

Becket Keys Church of England School

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Safeguarding and Child Protection at Becket Keys

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Becket Keys, the safety and well-being of our students are our top priorities. We are committed to providing a secure environment where every child can thrive. As part of this commitment, we have a comprehensive Safeguarding and Child Protection

Policy available on our school website. It is updated annually, and the latest version can be found here.

www.becketkeys.org/policies. We encourage all parents to review this important document to

understand the measures we have in place to protect our students.

Ways to Reach Out for Support

We understand that sometimes families may need additional support. Here are several ways they can reach out:

Email: For any safeguarding concerns, you can email us directly at safeguarding@becketkeys.org.

Confide Box: Students can write notes seeking help and drop them off in the confide box located in the Main Reception.

Speak to Staff: Students are encouraged to speak

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to any staff member wearing a lanyard whom they feel comfortable with. Our staff are always ready to listen and provide support.

Expert Safeguarding Team

We have an expert safeguarding team trained to support our students. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Trebess, supported by Deputy DSLs Miss Brooks, Mr Fenn, and Mrs Course. They are dedicated to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students.

CST Safeguarding Conference 2025

The CST Safeguarding
Conference took place yesterday
on January 16 with the theme of
agility and innovation in child
protection. We are always
reviewing and reflecting on our
policies and the agility of our
approaches and if you have any
comments or innovative
suggestions, please do not
hesitate to get in touch with our
team.

Becket Keys is a safe place for all students. We are here to support them and ensure they feel secure and valued. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards for a lovely weekend.



Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher



Mrs Trebess
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Fenn Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms Brooks
Safeguarding Manager



Mrs Course
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead (Sixth Form)

Sixth Former for a Day

On Thursday we were excited to have over 250 Year 11 students in school for our Sixth Former for a Day event. This was our biggest ever event and even though we invited more students than ever to participate we had over 50 still on the waiting list. Alongside our internal students we had over 100 students from a huge selection of local schools. The day is intended to give these Year 11 students an opportunity to experience what it is like to be a Sixth Form student at Becket Keys. For most students the day helped them solidify their preferred A Level choices and the experience confirmed their desire to attend Becket Keys.



During the day, each student attended 4 A Level lessons, a collective worship delivered by Mr Scott Evans, an assembly with Mrs Knowles who spoke about super curricular enrichment, and I explained about support for future destinations. Throughout the day all the students were engaged and attentive and asked interesting questions. The students enjoyed their break and lunch together including over 700 slices of pizza!





During the last session, I reminded the students about the process for getting a place in the Sixth Form. I explained that all students (internal and external) must complete the application form by **Monday 20th January**.

The link is here: Becket Keys

The next events to be held are the interviews for the external students and all students will attend our bridging events after their GCSE exams. More details of both these events will be coming out later.



At the end of the day the students completed a survey, and

some shared their views of the day. These included comments such as:

'It was a fantastic day and helped me learn more about the school and made me even more excited to hopefully come here!'

'I would love to come to Becket Keys!'

'I believe Becket Keys will make me achieve 120% of my full potential.'

'Thank you so much for the opportunity of SFFAD, everyone was lovely, and I had a great day.'

'After SFFAD I am very determined that this is the school for me. I really enjoyed today's experience and would love to take my education further with my chosen subjects here for A Levels and I'm determined to work to the best of my ability to reach higher with the Lord strengthening me.'

'I loved it today, it really helped boost my confidence as I was able to talk to so many people. The teachers were exceptional, and I'd love to join you in September.'

Finally, one student just summed up her day by saying, 'Best school in Essex'. This made us smile at the end of a long but incredibly successful day.

Mrs Course Head of Sixth Form

Year 11 Trip to Chelmsford College



Chelmsford College

This week a group of Year 11 students together with several members of staff visited Chelmsford College.



After meeting at Shenfield station, the group of 29 students boarded the train; useful practice and experience for those who will be using public transport to get to school or college in September. A short walk later and we arrived at the two college campuses, Princes Road and Moulsham Street. On arrival, we were met by the college staff and given some useful overviews of the different subjects and qualifications on offer at the two sites of Chelmsford College.



