



Becket Keys Church of England School

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SENDcO writes:**

Resilience and celebrating families

I am so pleased to be writing to the Becket Keys family as in January I returned from maternity leave to my role as SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-Ordinator). The last nine months has taught me lots about family life and I have been blessed to learn many new skills, including how to eat my dinner one-handed! I am hoping that my new skills as a parent will further enhance my role at school. During my time with my family, I was kept up to date by Mr Moyet and gladdened to hear about the fantastic progress of students and the school.

During the last term I have been reminded of the determination and resilience of Becket Keys students. As well as working extremely hard in lessons and studying at home, students have been responding to several challenges, including Year 11 and 13 mocks and Year 9 Curriculum Choices. Part of my role is to support and champion those children who are identified as SEND, or the term I prefer to use is 'neurodiverse.' Neurodiverse students face the same challenges as those students that are neurotypical, but they may have different barriers to their learning. With support from staff, the neurodiverse students at Becket Keys are amazing at identifying their own barriers, responding to them and overcoming them.

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This month I read an article about an interview with the creator of Microsoft and billionaire Bill Gates, where he spoke about his neurodiversity. On reflection, he now believes that he is on the Autistic Spectrum. He describes a childhood defined by his ability to hyperfocus on subjects he was interested in, his obsessive nature and his lack of social awareness. Gates says he hasn't had a formal diagnosis and doesn't plan to. "The positive characteristics for my career have been more beneficial than the deficits have been a problem for me," he says.



I hope and pray that the students at Becket Keys can take inspiration from Bill Gates: the challenges he was able to overcome with determination and the successes he was able to achieve with the skills that his neurodiversity brought. Finally, I would like to pray for all our families including our school family and community.

Prayer for Our School Community

Dear God,

We thank You for our wonderful school community. Please help our students stay strong and resilient, especially when they face challenges. We lift up our neurodiverse students and ask that they feel valued and supported.

We also pray for all families. Bless the parents, guardians, and caregivers who nurture and guide our students. May they find strength, love, and understanding within their homes.

Lastly, we ask for Your blessings on our entire school family. Help us support each other and work together in harmony.

Amen.

[Bill Gates says he has given away billions, but has more to give - BBC News](#)

Mrs Dowsett
Assistant Headteacher
SENDcO



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that we received an excellent preliminary verbal report from our recent OfSTED inspection. While the full written report will be published around Easter, I can share that we are immensely proud of our achievements. The staff, governors, and our expert trust are extremely pleased with the outcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all the staff, parents, and students who contributed to showcasing what an amazing school we are. The inspectors noted the overwhelmingly positive support from parents, which they rarely encounter.

I am confident that you will be very pleased with the final report when it is released. I look forward to sharing more details with you soon.

Best regards,

Mr. A. P. Scott-Evans
Head Teacher

English Interhouse Competition Round 3

This year we have launched the English Interhouse Competition. Over the course of this school year, students will have six opportunities to earn points for their house in an attempt to be the overall winner of the English Competition. Each term, we will run a round of this competition for Year 7 and 8.

Round 3 was "Design a bookmark based on your favourite book". There were a good number of entries (which made judging very tough) but eventually a decision was made.

Year 7

1st Place – Sebastian Ball 7EW

2nd Place – Zac Gosling 7FS

3rd Place – Melody Shanley 7FS

The points so far stand at:

- 7AC - 20
- 7EW – 58
- 7FS - 70
- 7HS - 3
- 7PP - 5
- 7WW – 3

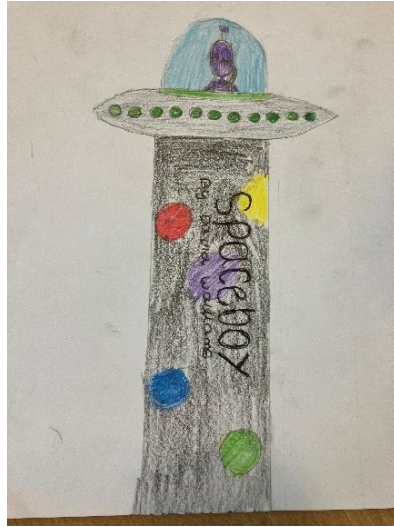
Year 8

1st Place – Imogen Forbes-

Buckingham 8AC

Points so far stand at:

- 8AC - 51
- 8EW – 1
- 8FS - 1
- 8HS - 1
- 8PP - 2
- 8WW – 1



Round three of our Interhouse competition started Monday 24th February. The challenge is to create a blackout poem on a topic of your choosing. Students will find guidance on this in "News for Today", which their form tutors will share. You have until Friday 4th April to get these entries in. Remember, you get points just for entering, so every entry really does count! I am looking forward to seeing all of these entries.

