quite mixed emotions. Strong friendships have been established and I am certain many of these students will remain firm friends. I am thrilled that so many students have secure plans for their future including university, apprenticeships, employment and gap years!



During the service today, Luke and Sam gave a fun speech on behalf of the students, Tara and Lily wrote prayers and

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Mr Scott- Evans, Mr Peggs and I said our farewells. We were treated to wonderful musical contributions from Alice, Alex, Ella and Eleanor and I thank Mr Romhany for helping support our wonderful musicians. Finally, Izzie and Emily then wrote some wonderful words of thanks to some staff including two very important members of the Sixth Form team, Julie and Kelly, who have kept Year 13 well fed in the Deli during their time in the Sixth Form. To follow in a tradition started in 2018 Izzie and Emily presented Mr Scott-Evans with a leavers' book signed by every student in the Sixth Form.





Today was a fantastic team effort and there is no doubt that days like today are a wonderful reminder of the amazing community we have here at Becket Keys. The admin team, site team and upcoming senior prefects all worked tirelessly to ensure it all went to plan. I cannot thank them and everyone else who contributed to the success of today enough.







I leave you with the prayers our students wrote to mark this special occasion and I hope you enjoy the photos from the day.

> Mrs K Course Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Dear Lord,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to come together to celebrate the last two years we have spent as a Sixth Form. Thank you too for our teachers and whole school community who have guided and nurtured us during this time. Please continue to look over us during our exams. And help us fulfil our hopes and dreams for the future.

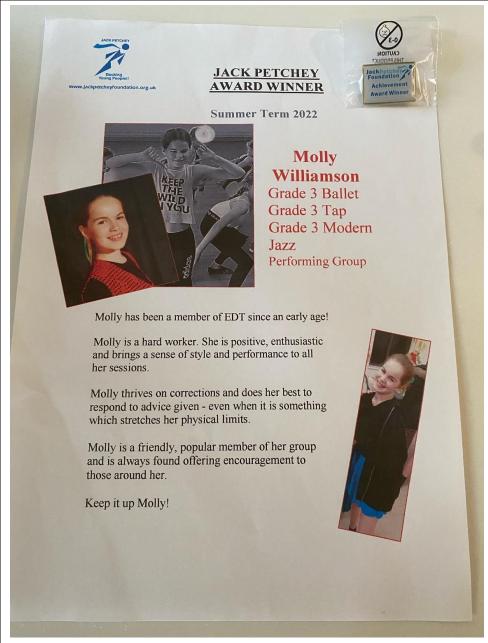
Amen

Dear Lord,

We thank you for supporting us through our journey at Becket Keys. We pray that you will continue to guide and support us as we each embark on our own journeys whether that be work, apprenticeships, university, or a gap year. We pray that through the next few weeks you will help us to find our inner strength to push through our exams.

Amen





Student Achievement Molly Williamson - Year 7

Molly received the Jack Petchey Achievement Award from her dance club Essex Dance Theatre for her commitment to dancing. Molly has been a member of Essex Dance Theatre (EDT) since the age of three and has worked hard to perfect her performances in jazz, ballet and tap. Molly's dance teachers have acknowledged Molly's enthusiasm and dedication towards the club. Molly is due to complete her grade 3 dance exams in the next couple of weeks. We wish Molly all the best for these exams. Well done Molly!



Remember that all correspondence to the school must come through the school office email:

office@becketkeys.org

Your message will be forwarded to the member of staff concerned.

You can also send a message via the contact page on the website:

https://www.becketkeys.org/con tact-staff

You can also now reply directly to any message you receive from ParentMail, just hit the reply button and it will go to the office.

Students can contact their teachers via Satchel One if they have any queries regarding their lessons.

Please do not email staff directly as any message received in this way will not receive a response.

Many thanks for your understanding.



Free School Meal Vouchers Whitsun Holiday

Further funding for Free School Meal vouchers for the Whitsun break 2022 has been allocated by the local authority. As with previous holidays will be using the school voucher system, Wonde, to issue vouchers.