Next, there was a tour of the two campuses- at Princes Road students were able to see the vast number of vocational courses on offer including carpentry, hair dressing, electrical engineering and beauty. It was fantastic to see the students exploring the opportunities available and afterwards hearing their excitement on what courses they would like to take and the careers they may wish to choose in the future.

Seeing all the wonderful courses on offer, from T-levels, Level 1 and 2 certificates and BTECs, was a reminder to all our Year 11 students about the importance of working hard in the next few months so that they can achieve their best GCSE grades to allow them to follow their chosen career path.

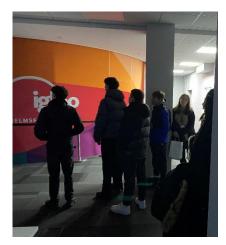
Students enjoyed lunch in Chelmsford town centre together, before boarding the train back to Shenfield.

For more information about the college and the courses offered visit their website: Chelmsford College | One of the Best Colleges in Essex

Many thanks to Chelmsford College for hosting us.









Jack Petchey Awards

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up in 1999 by Sir Jack Petchey CBE to inspire and celebrate young people. Students who have gone above and beyond are nominated by staff and peers to receive the Jack Petchey Achievement award.

In November, George Birleson in Year 8 was awarded the Jack Petchey award.

George is a diligent and hardworking student who commands the respect of staff and students alike. He played the role of Charlie last year in the whole school production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. His energy, enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment to the role was outstanding.



In addition to his theatrical abilities, George's kindness and empathy for others shines through every day. George leads by example and epitomises the character of a Becket Keys student.

Well done George!





"The Achievement Awards are primarily about recognising those who put in the effort and do their best."

Sir Jack Petchey CBE

If you would like to find out more about the Jack Petchey Awards and the other programmes and opportunities available for young people then visit their website: Home | Jack Petchey Foundation



CHAMBER CONCERT FRIDAY 31st JANUARY 2025

Some of our Becket Keys musicians will be performing at the next Chamber Concert that takes place in Runcie Hall, Friday 31st January at 6 pm. This is an informal performance that parents and families can attend.

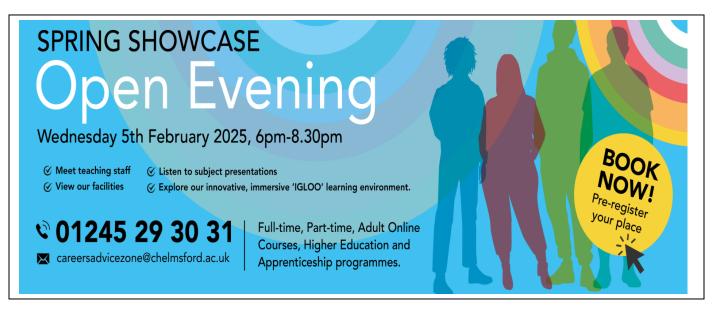


Pre-Loved Uniform Sale Saturday 22nd February Held in the Bistro 11.00am – 12.30pm

Cash would be appreciated.

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, skorts and t-shirts.

Thank you!



Spanish Department

Over the Christmas break some Year 7 classes researched the 6th of January, El día de los reyes. As a homework task they made a leaflet explaining the celebration and traditions of this day. We were very impressed by the leaflets we received from year 7!

Here are some examples of the students' work.

