

Becket Keys Church of England School

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Mr Scott-Evans writes:

"Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them."

Matthew 7 v 17 – 20

Mr Hughes showed a photo today in one of our teacher training sessions of the founding cohort standing next to a tree that used to be in a pot in the Atrium of the Runcie Building. He was making a point about the students, but I was distracted. I was wondering – 'what happened to that tree?' I know what happened to the students in the photo, we keep in touch with them via our Alumni association and things like

LinkedIn. However, where is the tree?

Well, the answer is – we killed it! We watered the tree too much and it died. If you do not keep a tree in the right conditions, you kill it. Not enough water? Too much water? Not enough nutrients? Too much goodness in the soil? Each plant has its own needs and wants. This one did not want to sit in a wet pot all day! The roots rotted and the tree died. Lesson learned.

Pondering this made me think of the above verse in St Matthew's Gospel and I used it with the staff today at the end of our INSET day. Our school is like a fruit tree; by our fruit we are known. It is up to us to produce good fruit and we must recognise the responsibility to grow good fruit.

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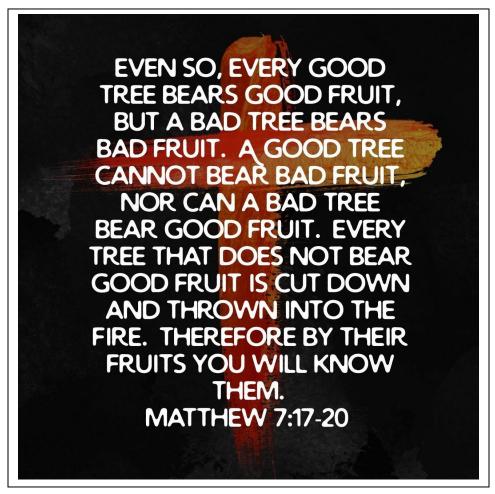
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We need to do just the right things in just the right ways to just the right quantities to allow students to thrive in our school.

We need to constantly monitor the growth and fruitfulness of the school to check that we are healthy. We have various key performance indicators that we use to do this. Our staff look at exam results, of course, and we are on track again this year to have a wonderful set of results that far exceed those achieved by most schools in Essex, but we also track things like attendance, conduct and homework too. Moreover, we look at the wider development of our students. We do this by checking engagement in sport, music, drama and other extra-curricular activities.

Coming up over the next five weeks are some wonderful events that rely on the school being a healthy community. We have music concerts next week at St Peter's Church (South Weald) and Chelmsford Cathedral. We have the school musical: 'School of Rock' which is always a major event which brings the whole school together. There is also Sports Day and District Sports: two massive events that we love to see students enjoy and thrive in. We are also looking forward to Enrichment Day, the Patronal Festival Eucharists and our Governors' Speech and Awards Evening. Details of all of these are in the newsletters. Keep your eye out for information about tickets and timings.



All of these events are indicators of good health. Unhealthy schools do not do these things, or they do them poorly. They start to decline instead of steadily improving year on year. I am proud of our staff and the contribution they make to the health of our school. All these things rely on a great deal of good will and effort from our staff team. I am also very proud of the students who, with your support, come to school ready to throw themselves into things and play their part. Dedicating hours to practise musical instruments, train for sporting endeavours, and rehearse lines from the play, they are a credit to you and your families. Each one strives to go the extra mile for the good name

