



Becket Keys Church of England School

18th November 2022

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Mr Scott-Evans writes:

A few notices:

Coats

We have had some awfully wet days weather wise recently, and according to my very-expensive-inaccurate weather app, there is an 85% chance of 7mm of rain on Monday and it is set to continue for a while yet. Please encourage your son/daughter to bring a coat and or an umbrella! Please remember that coats in the Main School must be plain black with no large logos. We believe that a smart uniform is an excellent representation of the high standards we have. Many members of the local community comment on the good conduct of our students and I am sure much of that is simply because they look smart!

School Fund

We will be writing to all parents about the school fund soon. Please give what you can via ParentPay. The requested amount is £33 from each family, however, if you wish to give more to help support families who cannot afford to contribute – that would be fantastic. If you cannot afford the £33 please give what you can. Even £10 for every student raises £10,000 for the school. The letter will outline some of the things we want to use the money for. All of which will support our ambition to maintain our independent school feel.

Eucharists

Every week, there is a Eucharist on Fridays at 1pm in the John

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Church of England School

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Wraw Chapel. If you wish to attend, you can simply arrive at Main Reception. I attend most weeks and it is great time of peaceful reflection and prayer. Please feel free to join us. In case you are wondering, the 20-minute service does count towards 'church attendance' for admission purposes, so it will suit families who cannot attend on Sundays but want to maintain their regular attendance at church. The service is an essential part of our mission to be an outstanding Church of England school. We believe in the importance of celebrating the mass in line with Jesus' instruction to 'do this in remembrance of me'.

Russell Education Trust

As you know, we have an expert sponsor who works with us to make the school the best that it can be. Recently, the trust has been working very closely with me on a couple of very important issues. As I have said to the students, everyone is still learning – even the Headteacher! We have benefited from their English, Mathematics and Science advisors coming in this week, as they do every week. The English advisor met with Sixth Formers who are studying literature A Level one to one to discuss their progress. We are blessed to have their input and your son/daughter's education is enriched by it.



Sport and Music

As you know we are a school which values music and sport. I have been extremely pleased to see the 10th Anniversary House Music competition going so well over the past two weeks. My congratulations to all involved. It has also been encouraging to see so much competitive sport going on. I was delighted this week to see that we took the gold at the National Skiing Championships! Congratulations to Rudy, Eira-Mia and Sasha who all excelled – the girls took two gold medals!



Who will walk away with the 10th Anniversary Vocal Award and which house will be victorious in House Music?

All will be revealed after the chamber concert tonight!

“It is far better to debate a question and not settle it, than to settle a question and not debate it” - Joseph Joubert

If you cannot debate upon important issues then you will never get out of life what you want, or more importantly, what you deserve.

Let's talk!

Meetings will take place Monday after school in J16 with Mr. Walker

BKS Debate Society

WORK EXPERIENCE

STUBBERS ADVENTURE CENTRE

REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ UNDER 18 YEARS OLD
- ✓ 1 OR 2 WEEKS
- ✓ POSITIVE ATTITUDE

CONTACT INFO

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“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it but by it, I see everything else.” – C.S. Lewis

First session: 12 - 12:40
 Second session: 12:50 - 1:20
 WO1 with Mr. Fenn

Christian Union

Fellowship and faith for all, Monday Lunches WO2

Becket Keys Christmas Dinner
Wednesday
7th December 2022

Tickets will be on sale between the 21st November and 28th November

Buy your tickets at the tills during break and lunch
£4.50

Aspens

Sixth Form – London Challenge

As part of the Enrichment Day the Sixth Form students explored London in small groups and competed against each other in different events. They had a series of cryptic clues to solve in different areas of the city, visited as many areas of the Monopoly board as possible, travelled on as many different modes of transport they could and had to work out unique landmarks to be pictured with. A great day exploring the capital city!







