



Becket Keys Church of England School

18th October 2024

DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO VOLUNTEER?

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Mr Scott-Evans writes.....

Calling Prayerful Invigilators: Join Us in Supporting Our Students!

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest"

Matthew 9 v 37-28

As exam season approaches, we are looking for parents and community members to join our team of prayerful invigilators. This unique role is an opportunity to support our students not just by ensuring the smooth running of the exams, but by offering prayerful guidance as they face a key time in their academic journeys.

We have always been blessed with volunteers who come into the exam halls to assist with invigilation, while also praying for the students as they take their exams. A regular prayerful invigilator, often shares how rewarding it is to silently pray for each student's focus, peace, and future, all while keeping a watchful eye on the room. He has mastered the art of "praying with his eyes open," ensuring he can notice any students who might be struggling or losing focus and offer a prayer of support for them in that moment. He walks the room, praying for their results, their future steps, and that they would feel calm in the midst of exam pressures.

We would love to welcome more volunteers into this wonderful

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Drama Department

A level student head to the West End for their theatre trip.

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role. If you are interested, a DBS check and volunteer forms will be required, and full training will be provided. While this is a voluntary role, there are options to be paid as an invigilator should you wish to pursue it in the future.



For now, we are just looking for those who feel called to lend their support to our students in this prayerful way. Please get in touch if you would like to join our team of prayerful invigilators!



Thank you for considering this important role in our school community!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr. Scott-Evans
Headteacher



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Chess Club

Only a couple weeks into the year, when chess club had only recently started, we were already off to a tournament at Brentwood school. It was clear that we were underprepared: we were amazed at the level that the competition was playing at!

Even though we walked away with just one single point, we celebrated that we managed to win against one of the top players in the UK.

Above all, we left with a determination to improve and a knowledge of how masters play. Hopefully, by next year, we can go up to two points!

Nicholas Petrelli - Year 12

Drama Department – Theatre Trip

Year 13 Drama Trip Stranger Things

Wow, wow, wow! I had read the reviews, seen the trailer and spoken to others who had seen this production, but nothing prepared me for 'Stranger Things, The First Shadow.'

It was an absolute pleasure to take the Year 13 drama students to the Phoenix Theatre and give them the opportunity to watch and then write about this insane but exhilarating masterpiece. Live theatre is so important today and Year 13 will have to navigate and argue their reasons as to why in their written exam.

Mrs. Barr
Head of Drama

Stranger Things, The First Shadow was an amazing experience to go and watch as a class. It was visually spectacular and highly recommended. Going as a class made the trip so much better as we were able to discuss the material in detail together; sharing ideas about specific moments.

Matthew Stephens

'Stranger Things,' which we saw at London's Phoenix Theatre was absolutely mind blowing. The visual effects and manipulation of the story were incredible. This show was terrifying in every way possible, and left Mrs. Palmer shaking in her boots!

Lowri Cole



Science Club

At KS3 science club we have been having a go at lots of practical tasks students do not have the opportunity to do in lesson time.

This week, students got to have a go at some of things the science teachers demonstrated on the Year 6 Open Evening.

All Year 7, 8 and 9 students are welcome to come along to science club. There is no need to sign up. It takes place on Mondays from 3.10- 4pm in W23.

Mrs Lee

KS3 science club!

- For Year 7,8 and 9 students.
- This club will be starting on Monday 30th September.
- 3.10- 4pm in W23.
- Come along if you would like to do some fun practical science experiments and activities you do not get to do in lessons!



Black History Month October 2024

Black History Month was first celebrated in the UK in October 1987, and was the initiative of Ghanaian analyst Akyaaba Addai-Sebo, who had worked as a co-ordinator of special projects for the Greater London Council (GLC). The concept of Black History Month originated in the US, at Kent State University, where it was first proposed in 1969 and first celebrated from January 2-February 28, 1970.