Parents and carers of eligible students will receive an email from Wonde next week to allow them to claim a voucher for £15 for this period. Please check your junk mail if you have not received this by Friday 27th May. The email 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 evouchers can be found on their website - <u>eVouchers</u>

Evouchers have now introduced an app to make it simpler to access and use vouchers. This can be downloaded via either the Apple App Store or Google Play. Further information on how to access and use the app can be found here – eVoucher help



Friends of Becket Keys

Penny Richardson Stepping Down

Mrs Penny Richardson has been a volunteer at Becket Keys for a number of years, she was a founder member of the Friends of Becket Keys PTA, served as treasurer for that organisation and has been active in assisting to organise many events to raise money for the school.

In recent years Penny has also been the driving force behind the nearly new uniform sales that have been so beneficial to families at the school. Nearly new uniform has been sold to make sure that items are affordable and sales also raise funds for the school. In the recent sale alone Penny and the other volunteers raised nearly £900!

Penny will be standing down from this role at the end of the academic year and so we would like to show our appreciation for all her hard work. If you would like to donate to her collection you can do so via your ParentPay account.



Becket Keys has always had a 'patch' dedicated to a space for wildlife to thrive, vegetables and fruits to be planted and an area for anyone within the school community to go to experience and get involved with nature. With the summer term bringing some glorious weather, at times, we think it is time for the patch to get some much needed care and attention.

ECO-CLUB

Eco club on Tuesdays after school is open to all, run by Mr Bunyan, for students and staff to get out of the classroom and begin to give back to the school environment.

This week we needed to weed some beds, harvest some rhubarb and radishes and everyone got stuck right in!



Jacob, Sam and Aimee hard at work trying to rid the old planting beds of unwanted weeds and wild flowers. This is going to be an ongoing project as the patch has around 6 beds that we can use for planting:

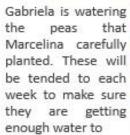


Jules, Ollie and Alex managed to harvest 70 These were distributed among rhubarbs! everyone who helped out on Tuesday, meaning each student went home with a bit of a sun tan and around 6 rhubarb stems each!



Using the green bin to dispose of cut and trimmed branches. It also cleared some space to make room for various other projects to be carried out.

Marcelina is planting some the peas in freshly weeded bed. being careful to space them evenly and parallel to one another.



grow over the next few weeks. The storm on Wednesday night would have ensured they got a healthy drink as well!



And, in the spirit of sustainability and giving, I came back to my room to find that some radishes were left hanging on my door, so, thank you to those who left me some of the home grown, BKS veg!





Food Technology Club

(from next week until the end of term)



To celebrate the upcoming Jubilee



Running Purple week, Monday and Tuesdays, the "Afternoon Tea Cake-off!"



Equipment for Exams

As the exam season begins, we want to remind you what equipment your son/daughter will require for his/her exams:

Black pens – biros are best. Bring more than one! Do not write in any other colour or with pencil.

Pencils Eraser Pencil sharpener Ruler

Protractor Compasses Highlighters – for use with questions only, not answers.

Calculator – make sure you clear anything in the memory and leave the lid at home.

Coloured pencils – for DT.

Everything should be stored in a clear pencil case/bag. There is no need to bring a glue stick.

Things not allowed in an exam are:

- Mobile phone
- Watch any type of watch is now forbidden, not just a smart watch
- Correcting fluid/tape or erasable pens
- Notes/papers
- Food or drink only water in a clear bottle is allowed.

Unauthorised items should either be left at home or in a coat/bag on the school grounds. Invigilators will give you an opportunity to hand unauthorised items to them before the exam begins. If you have made a genuine mistake and forgotten to take something out of your blazer pocket, this is the best time to hand it over.

Focus on Careers





Thursday 7 July 12:45 - 13:15

Online via Zoom

Session objective:

To gain insights into apprenticeship opportunities and learn more about the early careers space.

Session overview:

- · Introduction to Uptree
- What are apprenticeships
- Benefits of apprenticeships
- How you can support your child in their next steps
- Q&A

For parents/carers of young people

The world of work is rapidly changing and it's important that young people are supported with up to date information.

Join our parent/carer talk to find out more about opportunities your child might be interested and explore how you can support them to bridge the gap between education and employment.

