

Becket Keys Church of England School

24th March 2023

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Mr Scott-Evans writes:

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

It is that time of year again when we ask parents and carers to give us feedback. We use the OfSTED Parent View website for this and ask families to send their thoughts about the school to OfSTED at the same time as us. You can do this here:

parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

It is quick and easy to do. The first time you use the website, you will need to register, but this does not take long, and you will never receive any junk mail. Once you have registered, you can then you can give us your feedback every year. Parents are asked to answer several crucial questions about the school; it takes no more than 5 minutes.

It would be extremely encouraging to receive a high response to this request. Governors, Senior Leaders and Teachers will all be very interested to see the results. It is also useful in preparation for future inspections as the results are used by OfSTED to compare our school with others.

Our team work incredibly hard and I believe standards today are the highest that they have ever been.

We are ambitious for success! Our superb exam results, high levels of attendance and huge number of applications for Year 7 andcontd. on page 2



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Sixth Form, prove that our school is outstanding. In all cases we are in the top 5 mixed sex schools in Essex.

The quality of our teaching is the best it has ever been which is shown by the fact that students here do far better than they do in other schools, and we are seeing students across the ability range and from all backgrounds excel. This year we have also had more enrichment on offer than ever before. There are more clubs, more trips, more guest speakers, with more support for students and better resources than even pre-Covid times.

After Easter, I will report back on the feedback we have received, and I hope that it will show that you agree – these really are the best of times.

If you want to give more feedback than the questionnaire allows, please use our school website and send me your comments: https://www.becketkeys.org/cont-act.php.

Staff of the school do not get to fill in surveys about what we think of you as parents! However, I can confirm that if we did you would all get excellent feedback! The work of a parent is a very difficult one; it can be joyous, but often challenging. No one cares about your children as much as you, and each tough day that they have hits you hard. Young people today are under enormous

pressure and I think the work of a parent is harder than ever. Thank you for the care and love you pour into the students of this school.

Thank you.

Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk



Free School Meal Vouchers Easter Holiday

Further funding for Free School Meal vouchers for the Easter break 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 to allow them to claim a voucher. The email will contain a link to 'redeem a voucher'. Parents will be taken to Wonde's 'evouchers' page (previously named Schoolvouchers), where they will need to enter their details and confirm their email address before being asked to select the retailer to receive a voucher for.

The current retailers available are Asda, Aldi, B&M, Farmfoods, M&S, Iceland, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Waitrose and Tesco. Parents will then be given a PIN and the option to view the voucher. The voucher barcode can be printed off or scanned on a smartphone for use instore. If parents have not received the voucher by Wednesday 29th March, they should contact the school at office@becketkeys.org

Details of the process and more questions about evouchers can be found on their website - https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb/sections/360003848737-Recipient-FAQs

Parents can also download the Evouchers 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 - https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-qb/sections/360005926797-NEW-Evouchers-com-App



Music Department

Last night we were treated to a number of excellent musical performances from the Orchestra, Stage Band, Choir and Jazz Band. We were also able to enjoy solo pieces from some of our Year 13 students. Tom Archer, Elliot Smith-Tun on the piano and Mairéad Jordan singing.

Many thanks to all those friends and family who supported the concert and for the generous donations for the Creative Arts Fund.







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Sixth Form Visiting Speaker



This week, we had the pleasure of hosting a Director from YouGov as a guest speaker for our Politics, Psychology and Sociology A-Level students.

YouGov is a global public opinion and data company. Through this site you can explore what the world thinks, discover solutions, and join the community to share your opinion.

Darren ran polls on representative samples of the UK for questions that our own students had sent him in advance. They included: 'Should the voting age be lowered to 16?' and 'Do you consider yourself to be a Feminist?'.

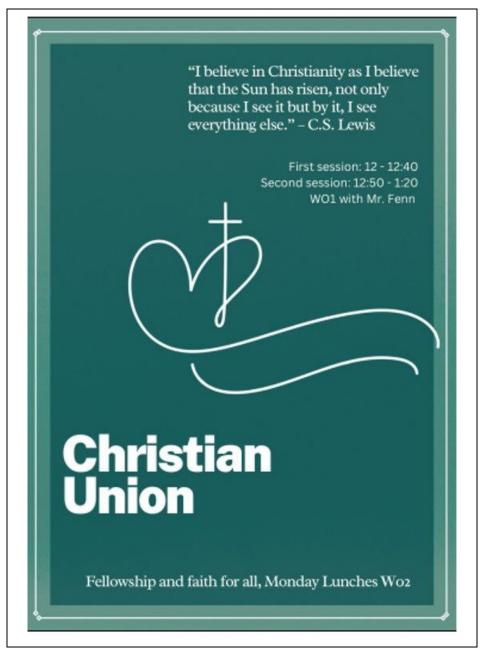
Darren provided excellent explanations of how research methods are used within YouGov and the importance of yielding valid as well as representative results. He offered an insight into his own career path and advice for building CVs and preparing for life after Becket Keys.

