

Becket Keys Church of England School

20th January 2023

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Mr Scott-Evans writes:

Student Survey 2022

I was delighted to receive 142 responses to the student survey this year. My thanks to all those families who sat together to go through the questions.

There was an even spread of responses from the year groups and so the answers provided are really representative and helpful.

We were pleased to hear that 99.3% of students feel safe in school. 93% of students enjoy school and enjoy learning at school. 98% agreed that teachers help them to do their best and give them work that challenges them. 95% of students say that they would recommend the school to a friend moving to the area.

When asked to rate things out of 5 (with 5 being high and o low), the scores (shown on the table on page 2), were given on average:

I am proud of these high scoring responses, particularly regarding respect, safeguarding, equality and mental health.

It is interesting to note that students scored lowest the ones about physical health and school activities. This term we will be speaking to students about these things through the school council processes so we can learn more about this important element of a student's wider personal development.

The questions around conduct made clear that students know they are in a school that is calm

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and orderly. Only 3 students reported that they think there are problems with bullying, but 29 out of 142 said that it was somewhat of an issue. While only 1 student out of 142 said that the teachers did not do anything about it, there were 15 who said that the teachers should do more.



Nearly all respondents gave sensible suggestions in line with our anti-bullying policy about what should happen. Many students said that teachers cannot handle this on their own. They argued that the whole community needs to be responsible for making the school a safe place where anyone who is unkind is challenged. Everyone needs to speak up and play their part in looking after those who may be affected. I was very pleased with these mature responses.



Student Survey Scores (out of 5)

Teachers listen to what I have to say.	3.94
There is an adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me.	4.06
The school encourages me to look after my physical health	3.79
The school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health	
I can take part in school activities outside of lessons.	3.30
The school encourages me to be independent and take on responsibilities	
The school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and treat everyone equally.	4.53

Younger students said that they want more information about next steps. Only about half of students in the younger years agreed that they had enough from us on careers, next steps, employment.

It is lovely to see students seeking more information in these areas, and we are sure that our careers provision will ensure their needs are met. By the time students get to Year 11, and certainly in the Sixth Form there is a complete shift to almost all students saying that they have had enough (or even too much!) information. If, as a family, you want to see what the school will provide you can check out our careers page here.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you who took the time to participate. Please do not feel that you have to wait for surveys to come round to give me your views. You can contact me at any time using the usual portal: www.becketkeys.org/contact-us.

Mr Scott-Evans Head Teacher

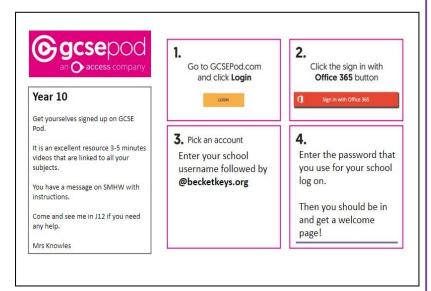


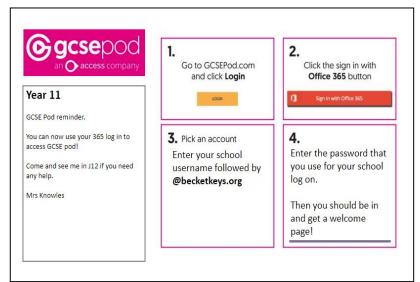
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GCSEPod has lots of resources and tips to help students with motivation, how to learn, news and free resources. Designed to engage learners, improve confidence, and accelerate progress. Statistics show that students who use GCSEPod can achieve 1 additional grade higher in each subject!

GCSE Learning and Revision | GCSEPod







FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023

We are inviting all Becket Keys musicians to perform at the next Chamber Concert that takes place in Runcie Hall, Friday 3rd February at 6 pm. This is an informal performance that parents and families can attend.

How to apply:

- Find and practise a music piece you would like to perform (solo and duets).
- Speak with Mr. Romhany or Mr.
 Menexes in Ro1/Ro2 to inform us
 about the music piece you are going
 to play and the equipment you need.