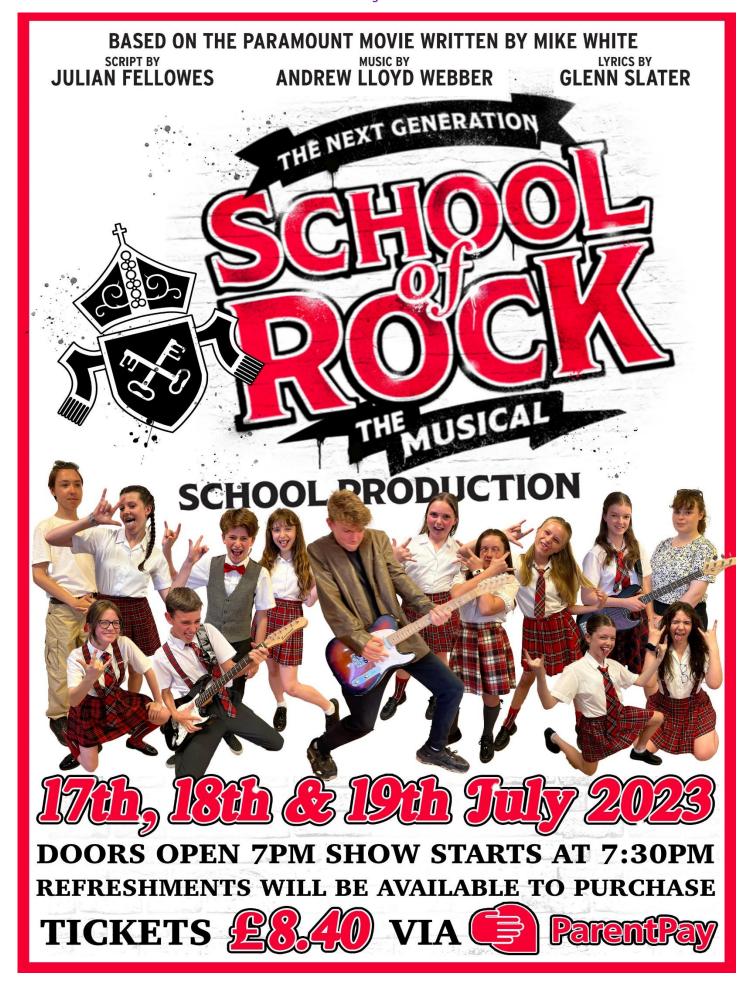
of the school and simply for the joy of joining in: 'By their fruit you shall know them'.

I would love to see you in the weeks ahead at one or two of these various events and I hope that like me you will enjoy seeing the school 'bear fruit'.

Best regards

Mr Scott-Evans Head Teacher





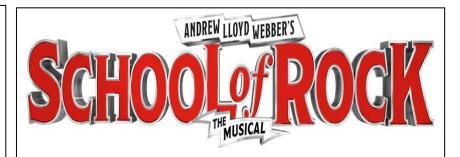
Performing Arts Department



Are you interested in learning the snare drum or bass drum? Why not take the opportunity to join the Becket Keys Marching Band!

There are limited spaces for the bass drum, so speak with the Music department as soon as you can and join the rehearsals after school every Tuesday in Ro2.





This year the school production is School of Rock and our students have been busy rehearsing for this fabulous show!

Tickets are now available to purchase, and this can be done via Parent-Pay.

Production Dates:

Monday 17th July Tuesday 18th July Wednesday 19th July

7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start
Refreshments will be available to purchase.

<u>Celebrating Music Together</u>

<u>Wednesday 21* June 7 pm-8 pm</u> <u>Chelmsford Cathedral</u>

Free Entry - retiring collection for Music Man Project



South Weald Con 2023

This festival originated from the South Weald Flower Festival which started in 1964 and has evolved each year to become the South Weald Patronal Festival which is a week-long event. The theme this year is 'Our Environment-Our Planet-Our Future'.



Becket Keys students will be joining students from St Peter's for a concert taking place on Tuesday 20th June at St Peter's Church, South Weald starting at 7.00pm. Tickets are £5.00 and are available from both schools.

For more details about all the events being organised go to the festival website:

www.southwealdfestival.co.uk

You will find more information and booking details for all the events being held during the festival week.



An evening of music in the Church with talented musicians from our community from Becket Keys CofE School and St Peter's CofE Primary School.

Tuesday 20 June 2023

7.oopm

Tickets £5.00 £3.00 Concessions

JackPetchey Foundation Inspire • Motivate • Achieve

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up in 1999 by Sir Jack Petchey CBE to inspire and celebrate young people. Sir Jack is an incredible inspiration to everyone who works at the Foundation. At 95, not only does he come to the office every day, but he does so with positivity and determination to work hard.