We would like to thank Darren, for his time and fantastic presentation. Darren managed to lift the topic of 'research methods' from textbooks to real life application and inspired our students.

You can find a link to Darren's articles here: https://yougov.co.uk/people/dyaxley

If you would like to visit the YouGov website, follow this link: https://yougov.co.uk/



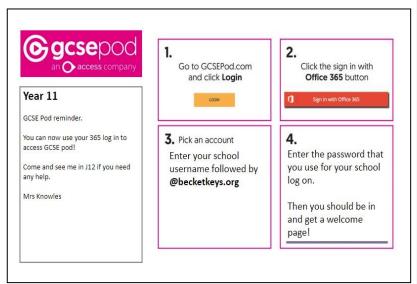




GCSEPod has lots of resources and tips to help students with motivation, how to learn, news and free resources. Designed to engage learners, improve confidence, and accelerate progress. Statistics show that students who use GCSEPod can achieve 1 additional grade higher in each subject!

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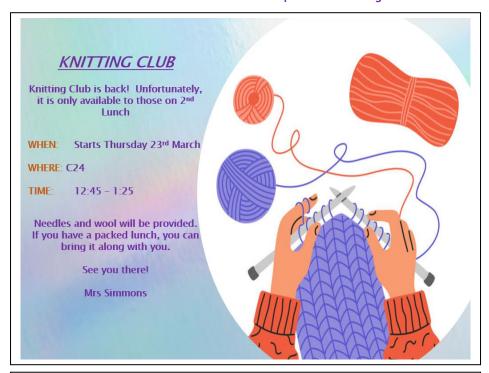


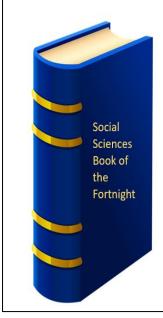
If you are doing shopping online. Why not see if you can help raise some funds for FoBK through your online purchases in a few easy steps:

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.



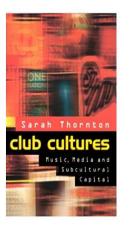


Ms. Stone & Mrs Walker recommend...

'Club Cultures'

This is an innovative study of contemporary culture, focusing on youth cultures that revolve around dance clubs and raves. She explores the complex hierarchies that emerge within the domain.

This book links directly to the Youth Subcultures unit covered at Sociology A-Level but is useful in the rich combination of methods that Thornton uses to research club culture for research methods within both Psychology and Sociology specifications.



Homework Club

Every afternoon after school students can stay for a supervised session until 4.20pm and complete their homework in C11.

Using Homework Club is just one way we provide for students who do not want to leave site at 3.10pm.

There are a large number of extracurricular clubs that your son/daughter can attend at Becket Keys. Full details are available on the school website here: https://www.becketkeys.org/extra-curricular

World Book Day Book Tokens

Remember World Book Day provide £1.00 book tokens which can be used to exchange for a book. This year these are digital and can be used from Thursday 16 February to Sunday 26 March 2023.

Please scan the QR code below to access this:



If students would like any more reading suggestions, they can talk to their English teacher, who is always happy to help them find books they will enjoy.



If you have recently read a book that you enjoyed, why don't you write a review for the newsletter so we can share your recommendation?

Tell us a bit about the story (no spoilers!), what genre it is from and why you enjoyed it. Send it to the school office or your English teacher.

MASSOLIT

Video Essay Competition 2023

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

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



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.

MARCH ITEMS REQUIRED

Beef/Chicken Casserole Minced Beef & Onion Chilli Con Carne/Curries Hot Dogs/Meatballs **Spaghetti Instant Mash/Tinned Potatoes Tinned Fish** Rice Pudding/Custard **Tinned Fruit** Milk Rice/Noodles Pasta Sauce

> Washing Powder or Gel Shampoo **Toothpaste Shaving Gel** Nappies Size 3,4 & 6 **Baby Wipes/Toilet Roll**

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.



Cost of Living Support Event

Wednesday 19 April, 2-4pm Nightingale Centre, Brentwood CM14 5WF

Advice and support from Brentwood Borough Council, Peabody, Citizens Advice South Essex, Fire and Rescue Service, Mutual Aid and many more community partners and local support services

Come along for FREE tea & cake hosted by Manna Meals

For more information contact

01277 312500

communitysupport@brentwood.gov.uk





Supporting your neurodiverse child resource pack

Written by Essex Family Forum, MyOTAS and SEND the Right Message, this information pack is to help families navigate the support that is available and includes practical interventions, resources, hints and tips based on the lived experiences of local families. Available both online and in hard copy, simply scan the QR codes opposite, or visit the Essex Family Forum website

About Essex Family Forum

Essex Family Forum (EFF) is the parent carer forum in Essex for families whose children and young people have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). We need to hear your views and experiences to represent your voice. Visit our website at www.essexfamilyforum.org to find out more about what we do, to access the resource pack and to share your experiences and feedback via our virtual graffiti wall.