THE SCHOOL NURSE IS AVAILABLE ON SITE





You can have a confidential chat with the school nurse if you have any concerns about your health.

You can either just drop in or make an appointment.

WHEN: Every other Tuesday from 17th January 2023 12.15-1.30pm WHERE: **W35**

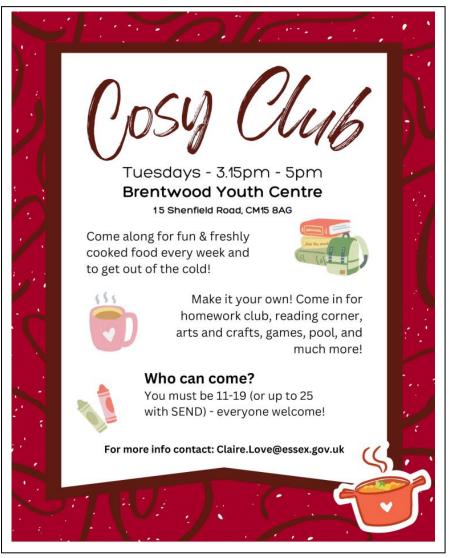
EMAIL: Louise.London@horgcaregroup.com

Alternatively use 'CHAT Health'

This is manned by a School Nurse between the hours of 9-5pm Monday to Friday, and they will respond to all messages within 24 hours Monday – Friday. The aim is to provide a timely, and convenient access to confidential health advice for every young person in Essex.

Phone or text: 07520 615732

No parental consent required for students aged 13 and over.



A Message from the Admin Team

Please remember that if your son/daughter is unable to attend school for any reason you must contact the office to let us know.

This can be done in a number of ways:

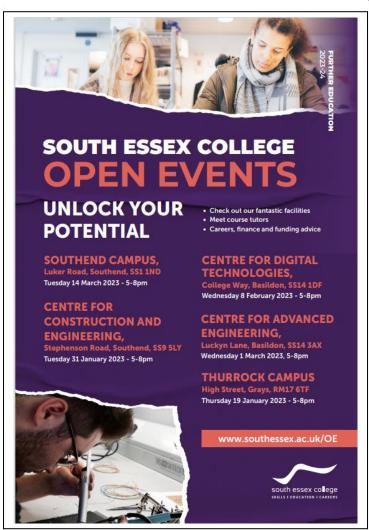
- Email the school at office@becketkeys.org
- Call the absence line
- Log the absence via study bugs (you can also download an app) https://studybugs.com/

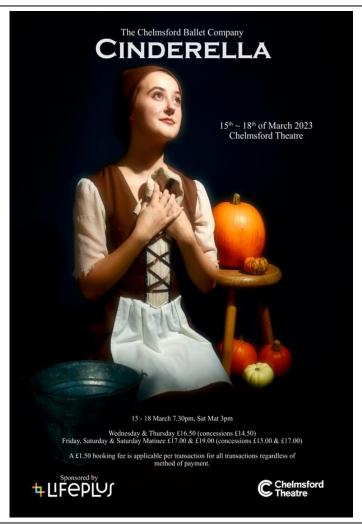


There are more details about the attendance and punctuality standards expected at Becket Keys on our website here:

https://www.becketkeys.org/attendance

THANK YOU!







MASSOLIT

Video Essay Competition 2023

This is the third MASSOLIT Video Essay Competition in partnership with <u>Brasenose College</u>, Oxford.

All UK-based students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to create a "MASSOLIT-style" video lecture running at around 8-12 minutes on any academic topic. Entries open from Wednesday 1st March 2023 and the final deadline is 5pm Friday 30th June 2023.

The best entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges made up of academics from Brasenose and members of the MASSOLIT team.

This competition is open to every pupil in the UK – you do not need to be a subscriber to MASSOLIT. If you want to see what a "MASSOLIT-style" lecture is, please check out <u>our YouTube</u> channel.

What we're looking for: We'd like you to research, write and create a short (8-12 minute) lecture on a topic of your choice.

