



Becket Keys Church of England School

24th October 2025

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Mr Scott-Evans writes.....

Celebrating Equality and Saints Who Inspire Us

As we reach the end of this half term and look forward to the All Saints' holiday, it's a perfect time to reflect on the Christian values that shape our school community.

At Becket Keys, we are proud to uphold the principle of equal opportunity for all. Our updated Equal Opportunities Policy states:

"We are committed to providing an appropriate learning experience, in an environment free of prejudice and harassment, for all students regardless of their characteristics."

This commitment is lived out daily through initiatives such as:

- Culture Day, a vibrant celebration of diversity (see last week's newsletter).
- Curriculum enrichment, with art, music, literature and case studies that reflect a wide range of voices and experiences.
- Tutorial worship where we recently considered, for example, whether fashion teaches us about Black history.
- Opportunities for travel, giving students the chance to broaden horizons and learn from the world.
- Global flavours in our restaurant, with a new menu celebrating food from around the world.

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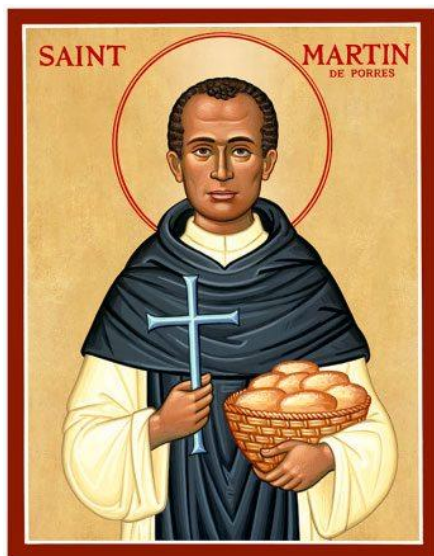
Art & Textiles Department

Excellent work from our talented students.

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These efforts are rooted not only in policy but in our Christian ethos. As we mark All Saints' Day, we remember those who lived lives of courage and compassion.



One such figure is St Martin de Porres, the patron saint of social justice. Despite facing racial discrimination in 16th-century Peru, he devoted his life to caring for the sick and poor, embodying the belief that every person is made in the image of God. He founded hospitals and orphanages and worked tirelessly for those on the margins of society. Canonised in 1962 by Pope John XXIII, Martin is honoured as the patron saint of social justice, racial harmony, and mixed-race people.

Scripture reminds us:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28



May this inspire us all students, staff, and families to continue building a school where everyone is welcomed, valued, and empowered to flourish. Our school Bible verse (John 15v16-17) includes the simple commandment: 'love one another'. It is a joy to work in a school where this is at the heart of all we do.

Wishing you a peaceful and restorative All Saints' holiday.

Best regards,

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher



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Many thanks to all those who donated items to the Foodbank this year. All contributions are appreciated!



Club of the Week

KS3 Science Club with Mr Achillea

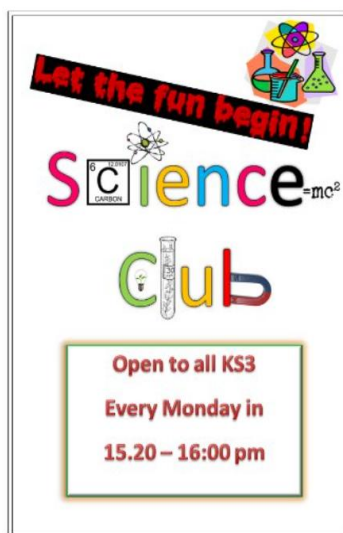
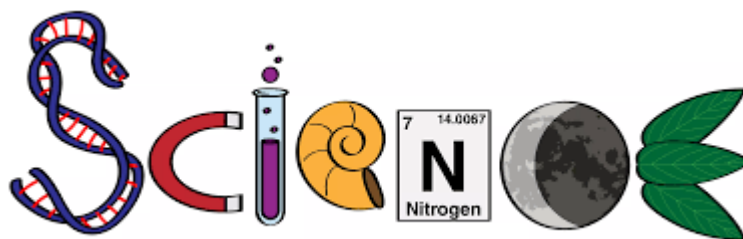
Science Club is after school every Monday and any student in Year 7-9 is welcome to join Mr Achillea in W21 for a chance to improve their Science skills and take part in additional practical experiments.

Mr Achillea shares.....