Support for children and young people with SEND

The Local Offer gives children and young people with SEND, and their families, information about what support services are available in their local area. You can access the Essex Local Offer at www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk















Come and join the Coronation Festival at King George's Playing Field on Monday 8 May

Brentwood Council will join towns and cities across the country to celebrate His Majesty King Charles III being crowned alongside the Queen Consort.



The Coronation will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6 May, with a series of special events planned. This extended bank holiday 6-8 May 2023 will provide an opportunity for communities throughout the United Kingdom and Commonwealth to come together to celebrate the historic

Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort.

To celebrate, Brentwood Council in collaboration with the Imperial Youth Band, Brentwood School Big Band, St Thomas' Church Mass Choir and Deputy Lieutenant Graham Clegg are pleased to be hosting a Coronation Festival on Monday 8 May from 12-5pm in King George's Playing Field.

The free event will be an afternoon full of entertainment in the park to celebrate the King's Coronation with food, drink and family activities. Recalling His Majesty's lifelong dedication to public service, supported by The Queen Consort and other Members of The Royal Family, it is hoped the Coronation will bring communities together in volunteering initiatives and create a legacy from the Coronation weekend. With this in mind there will be a strong sense

of community and many groups will be in attendance, from uniform groups to local charities and voluntary sectors, all coming together to celebrate the King's Coronation.

Buckingham Palace is also encouraging residents to take part in street parties and gatherings, the Big Lunch and Big Help Out events, as part of the celebrations.

Brentwood Borough Council's Chair of the Community, **Environment and Enforcement** Committee, Councillor Will Russell, said: "The Coronation of a new monarch is a significant moment in our history and many people in the UK and across the Commonwealth will be keen to celebrate. The Coronation Festival at Kind George's Playing Fields will be a wonderful time to celebrate with friends, family and neighbours but it also provides an opportunity to give something back to the community.

"The programme of events has been specially developed to be in line with the King's recognised interests in volunteering, nature, the environment and communities. I would like to encourage everyone in Brentwood to come along on Monday May 8th to mark this national celebration".



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Other Coronation Celebration Activities

Street Party

Residents are reminded that local communities planning to hold street parties to mark the Coronation are encouraged to apply now if they need temporary road closure for their event. The application form and details are now live on the Council's website. To help residents commemorate the Coronation the Council is waiving the usual administration fee for street party road closures, but applications will need to be registered by no later than **Friday 17 March 2023**.

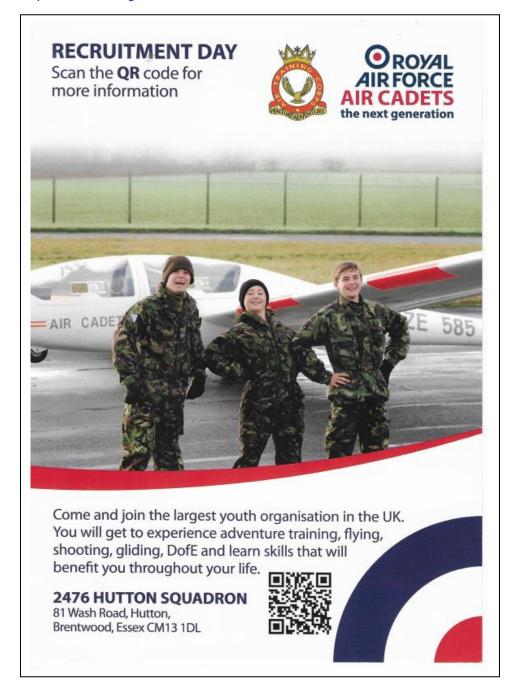
Coronation Big Lunch

The Coronation Big Lunch, on 7 ay, will encourage communities to come together, celebrate their connections and get to know each other better. It will bring the Coronation festivities into the heart of every community. For helpful tips, advice and support for organising a successful event, visit www.royal.uk/coronation-weekend-plans-announced

If you would like to volunteer, please email events@brentwood.gov.uk

For more information about the Coronation and the nationwide events check out the official website here:

https://coronation.gov.uk/



Prayer Group

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

Careers Information



BMJ Work Experience Applications are OPEN!

We are offering hybrid **one-week placements** (virtual) across **ALL departments**, followed by an **Employability Workshop day** in the office from July 24th - August 25th!

BMJ offer the following departments: Publishing, Product Development, Operations, Technology, Marketing, Events & Global Health, HR, Legal, Finance, Strategy (including India and China) and US Sales and Marketing.

The summer placements will be available to anyone over 16-24.

Applications close on 14th April at 23:59 GMT.

