

Becket Keys Church of England School

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Join the Team!

I would like to thank the parents who wrote in recently to offer support to our extra-curricular sport programme I would like to ask for those who are interested to fill in an application form so we can do the necessary safeguarding checks.

Becket Keys Volunteer Application

We are also looking for volunteers to help in other departments. Please make it clear on your application where you think you could help.

Those of you looking for a paid role may be interested in starting as a volunteer and then moving

across to paid work. Again, please fill in the application form and let us know what areas you are interested

in.



One area we are looking to recruit at the moment is for the special needs department learning support technician team. Please see the advert on page 2.

If you are interested in learning more about this sort of work, please write to our SEND department via the staff portal:

https://becketkeys.org/contactstaff or email: office@becketkeys.org.



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There are regular vacancies in our cleaning and catering teams. Although these are external companies, we can pass on details to them. Many parents and now some alumni serve the school extremely well working for these companies.



If you want to offer services to the school in other ways that are not listed here, please contact me. Perhaps you have a desire to share some expertise with the students about an area that is not listed here. I can think of many that would be helpful and will not try to list them all here. However, please write to me with your suggestions:

https://becketkeys.org/contactstaff

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher



We are recruiting! Learning Support Technician/Teaching Assistant

We are looking to appoint a Learning Support Technician (LST) / Teaching Assistant (TA) to support our students with SEN. The ideal candidate will have knowledge and experience of delivering some targeted interventions and will take responsibility for delivering these, under the guidance of our SENDCO. However, this position could also suit someone who is new to this sort of work. As long as you get on well with people and are keen to learn from others – we can help you!

You will be expected to be flexible, adaptable and a fast learner. Your day will be a dynamic mixture of hands-on support, delivery of intervention and participating in our assess, plan, do review cycle. To provide effective support to students, you will need to be empathetic and caring. All staff benefit from the sharing good practice, and this is particularly notable in the SEN team.

This is an exciting opportunity to develop your skills in working alongside students with SEND. Experience of supporting students with ASD, Dyscalculia and/or Dyslexia would be highly advantageous, but this is not essential as training will be provided. The most important things are to be caring and hard working.

The successful candidate will:

- Have good levels of numeracy and literacy equivalent to GCSE (A-C).
- Have good interpersonal skills.
- Be hard working, able to work as part of a team or on own initiative.
- Be kind, caring and have a patient personality.
- Be keen to take on additional responsibilities as they arise.
- Be ambitious, wishing to make an impact and with a strong focus on students' needs.
- Be independent and proactive.
- Be highly supportive of the Christian ethos of the school.

Closing date: 19th October 2024 Interview Date: Week Commencing 21st October 2024

Full details and the application form are available on the school website here and if you have any queries please contact the head teacher's PA: Emer McNeela via the School Office 01277 286600 or vacancies@becketkeys.org

Meet Another New Member of Staff

We are delighted to welcome another new colleague to Becket Keys.



Miss Linyan Tian Mandarin Teacher

I'm excited to be back at Becket Keys as the new Mandarin teacher after completing my placement here. During my time as a trainee, I was so impressed by the professionalism of the teachers, the politeness of the students, and the overall support from the school. It's these experiences that made me want to start my secondary school teaching journey right here at Becket Keys.

I hold a Master's degree in Chinese Language and Culture and have had the privilege of teaching Mandarin in various esteemed educational institutions across the UK, China, and Europe. Before starting my PGCE at UCL's Institute of Education, I worked as a Mandarin teacher and course coordinator at Peking University. There, I helped students from all over the world enhance their Mandarin and gain real exposure to Chinese language and culture through exchange programmes.

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy spending time with family friends but also really value my alone time, especially when I can relax with some music and a good book.

I feel so fortunate to be joining the Becket Keys community again and can't wait to get to know everyone better this year!



Please make sure that **EVERY** item of uniform, PE Kit and equipment is named. There are over a thousand students at the school all wearing the same uniform.

There are many items that we are unable to return as we do not know to whom they belong.

Lost Property can be collected from Reception.



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/cont act-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.

China's Teachers'
Day



In China, Teachers' Day falls on 10th September. Teachers do not normally have the day off, but it is a day that they are showered with students' gratitude and appreciation.

This year, the Mandarin Excellence Programme students took the chance to do a project on China's Teachers Day. The KS3 students were given a task of designing a teachers' day card and write a short massage in Chinese characters.

We were very impressed with their work, especially those from Year 7: even though they have not learnt many Chinese characters yet, they have made a lot of effort to research words and attempted to write them on their cards.