Miss White
English Teacher



Student Achievement Kitty Anderson Year 10

Recently I had the incredible opportunity to portray the character of Paula Cunningham on series 14 of Call the Midwife. Paula is a 13-year-old girl who finds herself pregnant, and she appears in episodes 1 and 8 of this series. It has been an extremely rewarding, challenging and exciting experience which has helped me improve immensely on my acting skills due to all the emotional and intense scenes! I had an amazing time on set and learned from the wonderful cast who made me feel very welcome – Stephen McGann, Jenny Agutter and Natalie Quarry as well as many others!

Paula Cunningham represents thousands of girls in similar situations and has opened my eyes to the difficulties of underage pregnancy and how important it is to support them. It emphasises the importance of sex education in adolescence which is something Paula unfortunately did not have access to because of her parents trying to protect and shield her. Make sure you watch episode 1 of Call the Midwife series 14 on BBC iPlayer, and tune in this Sunday- March 2nd to episode 8 for the conclusion of Paula Cunningham's story. Warning, you'll need your tissues!

Kitty Anderson



**CALL THE
MIDWIFE**

PARENTING TEENAGE BOYS

Special Guest Speaker Event

with

Andrew Hampton

Author of *'Working with Boys'* and *'Why Girls Fall Out'*

Date and Time

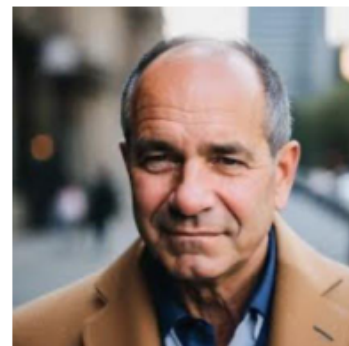
Thursday, March 27th, 2025, 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

Venue

Becket Keys Church of England School Main Hall

Event Highlights

- **Keynote Speech:** Insights on understanding and supporting teenage boys
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** Your chance to ask questions and engage with Andrew
- **Book Signing:** Opportunity to purchase signed copies of Andrew's books



Who Should Attend?

- Parents and Carers
- Educators and School Staff
- Community Members
- Students Interested in Youth Development

Admission

£5 for all attendees Please book your ticket via ParentPay to secure your spot. Friends and family are welcome, so kindly book the number of seats you require.

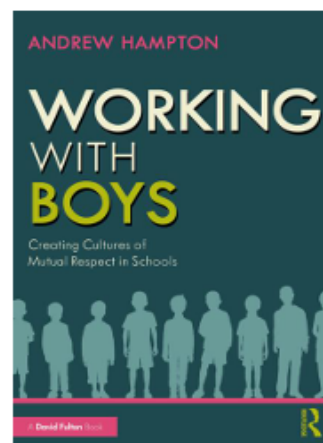
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Phone: 01277 286600

Don't miss this unique opportunity to gain valuable insights on boys' development and education from a renowned author and expert! Andrew is an education writer, thinker and trainer focused on the school-based relational cultures of boys and girls. Andrew was a Headteacher for 18 years and founded Girls on Board in 2017. He stepped away from Headship in 2021 and now dedicates his time to training teachers how to help girls in their friendships at school and how to help boys be the best they can be. He is currently writing a new book entitled 'How to Run a School', due to be published by Routledge in August 2025.





Many thanks to all those who supported the pre-loved uniform sale on Saturday. We raised £650!

Remember you can donate any uniform that is surplus to requires via reception at any time.

