

# Becket Keys Church of England School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## The Earthshot Prize

It is that time of year when I speak to students about [The Earthshot Prize](#). This inspirational programme, conceived by Prince William, is inspiring the world in an endeavour to repair our planet in this decade.

If you have never heard of the programme, I would encourage you to explore it online. The YouTube channel is inspiring.

£1million Prizes are being awarded to ideas that can help significant improvements in five ambitious target areas (click to find out more);

- [Protect and restore nature](#)
- [Build a waste free world](#)
- [Clean our air](#)

- [Fix our climate](#)
- [Revive our oceans](#)

We have spent this week revisiting our ideas for Becket Keys Earthshots with students. I have been encouraging students from Year 7 to Year 13 to be courageous advocates for the environment in line with God's commandment to be stewards of the Earth (Genesis 1v26).

We have discussed: planting trees in the school grounds, picking up litter, stopping buying water in plastic bottles, walking to school more, growing more, switching off lights and appliances, helping with the recycling and so on. These things take self-control. They are not easy. However, we must find ways to inspire our students to take this emergency

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seriously, as they will be the ones with the answers and they are the ones whose futures will be affected.

I encourage you again to look at the [Earthshot Website](#) and explore the ways in which we are making significant progress towards repairing our planet. Why not join us in having a discussion at home about things you need your sons and daughters to do to help you live more sustainably? Students may wish to write to me about their Earthshot ideas or pass them on to their school council representative. The best ideas may not win £1million, but I am prepared to invest in ideas that can help in any of the 5 areas Prince William has outlined.

I'd like to finish with a prayer that was written by the Catholic Church for COP 26. I have re-written it slightly for COP 28 which convenes in November 2023 in UAE.

*Loving God,  
We praise your name with all you  
have created.*

*You are present in the whole  
universe,  
and in the smallest of creatures.*


*We acknowledge the  
responsibilities you have placed  
upon us  
as stewards of your creation.*

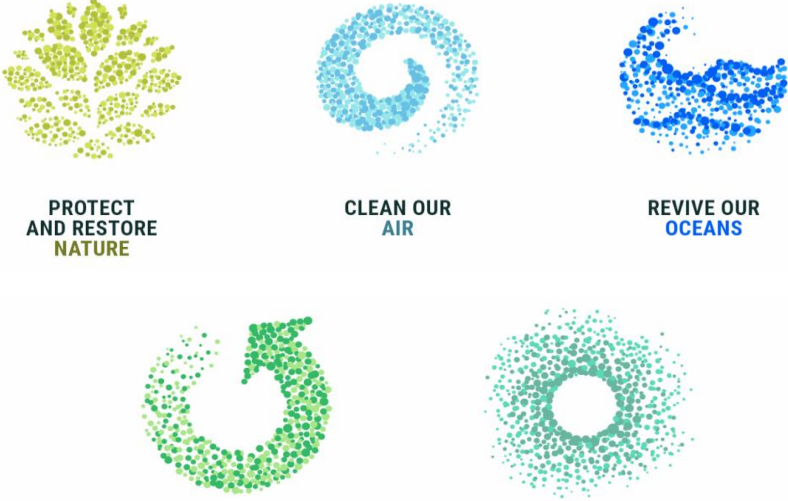
*May the Holy Spirit inspire all  
political leaders at COP 28 as they  
seek to embrace the changes*

"The Earth is at a tipping point. We face a stark choice: either we continue as we are and irreparably damage our planet, or we remember our unique power as humans and our continual ability to lead, innovate and problem-solve.

People can achieve great things. The next ten years present us with one of our greatest tests – a decade of action to repair the Earth."

Prince William  
Founder and President





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*needed to foster a more  
sustainable society.*

*Instil in them the courage and  
gentleness to implement fairer  
solutions  
for the poorest and most  
vulnerable,  
and commit their nations to the  
care of Our Common Home.*

*We ask this through Our Lord Jesus  
Christ your Son.*

*Amen*

In 1 Corinthians chapter 10 verse 12 it says, "if you think you are standing firm be careful that you don't fall". Let's pray that those world leaders gathering for COP 28 realise that we are not standing firm and that a fall may well be coming. Action needs to be taken urgently.