Here are some of the excellent examples from each year group.

Miss Tian Mandarin Teacher











Science Club

Towards the end of last year, the students attending science club completed their Bronze CREST award. Students worked in groups to plan and run a project addressing a real-world STEM problem. Our students chose to explore insulating materials, and they completed practical tasks along with research each week to investigate their question. Students were assessed against the CREST award criteria in order to win their award. Our successful scientists were Thomas Head, Ariz Hassan, Dhillon Demots, Gabriel Maleki and Ethan Hart.

The students were supported with a fantastic group of 6th form students who ran science club all year and helped students along the way. These students were Matthew Stephens, Max Barton, Orla Clark and Matthew Tilbrook. They did a fantastic job all year and are a massive part of the success our science club has had.

KS₃ science club will be starting again shortly with all Year 7, 8 and 9 students very welcome. We will be doing lots of fun practical activities we do not get to do in lessons. Hopefully there will be another opportunity this year for committed students to gain a CREST award!



Curriculum Meetings

Year 10

Tuesday 1st October 2024 Online Teams Meeting Year 11

Tuesday 15th October 2024

Main Hall

More details to follow.



Homework Club is available for all students.

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

International Day Friday 27th September 2024



The start of the new school year is a great time to take on a new challenge. According to British concert piano James Rhodes, 'learning an instrument can unlock a door to a new dimension that we didn't know existed'.

We offer tuition in a wide range of musical instruments including voice and offer a large enrichment programme with something for everyone.



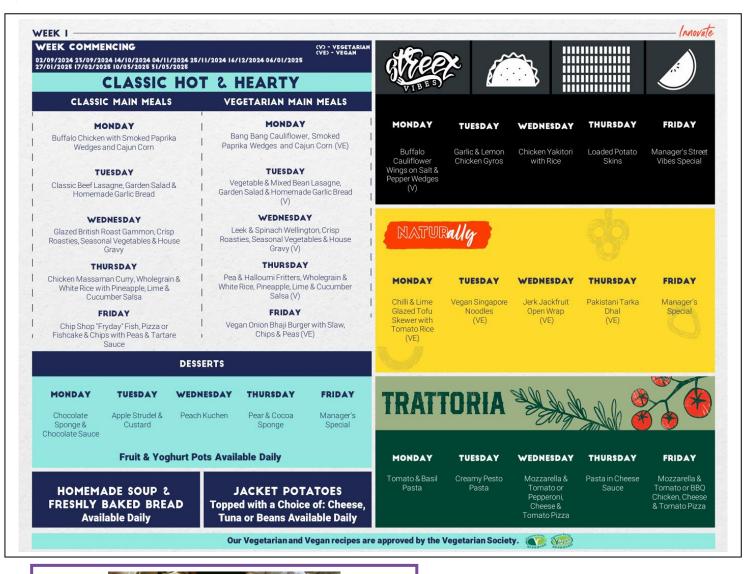
We offer instrumental tuition in the following instruments:

Violin	Saxophone	Drum Kit	Cello	Trumpet	Piano
Flute	Trombone	Electric/Classical/Bass Guitar		Clarinet	Voice

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for instrumental lessons, please email the school and this will be dealt with by the music department. You will then receive an email from the instrumental tutor to discuss times and costs. Lessons times will be arranged by the instrumental tutor and be on a rotating timetable to minimise time missed in other curriculum lessons. It is the responsibility of your son/daughter to catch up on any work missed.







We are pleased to announce that the Parent & School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is every Wednesday during term time 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

Becket Keys Open Event Year 7 2025

Booking now open

Open Event

10th October

Parent only open mornings

8th, 9th & 10th October

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Saturday 19th October 2024 School Playground 11.00am – 12.30pm

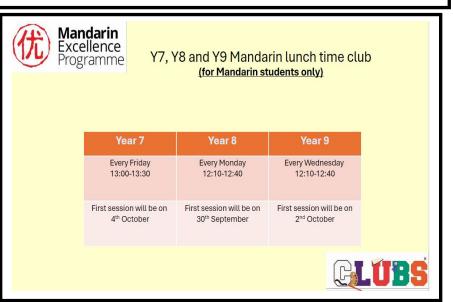
If you have any uniform you would like to donate, please send it into the school reception with your son/daughter. We are particularly looking for aprons, ties, PE shorts, skorts and t-shirts.

Thank you!