Your lecture should be a 'talking head' style, like all the lectures on MASSOLIT, though you should feel free to make use of props (e.g. quoting from a book, playing some music, demonstrating a concept with props, etc.) if you feel it adds to your explanation.



Then again, if your lecture doesn't include any props, that's also fine!

Entries will be judged on:

Creativity

The educational value of the lecture – does the viewer learn something interesting and unexpected?

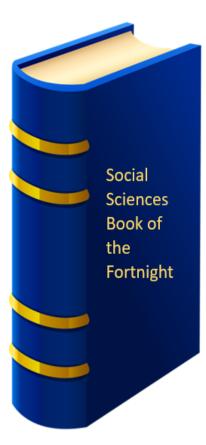
The clarity and concision of the script – is the material structured in a logical way?

Confidence and clarity of delivery – is the speaker looking at the camera? Are they speaking loudly and clearly?

The production quality of entries will not be judged, so please don't worry about what you shoot your video on, and please don't waste any time on post-production.

Full details here:

https://massolit.io/competition

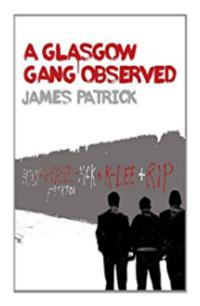


Ms. Stone & Mrs Walker recommend...

James Patrick's 'A Glasgow Gang Observed'

'In 1966, a 23-year-old teacher at a School for delinquent boys, under the alias of James Patrick, went undercover in a Glasgow gang with the help of one of his pupils- a 16-year-old named Tim who had been referred to the school some months earlier. Time challenged James to come out on the streets to see for himself how the boys spent their weekend leave and he accepted in an attempt to understand their world.'

A mind-blowing read from a Sociologist who crosses ethical boundaries to find rich data that is valuable to our understanding of gang membership.







ECSU Y11 SHADOWING SCHEME



Open to Y11 students who identify as part of UK racial & ethnic minority groups.

February - March 2023



Emmanuel College Students' Union

A free online programme

Discover new subjects & receive support from Cambridge academics

Meet current students through virtual mentoring sessions

SIGN UP BY 23:59 ON WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY





For more information, please contact: slo@emma.cam.ac.uk

Year 11 students are now welcome to apply for the annual Emmanuel College Student Union's Shadowing Scheme 2023. Students must identify as from a racial or ethnic minority in the UK to apply and take part.

This free online scheme aims to provide participants with the opportunity to discover new subjects through subject streams: Humanities, Humanities & Social Sciences, Biological & Medical Sciences, and Physical & Mathematical Sciences.

Each 'stream' will involve students watching specially recorded lectures on a range of topics, following which they will complete small written tasks and receive feedback in supervisionstyle sessions, all of which is designed and led by Cambridge academics. Students will also meet current undergraduate students through virtual mentoring sessions and learn about university and student life in general during weekly social sessions.

The programme will run across four weeks beginning from the 27th February and finishing by 24th March. There will be two academic and/or social sessions a week via Zoom. Students will also be invited to visit Emmanuel for a Celebration Day upon completing the Shadowing Scheme (date and time to be confirmed during the scheme).

Applications are open to Year 11 students who are from a racial or ethnic minority background. However, numbers will be limited and students who also meet one or more of the following eligibility criteria will be prioritised:

Attend UK state school.

Eligible for (or has been eligible for in the past 6 years) Free School Meals.

Experience of being in care or a young carer.

First generation (would be the first in their family to attend Higher Education)

The deadline for Year 11s to apply is 23:59 on WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Students can apply via this online form: **ECSU Shadowing Scheme Application Form** or use the QR code on the poster.





The 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.

If you have any prayer intentions, please send them into the school via the office email:

office@becketkeys.org

Subject Consultation Evenings

Year 9 Thursday 2nd February 2023

Year 7 Thursday 16th March 2023

Year 10 Thursday 8th June 2023



If you are doing shopping online. Why not see if you can help raise some funds for FoBK through your online purchases in a few easy steps:

Click here then

- Click 'Sign up and support this cause'.
- If new to Easyfundraising then set up an account.
- Browse the hundreds of online shops who participate in the scheme and go shopping! As long as you go into the online sites through the Easyfundraising site, you will register a donation to FoBK. You can even get an App for your phone! It will not cost you a penny!