Late Gate

Early is on time

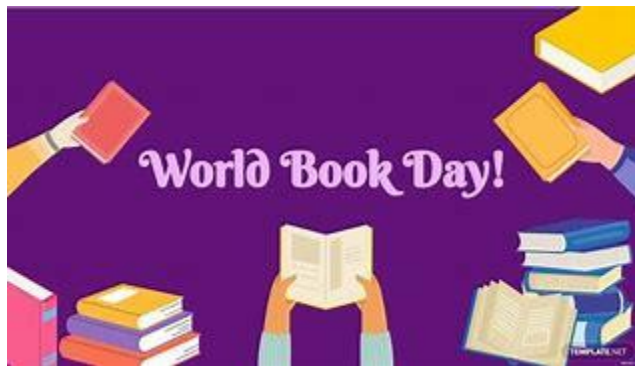
On time is late

And late is unacceptable!

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.



On Thursday it is non-uniform day for World Book Day. An email was sent before the Lent break with details about this. We are encouraging all students to wear something that represents their favourite book, book character or author. This could be a t-shirt or a pin badge. If students would like to, they can go slightly more elaborate and come in wearing a costume however, this is not a requirement. We are hoping this will be a good opportunity to celebrate our favourite books. We are asking for either a donation of £1 towards our school charities or a donation of a good quality book suitable for ages 11-16 to be added to our school library. Form tutors will be collecting the money/donations next week.



The 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

6th March 2025 Hosted by Mrs Trebess

6pm - 7pm **PARENT WORKSHOPS**

Each workshop will last 25mins. You can attend up to two workshops.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1245866162229?aff=oddtcreator>

01 Mrs Dowsett Online Safety	02 Mr O'Leary Reading and supporting your child in English
03 Miss Brown Effective Revision Strategies	04 Mr Hughes How to support my child with ADHD/ADD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder/Attention Deficit Disorder)
05 Mr Bay Cultural Capital: Historic things to do in the South-East	06 Mr Hogg Producing the NEA' (it is a practical production, not a written piece). This is specifically for Year 12 Media students.

We are delighted to be able to offer a number of informative workshops for parents so that they are able to support their son/daughter through their educational journey.

There are a number of workshops to choose from and they are 25 minutes in length, so parents can choose and attend two from those on offer; one at 6.00pm and another at 6.30pm.

Please book your sessions as soon as you can.

[Parent Workshop Booking](#)



Please make sure that your son/daughter has a reusable water bottle to make sure that they have adequate drinking water for the day.

Even when the weather is not hot it is important to keep hydrated during the day, especially on days when students are taking part in PE.

Remember that drinks are available for purchase from the Bistro at break and lunch.

Water fountains are available in the Bistro and Orangery for students to use at the beginning of the day and during break and lunchtime.

WATER IS NOT JUST FOR QUENCHING THIRST.

HYDRATION IS VITAL TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS. TO PREVENT DEHYDRATION AND LOW LEVELS OF ELECTROLYTES, YOU NEED TO STAY HYDRATED!



National Careers Week

National Careers Week (NCW) is a one-week celebration of careers guidance and free resources available to schools across the UK.

The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar, to help support young people develop awareness and excitement about their future pathways.



The resources and activities that are promoted during National Careers Week are available all year round so you can make use of CEIAG / Careers activities – whenever you choose to do them.

With over one million views of sponsor pages and content during Careers Week over the last three years, and over 100,000 resource downloads, this is a good time to get involved.

Careers Week starts on 3rd March 2025, so if you would like to find out more information about the Virtual Careers Fair this year, please visit:

[NCW 2025 Virtual Careers Fair](#)



Over 350,000 views of the 2024 Virtual Careers Fair



Over 43,000 resource downloads in 2024

VIRTUAL Careers Fair.

National Careers Week 2025

3rd - 8th March

[Find Out More](#)



STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE. DO AND TRY THINGS YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU COULD DO, IT MAY BE SCARY AT FIRST BUT IT WILL ALL BE WORTH IT IN THE END, YOU COULD FIND OUT THAT SOMETHING YOU ONCE DISLIKED COULD ACTUALLY BE SOMETHING YOU LOVE!

KELLY YOUNG, APPRENTICE

#NCW2025

NCW NatWest Thrive

Let's build your STEM future

Destination STEM provides support, advice, and opportunities to help you explore pathways into careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, develop your skills, and connect you with employers.