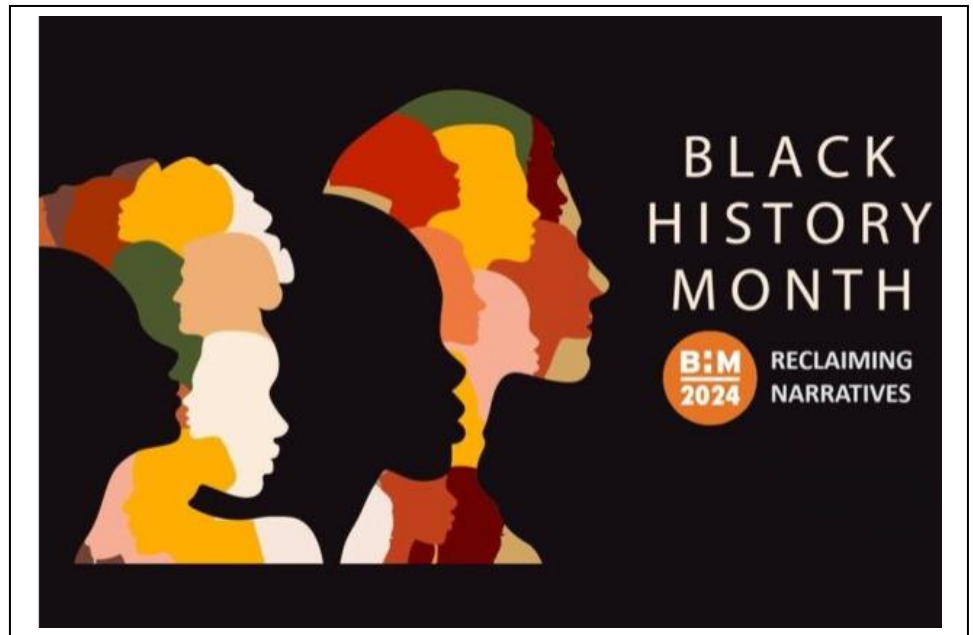
Within six years it was being marked in educational institutions all across the country, with President Gerald Ford telling Americans to 'seize the opportunity to honour the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavour throughout our history'.

Black History Month is also celebrated in countries all over the world.

<https://youtu.be/TCPDq6hCwTo>

Black History Month 2024 is embracing the theme Reclaiming Narratives. The black community felt that it is time to take control of their stories, celebrate their heritage, and ensure that their voices are heard.

In today's world, stories are powerful tools that shape how we



understand the past, present, and future. 2024 is set to be a transformative year. Black History Month UK has a compelling theme: *Reclaiming Narratives*.

This theme is not just about revisiting history; it's about taking ownership of the stories that define the culture, the contributions, and the identity of the Black communities across the UK. It is a chance for black people to step into the role of storytellers, historians, and custodians of their heritage and to capture the full breadth and depth of their experiences.



Black History Month Website:
<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

GREAT BLACK BRITONS

Find out more about the people in the black community who have shaped the Britain we know today; a few examples are below:



Bishop Wilfred Wood: The Church of England's first black Bishop

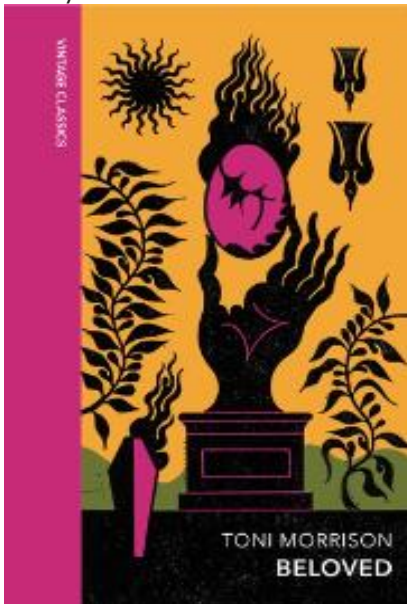
Wilson Samuel Jackson: The First Black Train Driver

Dame Jocelyn Barrow: A Windrush Pioneer

John Kent: Britain's First Black Policeman

Book Club Suggestions – Black History Month

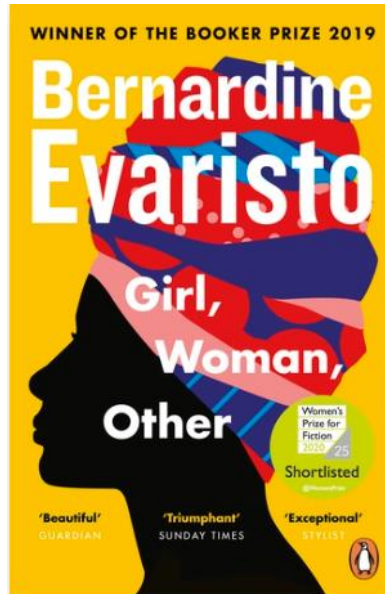
A selection of fiction and non-fiction books centred around the struggles and injustices of differing backgrounds. Each book offers a unique exploration of the complex struggles and prejudices experienced by minorities across the world; these books utilise the power of the written word to place a strong spotlight onto the necessary values of equality, unity and compassion within society.



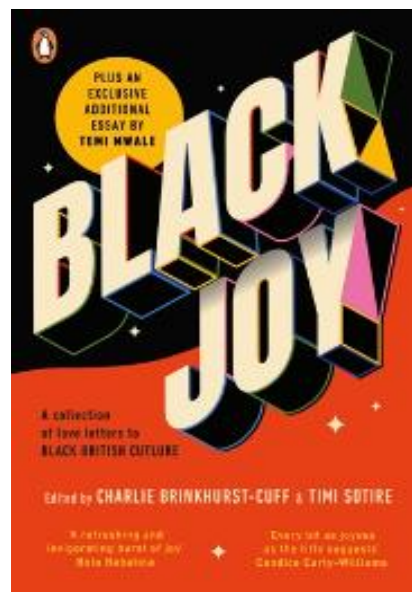
Miles away from the farm where Sethe was kept as a slave, she's unable to escape the memories of what happened there and haunted by the ghost of her lost child, Beloved, who died at her own hand. Morrison's enduring masterpiece and best-loved work is a tale of brutality, horror and, above all, love at any cost.