Best regards,

**Mr Scott-Evans  
Headteacher**

## Alumni News

### Another Year of Prestigious Destinations for Our Super Sixth Formers

Following their excellent A level results, our former Year 13 students are now embarking on the next stages in their lives at university, taking gap years, etc.

We are delighted with the range of institutions to which our students have been admitted, including a selection of Russell Group Universities (Queen Mary, York, Queen's Belfast, Manchester, Sheffield, Nottingham and Birmingham). This year our most popular destinations are the Universities of Brighton, Leicester and Kent.

Students have elected to study a wide range of courses at their chosen universities. We are excited to see such a variety of courses and that many of our students have chosen vocational courses too.

Students have elected to study a vast range of courses including, Politics, Music Production, Liberal Arts, Economics, Physics, Biology, Human Geography, Psychology, Engineering, Mathematics, Robotics, Primary Education, Criminology, Law, Paramedic Science, Acting, Animation, Product Design, Fashion and Textiles, Computer

Science, Architecture, Costume, Marketing, Film Studies, Marketing, Accounting, Business Management, Sport Management, International Tourism, Cyber Security, Sociology, Psychology, Chiropractic, Law, Physiotherapy, Pharmacology, Nutrition, Midwifery, English Literature, History and Politics, PPE, Sport and Exercise Science and Mathematics.

Further to this, we had 7 students seeking employment, 3 students gaining apprenticeships and 6 students pursuing a gap year.

We wish all our former students well for the future.

The universities they will be attending will be blessed to welcome and work with them, as we were. Many thanks to all the staff who supported these students to succeed in getting to their chosen destinations.

**Mrs Course**  
**Head of Sixth Form**



## English Department – Key Stage 3 Library Visits



All of our Key Stage 3 classes have been to Brentwood Library this half term. Each English class has enjoyed a chance to explore our local library, become familiarised with the resources available and borrow books.

Year 7s have been treated to a workshop run by Essex Library staff, where they learnt lots of facts about the origins of libraries. Some favourite facts include that the word library was originally used to describe the locked chest which stored books; the Dewey system was created by Melville Dewey in order to sell more cabinets from his father's cabinet shop; and that Parliament only stopped writing on vellum in 2016. Students were taught about all the resources that libraries have, and how the books are organised. Students were

interested to find out all of the websites that their library card gives them free access to and are keen to try this out when completing homework and research tasks.

Lots of our students excitedly brought borrowed books back to school and have been devouring them in tutor times, English lessons and at home. Students have been begging to return and many students have navigated their way back to Brentwood library after school to swap their books for something else.

We hope students continue to use this fantastic free resource which is practically on our doorstep. If you are unsure of what Essex Libraries offer, here is a snapshot of what your son/daughter discovered on their visit. With a library ticket you can borrow

books, films and music, have free use of the Internet, get information for homework or leisure activities and use the online services (which include e-books, e-audio, e-comics, e-newspapers, e-magazines, the reference library online and online courses) from home at: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/>

If your son/daughter did not have their library card in time for these trips, it is not too late to sign them up. You can sign them up via the Essex Libraries website: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/join-the-library>

**Miss White**  
English Teacher



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### School Library Opening Times

**Tuesday**

**12.50pm – 1.20pm**

**Wednesday**

**12.00-12.30pm**

**Thursday**

**12.50pm – 1.20pm**

**Friday**

**12.00-12.30pm**

## Design & Technology – Extra Curricular Club

### Design & Technology Club every Tuesday after school.

We are delighted with the enthusiasm of students in the Design and Technology department.

Every Tuesday, students leap from lessons and stand keen in aprons at the door of W01!