If already a member, then why not refer a friend? FoBK will get a bonus when each person you refer makes a purchase.



Channel Talent would like to invite students to their Spring term programme of free interactive university online events.

The sessions are open to individual students. Subject to the content, some are in school time and some are after.

The sessions, each including either one or two universities, offer enrichment for curriculum themes and support for students considering progression to HE. They aim to be dynamic and participative, encouraging everyone to engage and shape the session but in a way that they are comfortable with.

'It was fantastic! I would have happily stayed on for another five hours. Really useful academic insight ... and discussion that wouldn't typically come up in class.' Year 13 student

'Students really enjoyed the unique perspective that this lecture offered. They enjoyed the pace of the lecture and the intellectual rigour.' Sixth Form Leader

A small number of sessions will be recorded but the majority focus

on the live, participatory nature of the event, which is where the feedback we receive suggests the greatest value.

Below is the current Spring programme. Channel Talent will be adding further sessions and adding details to existing sessions as they are confirmed so please do register for more regular updates here:

http://eepurl.com/duFY5H.

HE Guidance – Supporting Late Applications & Tackling Student Finance

22nd February @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: Student Finance & Scholarships for 2023 Entry with UEA (KS5) Find out more »

Geography, Politics, Economics

24th January @ 16:15 - 17:15 insight4me Geography: Coastal Management with UEA & Glasgow (KS5) Find out more »

25th January @ 11:10 - 12:10

Distribution of Wealth —

Interdisciplinary University

Perspectives & Debate — UEA & 1

Uni TBC (KS4 & KS5) Find out

more »

1st February @ 14:15 - 15:00 Geology/Chemistry: Understanding the Earth - The Geochemist's Toolkit with Glasgow (KS₅) Find out more »

Chemistry

25th January @ 16:15 - 17:15 insight4me Chemistry: Organic Chemistry with Nottingham & 1 Uni TBC (KS5) Find out more »

Sociology, Psychology, Sport Psychology

31st January @ 13:00 - 13:45 Sociology/Psychology: Role & Impact of the Father with Surrey (KS₅) Find out more »

History/EPQ

26th January @ 10:10 - 11:00 Extended Project Qualification: Skills & Insight - Developing Academic Writing Skills with 1 Uni TBC (KS5) Find out more »

31st January @ 15:35 - 16:20 History: The Rise to Power and Rule of Stalin - Tutorial – UEA (KS₅) Find out more »

Mathematics/Physics/Engineeri ng/Computer Science

23rd January @ 12:45 - 13:30 Engineering/AI: Machine Learning - Latest Developments with Surrey (KS₅) Find out more »

English/Creative Writing

6th February @ 10:00 - 11:00 insight4me English: Language Diversity & Change with Nottingham & Goldsmiths (KS₅) Find out more »

Apprenticeship Information

Please see below a few of the local apprenticeships added to the <u>national</u> <u>apprenticeship website</u> in the last 14 days. If you are not registered, it is recommended that you do as you can save your searches and get vacancy alerts direct! You can <u>create an account here</u>. If you are new to apprenticeship searching these <u>resources</u> will be useful to help you find out more about apprenticeships, finding the right one for you and how to apply.

Brentwood and Billericay

<u>Apprentice Assistant Caretaker - MID ESSEX ANGLICAN ACADEMY</u>
<u>TRUST</u> – Level 2 - £7,503.60 to £14,820 per annum

We are looking to add to our already highly skilled Site Team, with a new flexible and proactive Apprentice Assistant Caretaker, who has good general practical skills, enjoys physical types of activities and has a "cando" attitude.

Nursery Apprentice - Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery - Level TBC - £4.81 to £5 and hour

Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery are looking for a positive and vibrant Nursery Apprentice to join their well-established team! Under the guidance of senior staff, you will provide the highest level of care and education for all children attending the setting. Whilst gaining hands on experience in a high-quality childcare setting you will be working towards a recognised childcare qualification.