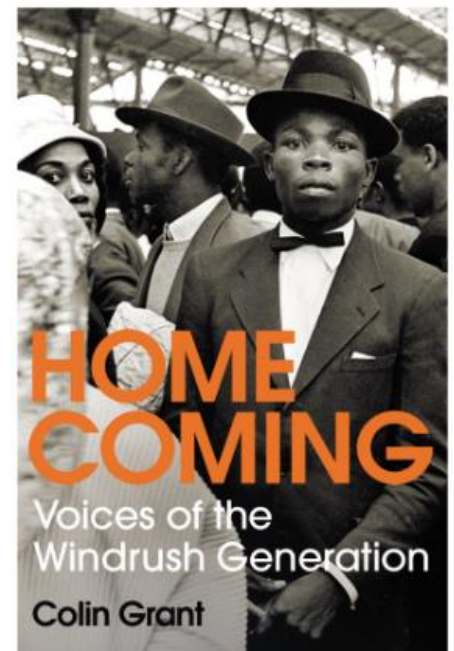
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Brimming with life, love and humanity, Bernardine Evaristo's Booker Prize-winning novel follows the lives of 12 very different women, each of them searching for something – love, support, a family, or a sense of home. Themes of identity, race and womanhood are brilliantly explored in this unforgettable modern classic.

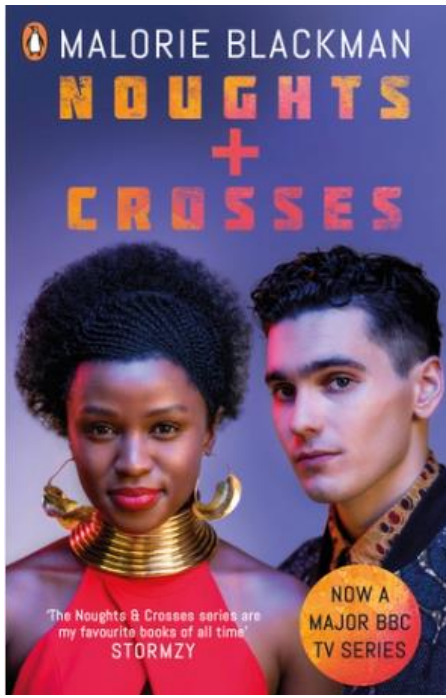


Touching on the glory of Notting Hill Carnival, the bustle of the Black barber shop, learning to cook with your mum, and more, *Black Joy* collects essays from 28 Black writers unearthing exactly what it says on the tin: tales that celebrate what it means to be Black, from the everyday to the annual to the once-in-a-lifetime.



'An extraordinary and compelling book' Daily Telegraph

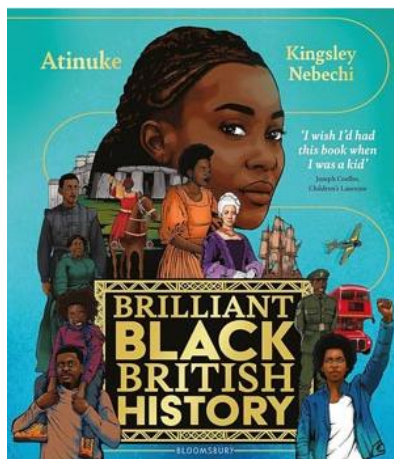
In this warm, inviting book, subtitled *Voices of the Windrush Generation*, Colin Grant collates over a hundred first-hand interviews, archival recordings and memoirs to bring to vibrant life the experiences of those who migrated to Britain from the West Indies between the late 1940s and the early 1960s.



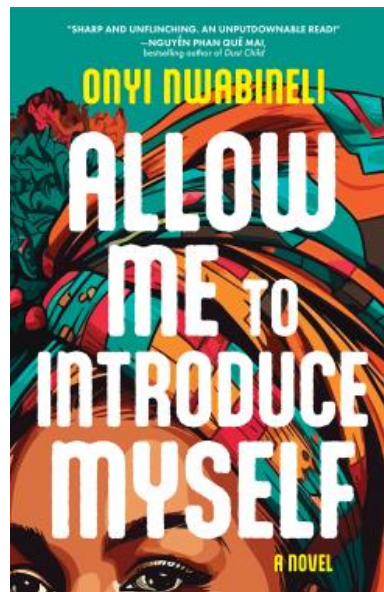
In this modern classic, the world is divided into two races: the Crosses, who are dark-skinned and hold the power, and the Noughts, who are light-skinned and work for them. But when a Cross falls in love with a Nought, the repercussions affect future generations.

