

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

Matthew 7:3

Becket Keys Church of England School

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On Thursday 30th September 2021, Pastor Peter Jordan from Sawyers Church came to answer any (and all!) questions that my Core Religion class had. This sort of experience is common at Becket Keys Sixth Form as we are all encouraged to get involved with our local community and discover as much as possible. However, this was a little different.

Pastor Jordan was an excellent speaker, and it was a shame that we were limited to only 50 minutes of interaction. However, two weeks prior to the Q and A session, we were given a heads up by Mr Scott-Evans that we should prepare some questions to ask

the guest. But this is all the forewarning we had, the nature and theme of the question was up to us.

Personally, I struggled to come up with questions that were original and challenging for Pastor Jordan, as well as questions that I actually wanted to know the answer to. Finally, I found a rich vein of questions that I took a liking towards. My first was: **Do you think society would/could exist without religion?** Pastor Jordan's reply was as follows: *No, I don't believe it could. I was a policeman when I was younger and the way that we handled things and the way the justice system works, there are many similarities to the 'rules' of many religions. For example, the ten commandments of Judaism and Christianity can be seen in the laws of many countries.*

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This was an intriguing answer that provoked thought and discussion not only in the session but also within friendship groups. The consensus was that without religion, how is 'right' and 'wrong' defined? You need religion, whether you are a believer or not, to function within society, otherwise, 'right' becomes anything for selfish gain and 'wrong' becomes anything that harms personal profit.

Pastor Jordan then went on to talk more about his younger experiences and life as a policeman in east London. He explained the difficulties of remaining a Christian in the force as it was hard for him to share his faith and slowly Jordan drifted from God. Jordan was aware of his wanderings and as things became harder in the police, and as he experienced more and more horrible situations, Pastor Jordan was struggling. He described a particularly terrible case which nearly sent him to the point of no return, but instead he decided to revisit a church and reconnect with God. He used the word '*catalyst*' to show how the things he saw as a policeman sped up the process of returning to God. I really enjoyed this story as it emphasised how, out of the suffering of this broken world, God prevailed to bring home the one who perseveres.

This led to the next couple of chapters of his life and his journey into Pastorsehip. Pastor Jordan's spiritual experience of

reconnection and the feeling of warmth of God's love enraptured him again inspiring him to stay in the police force until he was ready for leading a church. Now he is the Pastor for Sawyers Church which meets at Becket Keys every Sunday. In addition to this, he is also involved in training new and young pastors to feel confident in God in their endeavours.

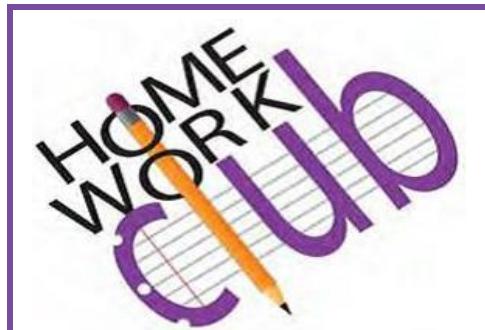
This brings us to my final question that I posed to Pastor Jordan: **What is more important for you: strengthening your faith? Or the faith of your congregation?** I could tell by his facial expression that this was the sort of challenging question that he could sink his teeth into and discuss! *This is a tricky one, whichever answer I choose has potential criticism. Okay, I think that strengthening your own faith is more important, purely because I believe you cannot lead others, such as a congregation, if you yourself are not in a good position with God. How about you, what do you think?* He had thrown the question back at me, something which is not done very much at these sorts of events, but I enjoyed the opportunity to share what I thought. At this point I quoted ***Matthew 7:5 "first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*** This is the Parable of the Log and the Speck, and I used it to explain that I agreed with what he had said, it would be hypocritical and foolish to try and lead others if you cannot walk

yourself. As a young Christian myself, this is helpful as it gives clarity on how to care for those around you, by not judging but by leading by example.

Thank you, Pastor Peter Jordan, your life stories, and answers to all our questions were amazing to listen to and we hope you will come again to share new stories, answer difficult questions, and occasionally ask questions of us.

Tobias Hancox

Year 12



Remember that Homework Club is up and running! Every afternoon after school students can stay until 4.30pm and complete their homework in C11.