Our budding scientists have had a busy and exciting term in Science Club! They kicked off the year by investigating the chemistry hidden inside everyday fizzy drinks. Students explored the acidity of various cola brands and how they react with metal carbonates like limestone (calcium carbonate).

Before diving into the experiments, they learned essential lab techniques including using activated charcoal to remove colour and carefully filtering their samples to produce a clear solution ready for testing.

As we wrap up the term, Science Club students got creative with a hands-on project that turned everyday materials into something extraordinary. By mixing milk and vinegar, they produced bioplastic which is a natural plastic made from milk proteins. After separating the curds from the whey, students pressed the curds into moulds



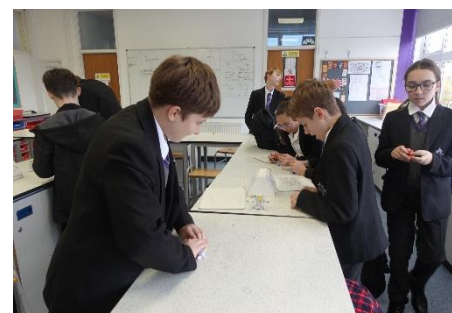
Come along and carry out projects and practicals that we don't do during science lessons!

Spaces are limited, so come along to avoid missing out.

Join Mr Achillea in W21.

and left them to set overnight. The next day, they unveiled their very own bioplastic keyring fobs.

One student shared: *I really enjoy coming to this club as we get an opportunity to make different things.*



School Trips - World Challenge 2027

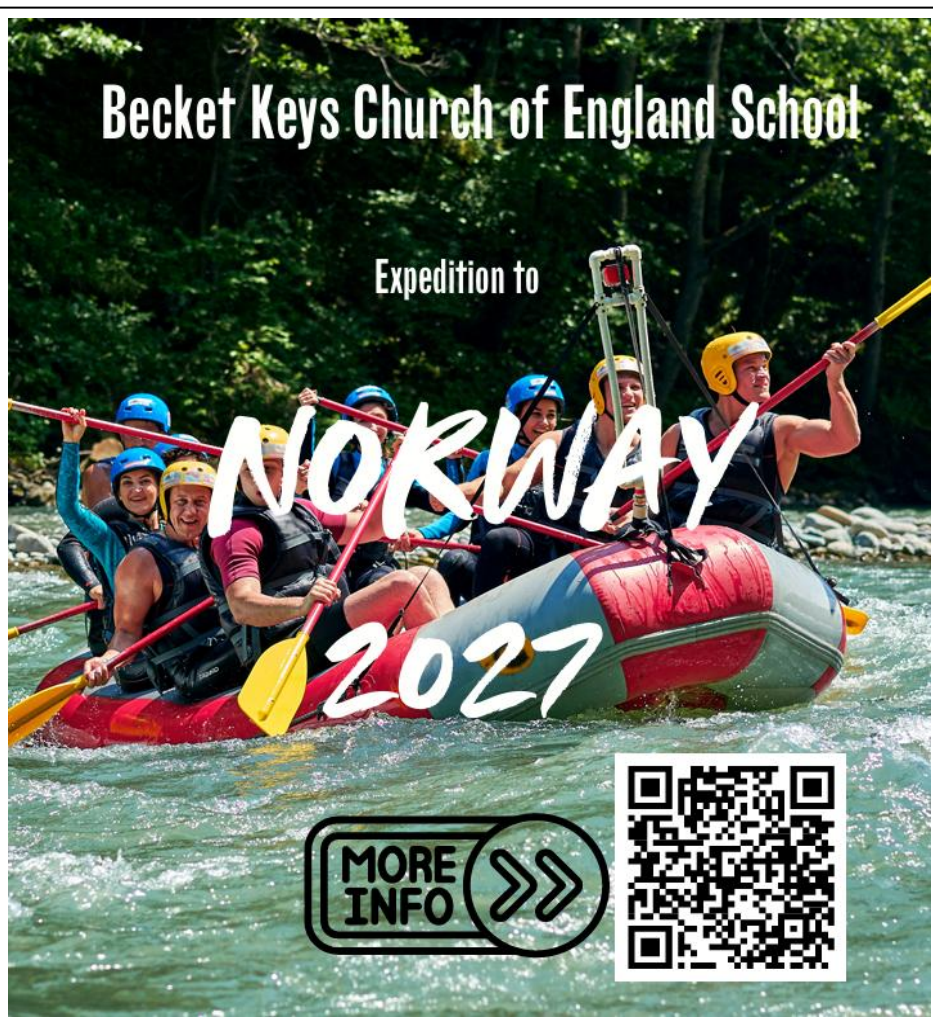


World Challenge Expedition Norway Adventure!