Other books in the series:

- Knife Edge
- Checkmate
- Doble Cross
- Crossfire
- Endgame



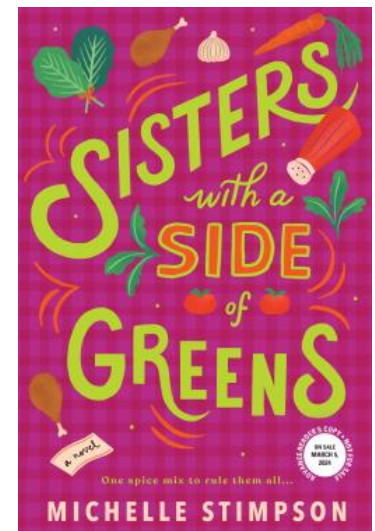
From science and sport to literature and law, *Brilliant Black British History*, by Atinuke and illustrated by Kingsley Nebechi, celebrates the talented black people who have helped build Britain. Suitable for children aged 7+, the book explores key and complex historical topics such as the world wars, slavery, the industrial revolution, Windrush and the Black Lives Matter movement.



Anuri Chinasa has had enough. And really, who can blame her? She was the unwilling star of her stepmother’s social media empire before “momfluencers” were even a thing. For years, Ophelia documented every birthday, every skinned knee, every milestone and meltdown for millions of strangers to fawn over and pick apart.

Now, at twenty-five, Anuri is desperate to put her way-too-public past behind her and start living on her own terms. But it’s not going so great. She can barely walk down the street without

someone recognizing her, and when every detail of her childhood was so intensely scrutinized, how can she tell what *she* really wants?



In this tale of forgiveness and family, sisters Rose and Marvina had a falling out decades ago and haven’t spoken since. But when Rose forgets the recipe for the spice blend passed down from their mother, she turns to Marvina for help.

Other Authors to read:

- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**
- Abi Daré**
- Alice Walker**
- Maya Angelou**
- David Olusoga**
- James Baldwin**
- Derek Owusu**
- Zadie Smith**
- Benjamin Zephaniah**

Harvest Appeal 2024



If able, please support our Harvest Brentwood Foodbank Appeal to help local residents in crisis. It is an example of how we can reach out and share our harvest, as God intended.

Over the next few weeks, staff, students, visitors and friends of Becket Keys can bring their donations directly to the school to add to our Harvest Display in the Main Reception.

The final day for donations has been extended to **Monday 21st October**. The current shortage items are shown here. This offering will demonstrate our practical and prayerful response to the needs of others, as we acknowledge and thank God for the earth's riches.



9,675

three-day emergency food supplies given to people in crisis last year



Brentwood Foodbank
Doddinghurst Road Community Church
www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk

HARVEST APPEAL

HELP LOCAL PEOPLE FACING HARDSHIP

Tinned Veg & Potatoes	Tinned Fish
Tinned Meat	Tinned Fruit
Jam / Marmalade	Biscuits
Tinned Spaghetti	Bags of Rice
Jars of Pasta Sauce	Savoury Rice
Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Soup
Tinned Rice Pudding	Tinned Custard

Tea Bags / Jars of Coffee / Sugar

Longlife Milk / Squash

**Donations of any of these items would
be greatly appreciated**

**We also welcome donations of cleaning products
and toiletries**

Brentwood Foodbank facilitated by Doddinghurst Road Community Church
Registered Charity Number 1171227

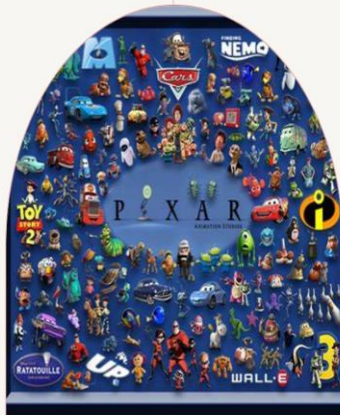


BRENTWOOD FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Disney and Pixar Film Club

- Every Thursday
- In the Chapel
- 12 noon
- Do come along



Writing Club!

Fridays - 15:10 - 16:30
Library B
Miss Bolt

- If you enjoy writing stories, plays, poems, scripts or graphic novels then join us Friday afterschool in Library B!
- Come and enjoy some time for writing with like-minded people!
- Prompts, paper, pens and resources provided!
- You can stay for as long or as little as you like.



New Y8 and Y9 club!

When? Wednesday at 12:15

What? Come practice your language skills and compete against other students!