All year groups are welcome to attend and if there are a lot of students who wish to make use of this opportunity, we will open other rooms.

Using Homework Club is just one way we provide for students who do not want to leave site at 3.10pm. Avoid the traffic! Stay here for a while!



Year 11 Students - Sixth Form Event

We would like to invite Year 11 students and their parents to find out more about the Sixth Form at Becket Keys because we want to help you to decide whether our distinctive approach is right for your Sixth Form education.

In order to help you with this choice this year, we are hosting a live subject fair on **12th October**, giving students and parents a chance to meet with teachers and discuss subjects face to face. Please see our website for booking details at <https://www.becketkeys6th.org/>. Here you will also find online our Course Guide and other materials that will help you.

These events are open to all Year 11 students so please feel free to invite your friends who attend other schools in the area.

Home Testing

[Get your test at school or college](#)

Covid-19 Home Test Kits

All students have now been offered home test kits. If your child has not received a kit and wants to test, please ask them to collect from reception. More tests have been made available today via form tutors to ensure they have enough for continuous testing.

As a reminder, if your son or daughter is taking part in the Covid-19 home testing, please remember to conduct your tests on a **Wednesday and Sunday**.

[Please find here a step-by-step guide to COVID-19 self-testing.](#)

You must upload your results to: <https://testregister.co.uk/login> and then follow the steps to the Government website.

Test Register has been updated, if you need to change any details or if you have any queries regarding this process please contact: office@becketkeys.org

THE SCHOOL NURSE IS AVAILABLE – JUST NOT ON SITE!

Help and advice in relation to:

**How can you make contact?
Use 'CHAT Health'**

This is manned by a School Nurse between the hours of 9-5pm Monday to Friday, and they will respond to all messages within 24 hours Monday – Friday. The aim is to provide a timely, and convenient access to confidential health advice for every young person in Essex.

Phone or text: 07520 615732

No parental consent required for students aged 13 and over.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS3 'TIME TO SHINE' 3.15pm-4.15pm RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	KS3 & KS4 'TECHNICAL CREW' 1pm-1.30pm RH1 (Mrs Barr)	KS5 'Applause Co.' 3.15pm-4.15pm RH2 (Mrs Barr)	KS3 'TIME TO SHINE' 12.00pm-12.30pm RH2 (Mrs Barr)
YR9 & YR10 'PAGE TO STAGE' 3.15PM-4.15pm RH2 (Mrs Condon)	KS4 'Practical Showcase Rehearsals' 3.15pm-4.15pm RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr)		KS5 Applause Co. 3.15pm-4.15pm RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr/Mrs Palmer)



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4.1 (Lunch 1)			*Theory Club 8am	Year 7 Keyboard Orchestra	
4.2 (Lunch 1)				Year 8 Keyboard Orchestra	
3:15pm	Orchestra	Senior Choir (Yr10-13) Junior Choir (Yr 7-9)	Forte Drumming String Ensemble	Stage Band	Rock Factory

- We have two choirs - one for Year 7-9 and one for Year 10-13 on a Tuesday.
 - If you are in Year 7 and 8 and play netball after school on a Monday, you can alternate and go to Orchestra one week and netball the other.
 - We have 4 new extra-curricular groups being offered this year. Forte Drumming for those interested in drums, String Ensemble for those who play violin and cello and two separate keyboard clubs for Year 7 and 8.
 - You can have lessons at school on the following instruments: violin, cello, trumpet, piano, guitar, bass guitar, saxophone, flute, clarinet, voice and drums.
- Speak to your music teacher for more information.

YEAR 7
All Saints'
PARTY

21ST OCTOBER
6PM-9PM
BECKET KEYS, SAWYERS HALL LANE

DT
DAN TODD

MARX

ENTRY: £5 // MUSIC // FOOD // GAMES // ENTERTAINMENT
PAY VIA PARENT PAY

Reminder!

Uniform

All students are required to wear smart shoes and not trainers.

Students in Year 7-9, should have their long hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up/half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please

Students should not have any extreme hairstyles and hair must not be dyed, no shapes cut into the hair e.g stripes or undercuts and long hair is not permitted in Year 7-11.