For the past few weeks, students have been making a memo holder. In Design and Technology, we start every product we make by designing. For the Memo holder, students produced creative ideas thinking about future presents for friends and family or designing their memo holder to help in their own day to day organisation at school. Once designed students were given a standard piece of plywood. The sawing, filing and sanding then begun in earnest!

It was great to see students able to finish this week and bring home their precious creations, while some will continue to work until they have completed. This is something we pride ourselves in at DT club. Students can work at their own pace and are free to experiment with ideas.

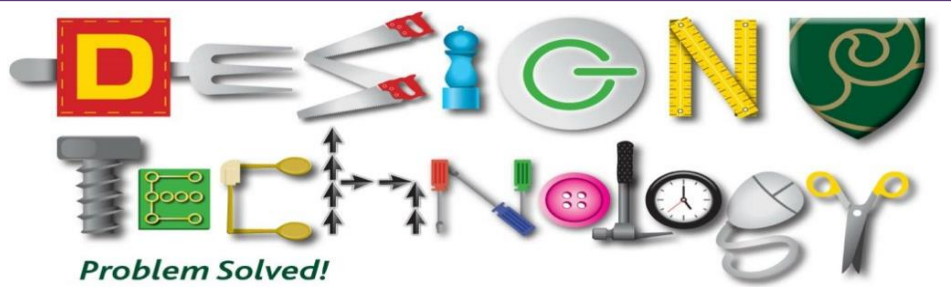
Everyone is welcome at DT club, and we also have space for students that need to catch up with work from lessons. This might be due to absence or

elaborate classwork. Come along and enjoy extra time with us!

**Mrs Mullan**  
Design & Technology Teacher



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- 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.

## Parent/Teacher Subject Consultation Evenings

These online events are a chance for parents to speak with individual teachers about the progress their son/daughter is making in each subject. However, if you ever have any concerns please contact the school via [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org) or via the [contact page](#) on the school website.

Year 13

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Year 8

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Year 12

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Year 11

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Year 9

Thursday

1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Followed by a Year 9 – Options Evening

Thursday

15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Year 7

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Year 10

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024



Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Harvest Collection, all the donated items have been delivered to the Foodbank. If you have any of the items below that you still wish to donate, then please drop them at Sainsburys, St Thomas of Canterbury Church or St Stephen's Ingrave has a collection every Friday 10am-12noon.

**Tinned goods: potatoes, spaghetti, soap, tomatoes, meat, fish, custard, rice pudding, ravioli, All Day Breakfast**

**Packets/bags of rice, pasta, noodles, instant mash, cereal, biscuits  
Tea bags (40s and 80s)**

**Washing powder/liquids, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet rolls  
Nappies (size 4, 5 and 6)**

Thank you!

## Friends of Becket Keys

We will be holding a FoBK Meeting on Wednesday 8th November 2023. This will be held after the Community Prayer meeting, so please join us for prayers and stay for the PTA meeting.

All are welcome.

## Free School Meal Vouchers

For those entitled to free school meals, please note that there will be **no** vouchers issued over the All-Saints break.

Under the current Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Household Support Fund grant of 2022 to 2023, the next vouchers will be distributed in December which will be for a total of £60 per eligible child.

## Nearly New Uniform Sale

Many thanks to all those who supported this recent sale. We raised over £900 for the school. Remember you can donate any uniform you have by bringing it to Reception at any time.

# In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry...

**Sam Pain**

**Y13**

**Star of the week**



**@becketkeysart**





**Rohan Sing Y8**



**Cooper Waller Y8**



**Scarlett Massey Y8**



**Lottie Godfrey Y8**



**Elena Zamani Y9**



**Eden Withers Y8**



**Kitty Barr Y8**



**Emily Edwards Y7**



**Romilie Deal Y10**



**Sadie Turrell Y10**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY  
MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER –  
FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

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INSET DAY  
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

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LAST DAY OF TERM  
STUDENT HALF DAY  
WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023 –  
TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2024

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INSET DAY  
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)  
THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

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