Click here to apply! https://bit.ly/3ZSVy98

Find out more, including a "Frequently asked Questions sheet": https://bit.ly/3mZJdRK





Canterbury Christ Church University are hosting their annual Sports Engineering Seminar Day 2023 on **Wednesday 12th April 2023** from 9.30am to 5pm.

Venue: Canterbury Christ Church University, Verena Holmes, North Holmes Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1QU. Cost: **FREE** with Refreshments and Lunch provided

Join a community of sports engineers for a day of presentations and networking and get inspired to pursue a future in this innovative, growing field. Speakers include sports engineering academics, PhD students and industry representatives.

All are welcome to attend the free seminar day. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

There will be tours of the newly opened Verena Holmes Building showcasing the facilities at the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Social Sciences.

Full details and registration:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uk-sportsengineering-seminar-day-2023-tickets-431852972867



Writtle University College Newsletter



With the Spring term drawing to a close, the Easter break offers a good time for students to pursue existing or discover new interests and explore what their options for life after GCSEs or Post-16 courses are. Below are resources and events that students can access from wherever they are.

For students who have applied for university, student finance applications are now also open.

Writtle College are also continuing to offer Open Days and Webinars for students interested in studying with them.

- The next college course webinar is on 25th April, and the open day is on Saturday 17th June.
 Details can be found here.
- The next university course open day is on 22nd April.
 Students can find out more and book onto this event here.



Writtle are still taking applications for college and university courses across all of our subject areas. If students have any questions regarding the courses on offer, they can email enquire@writtle.ac.uk where one of the friendly advisors will be able to support them.

Prospective university students are now also able to apply for student finance for the 2023/2024 academic year. More guidance on this can be found on the Government website, which can be accessed here.





Thu 30 Mar 2023 | 18:00-19:00

Insight Event about Nursing

Interested in a career in Nursing?

Nursing South East and Pathway are putting on a one hour insight event to help you learn about the Nursing Associate Programme.

During the event you will hear from current students on the programme, find out about how to apply and what that process looks like, and learn some top tips for your application.

Sign up:

https://pathwayctm.com/event/ insight-event-about-nursing/





Apprenticeships - There are a whole host of apprenticeship to choose from in the local area. Follow the links below for more details for some in the Motor trade.

Balgores Motors Apprentice Vehicle Damage Panel Technician – Brentwood. https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000140623

Balgores Motors Apprentice Vehicle Damage Paint Technician – Brentwood. https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000140652

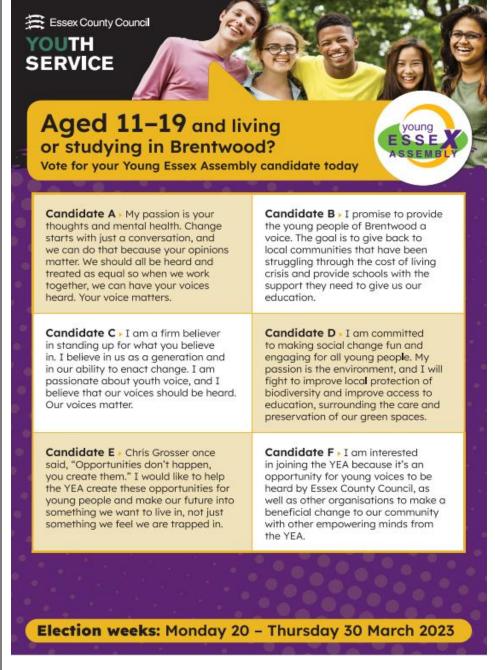


Vote Now!

The Young Essex Assembly (the elected Youth Council for Essex) is currently in the middle of its elections and Becket Keys are taking part and acting as one of the polling stations. This will allow young people to take part in a democratic vote and decide which young people they want to represent them.

The members of the YEA have the opportunity to be heard by members of Essex County Council, local and national organisations as well as other youth groups. The YEA work hard to improve the lives of all young people in Essex and make important decisions on their behalf. All YEA Members represent young people within their communities and engage with those young people to ensure they have their voices heard and represent them fully.

The YEA Elections take place every 2 years 75 young people representing all districts across Essex are elected on to the YEA where they review priorities, consult, campaign, and engage with other young people as well as adults, organisations, and decision makers to ensure young people are a key part of discussions and decisions made at all levels. The YEA encourages young people to become active members of their local and wider



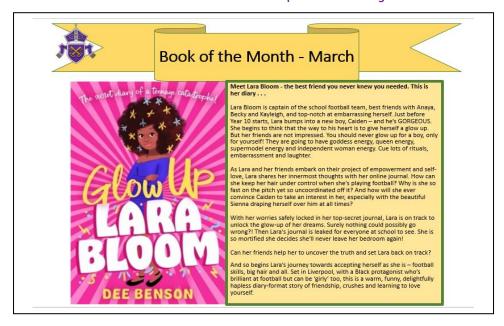
communities and enables them to implement change.