<u>Apprentice Learning Support Assistant - Doddinghurst Junior School</u> – Level 3 - £7,753.72 per annum

Doddinghurst Junior School is offering a training opportunity for an Apprentice Learning Support Assistant to gain a Level 3 qualification. As an Apprentice Learning Support Assistant, you will support pupils in classroom settings, working with both teachers and support staff to develop the education of pupils.

Apprentice Business Administrator in a Legal Office - SANDERS WITHERSPOON LLP – Level 3 - £9,379.50 per annum

The Company are currently recruiting for an Administrative Assistant to provide office and reception support in a busy legal environment. You will be doing a variety of tasks from general administration duties, like processing the post, composing letters and emails to meeting and greeting clients.



Music Industry Careers

Are you interested in the various career opportunities available in the music industry?

Watch <u>Peter Leathem, CEO, PPL, talk about working as a lawyer specialising in the music industry.</u>

Or <u>Chris Scott, MD, Domino</u> <u>Recording Company, talk about his</u> <u>career in music labels.</u>



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

As an apprentice you will be an employee earning a wage and getting holiday pay, work alongside experienced staff, gain job-specific skills and get time for training and study related to your role. Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

<u>Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>





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Gain FREE virtual work experience

ITV live online career challenges

Cost: FREE ITV is creating some of the nation's best-loved and mostwatched programmes.

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ITV On Demand is a digitally-led entertainment and media company that creates and brings brilliant content to you everyday.

The data teams require lots of different skills and people to ensure they continue to keep viewers engaged! Are you creative, curious, collaborative, love to learn and have great ideas?

Digdata challenges are for you!

Join in the live online career challenges to find out the different questions asked and the data used to help answer them.

ITV "First Step" live online career challenge

Monday 30th January at 4.30pm

Who should be the main sponsor of Britain's Got Talent in 2023?

Register to attend

ITV "Next Step" live online career challenge

Tuesday 31st January at 5pm

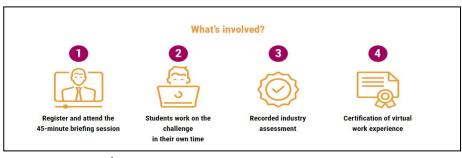
ITVX – Ads or No Ad's that is the question!

Register to attend

ITV live online career panel Thursday 2nd February at 6.30pm

Register to attend

We invite students, parents, teachers and career leaders to discover more about their career and placement opportunities in data!





Speakers for Schools were founded in 2010 by ITV's Political Editor, Robert Peston, their aim is to end educational inequality by giving all young people access to the same prestigious networks available to the top feepaying schools in the UK. There are many talks from today's influential figures via the Inspiration programme, those that are available week commencing 9th January are listed below and are all free of charge.

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Tuesday 24th January 10-11am	Secrets of running the UK's biggest network with Virgin Media and O2 For KS3-5/S1-6	An inspiring and fascinating insight into this high- tech, cutting-edge engineering giant. Executives from across the organisation will be sharing the secrets of their successes and how you can enter this world of accelerated digital engineering.
		Click <u>here</u> to register
Tuesday 24th January 2-2:45pm	Crime and Justice - In Journalism with Nick Ross, Broadcaster and Former Crimewatch Presenter For KS4-5/S4-6	Are you thinking about a career in journalism? Thinking about a career in preventing crime? Tune into our broadcast with retired journalist Nick Ross, he became a household name in the UK launching TV shows Watchdog and Crimewatch.
Thursday 26th	How I Became an Entrepreneur with	Click <u>here</u> to register Rajeeb is passionate about helping people connect
January 10-10:45am	Rajeeb Dey, CEO, Learnerbly For KS4-5/S4-6	to opportunities and flourish in their careers. Most recently he launched Learnerbly which helps people be their best selves at work. Join us and get a chance to ask all your questions about starting your own company and being an entrepreneur.
		Click <u>here</u> to register
Thursday 26th January 2-2:45pm	Future Ready with Vodafone For KS4-5/S4-6	The UK's foremost telecoms brand brings you a 1-hour inspirational broadcast focusing on the technologies of tomorrow – and how you can become part of this future world. Join us for a first-of-a-kind experience with the top UK telecoms brand. Hear from experts across this titan organisation sharing the future of telecoms innovations – and the range of exciting and progressive careers open to you. Get a window into the world of work and a chance to speak with current apprentices, engineers, and directors all
		waiting to share how you can get Future Ready, with Vodafone. Click here to register