Calling all Year 10 & Year 12 students at Becket Keys! Are you ready to step out of your comfort zone and into the wild beauty of Scandinavia? Join us on an unforgettable World Challenge expedition to Norway, where adventure meets personal growth in one of the most stunning countries on Earth.

Why Norway?

- Epic landscapes: Hike through majestic fjords, explore glacial valleys and camp under the stars in pristine wilderness.
- Real adventure: Learn survival skills, navigate trails and take part in team challenges that build resilience and leadership.
- Culture & connection: Discover Norwegian traditions, meet local communities and experience life beyond the classroom.



What is in it for you?

- Boost your confidence, independence, and teamwork.
- Gain valuable skills for university applications, future careers and life.
- Make memories that will last a lifetime with friends and fellow explorers.

Your journey starts now
This is more than a trip; it is a challenge. You will help plan the

expedition, fundraise and prepare as a team. Whether you are in Year 10 looking for your first big adventure, or in Year 12 ready to push your limits before Sixth Form ends, this is your chance to do something extraordinary.

Are you ready to explore, grow, and lead?

Follow the link to sign up!

<https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/ewbu227/>

School Trips – Year 8 Residential Bude



Following the wonderful success of our previous trips to Bude in Cornwall, we are delighted to offer a similar experience in May 2026 where they will visit the Adventure Bude Outdoor Activity Centre. This fully equipped activity centre sits in the heart of the rugged coastline of North Cornwall – overlooking the Atlantic coast and the picturesque River Neet and Bude Canal. This unique location provides the perfect setting for a wide range of adventure activities. This trip provides an excellent opportunity to put learning into practice, develop communication skills, build confidence and develop friendships further.

The cost of the trip will be **£580**

This includes:

Accommodation (shared rooms in the Adventure Bude Outdoor Activity Centre) for 4 nights and 5 days (**Thursday 30th April to Monday 4th May 2026**).

- All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner).
- Coach to and from Adventure Bude Outdoor activity centre.

- A wide variety of outdoor activities including surfing, high ropes, caving, climbing and kayaking.
- Expert tuition from fully qualified instructors.
- Evening entertainment.

If you wish to find out more about the Adventure Bude Outdoor Activity Centre, then please visit: <https://adventure.uk.com/index.php>

So, are you Year 8 students ready for an unforgettable experience on the Cornish coast? Join us for the Adventure Bude trip where you'll kayak, climb, abseil and take on team challenges in one of the UK's most exciting outdoor centres.



Whether you're looking to build confidence, make new friends or just have fun in the fresh sea air, this is your chance to step outside the classroom and into adventure. Don't miss out!

If you would like your child to participate in this amazing experience an initial payment of **£185.00** will need to be paid by **Friday 31st October 2025** with the remaining balance of **£395.00** due by **Friday 27th February 2026**.