Sir Jack always says: If you think you can, you can!

Students who have gone above and beyond are nominated by staff and peers to receive the Jack Petchey Achievement award. The 2023 winners are:

Emma Cooper

Emma is an extremely selfless individual. She gives up her time every Tuesday to help at a food bank in Shenfield. Emma assists with packing food donations into boxes and then she delivers the boxes to a local hospital with the other volunteers. Emma is an example to all, and her kindness

should be commended. Well done, Emma!

Emma decided to spend the Jack Petchey grant money on a table tennis table and a handball goal.



Harriet Hart

Harriet gives up her own time to volunteer at Reach, a charity specialising in equine assisted therapy. Harriet assists at the centre every Saturday and is a great support to all the children who attend. Harriet, you are a star!

Harriet decided to spend the Jack Petchey grant money on printing resources for the Textiles department.

Oscar Smith

Oscar is the Drum Major for a high-level cadet service and

represents not just Brentwood but Essex too. Oscar is fully first aid trained and is currently practising water retrieval first aid and support so that he can rescue lives in open waters.

Furthermore, Oscar supports all Becket Keys productions at the school with lighting and sound. Well done, Oscar!

Oscar decided to spend the Jack Petchey grant money on a new bass guitar for the Music department and a smoke machine for the Drama department.



Find out more about the Jack Petchey Foundation and the work they do here:

www.jackpetcheyfoundation.orq.uk

SEND Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along, and see us at the Roadshow. You can meet groups and services such as:

- Essex Family Forum
- SENDIASS
- Representatives from the Education Teams
- SEND Navigation Leads
- Local Support Groups

The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book. There are four locations to choose from across Essex:

Tuesday 4 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **West Essex** - Saffron Walden Town Hall

Thursday 6 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **Mid Essex** - Maldon Town Hall

Tuesday 11 July, 9am to 12.3opm – **South Essex** - Nevendon Centre, Wickford

For more information on who will be there please follow the link.



https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/send-local-offer-roadshows

We are hoping to run some sessions with a Peer Educator (parent/carer with lived

experience of Autism) at each of the roadshows to share resources, signpost and ask questions. If you would be interested in attending one of these sessions, please email peersupporthub@essex.gov.uk

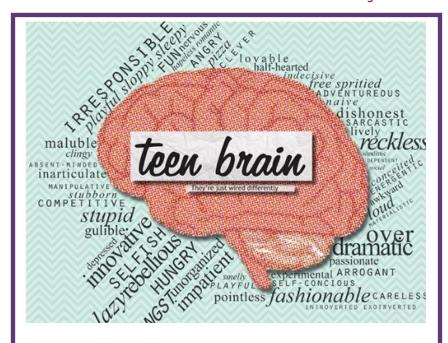


The Bridge SEND Bulletin

The June edition of this bulletin is now available, and this month focusses on travel and ensuring that people with SEND have the confidence and skills to travel independently on buses and trains. The one-to-one training is delivered on a specific journey, such as their route to school. It may include developing skills such as personal and road safety and using timetables and travel apps. It may also include money skills and what to do when things go wrong.

One parent said, "The process of travel training has been brilliant in helping my daughter to be out and about in the community by herself, with the added benefit of a confidence boost too. The trainer has been brilliant in helping my daughter at each step. My daughter really enjoyed working with the trainer and found her very kind and patient. It's been a life changing experience..."

Full details here: The Bridge SEND Bulletin



Parent Workshop The Teenage Brain: Understanding it and nurturing it.

This workshop is all about parenting teenagers through a richer understanding of the science of the teenage brain.

It will be hosted and delivered by Mr Scott-Evans, Mr Shields and Miss Brown. They will take you on a journey around the structures of the teenage brain and why they act/react like they do. There will be plenty of time for sharing of experience and discussing any problems families are currently dealing with.