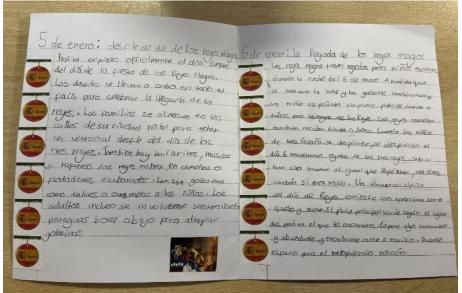
Miss Davies Spanish KS₃ Coordinator

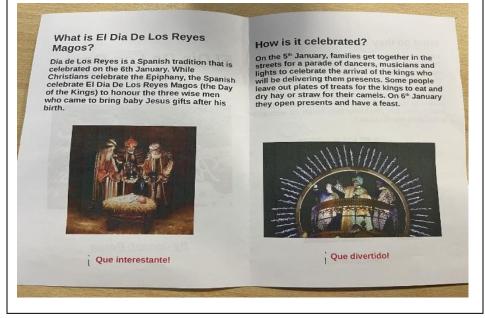


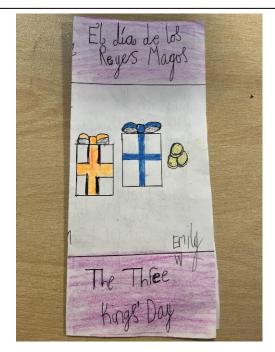


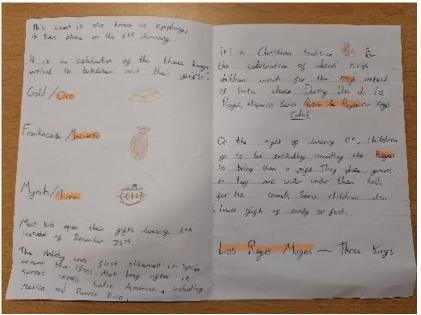


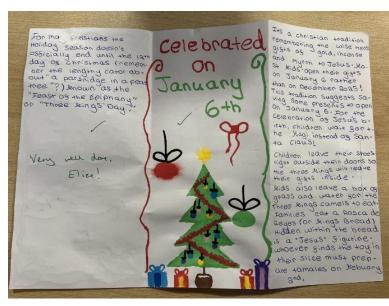




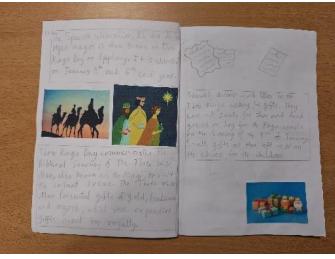












Becket Keys Showjumping Team

On Tuesday 14th January, two of our Year 10 students, Evie Wieczorek and Bronte Dann, represented Becket Keys in the NSEA (National School Equestrian Association) competition at Beechwood Equestrian Centre. Both girls were very successful, with Bronte placing 4th in the 85cm category, and Evie placing 3rd in the 75cm and 6th in the 85cm categories.

Well done to Evie and Bronte!



"Evie and I have ridden for 10+ years and have a passion for showjumping, we are very dedicated to our horses and are proud to be representing Becket Keys in the NSEA competitions so far this is our first outing as a team. We plan to get out regularly in the summer!"

Bronte Dann Year 10







Mandarin Department



To celebrate Chinese New Year, Becket Keys have an exciting day planned for all Year 7 students.

This has always been a very popular and welcomed event in the past.

What will happen on the day?

Students will be off their regular Friday timetable and will go to six different workshops throughout the day as a tutor group. For example, they could be in a science, film or martial arts workshop. There will be a chance to watch Lion dancing at

lunchtime and there will be a special themed menu available in the Bistro and Orangery (for the usual lunch prices).

Further details with a full timetable for the day will be released soon, in the meantime all Year 7 parents need to log on to Parent Pay and contribute to the cost of this event by **Friday**, 31st January 2025.

Unfortunately, if we do not collect enough money, we will have to cancel the event.



Exam Preparation – GCSE Pod



GCSEPod has lots of resources and tips to help students with motivation, how to learn, news, webinars 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!

GCSE Learning and Revision | GCSEPod

Parents and Students can join this webinar designed to make the most of mock exam results and support students on their journey to GCSE success.

Title: Learning from Your Mocks: Building on Strengths, Bridging the Gaps

Date and Time: 28th January 2025, 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

What You'll Learn:

- Turning mock results into a revision roadmap with RAG playlists.
- Boosting study skills using Study Smart pods.
- Prioritising physical and mental wellbeing with Keeping Fit and Healthy pods.
- Follow a student's journey as they balance their strengths and tackle areas for improvement.

How to Register:

Click here to register!

Spaces are limited so please make sure you book.

Can't make it live? Register anyway, and we'll send you the recordings so you don't miss out.

Exclusive Student Webinar

How to Fail, Successfully: Effective Techniques to Succeed with GCSEPod

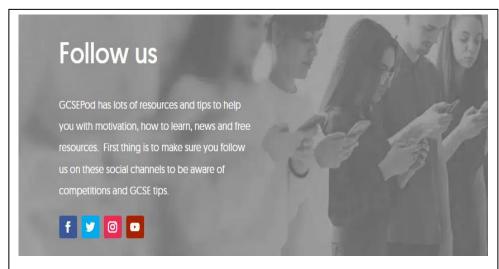
This webinar will cover:

- Forgetting Why do we forget and how does this help us remember?
- Procrastinating Should we procrastinate and how does this help us learn?
- Failing Is failing bad and how does it help us succeed?