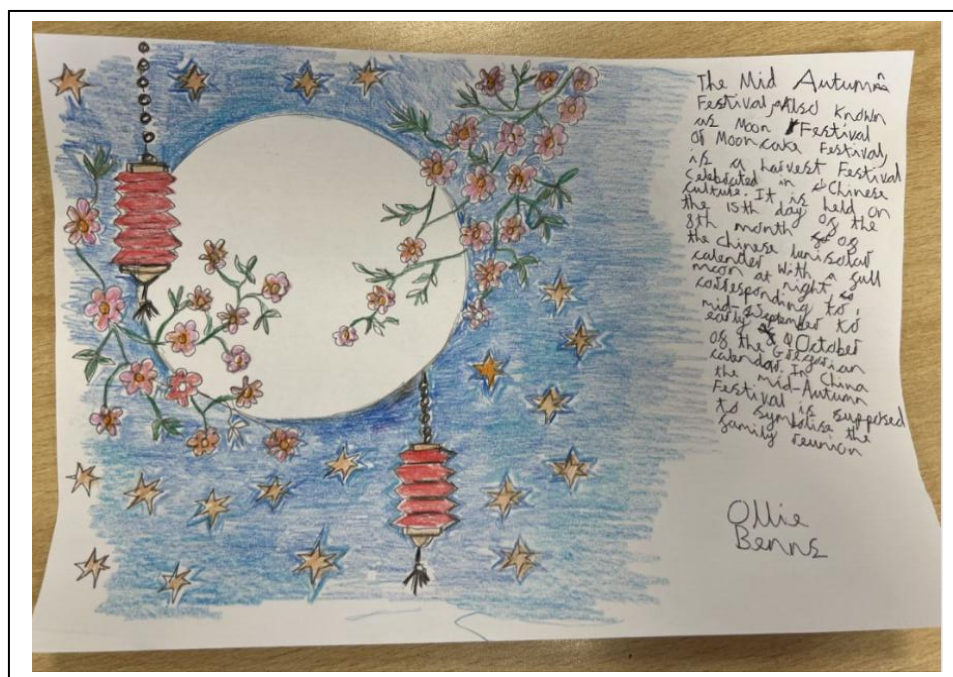
Mandarin Department

The Mid–Autumn Festival, also known as Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival, is a traditional festival celebrated in China. It is the second-most important holiday after the Chinese New Year with a history dating back 3,000 years.

The Mid-Autumn is on 15th August lunar month each year. This year it was on 15th of October. On this day, the Chinese believe that the moon is at its brightest and fullest size, coinciding with harvest time in the middle of Autumn.



In our Mandarin lessons with Year 7,8 and 9 MEP classes, Miss Tian and Mrs Zhang shared the legendary story of the Mid-Autumn Festival and explained to the students that Chinese families normally get together on this day to have a feast, followed by moongazing and eating the festival snack, mooncakes, a rich pastry typically filled with sweet-bean or lotus-seed paste or other savoury filling. The round shape of the mooncake symbolises the full moon and the family reunion.



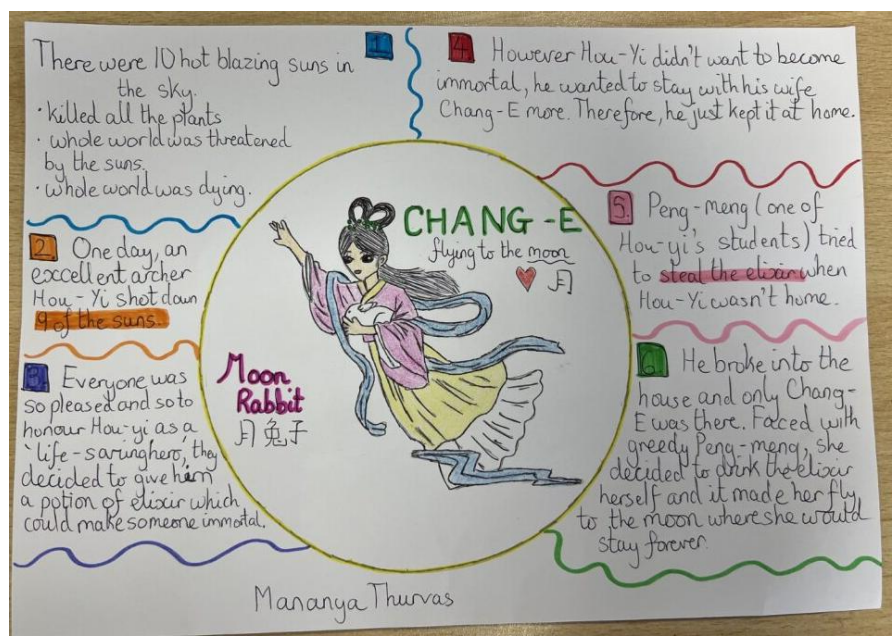
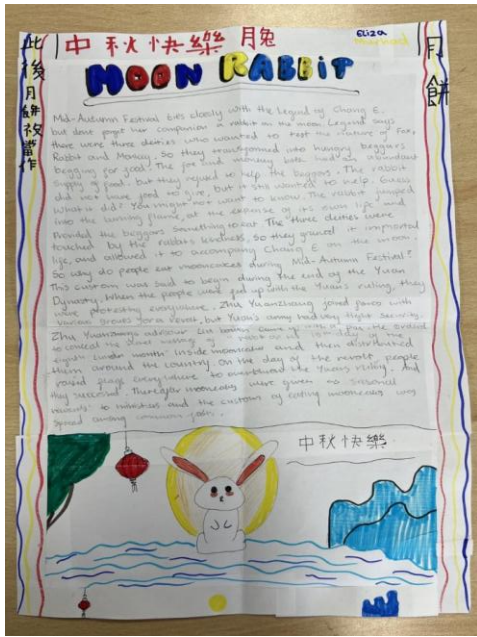
Our Year 7, 8 and 9 Mandarin Excellence Programme students were given the task to design a poster about the traditional Chinese festival for the poster competition. The work submitted showed the students had done lots of research into the festival. We are amazed by the high standard of the work that our students produced! The posters are not only informative, but also visually appealing, and they showcase the artistic skills our students have.