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 ‘fashion items’, no ‘puffer’ jackets.

Bags should also be plain black.



Book of the Month - October

THEY'RE COMING...
SWARM RISING
TIM PEAKE
and Steve Cole

From astronaut Tim Peake and bestselling author Steve Cole: exciting action-adventure rooted in cutting-edge space-age science and technology. When Danny is kidnapped by Adi - who can run through brick walls and make cars drive on water - he realises that all humans are in danger. Adi is part of a super-advanced hive mind, the Swarm, which intends to protect the Earth from the environmental catastrophe caused by the human race. Adi - Alien Digital Intelligence in the form of a girl - can bend the laws of physics and control digital data, but as a digital being she wants to know what it's like to be human. Which is where Danny comes in. But what exactly is the 'help' the secretive Swarm is offering? Can Danny and his friend Jamila help Adi stop the Swarm Agents and give humanity a second chance?

Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.

Mandarin Department – MEP Hurdle Test



Mandarin Excellence Programme

What is hurdle test?

Every year, our Mandarin Excellent Programme students will have a hurdle test as the end of year exam. Their four skills, listening, reading, writing, and speaking will all be tested. In other words, the MEP hurdle test is like a mini-GCSE exam.

Because of the pandemic, the hurdle test was replaced by a showcase in 2020. So, this year was the very first time our MEP students took their hurdle test, and they have done an amazing job!

The results for each year group are here:

Year 8

58.6% of the students achieved Gold
31% of the students achieved Silver
10% of the students achieved Bronze

Year 9

23.8% of the students achieved Gold

38% of the students achieved Silver
28.6% of the students achieved Bronze

It is worth mentioning that several students in both year groups have achieved outstanding grades, their score exceeds 90%. This is even harder, especially for Year 9, because of the large amount and depth of the knowledge they need to master.

Below is the list of these outstanding students:
Congratulations to all our students on their commitment and hard work, especially for achieving such a good result in

spite of very difficult circumstances. We want the 2021 Hurdle Tests to be a celebration of hard work and determination.

I would like to take this time to thank all the families for your continued commitment, both to the programme generally, and in particular for the support on the Hurdle Tests this summer.

Mrs Yanyan Zhang
MEP Co-ordinator



Year 8	Year 9
Esme Hodges	Amabelle Trinder
Olivia Snowsill	Siddhika Sharma
Milo Waters	Joshua Witchalls
Jaye Adeuga	Minela Kupryte
Alexandra Terrell	Olivia Banfield
Evanthe Antoniou	
Kelly Gjonaj	
Daisy Godfrey	
Chloe Dyson	
Millie Johnson	
Joshua Eida	

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

The Harvest Appeal at Becket Keys may have finished however you can still contribute to the local Foodbank.

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 after four years of developing the original foodbank based 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 2019/20, The Trussell Trust's Foodbank Network provided 1,900,122 three-day emergency food supplies and support to UK people in crisis. Of these, 720,504 went to children.

To find out more about The Trussell Trust go to their website: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

It is not right that anyone in our community should have to face being hungry. That is why the foodbanks were set up to provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to

local people who are referred to them in crisis.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone

referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

To find out more about the Brentwood Foodbank and how you can help please visit their website:

brentwood.foodbank.org.uk

You will find details of where you can donate food and the most needed items. There is a box available at the front of the Sainsburys store in Brentwood that you can add to when you do your weekly shop.



BRENTWOOD FOODBANK
REQUIREMENTS
OCTOBER 2021

Demand is increasing and our stocks are decreasing – we appreciate your help in keeping us stocked up so that we can continue to meet the demand—Thank You

Tinned Goods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meat Pies, Rice Pudding, Custard Potatoes, Salmon All Day Breakfast, Ham, Meat Balls, Hot Dogs, Fruit. Chicken Stew Irish Stew Beef Casserole, Curry's Mince-Onion Tomatoes Evaporated Milk 	Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasta Bake Sauce Jars, Bags Rice, Sugar, Milk, Cartons Juice Jams & Spreads Razors, Deodorants, Toothbrushes, Shaving gels & foams, Toilet Rolls Shampoo Baby Food—Rusks, Jars, Pouches, Rice etc Baby toiletries Nappies size 5 & 6
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Food Department

Recipe of the Week

This week Mrs Mullan is sharing one of her best-loved recipes. Mrs Mullan often bakes this for her friends and family and it is considered the best carrot cake recipe!