Our School Library (Lib A)

- Your school library is open on the following lunch times:
 - Monday (4.2) 12.50-1.20
 - Tuesday (4.2) 12.50-1.20
 - Wednesday (4.1) 12-12.30
 - Thursday (4.1) 12-12.30.
- If Miss White is in the library after school, you can come and use it then as well.
- The library is open for you to:
 - · Come and borrow or return books,
 - · Get help on finding a book you might enjoy reading,
 - · Sit and read,
 - Discuss books with other students.





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.

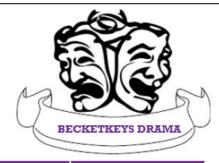
Brentwood can be tough to negotiate during rush hour, so we encourage students and parents to contact the school in the case of *genuine* lateness, such as delayed public transport.

Parents can call the main school line o1277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.





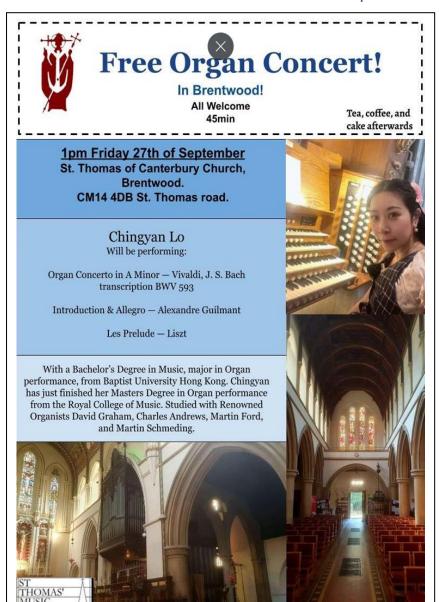


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS3 'Time to Shine' 15.15-16.25 RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Palmer) Yr7-Yr9	Yr9 &Yr10 'Creative Space' 11.50-12.30 RH1 (Mrs Barr) KS4 & KS5 'Practical Showcase Rehearsals' 15.15-16.15 RH2 (Mrs Barr)	Yr11 'Page to Stage' 15.15-16.15 RH2 (Mrs Barr)	Invitation only and bookable space.	GCSE 'Theory Workshop' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr) Invitation Only Bookable space for Yr7-Yr13

Hospitality & Catering Students making Minestrone Soup!











As in recent years, Becket Keys will be responding practically as well as prayerfully as we remember those who do not have the assurance of going to bed on a full stomach. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Brentwood food bank who will distribute them to people in need around the area. Foodbanks provide people with around three days of shopping. In order to help people eat balanced meals, they need to collect a range of items.

Donations can be brought into reception and added to the Harvest collection or given in to form tutor.

Full details will be sent to all parents



Career Days give students an online insight into different careers that might appeal to them, advice on subject choices and how to apply to university, followed by work experience in the afternoon to help them see what the career may be like. Students will receive a certificate confirming their online work experience.

Students who are aged 13-18 can register to join the online days by visiting www.careerdays.co.uk

The schedule is as follows:

Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 21st September 2024 Medicine Career Day - Saturday 5th October 2024 Dentistry Career Day - Sunday 6th October 2024 Business Career Day - Saturday 12th October 2024 Psychology Career Day - Saturday 19th October 2024 Architect Career Day - Saturday 26th October 2024 Performing Arts Career Day

Sunday 27th October 2024

Law Career Day - Saturday 2nd November 2024 Vet Career Day - Saturday 9th November 2024 Computer Science Career Day Saturday 23rd November 2024 Engineering & Technology Career Day Saturday 30th November 2024

Students can visit <u>www.careerdays.co.uk</u> to join a n online session that interests them and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.

The CareerDays Team

E: info@careerdays.co.uk

W: www.careerdays.co.uk



NHS England – South East Nursing Insight Event

Thursday 10 Oct | 18:00 -19:00

Explore Opportunities in the NHS and Healthcare in South East England!

Are you a parent or teacher or a student in Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 or Year 13?

This is your moment to dive into the world of healthcare and discover the amazing opportunities the NHS has to offer!

The NHS is one of the largest employers in the world, with 1.3 million staff dedicated to providing exceptional services. At NHS England (NHSE), we're committed to supporting healthcare delivery and improvement across England.

The NHS are focused on ensuring that our workforce today and tomorrow possesses the right skills, values, and behaviours to deliver high-quality care.

Free sign up:

https://pathwayctm.com/event/nhs-seinsight-3/



SERVICE

Join the Young Essex Assembly (YEA) and make a difference!

Are you passionate about making a change in your community?

Do you want to have your voice heard and represent young people across Essex?

Then the Young Essex Assembly (YEA) is the place for you!