We are incredibly proud of our students!

Here are a few of the fantastic posters that were submitted.

Mrs Zhang & Miss Tian
Mandarin Department







JUMBLE SALE

THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH

SATURDAY 25TH October 23, 2025

10.00am – 3.00pm

DON'T

FORGET

If you wish to play football on the Astroturf at lunchtime you will need to bring in your trainers. The surface has been recently replaced and so only trainers are allowed on there and no food is to be consumed. Students are not permitted to play in their socks.

We are the Mental Health Support Team!

It's good to talk!

Talking to us can help stop difficulties from spiralling so you can enjoy school, time at home and time with friends and family.

Dealing with anxiety and low mood

Overcoming anxiety and low mood can be hard. But taking time to stop and learn how to manage anxious feelings, challenge unhelpful thinking and improve your mood can enhance your emotional wellbeing.

You are not alone

It's ok to not be ok. The MHST are specially-trained to help you with your emotional wellbeing. It is helpful to share your worries with someone you trust so you can work through your difficulties together.

Accepting that challenges are a part of life

Most people experience emotional difficulties at some point so it's important for you to acknowledge when this is happening and talk about it. This can help you understand how it affects your life.

Remember, these feelings will pass.



The Mental Health Support Team are here to provide support to all children, young people and their families with emotional wellbeing in schools and colleges. To find out more about the service, scan the QR code to visit our website or talk to school staff.
www.nelft.nhs.uk/essex-mental-health-support-teams

LOST PROPERTY

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.



Calling Prayerful Invigilators: Join Us in Supporting Our Students!

Becket Keys Church of England School is preparing for its November mock exams, and we are reaching out to our school community to invite you, or other Christians that you know, to join us as prayerful invigilators.

This special role involves quietly supervising students during exams while praying for their peace, focus, and future. It is a meaningful way to serve, offering spiritual support in a moment that can be filled with pressure and uncertainty for our students. Since its introduction a few years ago, it has become a unique and distinctive school initiative. Prayerful invigilators spend around 90 minutes in the exam hall, walking quietly, supporting with small practical tasks, and most importantly, lifting our students up in prayer.

We are looking for volunteers from Monday 17th to Thursday 27th November. Full training and insurance will be provided, and volunteers are welcome to choose any day(s) that suit their availability.

If you feel led to support our students in this way, please complete the short form: <https://forms.office.com/e/16kZAq7LHR>.

Please also feel free to share this invitation with anyone who you think may be interested. We would love to see a large group of parents and community members supporting our students in prayer once again this year.

Thank you for your continued prayers and your partnership!

Mr Andy Scott-Evans
Head Teacher

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 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.



Student Achievement

Henry Monksfield Year 9

Henry Monksfield is in Year 9 at Becket Keys and he recently travelled to Budapest to participate in the Boxing International Tournament. This was Henry's first competition representing Brentwood Central Boxing Club and the Brentwood community.

Henry performed exceptionally well and achieved some superb results. His hard work, dedication, and attitude truly reflected the values of the club. Everyone was incredibly proud of his achievements and the way he represented both himself and the club at such a high level.

Henry previously participated in Jujitsu and when he was ready for a new challenge, he decided to try boxing as his Uncle was a boxer and his Dad had connections at the Brentwood Central Boxing Club.

Henry has also recently received a Jack Petchey Award on the 22nd September for his commitment and progress since joining the club a year and a half ago. Henry said, *"I really enjoy attending the club each week and particularly like sparring with different partners, I am hoping to make it to the Nationals this year"*.

[Home - Brentwood Central Boxing Club](#)



Chess Club Tournament

On Thursday, our Becket Keys Chess Team competed for the second year at the English Chess Federation regional qualifier held at Brentwood School. This was an Under 19s tournament with six chess players per round for each team. Competition was as tough as ever, and we got off to a challenging start in the first round against the Brentwood School's A team.