National Careers Week

Join us on the 3 - 8 March for a look into the world of careers during National Careers Week. Learn about careers in STEM

[Learn more](#)



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What's next?

Ready to take the leap? Learn more about further education, A levels, and career paths, as well as what to do if you don't know what to do!



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Careers

Explore STEM career pathways, careers advice and how to build your skills to make you ready for the job market.

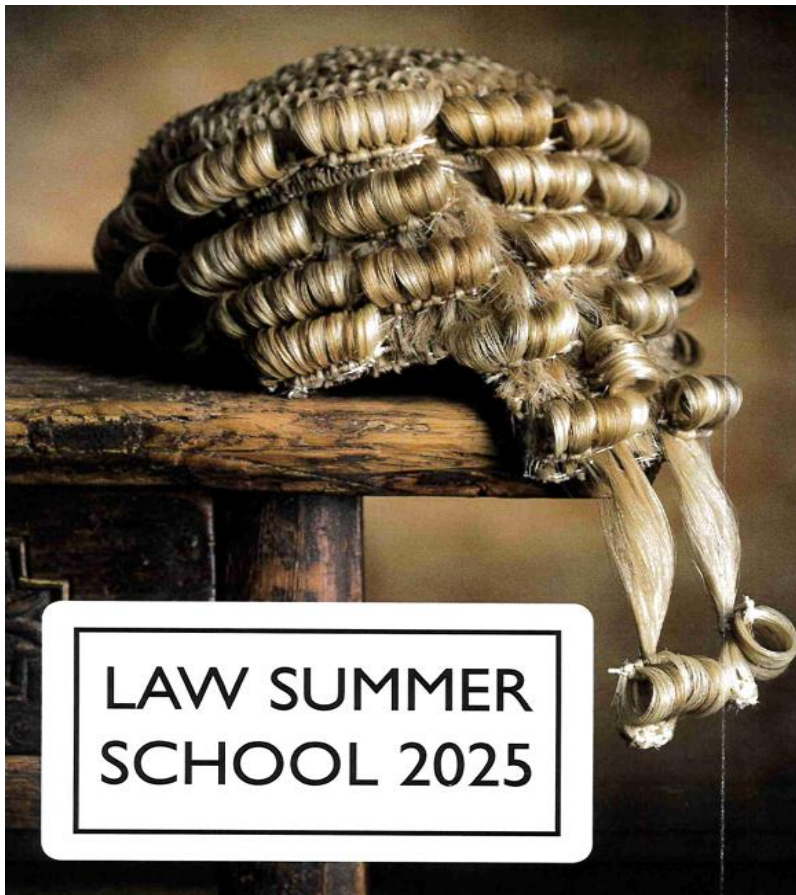


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Resources

Looking for careers advice? Find all the tools and resources you need to make informed decisions about your future

More Careers Information



LAW SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

The Law Summer School (Part 1) will include Criminal Law, Family Law & Jurisprudence and will take place on the 28th July - 1st August & 4th - 8th August.

The Law Summer School (Part 2) will include Contract Law, Civil Wrongs & Corporate Law and will take place on the 4th - 8th August & 11th - 14th August.

The Law Summer School (Part 3) will include International, Human Rights & Constitutional Law and will take place on the 26th - 29th August.

These courses are perfect for ambitious students aged 15-18 who want to explore the law in depth, gain hands-on experience, and develop skills essential for a future legal career.

Each Summer School features small seminar groups and hands-on activities like advocacy, legal problem-solving, negotiation exercises, and competitive debates. Students will also take part in a full mock trial, stepping into the role of barristers for the prosecution or defence.



See www.debatechamber.com for full course content, details of our fantastic tutors, information on fees & bursaries, and lots of reviews from previous students.

Book a place: Course fees are between £425 - £795, depending on the length and format of the course. A limited number of bursaries covering up to 90% of fees are available for students facing financial barriers.

Register at www.debatechamber.com, email us at info@debatechamber.com, or call 0800 810 1058 for more information.



Essex Opportunities

Welcome to the Apprenticeship Hub

Essex Opportunities is a one stop shop for information and advice on jobs, careers, skills and training.