Parent Webinars:

Join a GCSEPod webinar and find out how you can use GCSEPod to support your child's learning plus get tips and guidance on effective home learning practices.

<u>PodUp Presents Parent Webinars</u> - GCSEPod



GCSEPod costs the school over £4,000 per annum. Please make the most of this resource. It is not just for Year 11 students!

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Book of the Month – January 2025



Tove was 12 and Liva 9, when the Germans occupied Norway. They remember everything as if it happened yesterday.

Mose and her daughter Agna are incomers in the village, treated with suspicion. But young Liva, left out of the secrets her sister Tove and brother Hakken share, idolises Agna and follows her everywhere. Unwittingly, they lead the German soldiers to a perfect island. Once a haven for picnics and story-telling under the midnight sun, it is transformed into a grim prisoner of war camp. This is an unlikely place to find buried treasure, but it's there.

There are ways to fight back, especially when Haakon joins the resistance, slipping through shadows to carry out dangerous acts of sabotage. And the girls themselves have their parts to play. Friendships are made and broken, family trust is turned upside down and lives change forever as Tove and Liva recall their childhood experiences of living through WW2 in a story that moves from light to darkness to light again.

Tense, evocative and compelling, this story of wartime resilience is inspired by the author's own family history.



New Y8 and Y9 club!



When? Wednesday at 12:15

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

Who? Open to all Y8 and Y9 students

Where? C33

Mrs. Bolaños & Mrs. Barker







Please 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/con tact-staff

You can also 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.





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 Bistro.

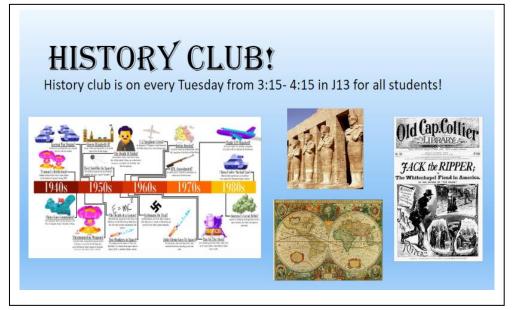
There is a small overdraft facility on the ParentPay accounts of £2 for emergency situations which covers the cost of a roll. Due to the cashless system in place, there is no other back up.

We do not want any student to miss lunch or the great choice of food available every day in our restaurants. (You can check out the menu for the next week on the next page).

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









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; this includes encouraging students to attend school regularly, and of course, on time.

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

Brentwood can be tough to manoeuvre during rush hour, especially with the planned road and engineering works so please make sure that you are leaving enough time to get to school.

Parents can call the main school line 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app to report genuine lateness. We thank you for your support.



A Message for Year 9 Parents

We would like to invite you to the Guided Curriculum Choices (options) evening which will take place:

Thursday 13th February 2024 6.00pm Main Hall

More information will follow shortly, but for now, please put this date into your diaries. Students and parents should attend together.

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

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

The Foodbank Network was founded in 2004 in Salisbury, since then <u>The Trussell Trust</u> has helped communities work together to launch foodbanks nationwide in a wide range of towns and cities.

In 2023/24, food banks in the Trussell Trust's network provided 3,121,404 three-day emergency food supplies and support to UK people in crisis. Of these, 1,144,096 were distributed for children.

You can make a donation at Sainsburys, Tesco Express in Brentwood High Street, St Thomas of Canterbury Church or St Stephen's Church.



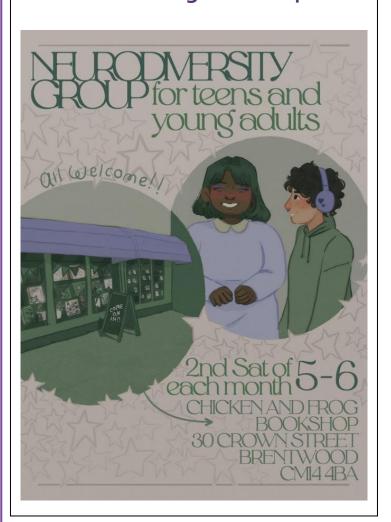
January 2025 Shortages





Brentwood Foodbank facilitated by Doddinghurst Road Church

Chicken and Frog Bookshop





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.