What is the YEA?

The Young Essex Assembly is the elected Youth Council for Essex. Every two years, 75 young people from all districts of Essex are elected to join the YEA. Together, they:

- review priorities: identify what matters most to young people
- consult and campaign: engage with peers, adults, organisations, and decision-makers
- drive change: ensure young people's voices are included in decisions at all levels

Why join the YEA?

- make an impact: be a part of real change in your community and beyond
- boost your confidence: develop public speaking, leadership, and teamwork skills
- expand your horizons: gain new experiences and meet people from all across Essex
- personal growth: grow your personal and social skills, preparing you for the future

Who can join?

Any young person aged between 11 - 19 or up to 25 if you have additional needs, living or going to school in Essex can stand for election to join the YEA. We want voices from every district to make sure everyone's views are represented.

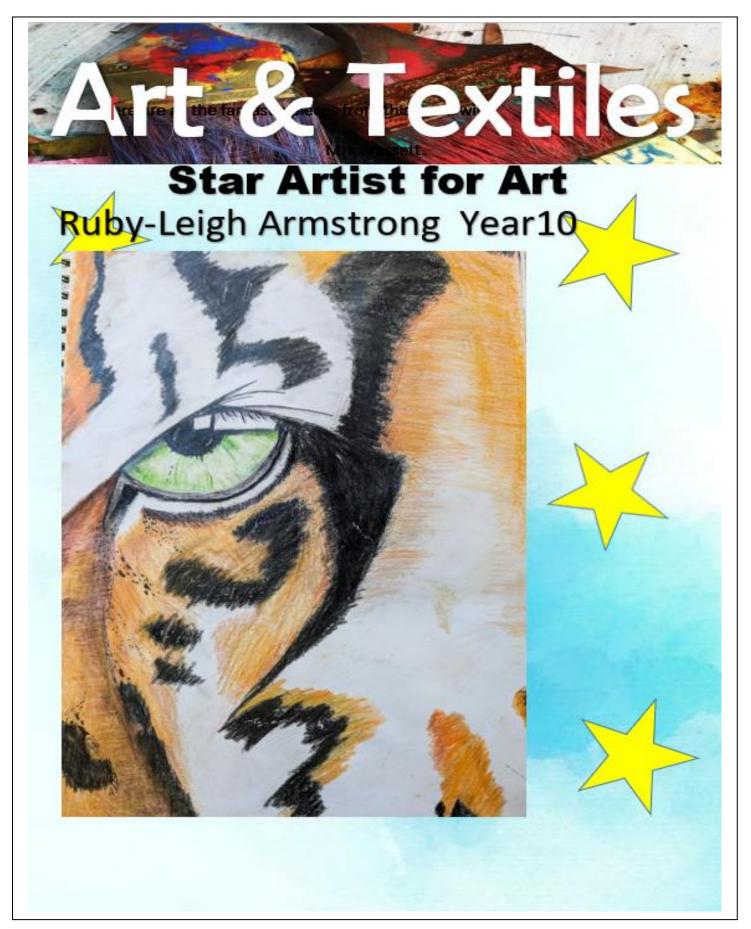
How to get involved

- 1. Stand for election: Put yourself forward and tell us why you should be part of the YEA.
- 2. Vote: Encourage your friends and peers to vote and make their voices heard.