Who? Open to all Y8 and Y9 students

Where? C33

Mrs Bolaños & Mrs Barker



duolingo

- Come to year 7 social club!
- A place for year sevens to meet new people, play some games, do some crafts and sit and chill!
- Wednesday lunchtimes in Library B!
- You are welcome to bring lunch with you.

YEAR 7 SOCIAL CLUB



Mandarin Excellence Programme

Y7, Y8 and Y9 Mandarin lunch time club
(for Mandarin students only)

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Every Friday 13:00-13:30	Every Monday 12:10-12:40	Every Wednesday 12:10-12:40
First session will be on 4 th October	First session will be on 30 th September	First session will be on 2 nd October



Cubing Club

Whether you're an experienced cuber or you've never solved one before and wondered how it's done...

Join us in J11 - Tuesdays after school, 15:20 - 16:10

Cubes provided but bring your own if you have one!



Innovate

WEEK 2

WEEK COMMENCING
 09/09/2024 30/09/2024 21/10/2024 11/11/2024 02/12/2024
 23/12/2024 13/01/2025 05/02/2025 24/02/2025 17/05/2025

CV – VEGETARIAN
 CVV – VEGAN

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
MONDAY Traditional Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy	MONDAY Vegan Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy (VE)
TUESDAY Creamy Garlic Chicken & Mushroom Pasta with Garden salad	TUESDAY Gnocchi with Roasted Vegetables in a Tomato & Basil Sauce (V)
WEDNESDAY Hand Carved Roast British Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables, & House Gravy	WEDNESDAY Open Harissa Roasted Squash & Feta Pie with Seasonal Vegetables or Salad (V)
THURSDAY Smokey Beef Chilli Con Carne with Rice, Nachos & Corn	THURSDAY Smokey Plant Based Chilli with Rice, Nachos & Corn (V)
FRIDAY Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce	FRIDAY Vegan Falafel Burger, Naked Slaw, Mango Chutney, Chips & Peas (VE)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Caramelised Onion & Mozzarella Poutine	Gochujang Chicken & Sesame Rice Pot	Mei Goreng Indonesian Fried Noodles	Korean Fried Crispy Chicken	Manager's Street Vibes Special

NATURally

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Reggae Reggae Jackfruit Curry (VE)	Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)	Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Manager's Special

TRATTORIA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Creamy Pesto Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni, Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pasta in Cheese Sauce	Mozzarella & Tomato or BBQ Chicken, Cheese & Tomato Pizza

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Apple Pie & Custard	Peach & Pineapple Crumble	Sticky Coconut & Jam Pudding	Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce	Manager's Special

Fruit & Yoghurt Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

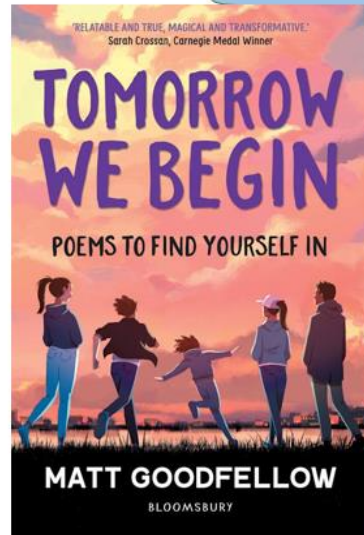
Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.

MUSIC CLUBS

Monday	
GCSE Composition Workshops	12:40 – 1:30
Chamber Orchestra	3:15-4:15
Tuesday	
Barbershop Vocal Group	1-1:25
Choir	3:15-4:15
Wednesday	
Theory Club	8 – 8:25
Brass Ensemble	10:10 – 10:30
Stage Band	3:15-4:15
Thursday	
GCSE Composition Workshops	12:40 – 1:30
Upper Voices	3:15 -4:15
Friday	
Rock Factory	3:15 – 4:15 (5pm if at Hermit)



Book of the Month - October



'Nobody ever told me there was a space called poetry where I could find a shape for all the thoughts I carried.'

This first-person poetry narrates the journey of a boy navigating the highs and lows of secondary school – from a first day of long sleeves and clumpy shoes, to burning textbooks on graduation.

The poems vary in style, structure and theme, but this book takes the reader on an emotional rollercoaster; from anger at your teachers to those blissful, simple days with your mates. There is a space in Matt's poetry for all teens to feel seen, whether poetry is their thing or not!

It should be noted that this book contains swear words and includes content which readers may find challenging. However, while difficult themes are addressed, they are explored sensitively and with plenty of lightness to balance the darker moments.

It is a great example of the power of poetry as a form of expression for young people.



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



Studybugs



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.>

Avoid the traffic! Stay here for a while!



Confide box

Remember that if you are worried about something or want to tell us something confidentially, you can always use the Confide Boxes.

This box is confidential and any notes put into them go straight to the safeguarding team. You don't even need to put your name on it!