To sign up or for more information contact: Caitlin@uptree.co | 07395 795 524



Assessment Centre Support with Pathway.

Wednesday 18th & 25th May | 16:30-17:30

Ask Me Anything Session with Max

Join us for weekly sessions with Max! Max is our Outreach and Student Support expert and has years of experience in guiding people through applications, interviews, CV and cover letter help, and so much more.

Do you have any questions at all about your future? These weekly sessions are where you need to be! Join any of the weekly "drop-in" sessions to get your questions answered and support.

Who should join?

Any student with questions about their career, specific apprenticeship applications, or anything else regarding their future.

Sign up 18th May:

https://pathwayctm.com/event/ask-me-anything-session-with-max-8-6/

Sign up: 25th May:

https://pathwayctm.com/event/ask-me-anythingsession-with-max-8-5/

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

There will be an exciting conference held in July where students can meet with employers/business professionals, taking part in workshops and panel discussions.

Exams will be over by this point, and we thought this would be an excellent opportunity to give students across the UK to join us in London for what will be our biggest careers conference yet! Geared towards students interested in Business, Law, Technology, Engineering and Accountancy this event will be packed with some of the world's biggest employers running some great workshops and hosting insightful panel discussions.

Event Details: Date: Thursday 7th of July, 12:00pm arrivals for a prompt 1pm start, 5:00pm finish

Venue: Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Broad Sanctuary, London, SW1P 3EE Ticket Price: £15 (due to limited capacity and the prevention of students signing up for free and not showing up, we've added a small fee for commitment to this event)

To purchase your ticket, click on the link below!

Ticket Link: Young Professionals



An opportunity for Year 12 students to attend a <u>four day</u>, <u>fully funded</u> Summer School at the University of Reading to learn about a career in property.

Every day we are influenced by the built environment around us – shops, offices, industrial buildings, houses and the surrounding countryside all have an impact on the way we live. Did you ever wonder how these properties are developed, whether the buildings going up in our cities are sustainable or how much they are worth? The Pathways to Property Summer School allows students the chance to explore the property industry in more depth. With such a huge variety of roles, from a building surveyor or town planner to a sustainability consultant or financial analyst, there is a role to suit any skillset or personality.

Date: 25th-28th July 2022 **Venue**: University of Reading

Who: Year 12 students from state schools/colleges considering a career in property – either through university or through an apprenticeship.

Cost: Nothing! All food, accommodation and travel costs are covered.

During the Summer School you will learn about the industry and the careers available, attend taster lectures, get involved in a group project and debate, go on site visits, meet new people and experience life on a University campus.

How to Apply: Applications close **31**st **May**, though earlier entries are strongly encouraged. Visit the website at https://www.henley.ac.uk/research/academic-areas/real-estate-and-planning/rref/pathways-to-property

At the end of the week, if students are keen to learn more about property they can complete a funded work experience placement over October half term, have access to our e-mentoring programme, and if they choose to apply to study Real Estate and Planning at University, can apply for a bursary up to £30,000 over three years.

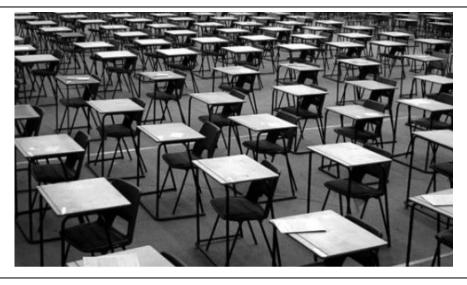
P A US E

Don't worry, God has got this!

Our Year 11s have now completed their first week of revision sessions and exams. Today, our Year 13s have celebrated their last day of timetabled lessons.

This week's Biblical Pause builds on ideas from last week's edition. The exam session can be challenging and stressful time for students. The pressure mounts as the exams approach and schedules fill up. It can seem daunting and overwhelming. It is natural to feel anxious and, in some students, the adrenaline can actually boost performance. However, it is essential that students do not begin to place their value on an exam grade. The truth is, God is always with us, always fighting for us, and is always faithful to us. In our success and our struggles at school, the Lord never fails us and never gives up on us. We can put our trust in him.