Ingredients

Zest and juice from 1 orange
 50g sultanas
 150ml sunflower oil, plus extra for greasing
 2 eggs
 140g soft light brown sugar
 85g wholemeal self-raising flour
 85g self-raising flour
 2 tsp each ground cinnamon and 1 tsp ground mixed spice
 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
 140g carrots, coarsely grated
 50g walnuts, chopped, plus a few halves to decorate

For the icing:

- 200g soft cheese (I always use full fat Philadelphia)
- 50g butter, softened
- 85g icing sugar, sifted

Method

If you are able to plan ahead, the night before, put the orange zest and juice in a bowl with the sultanas. If you do not have time for this then simply stir the zest, juice, and sultanas together and microwave on Medium for 1-2 mins.



Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.

Grease and line the base and sides of a 2lb loaf tin.

Whisk together the oil and eggs.

Mix the sugar, flours, mixed spice, cinnamon, and bicarb in your largest mixing bowl. Add the sultanas with any juice and zest left in the bowl, grated carrot, walnuts and whisked egg mixture into the dry ingredients, then thoroughly mix with a wooden spoon.

Tip into the loaf tin and bake on the middle shelf for 1 hour, or until a skewer comes out clean.

Cool the cake in the tin.

Once the cake is cool, remove from the tin and make the icing. With an electric whisk beat together butter, cinnamon and icing sugar until it comes together and is smooth. It takes a little while to come together (will look like breadcrumbs for a bit). Add the cream cheese and beat briefly until soft and smooth. Be careful not to overbeat or the cream cheese may split and become runny. Spread over the top of the cake and decorate with walnut halves.

Enjoy!

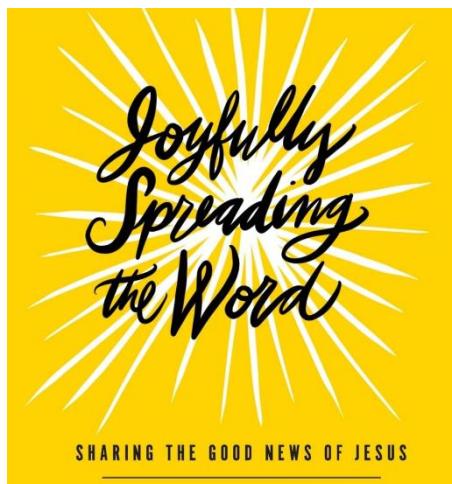
Mrs Mullan
Food Teacher

PAUSE

How do we share the Good News of Jesus?



I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to all families within our school community who have contributed to this year's Foodbank appeal. Our donations will enable Brentwood Foodbank to reach



out and support people through hard times. **Although we are barely into October, it is time for our Christmas Card competition**, in order for our winning designs to be professionally printed in time!

Charitable giving and the act of sending cards can both share the Good News and demonstrate God's love.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

The real Christmas story is the story of God's becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. **Why did God do such a thing?** Because He loves us! **Why was Christmas necessary?**

Because we needed a Saviour!

Why does God love us so much?

Because He is love itself (1 John 4:8).

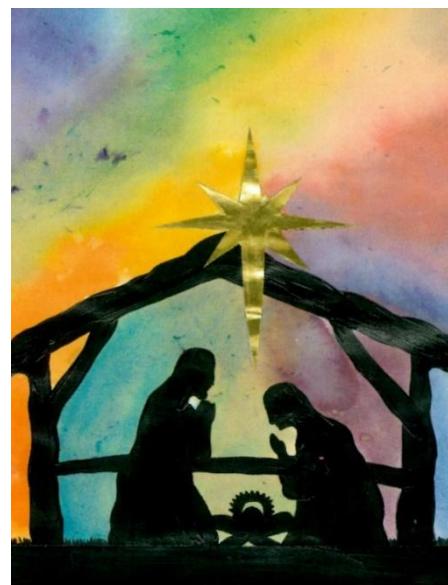
Why do we celebrate Christmas each year?

Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshipping Him, and being especially conscious of the less fortunate.

God loved His own and provided a way (the only Way) for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free

from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

With this in mind, Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength.



The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of God's ultimate gift: the birth of Jesus, the Christ child.

To all our students who take part in our Christmas card competition: **How will you communicate the true meaning of Christmas? How will your design encourage others to rejoice? How will you design bring a message of love, hope, joy and peace?**

**Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher**

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Want to see your design in print and used for the Becket Keys Church of England School Christmas Cards 2021?

Fancy winning a £20 book token and 20 cards to use for your own purposes? This competition is open to all year groups. Template on Satchel One.

COMPETITION
TIME



Designs for the Becket Keys Church of England School Christmas Cards 2021 must be returned to Reception by Tuesday 2nd November.

- ✓ DO: A5 portrait or landscape designs.
- ✓ DO: Colour or black and white. You can use pencils, pen or paint.
- ✓ DO: Stay within the guidelines of the sheet provided on SMHW.
- ✗ DON'T: Include any text.
- ✗ DON'T: Use computers.
- ✗ DON'T: Use glitter or stickers.

ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT



Designs which reflect our Christian Ethos are particularly encouraged.

Please speak to Mrs. Sharp if you have any questions.



Word of the Week

preposterous

In sentences:

1. William Tyndale, who first translated the bible into English, used the new word 'preposterous' in 1533 to criticise the behaviour of King Henry the 8th.
2. Even though the plan sounds preposterous, I think it can be done.
3. It is preposterous to assume you can go to university without studying.

Meaning: going against common sense; absurd or ridiculous

Etymology: From the Latin 'pre' (before) and 'poste' (after), so meaning getting things muddled up or out of order.



We are pleased to announce that the School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is now every Wednesday 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, please enter via reception.

If you have any prayer intentions, please send them into the school via the office email: office@becketkeys.org



Sports News

Year 9 Girls' Netball



The Year 9 netball team had a fantastic start to the season with a 29-7 win on Wednesday.

The girls went out and fought for every ball from the moment they stepped out on court. The play was fast paced, skillful and a pleasure to watch.

Lexie Kerry was voted as player of the match by the opposition and she very much deserved that title, Lexie was consistent and controlled the game with confidence.

Isabelle Boon was Ms North's player of the match as her shooting was incredibly accurate and her movement and passing in the circle was outstanding. Well done girls we are very proud of you.

Ms North
PE Teacher

Year 9 Boys' Basketball

The Year 9 boys' basketball team opened up their season against Boswells.

The match was even with end to end basketball being played. The score was tied at half time, however during the third quarter Boswell managed to stretch to a five-basket lead which unfortunately was not clawed

back enough for there to be a turnaround for the Becket Keys team.

The standout performances were from Zak Amachree who had strong rebounds at both baskets and Oliver Turner with fantastic positional awareness and Luke Coombs with endless work rate.

We look forward to working together in training so we are ready for the next fixture!

Mr A. Lane
PE Teacher

BRENTWOOD NETBALL CLUB
ARE LOOKING
FOR YEAR 6 & 7
PLAYERS!

VENUE: ST MARTINS SCHOOL, HUTTON CM13 2HG

WHEN: WEDNESDAY'S DURING TERM TIME
5:50PM-7PM

please contact:
secretary.brentwoodnetball@gmail.com
to book your two week free trial



Art Department

This weeks Newsletter is dedicated to Year 12 and their fantastic efforts in the first term!