The two boxes at the side of the Carey toilets are temporarily out of action (sorry), but there is still a box in Reception by the student desk (see picture left).

If you want to ask questions or talk about the Confide boxes, please speak to Mrs Trebess. My Office is down the corridor from Library B classroom (opposite C11).



School Uniform

It is important to all of us that every one of the students who attend Becket Keys looks smart in their uniform at all times. All students are required to wear shoes and not trainers.

Girls in Year 7-9, should have their hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up/ half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please. If boys have long hair, they too need to have it tied up.



Now that the weather is getting colder, please remember that all students will be in need of a **COAT** – Plain **BLACK** without coloured flashes, logos or slogans, no hoodies, no tracksuit tops. Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.

EARN
WHILE YOU
LEARN



Career Builder Schemes Open Evening

Looking for a career in engineering?

Our Career Builder Schemes give you the chance to gain a nationally recognised Level 2 or Level 3 qualification, all while being employed and building experience.

Ipeco, Airport Business Park, Rochford SS4 1YH

Thurs 12th Dec 2024
From 4.30 PM

Register Now

trainingcentre@ipeco.com

www.ipeco.com/careers




aircraft crew seating | executive jet passenger seating | electric galley inserts

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

Y11



Olivia Miller

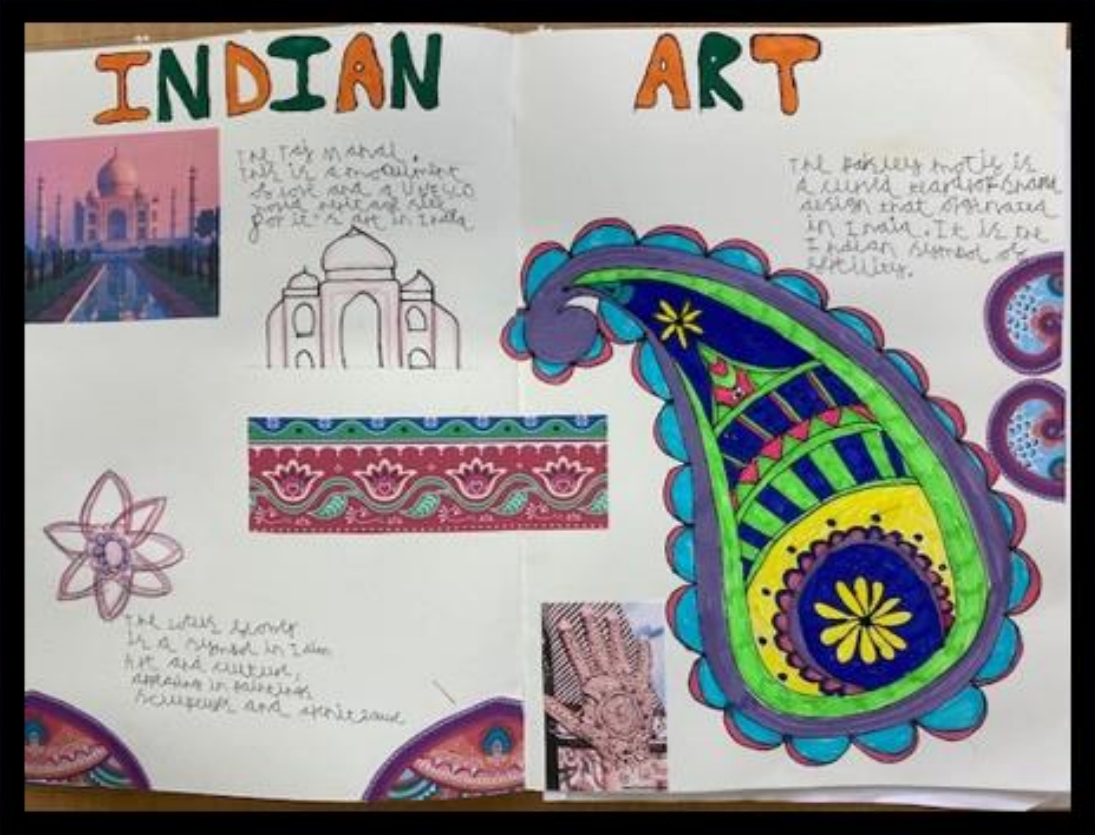


Key stage 3

Eden Withers Y9



Oliver Watson Y7



Key stage 3



Lilly Fritz Y9



Felix Rogers Y8

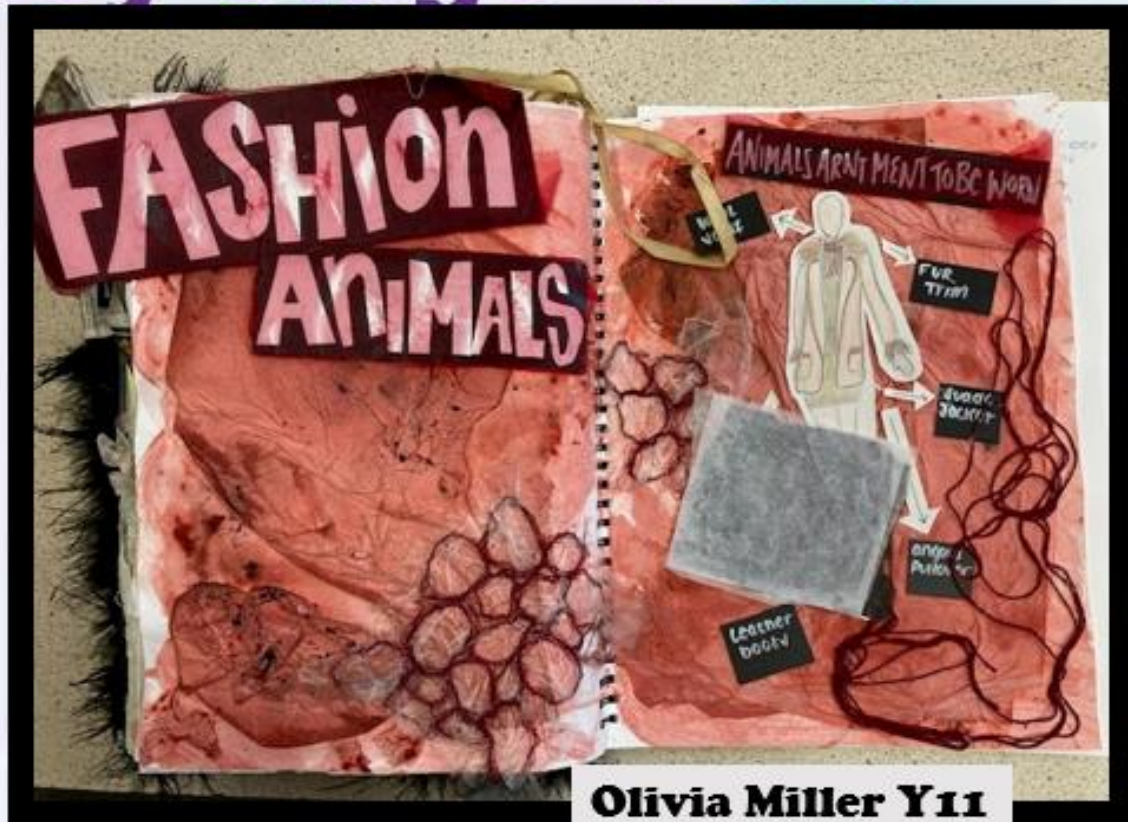


Nikhil Arthanareeswaran Y8

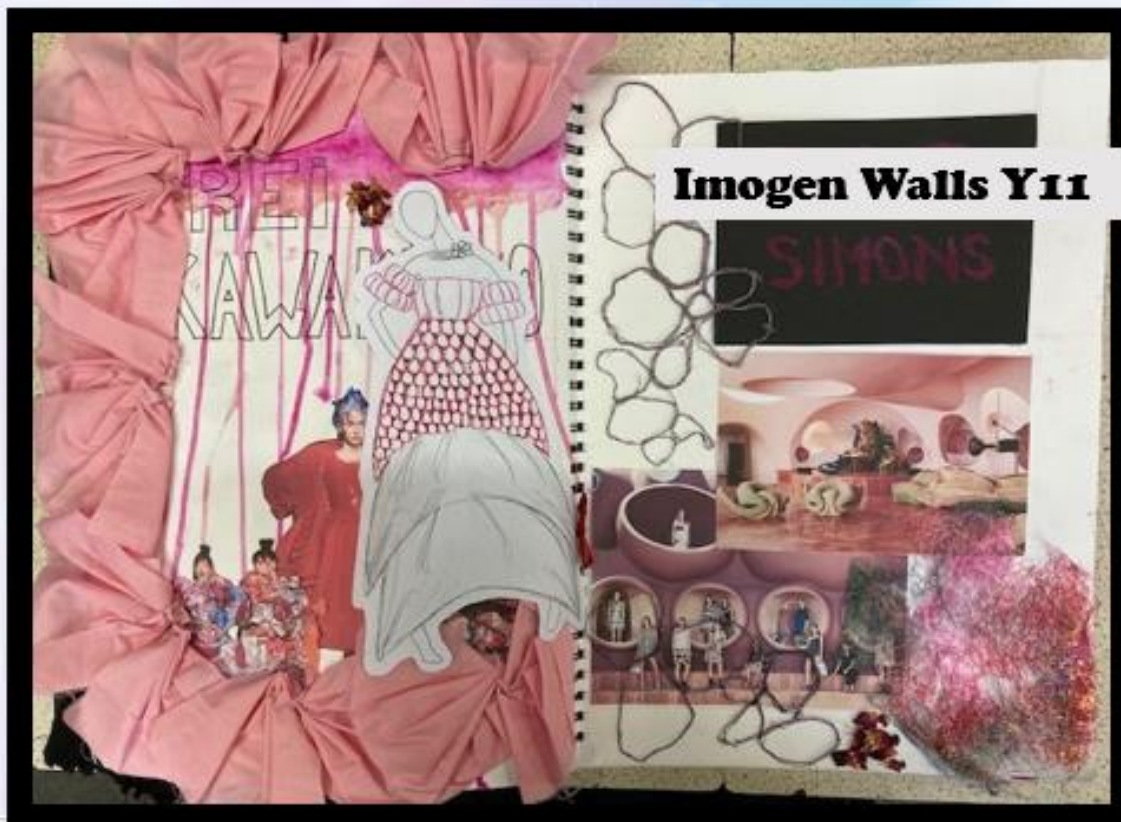


Gabriel Borbinha Y8

Key stage 4 & 5



Olivia Miller Y11