**NEXT STEPS
ESSEX**

FIND THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO
REACH OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE AT
OUR *FREE* ONLINE EVENTS FOR

YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

STARTING JANUARY 2023

**SIGN UP HERE
BY 20 DEC**



QUESTIONS? EMAIL SLO@EMMA.CAM.AC.UK

This is the third year of this programme, which aims to give students the tools to make a competitive application to Oxford/Cambridge. The programme consists of four online sessions run by Oxford and Cambridge Outreach staff, each with a Q&A with current undergraduate students:

Year 12 Introduction to Oxbridge:

Wednesday 18th January (17:00 – 18:30)

Year 11 Introduction to Oxbridge:

Wednesday 1st February (17:00 – 18:30)

Year 11 & Y12 Study Skills & Oxbridge Applications:

Wednesday 1st March (17:00 – 18:30)

Y12 Personal Statements: Wednesday 8th March (17:00 – 18:30)

Interview Workshop (start of Y13): *September 2023 (tbc)*

All students from **non-selective state schools** in the local authorities of Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock are eligible to take part.

The deadline for signing up is **TUESDAY 20th DECEMBER 23:59**.

Students can sign-up using this online form:

[NSE 2022-23 Sign Up Form](#)



Essex County Council

**PARENTS/CARERS
ONLINE LEARNING EVENT**

23rd November 6pm to 8:30pm

Select up to
3
Sessions



Sessions will be recorded and uploaded to the Essex Local offer shortly after the event, so families will be able to access sessions in their own time.

Essex County Council are delighted to be able to offer an online learning event for parents and carers of children with SEND in Essex on the 23rd November from 6pm to 8:30pm.

We have taken feedback directly from parents/carers about the kinds of topics that you feel would be helpful to learn more about. We have skilled practitioners from the field of SEND to deliver these sessions live on the evening.

To view the session and book, visit:
<https://forms.office.com/r/fdNMBfyuCF>

If you are unable to attend then do not panic sessions will be recorded and uploaded to the Essex Local Offer shortly after the event, so you will be able to access them in your own time!



Rotary
YOUNG WRITER
COMPETITION

The theme is 'Peace'. Entries can be fiction or non-fiction, prose or poetry.

Each entry must:

- Be no more than 550 words if prose
- Have a maximum of 40 lines if poetry
- Have no drawings or pictures attached
- Be legible and either typed or handwritten.

This is for all students, including Sixth Form students.

Hand in entries by Friday 9th December to Miss White in C24.



Uniform

All students are required to wear smart leather shoes.

All 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 or shapes cut into the hair e.g. stripes or undercuts.

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.

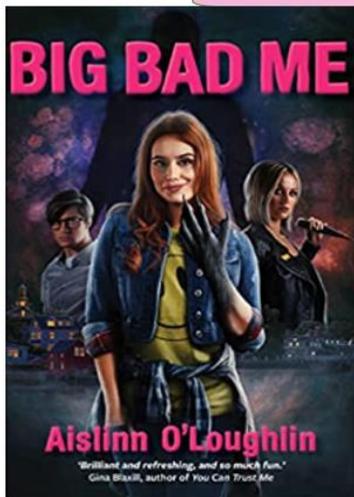


Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.

<https://www.becketkeys.org/uniform>



Book of the Month - November



"I've got two claws, Katie. Two giant, evil, freaking Freddy Krueger monster things. I am not calm."

Evie Wilder is living a normal life, used to living with "a rare form of diabetes". Except for the fact her mum has gone missing, she just found out she's a werewolf, she and her sister have to go into hiding in a motel whose weird manager keeps pushing Evie to go "full wolf", and there's not a single helpful vampire slayer to be found.

With the help of Kevin, the dorky manager of the guesthouse where Evie and Kate go to lie low, Evie starts learning to harness her wolfish side. But there's something a bit odd about Kevin...

Meanwhile, reports of animal attacks are increasing, local teens are going missing, and Evie is about to find herself at the centre of a supernatural showdown – plainly there's more than one predator on the loose.

This book is bloodily funny and appallingly enthralling, especially for fans of vampire and werewolf fiction.

JOIN US TO DISCUSS:

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AND

Next Steps

THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL
3.15 - 4.15PM
IN THE CHAPEL

We will be holding drop-in sessions on a Thursday after school for sixth form students to discuss or ask any questions about university, personal statements, applications or any related topics. Feel free to stop by anytime!

YEAR 12 & YEAR 13

PAUSE

The importance of faith during exam seasons

Next week, the first series of exams begin. This can be a challenging and stressful time for students. The pressure mounts as the exams approach and schedules fill up, and the to-do lists are never-ending. It can seem daunting and overwhelming, or even impossible to get through. 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 hardships and challenges 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. Then that faith is able to produce perseverance in them. When they established that strong faith in God’s power and control in whatever trial they are facing, they are able to face any kind of hardship 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. It will calm them down because they will 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 as 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.