We hope everyone will leave more confident in supporting and nurturing Becket Keys teenagers and allowing them to flourish through a better understanding of the sort of approaches used in school.

When: Wednesday 12th July, 5.30-6.30pm

Where: Becket Keys Church of England School

Tickets available on Eventbrite very soon!



School Uniform Donations Required!

We will be holding another pre-loved uniform sale this term on Saturday 8th July and are in need of donations. All items will be welcomed however we are in particular need of **Sixth Form uniform** and the following:

Blazers

Kilts

Jumpers

PE tops

Shorts

Skorts

Ties

Aprons

We would also welcome donations of school shoes.

Mandarin Department

3rd Chinese Bridge Under-14 Competition

We won the final!

Some of our Year 7 and Year 8
MEP students entered this year's
"Under-14 Chinese Bridge"
competition in the UK, organised
by the Centre for Language
Education and Cooperation.
Many of them got through to the
final! They put in a lot of time and
effort into this event. We were
extremely pleased with their
enthusiasm and determination
during the process.

The theme of the event is Chinese, Joy and Fun. And the aim is to provide a stage for young Chinese learners worldwide to demonstrate their Chinese language proficiency, to stimulate their motivation of learning Mandarin. Participants are students aged between 5 and 14 years old (only non-native speakers were allowed to take part). They are evaluated on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, and on Chinese culture.

On Friday, 9th June, the final took place via Zoom. We won both the KS3 individual and the group categories!







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The winners are:

Individuals: Jaye Adenuga (first place) Noah Lynch (third place). Year 8 group: Rosie Willis, Leoni Witchalls, Ava Tomlin, Poppy Moorey (first place).



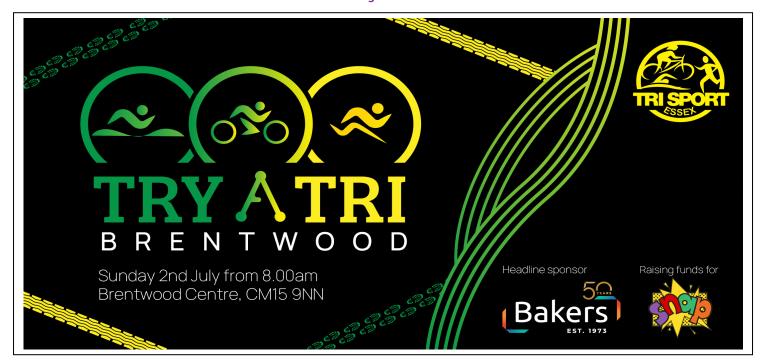
Year 7 group: Bhavana Chatti, Leah Knight, Scarlett Massey, Deepshika Ravi (third place).





We are all so proud of our students' achievements!

Mrs Zhang MEP Co-ordinator



If you would like the opportunity to support SNAP one of our nominated charities this year, then why not sign up to Try a Tri?

Tri Sport Essex (TSE) have chosen SNAP as the chosen charity recipient for the first Try-A-Tri event in Brentwood! This event is suitable for first-time triathletes and includes a short swim, cycling and running challenges at the Brentwood Centre. Alongside the athletics and cheering on the competitors, families can enjoy funfair rides, bouncy castle, face painters, animal handlers, DJ and food stalls. Plus, it's totally free to attend!

Children can swim, cycle and run on site at The Brentwood Centre. Adults can do the same, but with the option to ride on the roads depending on their confidence and ability levels.

Try-A-Tri Adult Triathlon Event (16yrs+) - £15 + booking fees- 200m pool Swim

- 10km Cycle on flat roads (with sections of closed roads)
- 2km Run on sports field

Try-A-Tri Adult Duathlon Event (16yrs+) - £15 + booking fees

- 1km Run on sports field
- 10km Cycle on flat roads (with sections of closed roads)
- 2km Run on sports field

Try-A-Tri Junior Triathlon Event (9-15yrs - age as at 31/12/23) -£5 + booking fees

- 100m pool Swim
- 3km Cycle on sports field
- 1km Run on sports field

Book your place here

Want to get involved but don't want to compete? Why not volunteer to be a marshal? Please email fundraising@snapcharity. org to register your interest.