Remember the words of James 1:12 says, "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." We are called to



persevere in the challenging times in our lives as a form of obedience to God. Let us focus on these words "... the testing of your faith produces perseverance." Students need to first have faith that God is big enough, strong enough, and loves them enough to bring them through any difficulties they are facing. That faith is able to produce perseverance in them. When they established that strong faith in God's power and control, they are able to face any setbacks because they know that God will always sustain them.

Please pray for our Year 11 and 13 students, but also encourage them to pray too (perhaps using the prayer below). Encourage them to pray, work hard and trust God! Praying and having faith that God will give them the energy, wisdom, strength, and endurance to study for and take their exams will calm them down because they know that He is in control of all things. This is the peace that surpasses all understanding that the Bible talks about in Philippians. They need to

know that God has got them in His hands and He will never let them go. He has plans for them. Plans that will prosper them and not to harm them, plans to give them hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Teach them not to worry. God has got this! All they need to do is come to Him in prayer.



In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

And PEACE OF GOD

which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in

Christ Gesus

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

A Prayer for Year 11 and 13 students to use:

Jesus,

This exam season is challenging, and I have mountains of work ahead of me, yet I trust in you. I know that when I put my faith in you, even when it is as small as a mustard seed (Luke 17:6), miracles can be accomplished. I pray that as I study in these coming weeks, as I soak up knowledge and memorise facts, as I read and process and write, that you would be renewing my mind and strengthening my spirit. Help me to persevere through my busy schedules and help me to keep my eyes fixed on you throughout it all.

As I enter the exam hall, I pray you would blanket me in your peace. Ease any anxieties, calm my restless mind, and give me focus on the task at hand. I pray that I would know my worth is in you alone, not in any grade I do or do not get. I pray that I would feel your presence during my exams, and that I would be comforted by your nearness.

Thank you for the gift of this education, Jesus. I pray that these exams would be a celebration of all I have been learning, and that I would be grateful for all that I have experienced. May I recognise all the ways in which I have grown.

May you be glorified, Lord.

Amen.

Mrs Sharp Deputy Headteacher



Uniform Donations Required

Due to the success of the latest Nearly New Uniform Sale (which raised £900 pounds for the school fund) we are now in need of some donations to replenish our stocks.

If your son/daughter has uniform that they have grown out of please consider donating it to the school. It can be sent into reception any day with your son/daughter.