A Prayer for Year 11 and 13 students to use:

Jesus,
This mock 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

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

And
the **PEACE
OF GOD**

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

Christ Jesus

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

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 the massive the busy schedules, and help me to keep my eyes fixed on you throughout it all.

As I enter my classrooms and exam rooms, 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 make. 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 and for all the ways I have grown.

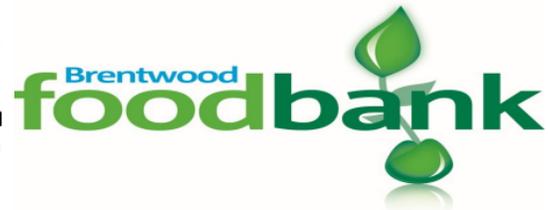
Amen.

Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher



BECKET KEYS
Church of England School

Brentwood
Foodbank – Trussell
Trust
Find us at
Doddinghurst Road
Community Church



Shopping List For November 2022

Food Items

Ham/Cornd Beef
Salmon
All Day Breakfast
Spaghetti
Rice Pudding
Custard
Potatoes
Meat Balls
Instant Mash
Fruit
Bags/Packets Rice
Hot Chocolate
Noodles

Non Food Items

All Cleaners
Washing Powder /Gels
Shampoo
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Razors
shaving Gel/foam

Christmas Items

Christmas cakes/ puddings
Biscuits
Chocolate/Syrup and Jam Puddings
Advent Calendars
Jelly/Angel Delight
Biscuits For Cheese
All Savoury Items Crisps Etc
All Sweets/Chocolate
Selection Boxes
Cakes

Non Food Items

Deodorants
Toilet Rolls
Nappies—Size 3,4,6
Baby Wipes/Baby Toiletries
Baby Food/ Jars and Pouches

In the last three months, the need for the Foodbank has increased by more than 50%. and the local Food Bank is now currently feeding over 100 people every day.

Collections are becoming more important so please if you can assist those who are less fortunate and donated urgent items on the above list. Collection points are at St Thomas of Canterbury Church and Sainsburys.

Thank you for your continued assistance.



Young Professionals, recently ran two parent/carer focused 'Your Child, Their Future' events. Across the two webinars, there were 5000+ parents and carers who attended virtually from all over the UK. The third information evening will be taking place this November. The job market for students leaving school or university can be difficult to navigate and now more than ever young people need help to make them aware of all the opportunities available to them, as well as providing them with advice and tips on securing the very best opportunities when they enter the workplace. All parents/carers are invited to attend the **'Your Child, Their Future' Event on Thursday 24th November from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.**

There will be leaders from some of the biggest employers in the world including KPMG, BT Group, Capgemini, British Airways, Linklaters and more who will talk to you, as parents and carers, about how your son/daughter can best navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience or internship placements, as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. They will share some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, putting together a CV and filling out application forms, as well as advice on how you can prepare students for the working world.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Your **CHILD**
Their **FUTURE**

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION EVENING
DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS & WORK EXPERIENCE
FOR YOUR SON / DAUGHTER

24TH NOVEMBER | 6PM - 7:30PM

This event is completely free of charge, and it will be running via Zoom on Thursday 24th November from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. We encourage you to join this event virtually with your son/daughter and ask any questions that you may have directly to leading employers.

The registration link can be found below, so please do sign up if you would like to attend. The zoom link will be emailed to you closer to the time.

Registration Link:

[Young Professionals Parent / Guardian Information Evening Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to the event and if you have any questions, please let us know!