Full details of all extra-curricular clubs are available on the school website here:

https://www.becketkeys.org/extra-curricular.

Focus on Careers - Apprenticeships

Solicitor Apprenticeships with Magic Circle Law Firm Freshfields

Work for an International Law Firm & Be Part of their First Ever Cohort of Apprentices

Are you ready to take the first step towards a prestigious career in law? Join an exclusive virtual event with Freshfields, a global powerhouse in the legal industry, where you'll gain unparalleled insights into the legal profession and learn how to launch your career as a solicitor apprentice with one of the best in the field.

FRESHFIELDS

Event Details:

Date: Monday, 27th January
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Platform: Zoom (link provided

upon registration)

About the Event

Exploring career options and deciding where to train as a solicitor can feel overwhelming. This event is designed to make the process clearer by giving you a detailed overview of Freshfields' career pathways and culture.

About Freshfields

As one of the oldest law firms in the City of London, Freshfields is a global leader in business law



powered by YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

with over **2,400 lawyers across 32 offices worldwide**. The firm is renowned for its commitment to diversity, mentorship, and professional growth while providing exceptional legal services to major corporations and institutions worldwide.



Careers in Business, Accounting & Finance with RSM

Are you interested in pursuing a career in **Business, Finance or Accounting**? Join us for an exclusive virtual event with **RSM**, one of the UK's leading providers of audit, tax, and business consulting services.

This Insight to RSM event is the perfect opportunity for Year 12 and Year 13 students to discover the world of business and accounting, learn more about apprenticeship opportunities, and hear directly from senior professionals in the field.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, 29th January

2025

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm Location: Virtual via Zoom

Why Attend?

Discover Apprenticeship
Opportunities: Learn about
RSM's different apprenticeship
programmes, offering an
alternative route to university
while earning and gaining handson experience. You can
participate in an open Q&A
session to get tailored advice and
guidance.

RSM operates in 35 locations across the UK, offering opportunities nationwide and working with a diverse range of clients—from dynamic small businesses to global enterprises.

This is your chance to explore an exciting career path and take the first step towards your future success.

There are a number of opportunities available to find out more about apprenticeships in various industries and to gain work experience. For more information and registration details: Discover the right career path with us | Apprenticeships.co.uk

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Apprenticeship and traineeship vacancies



If you are interested in an apprenticeship then it would be a good idea to follow Find an apprenticeship. You will then be alerted to each week's apprenticeship and traineeship vacancy reports for our area and get an alert if there is a new opportunity. If you use the filter tool, you can view only the vacancies that meet your requirements (such as vacancies within a set region, start date and wage etc).

If you would like any advice on further education pathways please speak to your tutor or Ms North and we can arrange a meeting with our Careers advisor, Mr Williams.

For more information on apprenticeships visit apprenticeships.gov.uk or follow @Apprenticeships on Twitter.





Opportunities with Ford Motor Company

Ford Motor Company are working to revolutionise mobility; fuelled by new challenges, they are creating solutions to build a better world for everyone. To support the incredible plans for the future of mobility, Ford are looking for talented individuals to join the company; ready to support the exciting new developments in IT, Engineering and Supply Chain Leadership. You will gain a Bachelor's degree and become part of the next generation of Ford's professionals.

Level 6 Digital and Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship

<u>Level 6 Degree Engineering Apprenticeship Opportunities with Ford</u>
<u>Motor Company</u>

Level 6 Supply Chain Leadership Degree Apprenticeship

About the roles:

The Degree Apprenticeship here at Ford will take 4 years to complete leading to a full university BSc (Honours) degree in your chosen subject.

The apprenticeship includes on-the-job training that will take place at the relevant Ford operation (Dunton Campus or Stratford HereEast Campus), where you will get to apply your knowledge and gain valuable work experience in the areas you love.

What's in it for you?