The voting for the new members will be at school from Monday 27th March 2023 and ends on Wednesday 29th March 2023.

During this time, the Youth Service are hoping to get as many votes as possible in order to ensure that every area in Essex is represented accordingly.

There are young people from this area standing for election who may or may not attend our school, but still need to get as many votes as possible in order to stand on the YEA.

For more information visit the website: https://www.young-essex-assembly.org.uk/





A Message for Sixth Form 6th Form Leavers' Hoodies

Details have been sent home to parents today with a link to order. Please place all orders by 29th March 2023!

Delivery will be to a home address so the earlier you make the purchase, the earlier you get access to your exclusive, highly desirable and personalised Becket Keys hoodie!

Late Gate

Early is on time,
On time is late,
And late is unacceptable!

At Becket Keys, we look to ensure that we are preparing students for life beyond school. We encourage students to attend school regularly and on time.

Remember that the school gate closes at **8.25am**. This allows students enough time to be at their first lesson on time. Period 1 begins at 8.30am.

Brentwood can be tough to negotiate during rush hour, so we encourage students and parents to contact the school in the case of *genuine* lateness, such as delayed public transport.

Parents can call the main school line 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.





What is Christian stewardship?

How can I be a faithful steward of God's gifts?

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.'

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

Psalm 24:1

Christian stewardship is a way of living in which we recognise that everything belongs to God. All

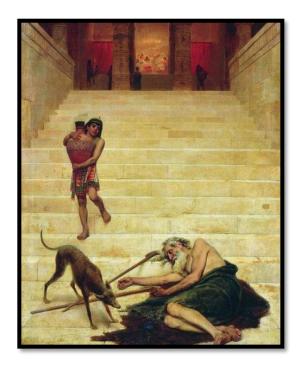
resources must be used for His glory and the common good. We are only stewards of the blessings God has bestowed.

Luke 16:19-31 focuses on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man 'dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day', while lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, 'who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table'.

God is not pleased with this inequality, and he burns with a passion to set things right, as should we. This theme is clearly evident in the Bible and Christian tradition, and it echoes through the centuries. Even though it makes us uncomfortable, and God knows it does, especially when we live in an affluent society, we cannot ignore it. We must distinguish between ownership and use of private

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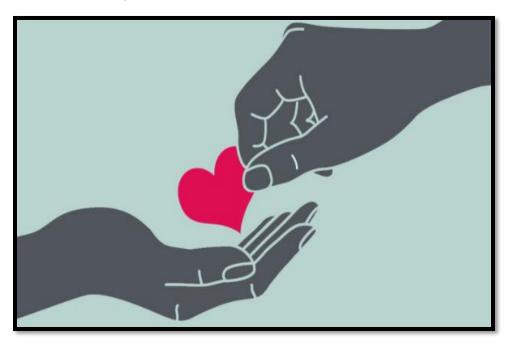
property. We have a right to ownership through our hard work and our inheritance. However, with regard to the use of those things (how we use them, why we use them) we must always be concerned first for the common good and not our own. This especially includes Lazarus at our gate: those who are suffering and most in need.



'The dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God' (Genesis 1:26). Due to this, the two greatest commandments are to love God and to love your neighbour (Mark. 12:29-31). These two commandments are inseparable. You cannot fulfill one without the other, 'If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen' (1 John. 4:20).

Christian stewardship is the only way we fulfill these commands of God. Our Lord challenges us to consider the dignity and freedom of each person. We must not think of other people as 'problems'. Rather, we must recognise the fundamental rights of every human person. These include the right to life, adequate housing, clothing, food, and moral respect. Respecting these rights means we must consider that all resources were created for all, to serve all.

Lent marks a pivotal point in the history of the church, when Jesus prepared to give himself up as a sacrifice. Tradition has it that we mark the 40 days of Lent by giving something up, but what if it could be more than that? What if Lent were to become a preparation for a lifetime of bigheartedness? This is the challenge! Approach Lent generously. Christian stewardship and Christian giving work hand in hand. Generosity is one of the



primary ways in which Christians evidence the fruit of the Spirit at work in their lives.

What will you do? Even the smallest act of kindness or generosity can help make the world a better place. We can make a difference. Maybe you could leave a small gift on a neighbour's doorstep, find out more about a local charity and what you can do to help, start a giving jar and collect loose change or cut down screen time and simply pay attention to the people around you. The possibilities are endless. . .

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you as disciples. Help us to respond wholeheartedly without counting the cost.

Lord Jesus Christ, you invite us to proclaim your gospel of hope and salvation here at home and to all nationals and peoples. Teach us to be faithful evangelists in word and in action.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual and material blessing. Show us how to share our gifts with others, and inspire us always to follow your example of generous self-giving.