To help out, please email fundraising@snapcharity. orq

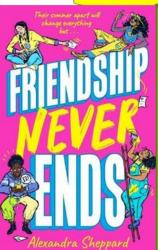
TSE is a Triathlon club that has been established for 30 years, a club for people of all skill levels, from wanting to stay fit in a fun and socially based club, to competitive European level athletes. They have regular training sessions for swimming (Brentwood School Sports Centre), cycling and running. Join them for a taster session at any time, for more details on TSE please visit:

https://trisportessex.org/





Book of the Month - June



When you're figuring it all out, there are some friendships that mean the most. Meet Sunita, Gifty, Dawn and May. They're each about to have a summer they'll never forget, but does growing up have to mean growing apart? Funny, relatable and heartwarming, get ready to laugh, cringe and cry with these four besties!

The story follows four girls over one long summer apart: Sunita on holiday with her blended family; Dawn at drama summer school in London; Gifty with her grandparents in an isolated village; and May at home working in her parent's Chinese takeaway. It is a hopeful, heart-filled paean to friendship and girlhood.

To start with, the four best-friends make complete fools of themselves by making a massively immature choice for an end of term fancy dress party. They decide it's time to take themselves in hand and GROW UP! But how on earth will they do it as they are about to be separated for the whole of the summer holiday?





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

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

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

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

If you need assistance navigating the site then help is available here: https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-guardians

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



A Message from the Admin Team

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/contact-staff

You can also now reply directly to any message you receive from the school via Bromcom, 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.

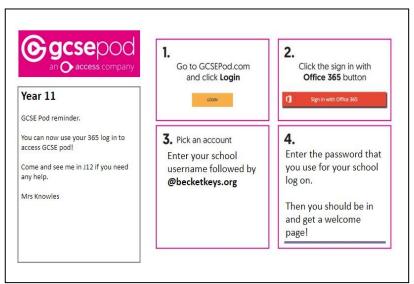
Many thanks for your understanding.



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 <u>here</u>, 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.

Exam Prayer for Year 11 and 13 students:

Jesus,

Keep reminding me of the bigger picture over the next few weeks, Keep me in your hands when all other hands disappear, For I am convinced that neither entry requirements nor exam results, neither anticipation nor doubts, neither success nor failure, nor any expectations, neither last minute fears nor anxieties, nor anything else in life, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Please, don't let me

Amen.

forget it!





Spanish Speaking Clinic for Year 10

Join us to learn strategies and techniques to support you in your GCSE speaking exam. Practice makes perfect!

When?

Mondays 3:20-4:00 pm

Where? C32/C31

THE SCHOOL NURSE IS **AVAILABLE ONLINE**







Help and advice in relation to:

How can you make contact? 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.



Are you interested in Lego, programming, or robots?

Computer Science is looking for students (Y7-Y9) interested in joining one of three teams for the Lego First League.

Build and program Lego robots to complete set challenges.

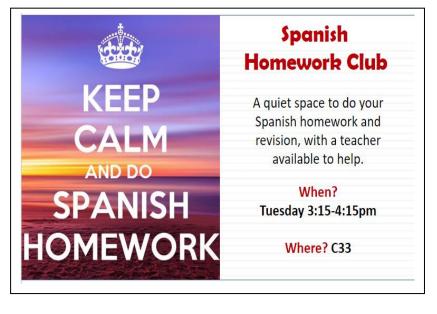
Tuesdays in W03

3:20-4:30pm

Starting 20th June

informational meeting afterschool on Thursday 15th June or speak to Ms Pogoda in W03 by 19th June. Places are limited.







If your son/daughter has misplaced anything at school, then kindly inform them that all lost property is taken to reception for collection.

Please make sure that all items, especially uniform are named, this will ensure that items can be returned to the student easily.

Thank you!