A degree apprenticeship with Ford Motor Company is an exciting opportunity to pursue practical work experience using world class technologies and processes, alongside academic learning.

- Access to our Employee Development and Assistance Programme (EDAP) - which can provide up to £300 per year for non-job-specific education, training, and development.
- A unique opportunity to access Ford's Privilege scheme allowing you to purchase Ford vehicles at a discount.
- A great salary increasing yearly, and competitive pension scheme.
- An excellent work-life balance, including a generous holiday allowance of 26 days.



Speakers for Schools were founded in 2010 by ITV's Political Editor, Robert Peston, their aim is to end educational inequality by giving all young people access to the same prestigious networks available to the top feepaying schools in the UK. There are many talks from today's influential figures via the Inspiration programme, noted below are a few that are available week commencing 20th January are listed below and are all free of charge. There is also a library with hundreds of recorded sessions available. For a full list of the talks available, information about work experience and details of the National Teen Book Club go to Speakers for Schools: Leading Social Mobility Charity

| DATE | SPEAKER | INFO | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Tuesday 21st | Explore the World of E- | Did you know that technology | | |
| January 2025 | Commerce with Hannah Dixon | and creativity come together to create seamless | | |
| | | shopping experiences? Hannah works in E- | | |
| | | commerce and Digital Marketing within the | | |
| | Register <u>here</u> | beauty industry and has 10 years of experience | | |
| | | in hair care marketing at Estee Lauder, Unilever, | | |
| | | and Davines. Hear how, in choosing her career | | |
| | | path, she explored various industries before | | |
| | | discovering her passion for marketing - proof | | |
| | | that you don't need to have a set plan when | | |
| | | getting started, you've just got to start. | | |
| Tuesday 28 th | Industry Spotlight – Sport | Join this talk with the Rugby Players | | |
| January 2025 | | Association who will take you behind the scenes | | |
| | Give the Sports Industry a 'Try' | of the sports industry. Discover the wide range | | |
| | with the Rugby Players | of roles that make the magic happen—from | | |
| | Association | player management and coaching to media, | | |
| | | events, and business operations. Your | | |
| | Register <u>here</u> | passion could become a dream job in | | |
| | | sports, let's kickstart your future! | | |
| Monday 10 th | IntoTech: Lights, Camera, | Some of the team from Edit123, a television | | |
| February 2025 | Innovation - The Future of Film | post production facility based in central Glasgow | | |
| | and Tech | that help with quality control and delivery for | | |
| | | film and television to major UK broadcasters | | |
| | | and internationally & Framestore, a multi | | |
| | Register <u>here</u> | Academy Award-winning creative studio that | | |
| | | combines talent and technology in film, content, | | |
| | | advertising. They will discuss the intertwining of | | |
| | | Film and Tech and discover how ever evolving | | |
| | | tech is influencing film - you don't want to miss | | |
| | | this! | | |



This week the students have been getting tips on how to look after their Mental Health. It is important to spend time outdoors in nature and to be active. Spending time in nature has been found to assist with anxiety and depression and there are also links between nature and relaxation and being outside gives our bodies much needed vitamin D from sunlight. Being active is good for both your mind and body and every minute of activity counts; the more you do the more you will benefit. Exercise can improve your sleep, clear your mind, boost your energy and help with back or joint pain.

In order to combine nature and exercise why not join the Parkrun? Parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Parkrun is 5k and takes place every Saturday morning. Junior Parkrun is 2k, dedicated to 4-14 year olds, and their families, every Sunday morning.

Parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit and no one finishes last!





Everyone is welcome to come along.

Parkrun is free and you only need to <u>register once</u> whether walking, jogging, running, volunteering or a combination.

There are currently 1,163 parkrun events around the country taking place every weekend, with more locations being added all the time.

You can go along to any event, any weekend. Find out more here:

https://www.parkrun.org.uk/















DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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DEADLINE FOR SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS
MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2025

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YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING
THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2025

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YEAR 7 MANDARIN DAY CELEBRATION FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025

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YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING
THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2025

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YEAR 10 SEVILLE TRIP
THURSDAY 13TH- 17TH FEBRUARY 2025

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LENT HOLIDAY

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 21

FEBRUARY 2025

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YEAR 7 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2025

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YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS
THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 7TH
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