Funded by Essex County Council, this portal has everything you need to help build a career. Use this portal to search for jobs, courses and apprenticeships based in Essex!

[Essex Opportunities](https://www.essex.gov.uk/essex-opportunities)

Register with the Apprenticeship Hub

School leavers can register with the Apprenticeship Hub for friendly help and support in finding the right apprenticeship.

If you are in **Year 11 or Year 13** in a school in Essex email us on apprenticeship.hub@essex.gov.uk to register.

We will match you with apprenticeship opportunities and invite you to a programme of events to support your search, plus send you weekly vacancy bulletins.

Email the Apprenticeship Hub team





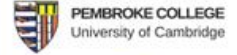
Pembroke College, Cambridge founded in 1347 by Marie de St Pol, Countess of Pembroke, is proud of its traditions. The third oldest of the Cambridge colleges, it was the first to have its own [Chapel](#), and in the stained glass windows there and in our recently renovated Library is evidence of the way we make light of that history.

Located in the heart of the University city, Pembroke presents a tranquil environment with varied architectural styles framing beautiful gardens and open courts. The College is an intimate yet diverse community, committed to welcoming students of exceptional talent regardless of their social, cultural or educational background. Pembroke thrives on conversations, between generations and disciplines - between undergraduates, graduates and senior Members, between current students and our alumni, and between the academy and the wider world.

Pembroke students enjoy extracurricular pursuits such as music, drama and sport as well as actively engaging in outreach and charity work. Pembroke regards a university education not just as an investment in one's own future

FREE EVENTS TO ATTEND AT CAMBRIDGE!

YEAR 12 EVENTS 2025



1

SUBJECT MASTERCLASSES

5th & 12th April 2025

Academic-led sessions give attendees the chance to explore a subject in more depth. The event also includes advice on making a competitive application to Cambridge, and the chance to talk to current students - hosted at Pembroke College!

www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12masterclasses



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REGIONAL CONFERENCES

March & April 2025

Cambridge comes to you!

Held in the North-West and East-Midlands. Subject-specific sessions delivered by academics, information stands, advice and guidance sessions, and a specific teachers' strand.

www.pem.cam.ac.uk/RegionalConferences

3

ARTS & HUMANITIES RESIDENTIAL

7th - 10th July 2025

Want to study an essay based subject at university?

Attendees will explore various Cambridge courses through academic taster sessions, meet current students, and experience Cambridge as a city!

www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12summerschool



SUBJECT TASTER WEBINARS

Various May - June 2025

Series of online taster lectures aimed at introducing you to courses offered at the University of Cambridge.

www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters

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OPEN DAYS

10th & 11th July, 12th September 2025

Explore Cambridge's Colleges and Departments, meet current students, academics and admissions staff. Visit Pembroke College to see if we are the place for you!

www.pem.cam.ac.uk/open-days



ALL FREE TO ATTEND!

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but as a means of enriching the world.

There are several events shown above planned in the next few months open days, masterclasses, an arts and humanities residential over the

summer and some taster webinars for the subjects on offer.

If you want more information before committing to a visit, why not take a virtual tour of the college [here](#).



What is Earniversity?



About:

At Earniversity, students learn multiple money-earning skills coupled with soft-skills and are provided with marketplace tuition on how to list, promote and sell their products and services. Coached by reputable subject-matter experts, Earniversity students are taught the modern-day skills they want to learn...

(1) How to earn some money, and (2) how to become successful while still young.

Mission:

To empower young people to become successful, ethical and knowledgeable by providing them with updated and consistent education in Entrepreneurship, Employability, and Finances and Impact skills.

Product:

Earniversity provides an end-to-end experience for young people to Learn life-impacting skills, Earn multiple streams of income, and Return something by making a positive impact in the world.



Welcome to Success, welcome to Earniversity.



FAST TRACK CHALLENGE

March 2025








A five-week programme coaching students on multiple money-earning systems, and how to promote their newly learned skills. ➔

Includes:

- ✓ Learning multiple money-earning skills
- ✓ Community support and guidance
- ✓ Affiliate marketing opportunities
- ✓ Certificate of completion
- ✓ Award, prizes and trophies
- ✓ Graduate employment opportunities *
- ✓ Skills for life
- ✓ And plenty more!