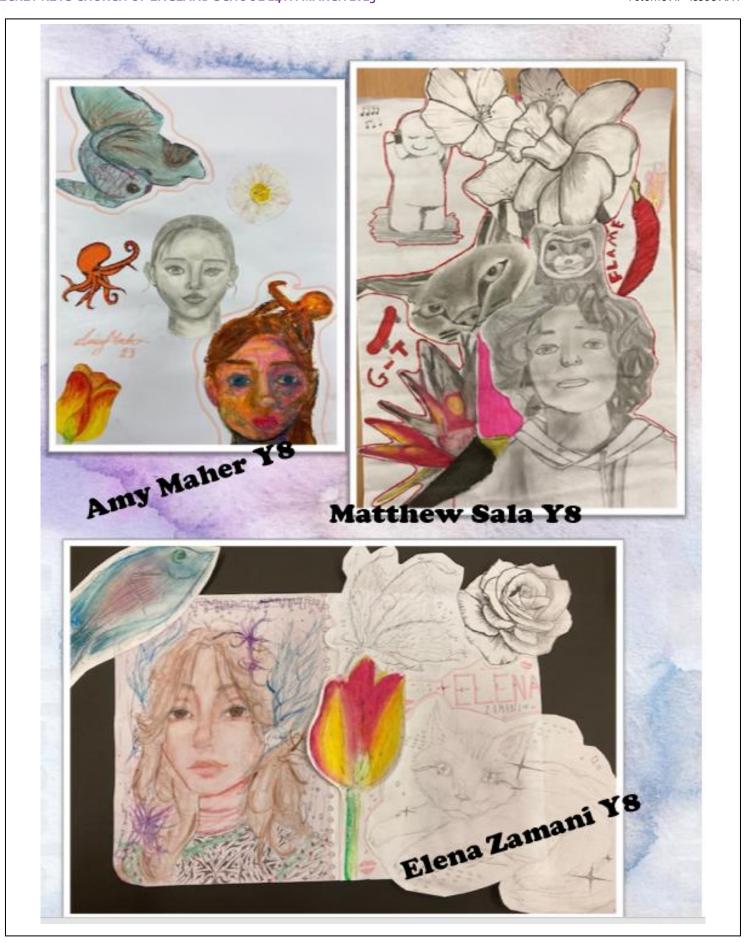
Gracious Lord, teach us to give with a joyous and grateful heart that we may provide hope, consolation, and pastoral care to your people and thus give glory and honour to your holy name.

Amen.