GCSE & A LEVEL

EXAMS

Please pray for all students who are taking exams.

See website for more details.

https://www.becketkey s.org/exams

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

The Brentwood foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's network of 428 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities, as well as across the UK.

The Foodbank Network was founded in 2004 after four years of developing the original foodbank based in Salisbury. Since then The Trussell Trust has helped communities work together to launch foodbanks nationwide in a wide range of towns and cities.

In 2021/22, The Trussell Trust's Foodbank Network provided 2,173,158 three-day emergency food supplies and support to UK people in crisis. Of these, 832,109 went to children.

Brentwood Foodbank was established in 2011 by two partnered churches of Brentwood. Brentwood Foodbank works with a number of frontline care agencies to provide food parcels to the most vulnerable members of the community.

Brentwood Foodbank do not think anyone in the community

should have to face going hungry. That is why they work hard with their volunteers to provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred when in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

The need for the Foodbank is still high and the local Foodbank is now currently feeding over 100 people every day.

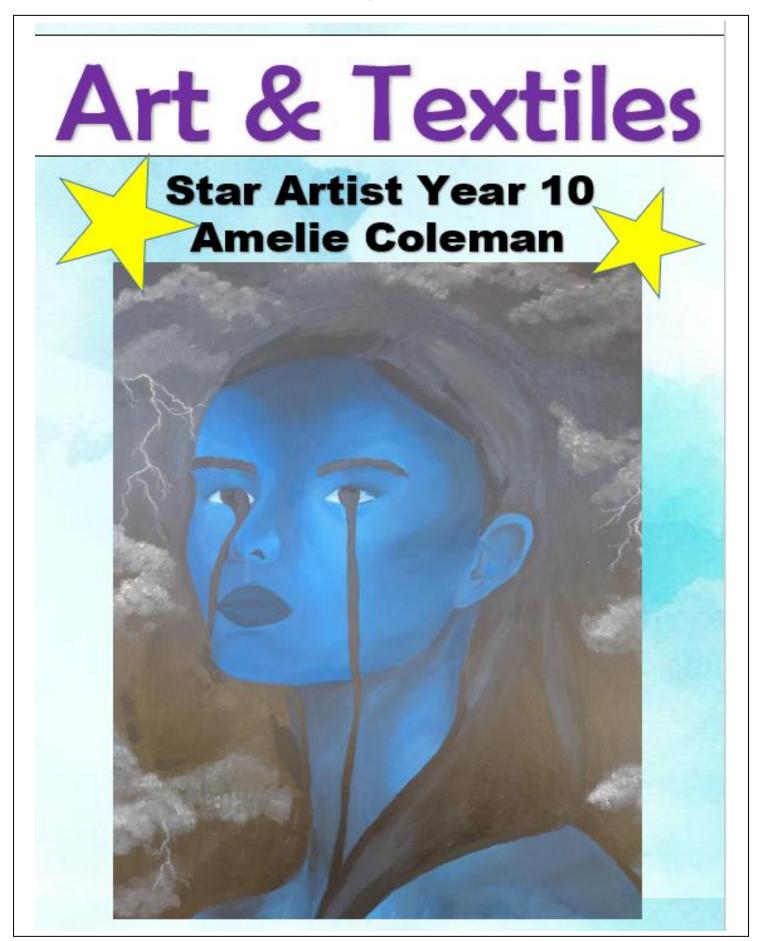
Collections are becoming more important. Please assist those who are less fortunate and donate urgent items on the above list. Collection points are at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Stephen's Ingrave (Friday 10am-12pm) and Sainsbury's. Thank you for your continued assistance.