Opportunity: Free for the first 40 students
 – Normally £149 pp (First come, first served)





1. Content Creation

2. Reselling





3. In-person Services

4. Freelancing





5. Affiliate Marketing

- + Success Mindset
- + Employability
- + Entrepreneurship
- + Finances
- + Confidence



40 deserving students will receive a **FREE** bursary courtesy of Essex County Council... and all you have to do is: **Tell us why YOU should be selected.** - [Bursary Application](#)



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[Women in Business | Early Careers | PwC UK Careers](#)



[Summer internships | Early Careers | PwC UK Careers](#)



GREATER ESSEX CAREERS HUB

The Greater Essex Careers Hub work to ensure that every young person receives outstanding, relevant careers education throughout their time at school and college. They aim to bridge the gap between education and employment by bringing together schools and colleges with local employers to support them in delivering high quality, inspirational careers programmes for their students.

PE Extra Curricular - Term 4



Day	4.1 Lunchtime (11:50-12:30) 4.2 Lunchtime (12:40-1:20)	After-School (3:10-4:30)
Monday	TUP Badminton	Year 9, 10 + 11 Girls' Football Year 9, 10 + 11 Boys' Football All Years' Girls' Rugby
Tuesday	GCSE Intervention	Year 7 Basketball Year 8 Boys' Football Year 8 Girls' Football
Wednesday		Year 7 Girls' Football Year 10 + 11 Basketball Club Year 7+8 Boys' Rugby All Years' Hockey Club
Thursday	(4.1) Year 8 Basketball (4.2) TUP Basketball	Year 7 Boys' Football
Friday	(4.1) Year 9 Basketball (4.2) TUP Futsal	

- Keys:
- Astro
 - Sports hall
 - Main Hall
 - Field
 - Playground



Book of the Month - February



EVERY FIRE STARTS WITH A SINGLE SPARK

It is London, 1923. Dragons soar through the skies and protests erupt on the streets, but Vivien Featherswallow isn't worried. She's going to follow the rules, get an internship studying dragon languages, and make sure her little sister never has to risk growing up Third Class.

By midnight, Viv has started a civil war.

With her parents arrested and her sister missing, all the safety Viv has worked for is collapsing around her. So when a lifeline is offered in the form of a mysterious 'job', she grabs it. Arriving at Bletchley Park, Viv discovers that she has been recruited as a codebreaker helping the war effort – if she succeeds, she and her family can all go home again. If she doesn't, they'll all die.

At first Viv believes that her challenge, of discovering the secrets of a hidden dragon language, is doable. But the more she learns, the more she realises that the bubble she's grown up in isn't as safe as she thought, and eventually Viv must decide: What war is she really fighting?

This is an epic, sweeping fantasy with a Dark Academia setting, a clandestine, slow-burn enemies-to-lovers romance, and an unputdownable story, filled with twists and turns, betrayals and secret identities,

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 the local community, as well as across the UK.

The Foodbank Network was founded in 2004 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 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.



February Shortages

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Shampoo | Tinned Tomatoes |
| Corned Beef | Chilli-Con-Carne |
| Ravioli | Macaroni Cheese |
| Tinned Potatoes | Tinned Mixed Veg |

Your support makes our work possible



Brentwood Foodbank facilitated by Dodinghurst Road Church
Registered Charity Number 1171227



Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Café

**£3 for 2
Pancakes
and
Toppings**



St Thomas of Canterbury Church hall

MARCH 4th, 2025

Café Open 5.45PM-8PM (Last orders 7.45)

Please confirm if attending and number of guests

email sarahhoward84@icloud.com



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>.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 7 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2025

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YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 7TH
MARCH 2025

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WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025
(YEAR 7 OFF TIMETABLE)

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PARENT WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

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YEAR 8 THEATRE TRIP

WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION
THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2025

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GCSE AWARDS EVENING

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025

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EXTERNAL SIXTH FORM INTERVIEWS

MONDAY 24TH & TUESDAY 25TH MARCH 2025

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PARENT WORKSHOP

WITH ANDREW HAMPTON
'PARENTING TEENAGE BOYS'
THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2025

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EASTER HOLIDAY

MONDAY 7TH APRIL – FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025

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