NEXT SALE

AFTER SCHOOL

THURSDAY 30TH JUNE 2022

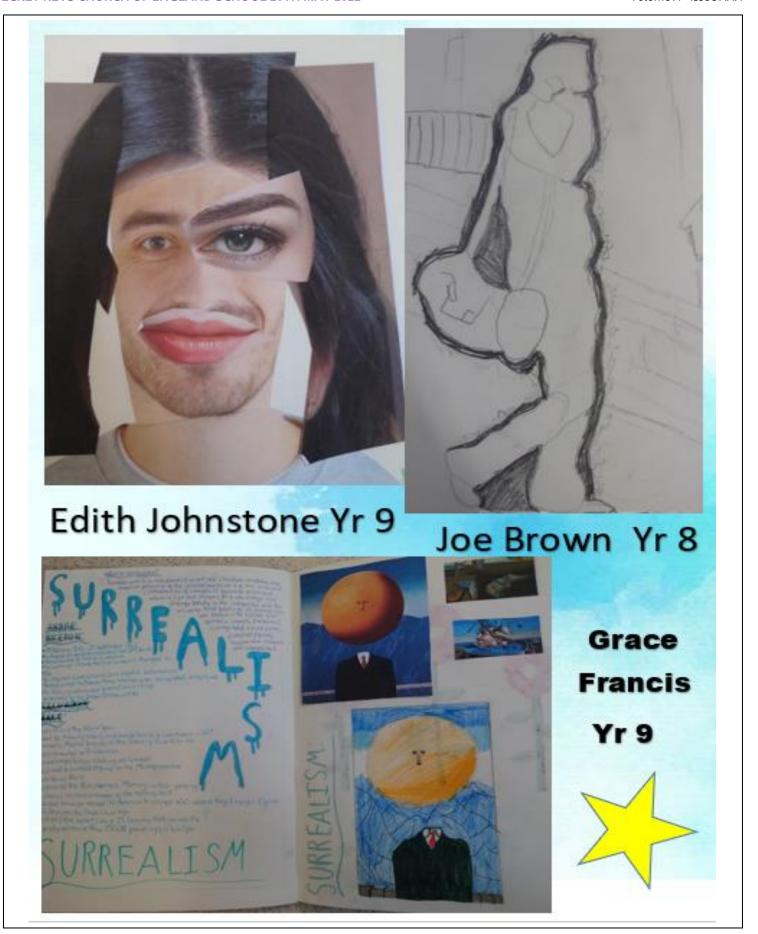


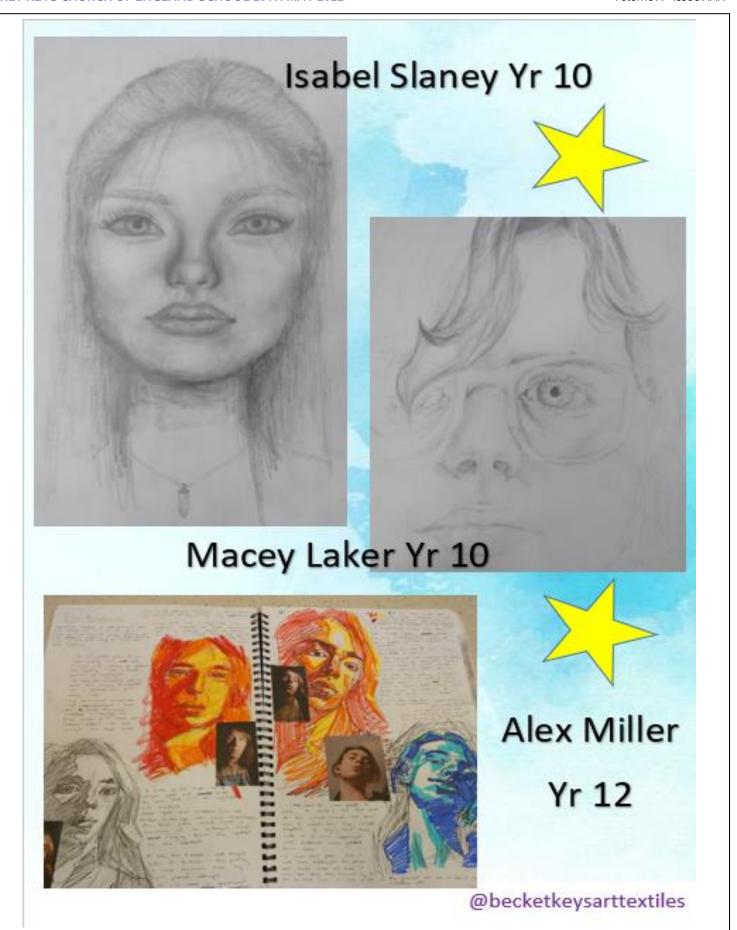
Here are all the fantastic pieces from this week with