Mrs Sharp Deputy Headteacher



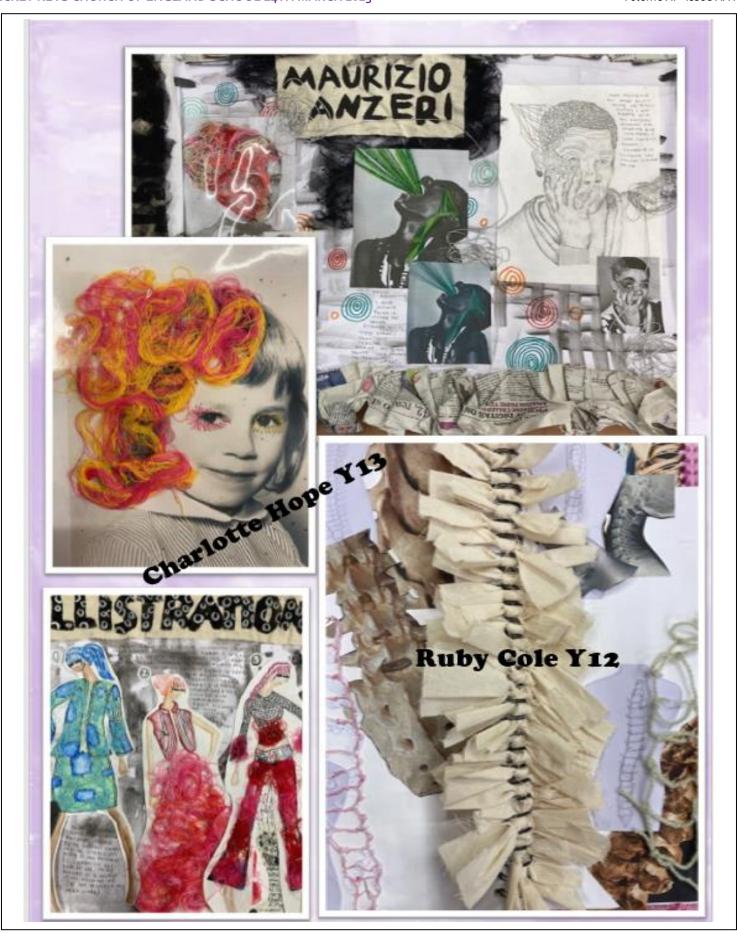




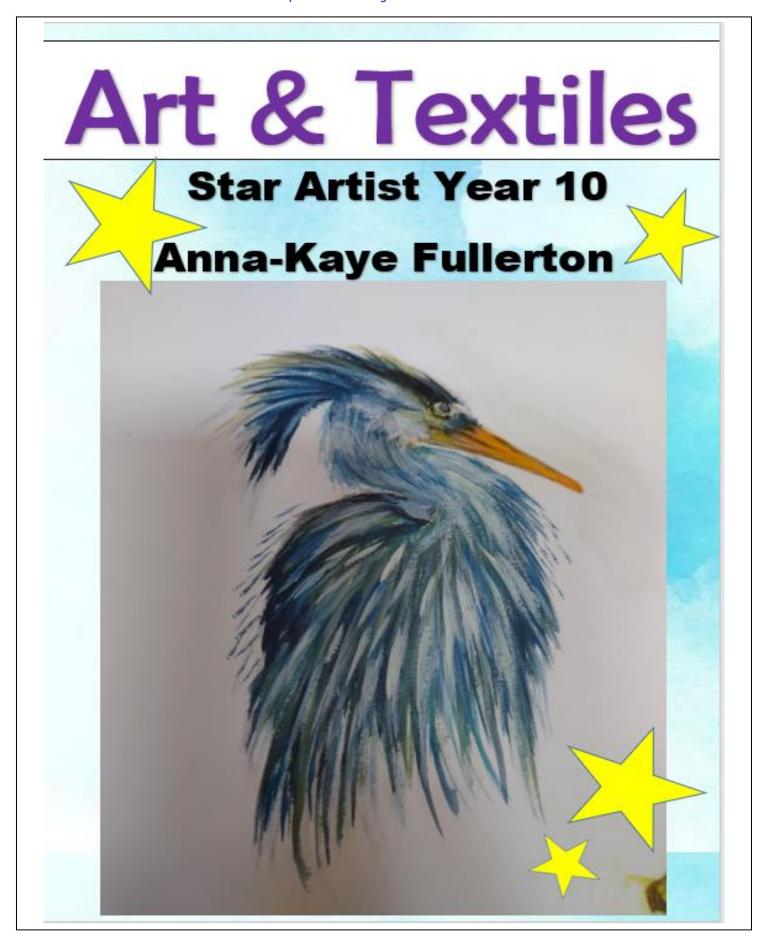
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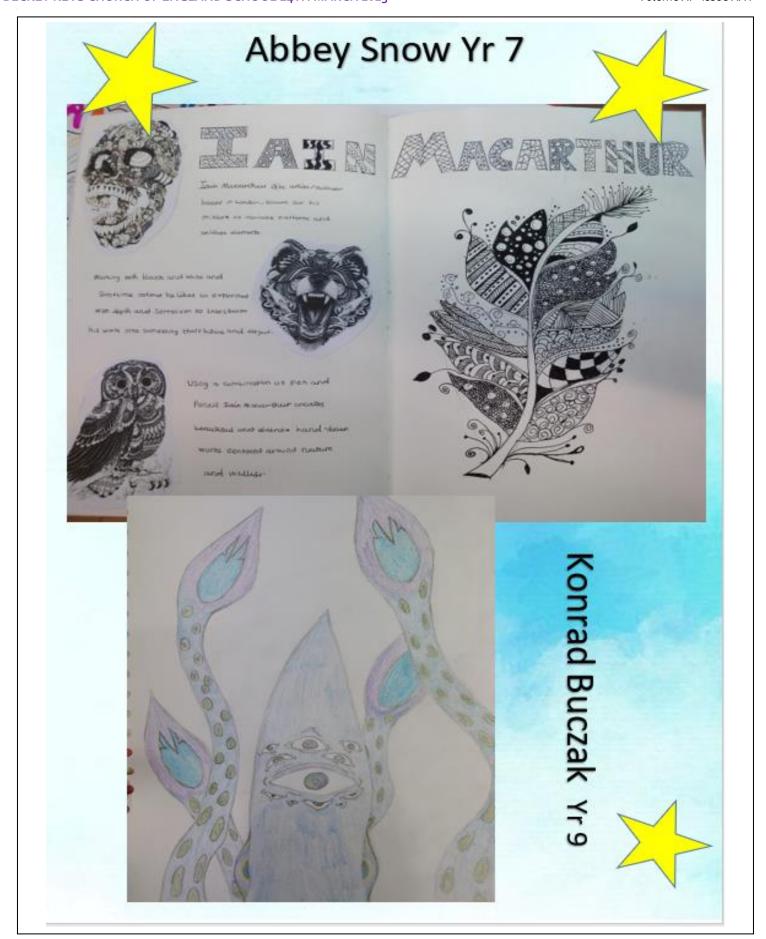