JUNE

ITEMS REQUIRED

Beef/Chicken Casserole Minced Beef & Onion Chilli Con Carne/Curries Hot Dogs/Meatballs **Noodles Rice Pudding** Custard **Tinned Fruit Instant Mash/Potatoes All Cleaners** Bleach **Washing Up Liquid** Washing Powder or Gel Shampoo **Toothpaste Shaving Gel** Nappies Size 5 & 6 **Baby Wipes Deodorants Toilet Roll**



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Year 12 Art Workshop at St. Helens Primary School

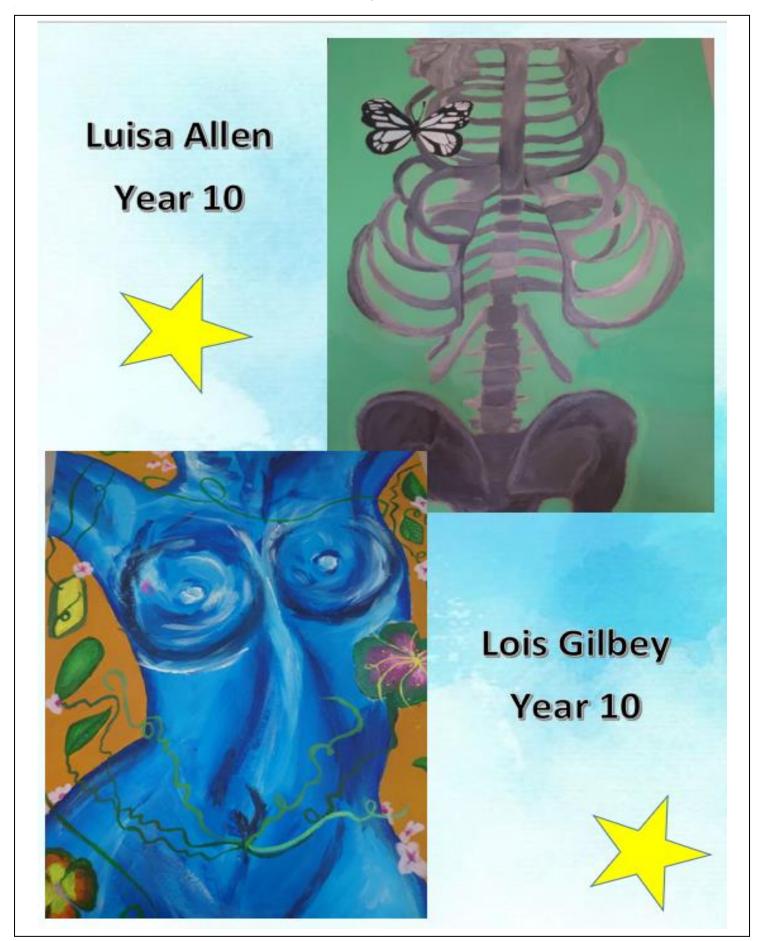




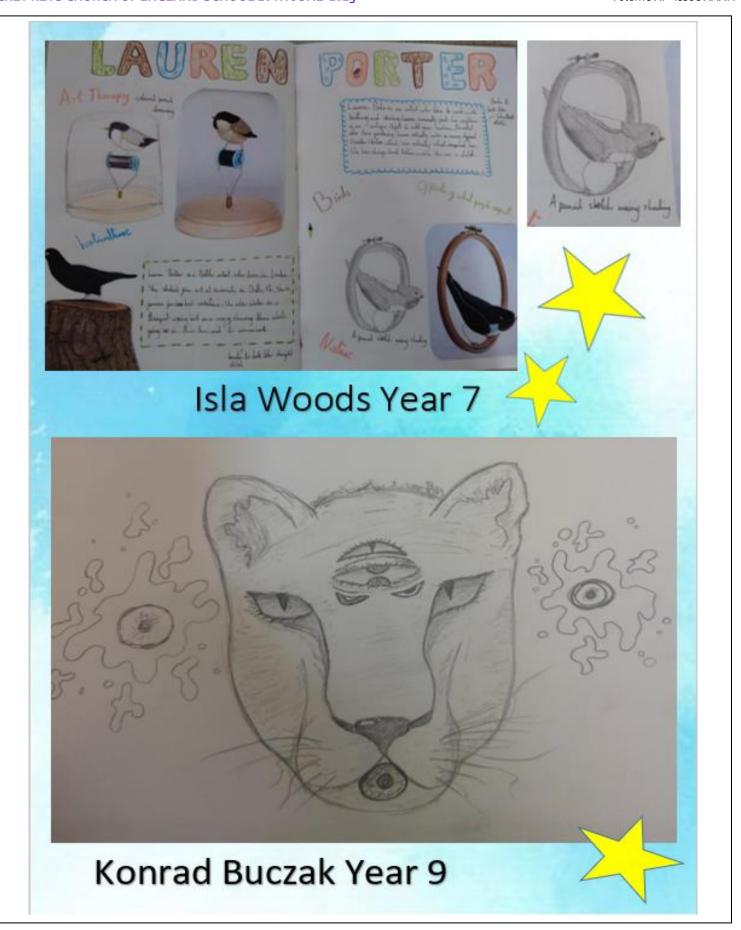
Year 12 Art & Textiles students visited St. Helens Primary School last term. They shared their art skills of collage and painting with Year 2 to create x4 large pieces for the Primary School to display based on Art, Music, Science and Writing. Here are the results!