Closing date for applications 31 October 2024

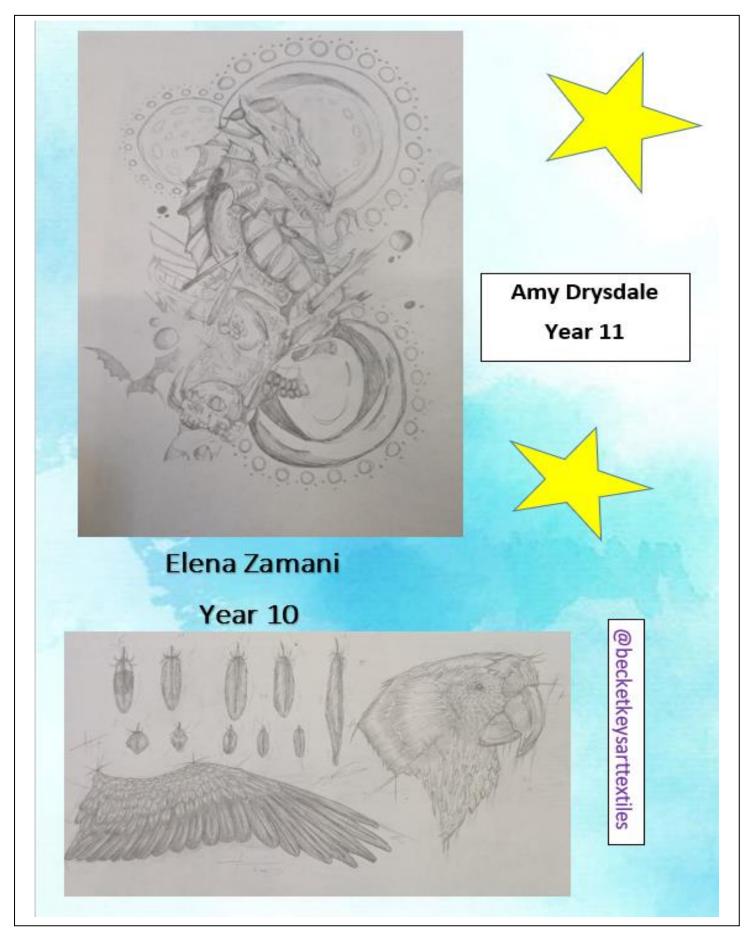
Contact: yea@essex.gov.uk
or visit our website www.young-essex-assembly.org.uk



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Sports News

PE Extra Curricular - Term 1

Day	Lunchtime (12:40-1:20)	After-School (3:10-4:30)
Monday	GCSE Practical Intervention	Year 9 Netball Year 8 Rugby Year 7 Rugby
Tuesday	TUP Futsal	Year 9 Rugby
Wednesday	Year 7 Netball – Invite Only	Year 10 & 11 Netball Girls Football all years
Thursday	TUP Basketball	Year 7 Netball Year 10 & 11 Rugby Boys Football all years
Friday	TUP Badminton	



Keys:

- Astro
- Sports hall
- Main Hall
- Drama Hall
- Field



Year 10 - Girls' Netball

The Year 10 girls' netball team put on an outstanding display of skill and determination to secure third place in this highly competitive District Rally. The girls showed incredible teamwork, their movement on and off the ball was sharp, and they capitalized on turnovers with swift transitions.

The team collectively gave player of the rally to Maddie Moon for her excellent defending, getting crucial interceptions and non stop hard work. Well done team!



Student Achievement Evie Parrish – Year 7

Evie Parrish was participating in a British Showjumping competition in Wales last weekend.

Year 11 Girls'Netball



On Tuesday the year 11's played a strong game against Brentwood Ursuline. Our netballers played with great determination and competitive attitudes. Individual skill and ability was clear to see.

We did not win the game but our defence was on fire, and for this reason, Esme received the oppositions player of the match and Ellie received coach's player. I look forward to seeing the girls at training to develop team work and set plays.

Ms North PE Teacher

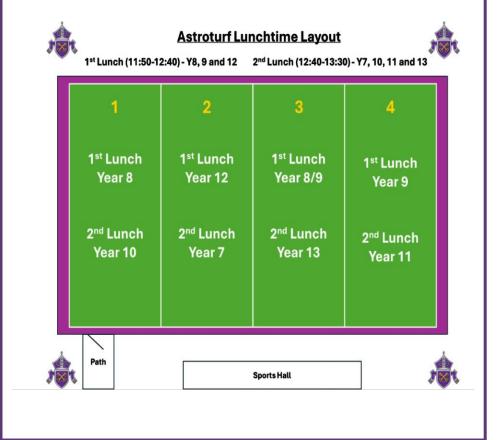


Astro Turf

• A new astro turf has been installed over the summer.



- You **must** be wearing **trainers** to be on the astro turf. **No school shoes** are allowed, and you will **not** be allowed to play in just your socks.
- · Either:
 - o change into your trainers at the start of lunch, before you go to the astro turf,
 - o or change into your trainers on the grass slope before you enter the pitch.
- Please keep your school shoes in a bag during lunch time.
- The whistle for the end of lunch will go slightly earlier to allow you time to change back into your school shoes and be on time for your next lesson.
- · As always, no food or drink on the astro turf.









Great to see our extra-curricular clubs are being well attended rugby and netball are being the highlighted this week!

More club photos to follow.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INTERNATIONAL DAY
NON-UNIFORM FOR STUDENTS
FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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OPEN EVENT FOR PROSPECTIVE
YEAR 7 STUDENTS
THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2024

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY
YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS
MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER –
FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2024

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024

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LAST DAY OF TERM

STUDENT HALF DAY

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2024 –
FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2025

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INSET DAY (NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL) MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025

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