P A US E

NAVIGATING THROUGH LIFE

Knowing God's Word and obeying it keeps us on God's narrow path

No one likes to be lost. I may enjoy teaching Geography and of course love maps, but a GPS system for hard to find places is still very welcome with a car full of children and a dog! A GPS prevents wrong turns,



backtracking and aimless wandering. Importantly, it provides a fairly clear answer for the most predictable questions: Are we going the right way? Are we nearly there yet? GPS systems determine the best route and provide a clear direction, allowing the driver and passengers to enjoy the ride.

God's Word is similar to a GPS system. Knowing His Word and obeying it can keep us on the path God wants us to walk. We need only to hide its truth in our hearts, so that we can detect falsehood and the distractions of this world. Staying on God's narrow path is not always easy, but this is nothing new.

Consider the 4,000-year-old message Joshua spoke to God's people:

'This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.' (Joshua 1:8 KJV)

We must know Scripture, meditate on the Lord's truth, be careful to obey His commands, and know His blessing. These words are just as relevant and life-giving today as they were



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when written. In addition, today, we not only have the written Word, but also the example of Jesus as well as the indwelling Holy Spirit to provide guidance and strength for the journey of life. God has given His people all they need to walk in His way, for all time.

We are called to be disciplined and attentive to God's Word. We must meditate upon the Word, not simply read it. We must think about each verse carefully, let its meaning sink in and look for its applications to our daily lives. We should study God's Book of Instruction and we should continually feed on His Word in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Let us pray:

Loving Lord, thank you for all you have given us to guide us in our lives. Thank you for the specific guidance we find in Your written Word, for the example of Jesus Himself and for Your Holy Spirit who guides and empowers us.

Loving Lord, help us to be disciplined and set more time aside to read, learn and inwardly digest Your Word. Help us to make choices that will keep us on the Your path of life. **Amen.**