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Thursday 8th December 2022: From 4pm

Please contact one of the team for an appointment by emailing:
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Art & Textiles

Star Artist Year 10



Beau Ayres



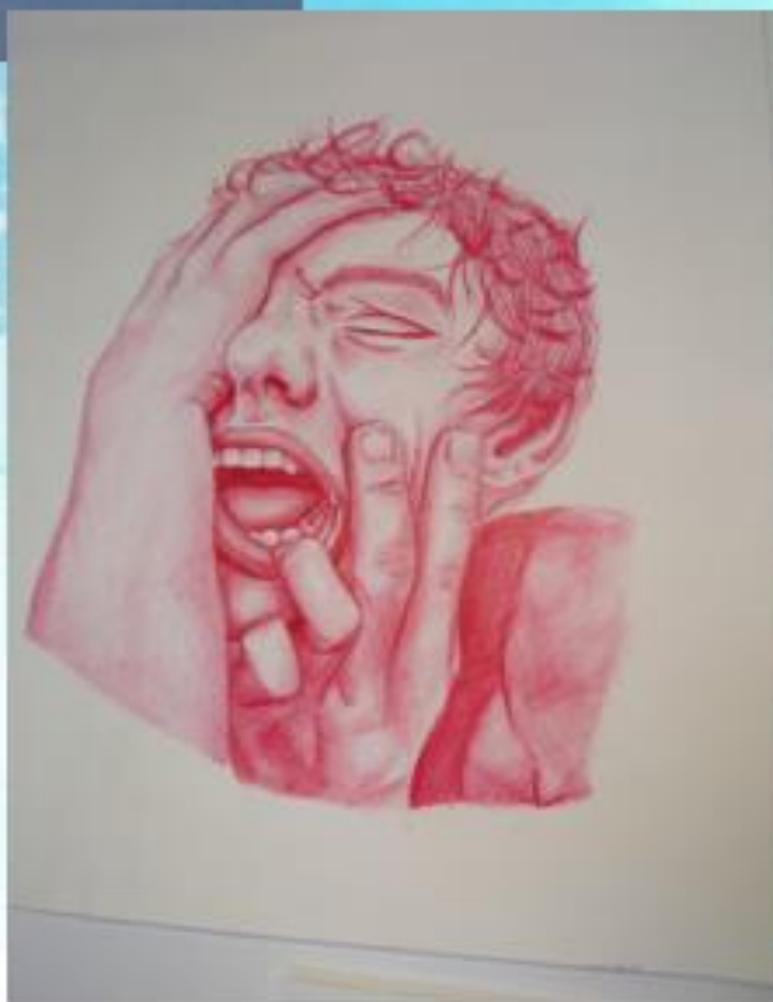


Noah Mumby

Yr 10

Sam Pain

Yr 12





Lowri O'Brien

Yr 11

Isla Woods

Yr 7



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Jenni Tingay Yr 11



Alisa Borman

Yr 9



In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

Star of the week

Jess Prentice **Y13**



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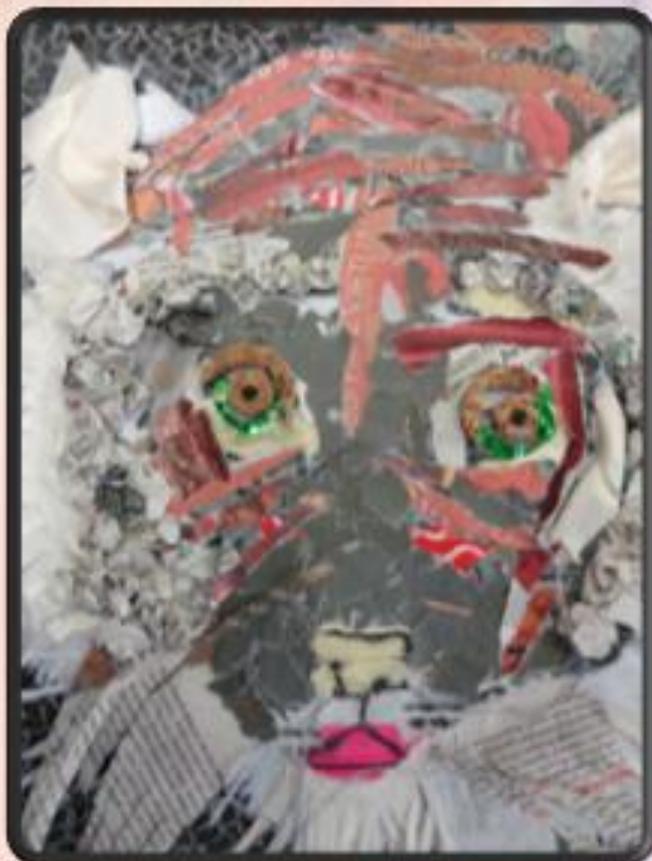
Key stage 3