However, our players showed focus and determination with some very close matches. The second round against The Royal Hospital School, Ipswich saw us gain 2 wins and some exciting games to match. In our final round we played another Brentwood School team and managed to gain another win from Board 1, which is the board facing the strongest opponent. This competition was a fantastic opportunity to play some very high-level chess whilst showing focus, concentration and resilience against some of the best chess players in the country. Well done to our amazing chess players Bhav, Jake, Thomas, Rohan, Sam A, Sam W and Charan.



Chess Club is open to all, beginners and experienced players are very welcome. Every Tuesday lunchtime in Library B.

If any family has a chess set, they are no longer using then we would be delighted if you would donate it to the school for the club.

WEEK 3

Week Commencing: 08/09/2025 29/09/2025 20/10/2025

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Kung Pao Chicken, Wholegrain & White Egg Fried Rice

TUESDAY

Mac n Cheese Bolognese Served with a House Salad

WEDNESDAY

Roast Shoulder of Pork or Salt & Pepper Roast Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Chicken Korma with Pilau Rice

FRIDAY

Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Asian Vegetable. Soya Bean & Noodle Stir Fry (VE)

TUESDAY

Plant Based Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Smashed Butternut Squash Mac and Cheese with Slaw and Garden Salad (V)

THURSDAY

Cauliflower Bhaji Served with Pilau Rice & Minted Yoghurt (V)

FRIDAY

Chickpea, Carrot & Sesame Burger, Asian Slaw, Chips & Peas (V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Chocolate & Banana Brownie

TUESDAY

Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard

WEDNESDAY

Sticky Lemon Sponge & Custard

THURSDAY

Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce

FRIDAY

Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

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



MADE YOUR WAY!

CHOOSE IT! ADD IT! TOP IT!

Switch up your flavours with our street food-inspired range, available **Tuesday to Thursday**. With weekly rotating choices, there's always something tasty.

Choose a base, add protein, and top it your way!

Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

NATURALLY

MONDAY

Fork Friendly Falafel Kebab (V)

TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (V)

WEDNESDAY

Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)

THURSDAY

Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE)

FRIDAY

Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Pasta in a Cheese Sauce

WEDNESDAY

Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza



Books of the Month - October

KATE MOSSE
FEMINIST HISTORY FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR

Did you know that Aretha Franklin was the first woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? And that a Black woman discovered the cure for leprosy?

Feminist History for Every Day of the Year tells the story of women's and girls' history, sweeping across the world and through the ages, and Black History for Every Day of the Year gives you new insights about well known figures and inspirational unsung heroes.

Discover something new every day.

DAVID OLUSOGA
BLACK HISTORY FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR
YINKA OLUSOGA KEMI OLUSOGA

School Bags

- Year 7 and 8 must use the school bags purchased from SmartyPants.
- Year 9 and above - Rucksack and/or messenger bag: **Plain black** - no commercial logos bigger than 7cm width; prefer Becket Keys logo.
- Sports Bag: Becket Keys logo bag available from SmartyPants.



School Shoes

- Boys - Traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes – lace up shoes to have black laces. No trainers or boots, no white or coloured laces. Lace up shoes preferable to Velcro. No sandals.
- Girls - Traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes – lace up shoes to have black laces, no trainers or boots. Lace up shoes preferable to Velcro. No kitten heels, sandals, platform shoes, ballet pumps, white or coloured laces.



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Appeal for Donations

Wool & Craft Club

Wool and Craft Club has been a tremendous success and extremely well attended, and we are now appealing for any crafting supply donations to ensure that students can keep creating lots of wonderful crafts.

Do you have any crafting items that could be used for Wool and Craft Club? We are particularly looking for donations of any of the following:

Blank cards with envelopes
Pipe cleaners
Crafting beads
Crafting scissors
Ribbon & coloured cord

Plain and patterned craft paper pads
Stick on gems
Hot glue gun and glue sticks
Wool
Pine Cones

OR anything else that would be suitable to craft with.

Donations can be left in Main Reception for the attention of Mrs Simmons

THANK YOU



Art Department with Mrs Brassett

Star Artist of the Week!

Ethan Wilson Year 8



Ethan is a keen and talented artist who has attended art club since Year 7. Ethan has begun to develop his own style and has created some fantastic pieces so far this year!