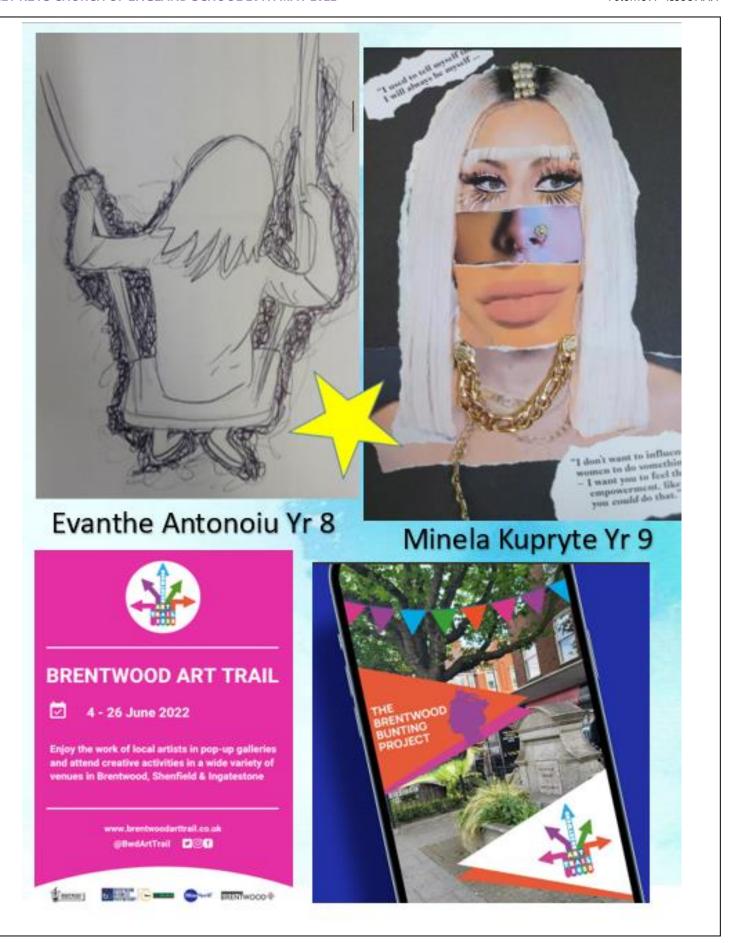
Mrs Brassett.