@becketkeysarttextiles



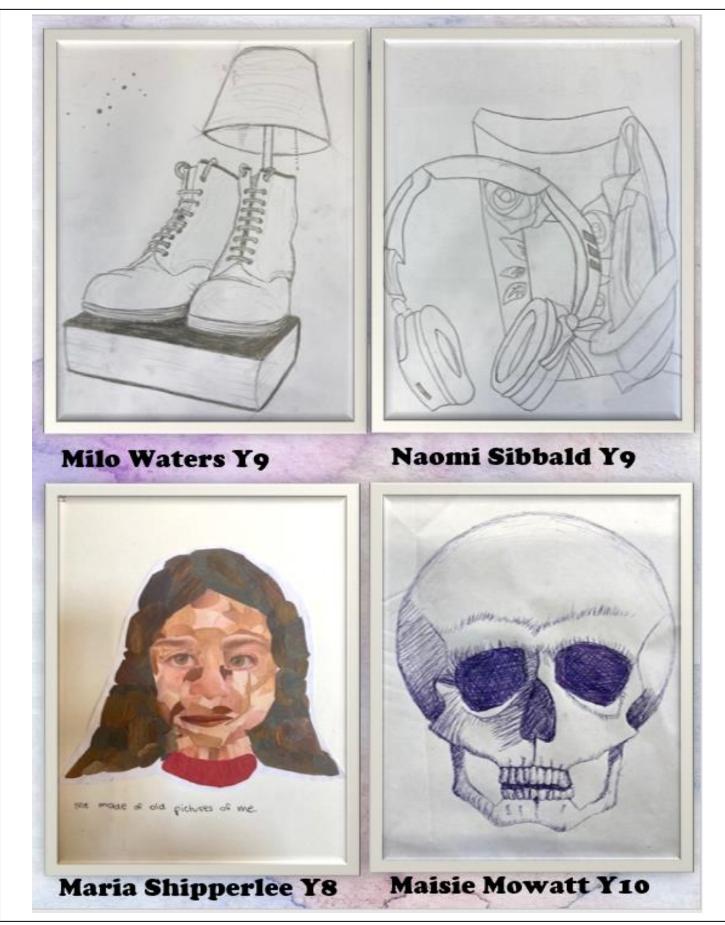


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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2023

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SCHOOL CONCERT
ST PETER'S CHURCH
TUESDAY 20th JUNE 2023

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CONCERT AT CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL
WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE 2023

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SIXTH FORM BRIDGING EVENT 20TH & 21ST JUNE 2023

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SPORTS DAY
FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2023

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GOVERNORS SPEECH &
AWARDS EVENING
THURSDAY 6TH JULY 2023

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PARENT WORKSHOP
THE TEENAGE BRAIN
12TH JULY 2023
5.30PM

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SCHOOL OF ROCK!

MONDAY 17TH JULY TUESDAY 18TH JULY WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY

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