Ivy Nicholls

Yr 8



Alisa Borman

Year 12



Sauda Rahman

Year 12



Imogen Sawyer

Year 8



Scarlett Massey Year 10

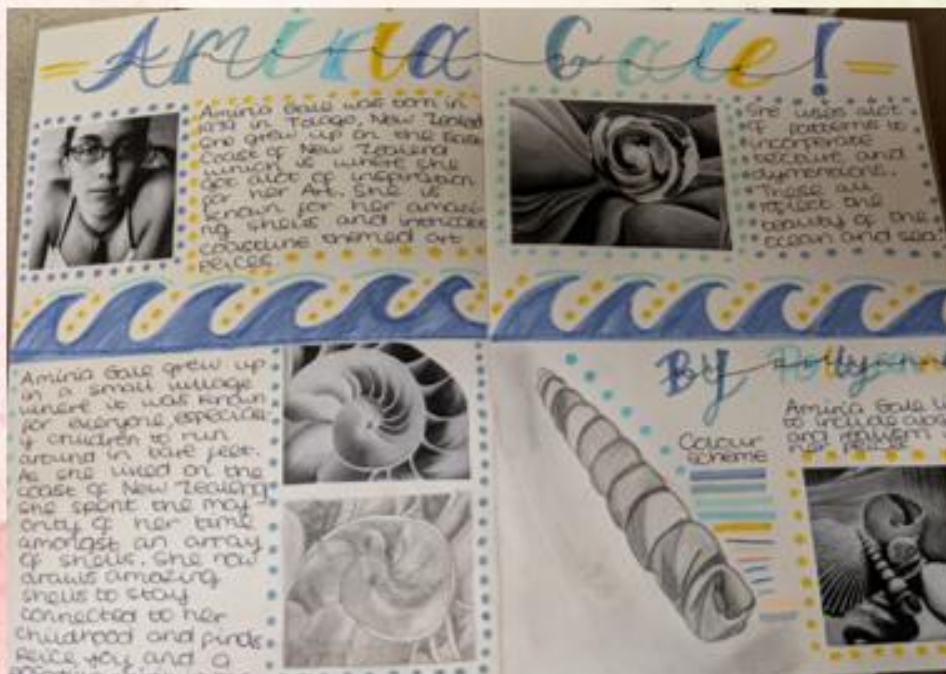


6th Form Art Trip to The Victoria & Albert Museum





Beau Ayres Year 13



Year 9
Artist
Research

Sports Fixtures Round Up



Girls' Netball Year 9 – Netball Rally

On Thursday 16th October, the Year 9 girls' netball team attended a rally at Brentwood School. The team were placed second, only two points behind Shenfield! All players played amazingly well, and Arabella, Elsa, Amelia and Anna won player of the match in some of the games.

The team put in a strong performance beating St Martin's, Brentwood County High School, Anglo European and Brentwood Ursuline. The games against Brentwood and Shenfield ended in a draw so we walked away undefeated and scored many goals!

We are looking forward to the rest of the season.

We were all thankful that Lois came along to Brentwood at short notice when we realised that we were a player down due to injury. We hope that Arabella makes a quick recovery and joins back with the team soon!

Elsa Wade
Year 9

Girls' Netball v Brentwood Ursuline - Year 9

Despite the slippery court, the girls pulled through with a final score of 31-24. Amelia had a great game playing Centre and worked tirelessly to move the ball down the court, whilst Lois' interceptions were key to much of our success.

Elsa's precise passes to Bella and Rose were outstanding! Delilah created lots of chances for the team and was always ready on the Centre for third back up. Rose's impressive shots and split jumps kept the pressure on the Ursuline players and Evie's strong defence against a six-foot-tall shooter was brilliant as she made many tips! Bella's incredible performance as goal shooter, scoring vital shots earned her a well-deserved 'player of the match'.

Anna Benns
Year 9

Brentwood Girls Rugby



U9's - U16's

Training Tuesdays 6:30pm

Enquire by contacting below:
Head of Girls Rugby: Harry Adams
Email: brentwoodblazeladies@gmail.com
Mob: 07780900500

King George's Playing Fields
Ingrave Road,
Brentwood Essex,
CM13 2AQ

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY
 YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS
 MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER –
 FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

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ENRICHMENT DAY
YEAR 12 LONDON CHALLENGE
 THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING
 THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
 SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
 10.45AM TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT
 WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2025

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LAST DAY OF TERM
STUDENT HALF DAY
 THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
 FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025 –
 FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026

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INSET DAY
 (NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
 MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026

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