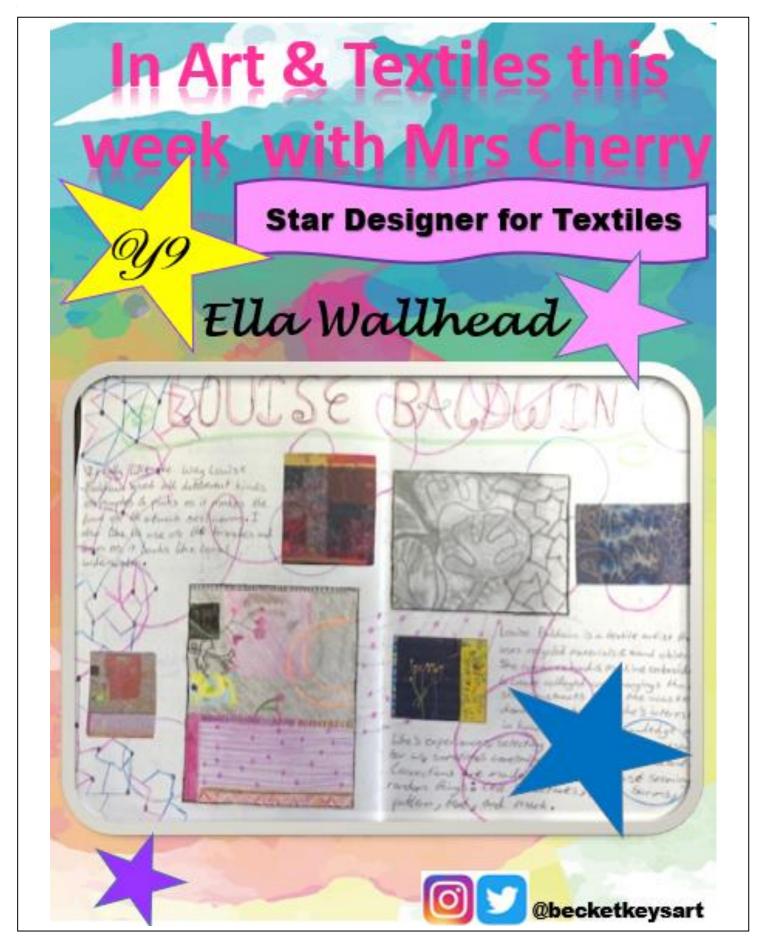
Star Artist for Art Lowri O'Brien Yr 10



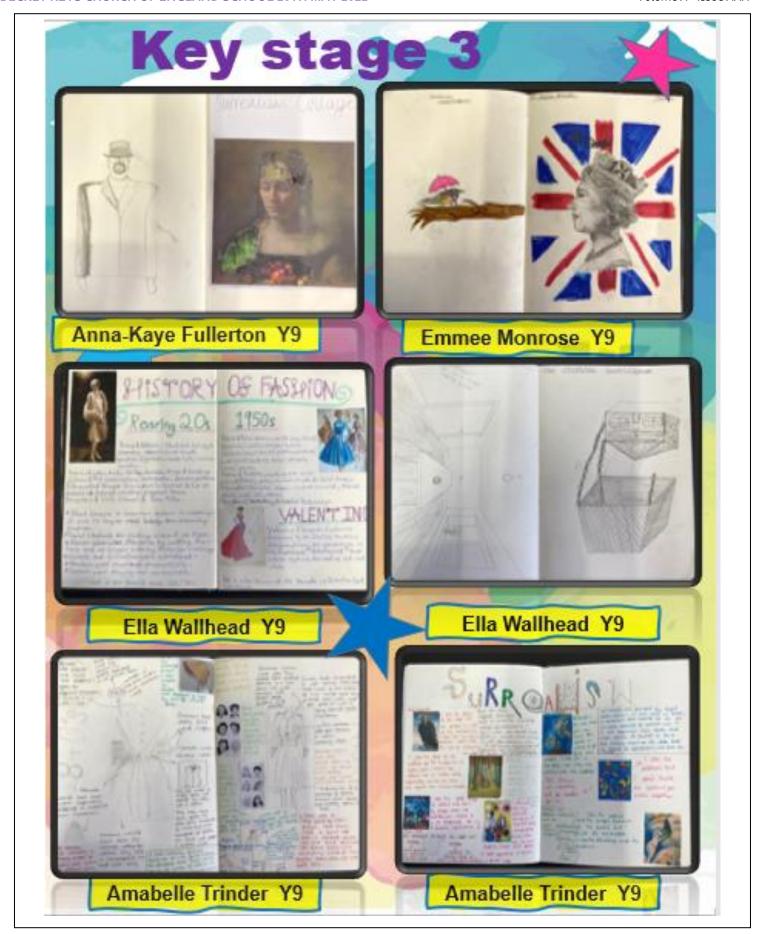








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Boys' Basketball Team – U16 Champions!

Becket Keys have been creating quite the stir in the sporting world, with several teams and athletes doing particularly well this year. When the U16 Co-Ed Basketball Team made it to the finals of the Dynamix Schools National Competition we were put into a bracket that only 2 other Essex Schools have ever been in before. The target for our season was to hit the 'TREBLE', this would mean winning MESSSA, then Essex Cup and finally Nationals. With MESSSA and Essex firmly under our belts we were ready for the National final.

Throughout the competition we have undoubtably been the underdogs. Due to the pandemic this team had not been entered in a national competition before and this was our first opportunity in this environment. We did not have the luck of the draw and all our games were at our opponents' grounds and all brought a huge wave of supporters creating a tense environment for our boys to perform in. With the final on one of basketballs' greatest stages the boys were very nervous, something their coaches had not seen from them all season, but they were ready and prepared to win the match.

Our opponents were St Bonaventure's School a prestigious basketball team who have won many titles. The first quarter started slowly however,



the team guickly realised there was no time to fall behind. The quarter was truly end-to-end and we finished the 1st quarter down by just 1 point. This foreshadowed the way the rest of the game would go. Melchi Egbeyemi put points on the board early with a few fancy footwork lay-ups followed by some longrange shots. The fast-paced game carried on into the 2nd and once again the rhythm of the game was back and forth, one of the best games on the day by far; there was really nothing that could split these two sides.



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St Bonaventure's had two strikingly tall players rebounding the ball, however, we had Josh Haworth on our defensive and offensive end getting up and clinching onto the ball with ease. This limited their rebounds, and we were up by 2 at the end of the second quarter. Josh went on to rebound the ball 17 times during this game! This was a huge contribution to the overall score.

At the half the boys took some recovery time followed by more shots. They were really getting their eye in, but fatigue could take a hold in the final quarters...