Imogen Walls Y11

Key stage 4 & 5



Maisie Mowatt Y12



Sports News



GCSE Rock Climbing Year 10

This week, 40 Year 10 students visited Thriftwood Camp Site to complete their GCSE rock climbing assessment for their PE practical. Over the course of the trip, students were assessed in various climbing techniques, including bouldering, traversing, knot tying, belaying, and climbing.

Each group tackled climbs of increasing difficulty, with Monday's group showing incredible resilience by pushing through the rainy weather. The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for students to experience a sport outside of the school setting, something many had never tried before, while



applying and transferring their skills in a new environment.

This was an important milestone, as it sets up the students for the rest of their GCSE journey, with their first practical sport assessment successfully completed.

Well done to all involved and thank you to Miss Joughlin for organising.

Mr Ison
Head of PE

Girls' Netball

Year 9

Becket Keys v Brentwood Ursuline

The Year 9 Girls' Netball team played against Brentwood Ursuline on Wednesday last week.

The girls are a cohesive group who play well as a team but unfortunately on this day they suffered their first loss 13-5.

Although disappointed, the team learned some important lessons which they will take to their next fixture. Oprah boosted the team spirits by stating 'This was our first loss, but it will definitely be our last!'

Team List

Oprah Omode
 Ffion Cole
 Zaray Amarchee
 Vienna Hayes
 Tilly H older
 Jess Roberts
 Sophie Guest
 Lyla Stevens
 Abi Fisher

Player of the Match: Ffion Cole

Becket Keys v Anglo European

This week the Year 9 girls' team played against Anglo European School at home.

Although the girls had one or two different players to the first match last week, they proved to



Year 9 girls playing against Brentwood Ursuline