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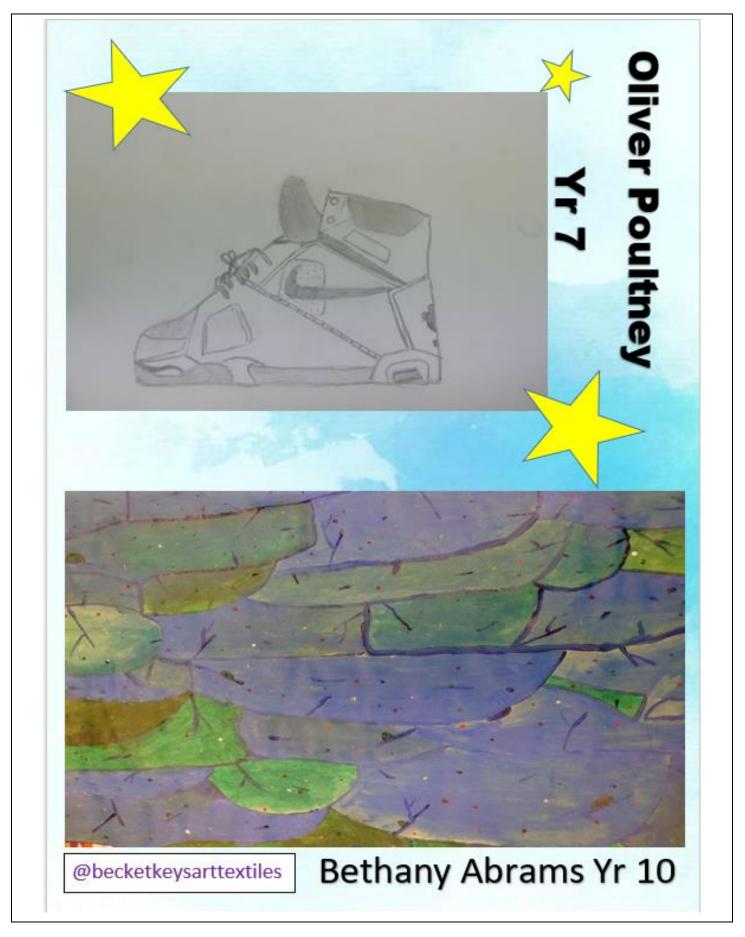


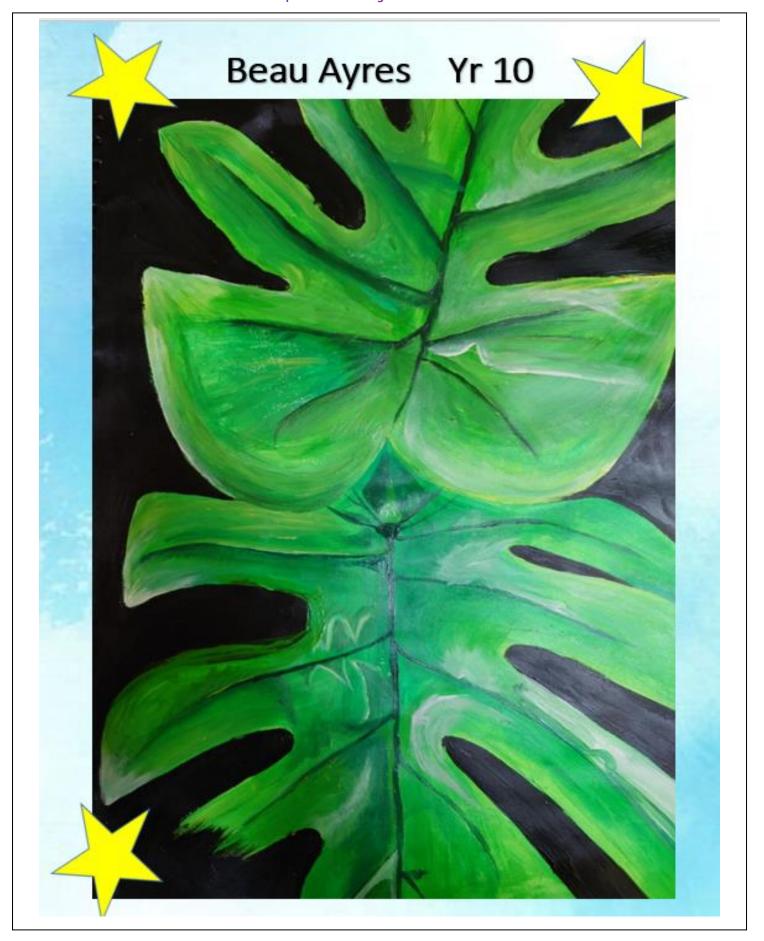
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 10
MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME
CONFERENCE
ICC BIRMINGHAM
TUESDAY 28TH – WEDNESDAY 29TH
MARCH 2023

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WHOLE SCHOOL LENT EUCHARIST THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 2023

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END OF TERM STUDENT HALF DAY FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023

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EASTER HOLIDAY MONDAY 3RD APRIL – FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023

GCSE & A-LEVEL
STUDENT INTERVENTIONS

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INSET DAY
NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL
MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023

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