Thankfully, we had 3 players who were primed and raring to go! We call them 'The Terriers'. Their role is to come onto the court and harass their marked opponent, get up in their face and defend hard – these boys are outstanding at this job and can be regularly relied upon to force turnovers and

stop the ball. This gave our shooters a quick rest so we could get them back in the game knowing our Terriers were taking care of the game in the meantime. Although a slow scoring quarter the third saw several amazing steals from Calum Hayes and several outstanding possessions by Immanuel Baptist finished with some cutting passes resulting in more points of the board. The score going into the final quarter was 63 - 63 and it was all to play for.

Coming out in the 4th, St Bonaventure's came out with all guns blazing. Their press was high, and we had several turnovers due to their relentless pressure. At this point the foul count was considerably higher than either team wanted it to be. This game was going to come down to good management and serious discipline from all players. In the final 4 minutes of the game, we were down by 4 points, St Bonaventure's had been on a spree of lay-ups and jump shots and had taken the lead. A few quick substitutions got Calum Hayes and Immanuel Baptist back in the game, Melchi Egbeyemi got his head down and went to work bringing us back to a 73-72 lead. With 2 minutes to play we saw rebound after rebound and we went into the final minute up 77-76. In the final 20 seconds Immanuel Baptist made the block of his career which forced a timeout from the opposing team. We knew now that we would be

playing a game of fouls and quickly they came.

Firstly, a foul on Melchi Egebyemi and finally a foul on Immanuel Baptist, taking him to the free throw line. Despite Mr Baptist reluctance to shoot his free throws, he made one taking the final score to 78-76! St Bonaventure's then had the ball on the base line with 3 seconds to go, the final passage of play.

Becket Keys set a high press, the lob was thrown and Josh Haworth with all his height reached for the ball, touched down on the ground and threw the ball up in celebration! We had done it!!

5 years in the making. Taking the treble. Becket Keys are National Cup Champions!



There are a few key members to thank for this successful occasion. James Potter has been coaching these boys for many, many years and came on board at Becket Keys several years ago to develop our basketball players. This year he has been working directly with the team, building their rapport, skills and plays to become a united team who are truly talented. He has done this through sheer love for the players

and has now earnt himself a National Championship, something he and his family will be truly proud of. Our loyal parents, who have travelled far and wide to support their children also deserve thanks. As we mentioned, there has not been a home game during this tournament, so thank you for all your travelling and time off to support this amazing team. Thanks to our MVP Melchi Egbeyemi, who scored 40 points in this final game, without whom this success would not be possible. He played the game of his career and he got a lot of attention for his excellent contributions. Finally, thanks to our players who have been nothing short of outstanding, we must also remember that these boys have been revising for their GCSE's whilst this tournament has been going on (their exams started 3 days after the final) and I am sure they have thoroughly enjoyed GCSE PE Classes at Premier Inn's finest breakfast tables! This has been one special journey for everyone involved and wherever these boys end up in their future prospects – we wish them well!



Miss Schafer PE Teacher



Team Sheet

No4. Josh Haworth ©

No₅. Brady Doyle

No6. Immanuel Baptist

No8. Calum Hayes

Nog. Zach Humphreys

No10. Jack Saunders

No12. Gerrard Ohene Duah

No₁₃. Melchi Egbeyemi (MVP)

No₁₄. Josh Hall

No₁₅. Benson Reid

Coach - James Potter

Manager – Abbie Schafer

Top Stats



Points – Melchi Egbeyemi (40) Rebounds – Josh Haworth (17) Assists – Immanuel Baptist (5) Blocks – Josh Haworth (4) Steals – Calum Hayes (6)









Running Club for all Year groups.

Thursday after school.

This is run by an outside organisation and costs £2.00 per session.

Excellent fitness training for those who will be pursuing athletics this summer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 13 LEAVERS' DAY

FRIDAY 20TH MAY

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YEAR 10

SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2022

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SOUTH WEALD FESTIVAL

SCHOOL CONCERT

ST PETER'S CHURCH

TUESDAY 21ST JUNE

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'MATILDA THE MUSICAL'

MONDAY 18TH JULY

TUESDAY 19TH JULY

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

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