Home match against Anglo European

be a cohesive team and dominated the game from the beginning. Sophie Guest and Lyla Stevens were shooting and scored an impressive 24 goals!

The whole team played well and the Players' player was chosen to be Vienna Hayes.

So far Oprah's prediction from last week remains true!

Final score 24-3

Additional player:

Lena Wierdak



Old Brentwoods RFC

FREE FUN OPEN DAY!

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER
10:00-11/11:30AM PLAYING TIME + FREE BBQ

TAG RUGBY: U5 - U8
(RECEPTION TO YEAR 3)

RUGBY: U9 - U12
(YEAR 4 TO YEAR 7)

ALL BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN!
NOT PLAYED BEFORE?
NOT A PROBLEM - BRING THEM ALONG TO TRY OUT!

REASONS TO TRY OUT:

- NEW TO THE AREA AND LOOKING FOR A RUGBY CLUB?
- KEEN TO CHANGE CLUB SO YOUR CHILD GETS MORE GAME TIME?
- ON A WAITING LIST BUT WANT TO START NOW?
- YOUR CHILD ENJOYED A SCHOOL EVENT WE CO-HOST AT OBS?
- AS A PARENT YOU'D LIKE TO HELP OUT & MAYBE EVEN COACH?

TELL FRIENDS & FAMILY AND SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

PG & ROO (AKA SIMON PEACE & ALASTAIR RIGDEN) WHO COACH
IN VARIOUS LOCAL SCHOOLS ARE THERE ON THE DAY.

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT US VIA 07565 135554
OR EMAIL RECRUITMENT.OBRFC@GMAIL.COM

ASHWELLS RD, BRENTWOOD CM15 9SE



Pre-Loved Uniform
Sale
Saturday 19th
October
School Playground

11.00am – 12.30pm

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

Thank you!

Kindly remember that this sale is cash only.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY
YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER –
FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2024

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ENRICHMENT DAY
THURSDAY 7TH 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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