Stanley Boon Y7



Alfie Kinnear Y7



Scarlett Stevenson Y7



Rose Tucker Y7

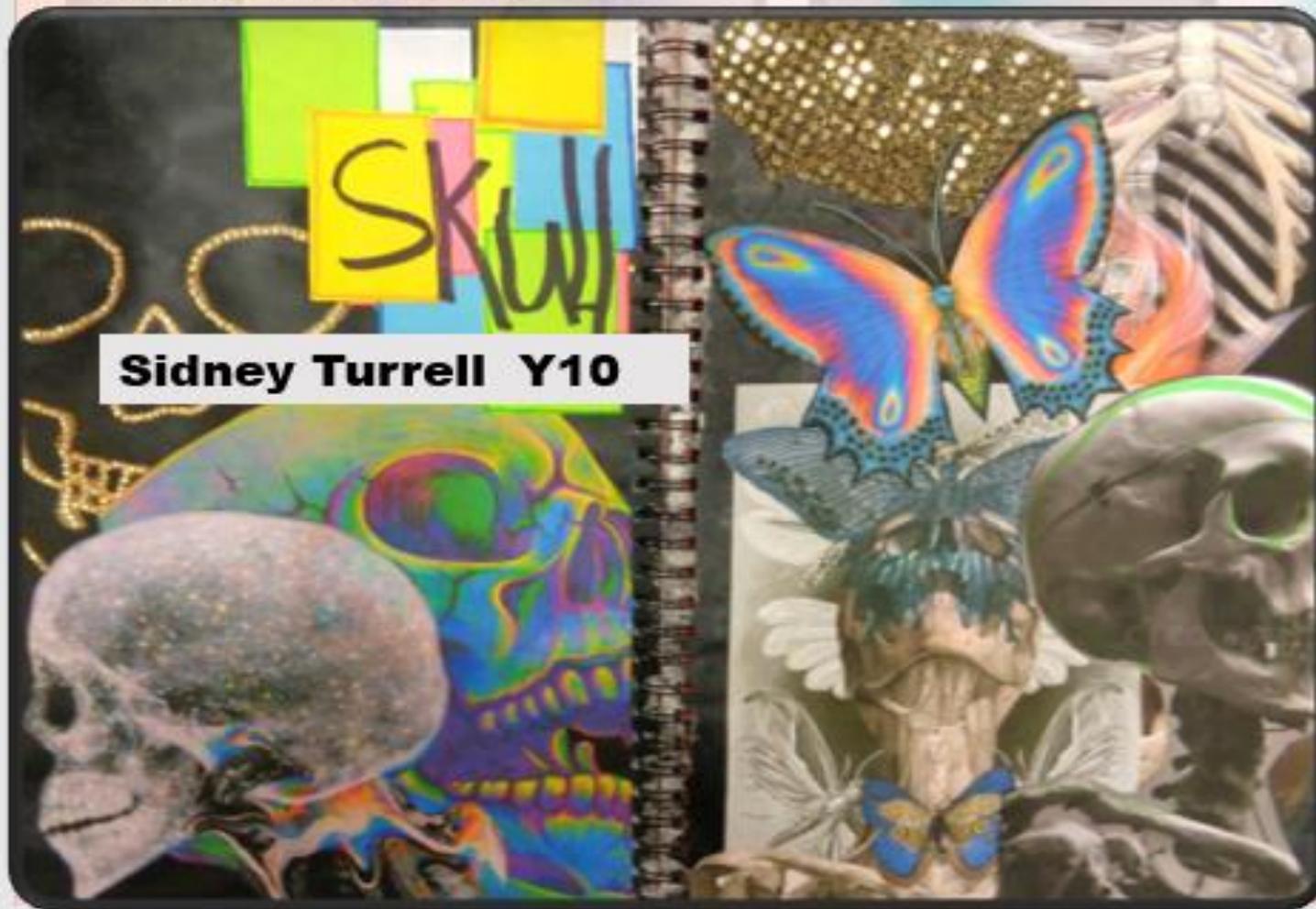
Key stage 4



Isabelle Selwyn Y10



Jasmine Anderson Y10



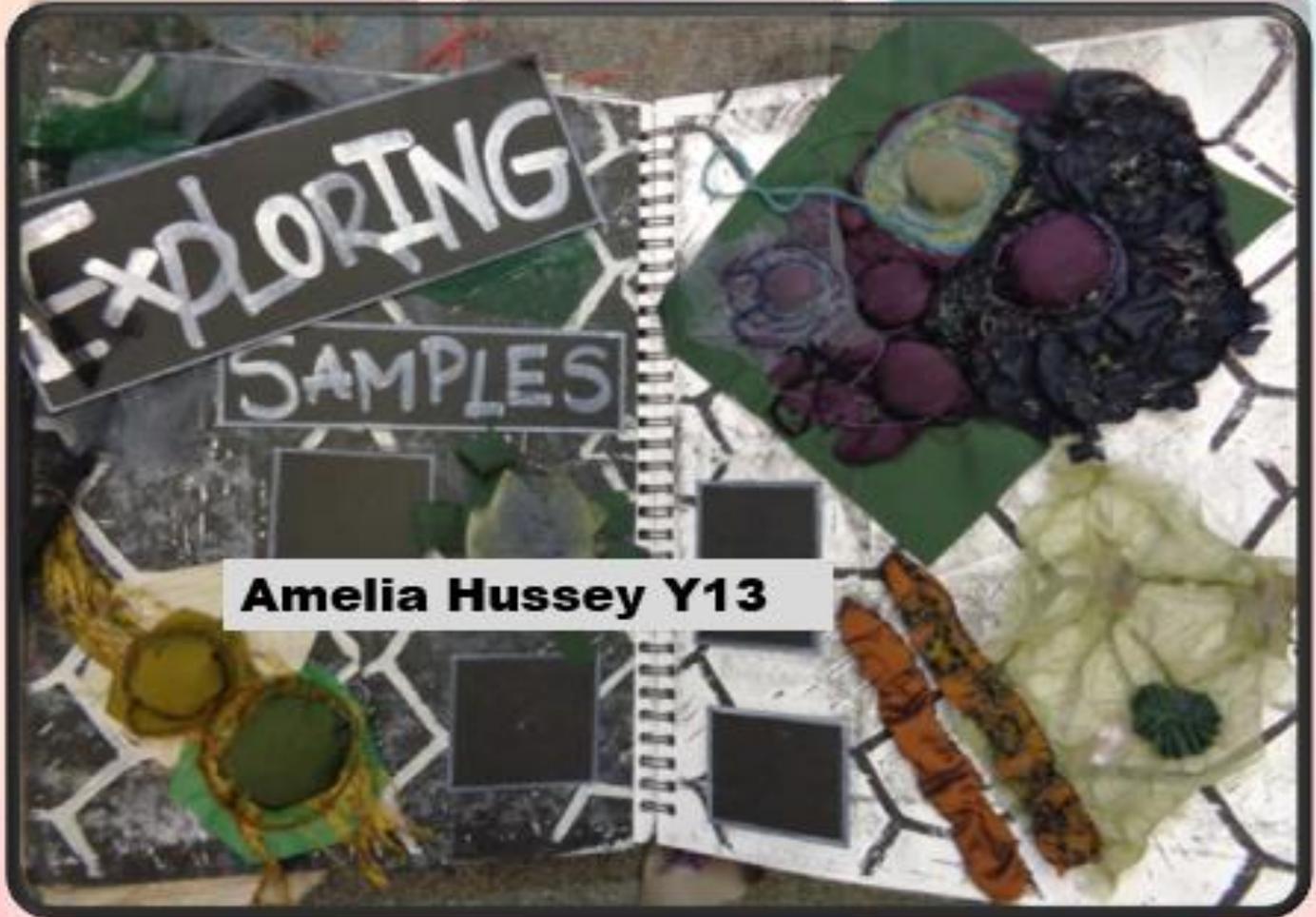
Sidney Turrell Y10

Key stage 5

McKenzie Reid Y12



Ruby Cole Y12



Sports News

Year 7 Boys' Football

After a first term of hard work and dedication, I had a difficult decision to make when setting out my line up for this fixture. I have been blown away by the commitment shown by the Year 7s this year towards their extra-curricular activity. I have found myself scribbling and crossing out names, formations and starting line ups on a regular basis for my football fixtures and with this being only the second fixture of the year, I find myself in a regular predicament. However, as the cliché goes, there are worse problems to have.