Year 12 Artwork



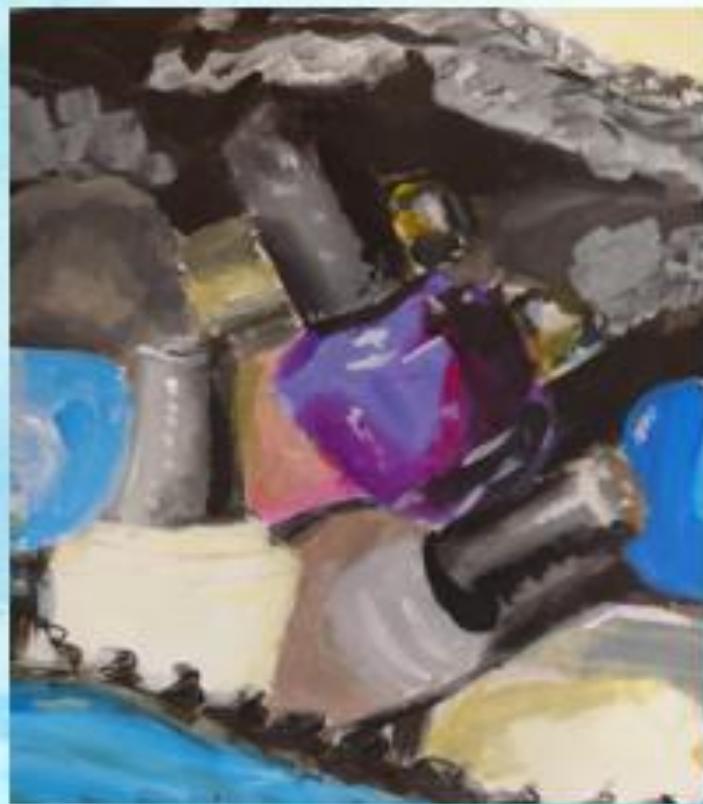
Danilo De Vito Yr 12



Cordelia Hoxha



Alex Miller



Rhea Patel



Aurora Bould



Eva O'Flynn



Jessica Lambert



Kayla Hamber



In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

This week, we are showcasing the fantastic work done by Y12 students, during the summer, as part of their bridging activities. Here are examples from all five of the students taking Textiles for A Level this year.



Charlotte Hope Y12



@becketkeysart



Jessica Perkin Davidson - Y12



@becketkeysart

Jess Prentice – Y12

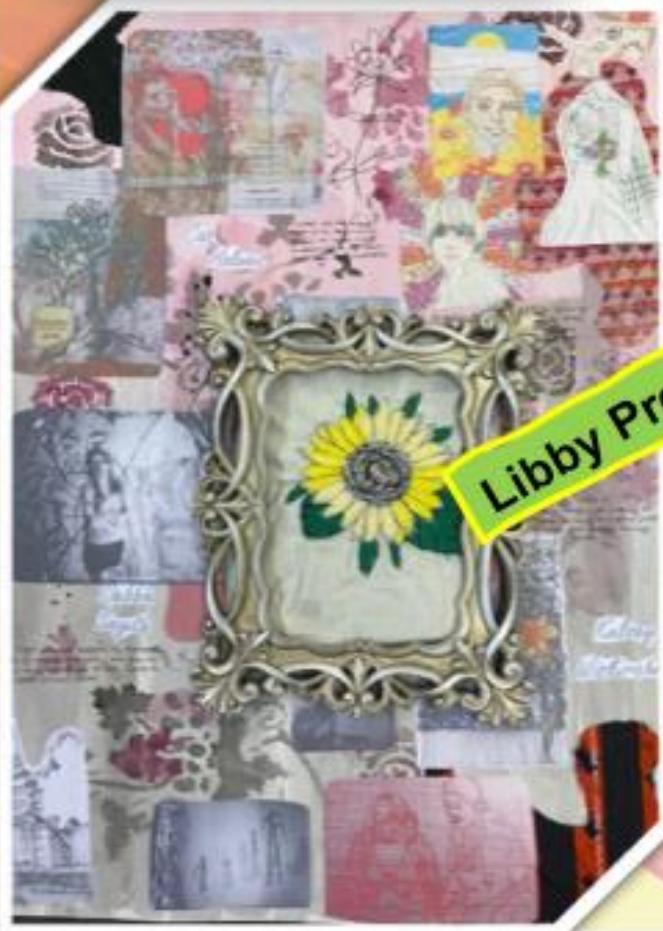


Embroidey
Illustrations

Sarah Walton



Libby Prentice – Y12



@becketkeysart

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENTS

TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER

SCHOOL VISIT & SUBJECT FAIR

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2021

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS

MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER

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STUDENT HALF DAY

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2021

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021 –

MONDAY 3RD JANUARY 2022

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