Mrs Sharp Deputy Headteacher



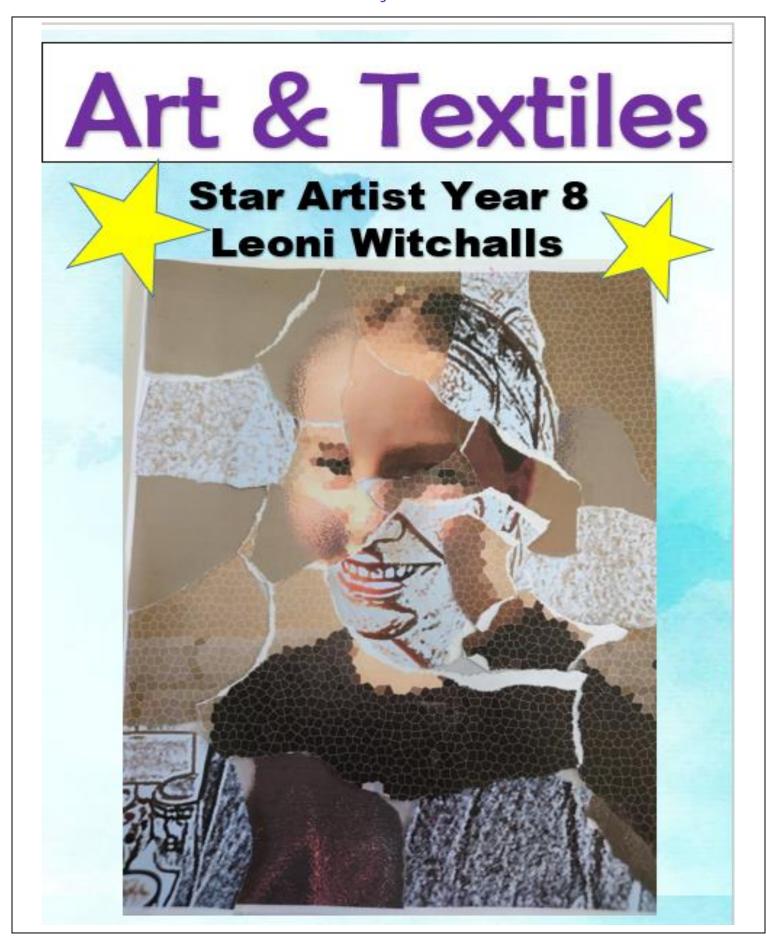


In the last few months, the need for the Foodbank has increased by more than 50% and the local Food Bank is now currently feeding over 100 people every day.

JANUARY ITEMS REQUIRED

All Day Breakfast **Meatballs Spaghetti** Rice **Noodles Rice Pudding** Custard **Tinned Fruit Instant Mash Potatoes All Cleaners** Washing Powder or Gel Shampoo **Toothpaste Shaving Gel** Nappies Size 3,4 & 6 **Baby Wipes Deodorants Toilet Roll**

Collections are becoming more important. Please assist those who are less fortunate and donate urgent items on the above list. Collection points are at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Stephen's Ingrave (Friday 10am-12pm) and Sainsbury's. Thank you for your continued assistance.





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In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry Star of the week

Jessica Perkin-Davidson

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Sports News



Year 9 Netball

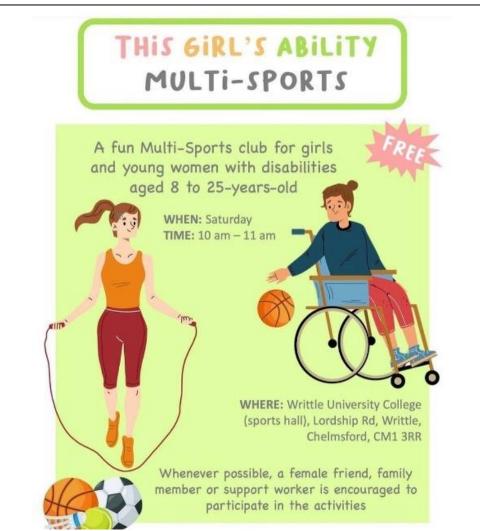
This week the Year 9 netball team was victorious against William De Ferrers, achieving a fantastic 26-3 win.

The students defended superbly picking up interceptions all over the court and getting many successful rebounds in the D. In attack, the feeds into the circle were accurate and ambitious helping the shooters to get into great positions in order to execute their shots perfectly.

Well done to Imogen Walls, Holly Marder, Olivia Miller, Lily Mathews, Liz Griffiths, Evanthe Antoniou, Millie Johnson, Tiyannha Hayes and Esme Hodges. WDF selected Imogen Walls as their player of the match.

A great start to 2023!

Mrs Joughlin PE Teacher



Come and join this new multi-sports club this half-term for an afternoon of activities! Our Sports & Family Fun is for girls/young women with disabilities aged group 8-25-years-old and their families.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL young people MUST be accompanied by a parent or support worker throughout the afternoon.

Whenever possible, a female friend/family member or support worker is encouraged to participate in the activities.

We are able to run a varied programme of activities in the community thanks to the amazing supporters of our Crowfunder campaign and Sport England.

To register your interest, complete the form on the website:

https://www.thisgirlsability.co.uk/activities

T: Nikki on 07518 671812

E: contact@thisgirlsability.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GCSE AWARDS EVENING
CLASS OF 2022
THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2023
Book your place via Eventbrite:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/514012694807

YEAR 9
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING
THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2023

CHAMBER CONCERT
FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023
OPEN TO ALL BECKET KEYS MUSICIANS
PARENTS & CARERS WELCOME TO
ATTEND

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING
TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2023

LENT HOLIDAY MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023

INSET DAY
NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2023

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