The eager anticipation was clear from the offset. The excited nags of "Sir, when will the other team arrive?," "can you tell us the starting line up?," "are the other team good?" are the sort of questions that take me back to my days as a budding individual keen to impress at 'big' school.

The opposition arrived and as the warm-ups subsided, the formally eager boys, under the direction of Captain Allan switched to focussed and determined ready for the start of the match.

The whistle blew and the boys asserted authority from the offset. Strong link ups from the centre-back pairing of Jamieson and Neall set the tone for the possession dominant half the boys would enjoy, often spraying the ball to the full backs Morden



and Kinnear to gallop down the wings and attack the opposition defenders. Chances were plentiful but lacked conviction in the final third until a slice of fortune favoured the Becket Keys persistence. Handball in the box. Penalty! The eyes of players, parents and watching siblings simultaneously arrowed in my direction as the pressure of deciding the penalty taker loomed. After signalling for Ben Morden to place the ball on the spot, tensions eased as if the crowd foresaw the ensuing thunderbolt that would bruise the stanchion. 1-0 BK.

Confident drives from Poulteney and Pallet flirted with the idea of a second goal but solid defence from Sandon kept BK at bay and despite a quiet half, Captain Allan was called to action after a cross-come-shot showed the boys a glimpse of what may happen if

attentions switched off. However, the score stayed at 1-0 going into the break.

A change in formation and the introduction of fresh legs helped the BK boys pick up where they left off, with early chances for Nicoll and Boon bringing the boys ever closer to a certain second goal. Luck was not on our side in the early minutes until another threat from Nicoll, drifting wide and bringing the ball infield to an onlooking Hayes, brought joy and relief as the ball left his foot like a traction engine, sailing beyond the reach of the keeper for some much needed breathing room. 2-0 and cruising. Harper-Taylor showcased his composure and still head as competent link up with the defensive pair helped keep possession and control of the game in the second half and Hungan's flair provided silky touches for an advancement

forward which culminated in Hayes going through on goal to bag his second and the teams' final goal of the game. 3-0 BK and a deserved lead.

As the light faded, concentration levels dropped slightly and, in that lapse, Sandon jumped on the opportunity to put the spit flecks of mud on Allan's clean sheet. 3-1 final whistle.

A dominant performance from start to finish with lots of promise going forward.

MOTM: Louis Hayes

Mr Carter
PE Teacher

Year 10 Boys' Football

Another game in the cup for the Year 10 boys saw us host Brentwood County High School in the next round. Following on from the victory last week, we knew what we had to work on and that meant starting how we mean to go on. This however did not happen, we found ourselves squandering a handful of chances before two failed clearances allowed the BCHS winger to drive a low cross to his partner who scored. The second wave of Becket Keys attacks started straight from kickoff and there was more wasted chances before a blocked shot fell to Taylor on the edge of the box who's strike found the top corner. The half drew to a close and on the stroke of half time a long Danny



Wilkinson kick was plucked from the sky by Archie Jerome whose perfect touch was driven home by Jack Rank. At half time the score was 2-1.

The Second half was lively, to say the least. Passion began to rise as the home wide were awarded a penalty for a handball following a cross and Taylor stepped up to convert. The away side thought they should have been awarded a penalty for a foul on the edge of the box which they felt was in but the freekick was comfortably dealt with by Danny. 3-1 was the final score line and Archie Jerome was awarded Mr Lanes MOM for remaining composed when he was on the brunt of some away team frustrated tackles. We progress through to the next round.

Mr Lane
PE Teacher



Brentwood Half Marathon & Fun Run Sunday 12th March 2023

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Brentwood Half Marathon and
Fun Run](#)

This great event in the Brentwood calendar is now in its 41st year.

Over the years the event has raised several million pounds for charity, and we expect 2023 to bounce back after Covid and be a bumper year!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER
(NON-UNIFORM DAY)
WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2022

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FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS AGM
9.15AM
WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2022

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CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2022

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STUDENT HALF DAY
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2022 –
TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023

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YEAR 11
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING
THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2023

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