



# Becket Keys Church of England School

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### How not to revise.

We are now a couple of weeks into the formal exam season. With the majority of exams still to take place and the Whitsun holiday ahead of us, I thought I would take a moment to offer some advice to those students who still (despite all our advice) are not sure how best to revise. My thanks to [Inner Drive](#) for once again inspiring much of my material today.

First, let me tell you some of the things you should definitely NOT be doing if you want to do well in exams. You will not like the first one!

- 1. Do not have a smart phone!** The best thing to do is to hand in your phone until the end of the

exams. It is the biggest time-wasting drain on



your schedule. Just get rid of it. Failing that, the next best thing to do is to make your smart phone into a 'dumb phone'. Make it black and white (in accessibility settings), remove all social media, Netflix, apps, games and any other distractions. Only keep things like exam timetables and the basic functions. If you do that you will save hours every week and massively increase your

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Church of England School

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chance of securing good grades. This step costs nothing but will raise your grade far more than any other intervention I can offer due to the sheer number of hours you will gain in a week!

2. **Do not revise whilst listening to music.** The latest research by Perham and Currie shows a clear negative impact. Those who revised in silence achieved 61% success, those who listened to music with no lyrics achieved 55%, those who listened to songs with lyrics only achieved 37%! Music is a distraction and takes up processing space. Stop listening to music while revising, and you will get a higher grade.
3. **Do not just read, re-read and highlight.** These activities take a long time and have very little positive effect on exam results. All the evidence shows that although it feels useful it is usually actually a waste of time.



So, what are the best ways to revise? Lots of testing (known as retrieval practice) done in silence is the best strategy. Here are my top tips to make this even more effective.

1. **Use spacing.** One hour of Chemistry each day for five days is much more effective than cramming for five hours on one day. Space out your revision! A 2007 study by Rohrer and Taylor showed that the students who spaced their revision scored 74% accuracy in their exam compared with only 49% for those who crammed.
2. **Use interleaving.** 30 minutes of Shakespeare, 30 minutes of Spanish Vocab, 30 minutes of Trigonometry, 30 minutes of River Erosion etc. is much better than longer blocks.
3. **Use brain dumping.** Take a topic, write down all you can remember in silence with no reference to notes. Check what you forgot. Add it in using a different colour from memory. Then check a third time. What did you still forget? Add it in using another colour.
4. **Use flashcards.** Make them for each topic. Check the [Leitner system](#) for how to use them with spacing and interleaving.
5. **Plan answers to questions.** Take a long answer question. Plan out

your response as if you were in the exam. Do this for several questions. Check your plan against the mark scheme. Past papers and mark schemes are all available on the exam board websites. You can find a list of our exams [here](#). Use the list to look up the exam board and specification.



6. **Write quizzes.** Write questions for yourself and give the answers. Then hand the quiz to a family member to test you on it. You must get tested on it. It is not good enough to just read the quiz through. By being tested you will build your strength for the stresses of the exam. You can do this with key vocabulary/dates/quotes quite easily, but do not waste time testing yourself on things you know that you understand already!
7. **Practise introductions and conclusions.** It is a good idea to practise opening/closing paragraphs to essay questions that you think will come up. Write some and check with your

teacher to see what s/he thinks.

8. **Reduce to three.** Read a section of notes and then push yourself to reduce the content of what you read to three bullet points (no more than ten words each).
9. **Transform.** Read a paragraph or two of important science or geography or history content then transform what you have learned into an image with no words. Or vice versa: take a diagram, study it carefully and then change it into a paragraph of explanation.
10. **Collect and connect.** Think about topics which are linked and search for quotations/practitioners/key facts that will apply across all of them. Learn these facilitating facts off by heart through regular testing. Make flashcards to help.

Feeling inspired? Ready to take the plunge and commit to getting rid of the phone for a month and dedicating yourself to the task? Well, here's my final 3 step plan to get you going.

**STEP 1:** If you have not already done so, make a list of what you need to revise. Highlight the things that you find difficult. Stop wasting time revising the stuff you know well. Focus on the hard bits you tend to avoid. Remember this year there is the advanced

REVISION TIMETABLE		 gcsepod education on demand						
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
9AM								
10AM								
11AM								
12PM								
1PM								
2PM								
3PM								
4PM								
5PM								
6PM								

information for each subject at [GCSE](#) and [A Level](#).

**STEP 2:** Make a spaced timetable. Study each subject little and often. Mix up subjects and topics. Keep going with a mixture every day. Be sure that you will cover everything you really want in the time you have. Again, be ruthless, cross off the things you know well and study something hard!

**STEP 3:** Get started! Use the methods I have described. Test yourself, in silence, with no music. It is not glamorous or easy, but it works.

I really hope that this article helps. I shall be praying for all our students in all year groups as they set about revising this Whitsun. The school website has lots of details about our [curriculum](#) and the [exams](#). Have a look!

I also want to wish Year 8 all the very best with the trip to Norfolk; I hope you have a fantastic time.

The weather looks like it will be superb for you.

I must also finish by congratulating Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee. A tremendous achievement and act of service to this great nation. May you all enjoy the pleasures of the Bank Holidays and hopefully some good weather for your various parties, events and celebrations.



**Mr Scott-Evans**  
Headteacher

PS Hand your phone over to your parents now! You can thank me in August.



## Equipment for Exams

As the exam season begins, we want to remind you what equipment your son/daughter will require for his/her exams:

- Black pens – biros are best.
- Bring more than one! Do not write in any other colour or with pencil.
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Compasses
- Highlighters – for use with questions only, not answers.
- Calculator – make sure you clear anything in the memory and leave the lid at home.
- Coloured pencils – for DT.

Everything should be stored in a clear pencil case/bag. **There is no need to bring a glue stick.**

Things not allowed in an exam are:

- Mobile phone
- Watch – any type of watch is now forbidden, not just a smart watch
- Correcting fluid/tape or erasable pens
- Notes/papers
- Food or drink – only water in a clear bottle is allowed.

Unauthorised items should either be left at home or in a coat/bag on the school grounds. Invigilators will give you an opportunity to hand unauthorised items to them before the exam begins. If you have made a genuine mistake and forgotten to take something out of your blazer pocket, this is the best time to hand it over.



Remember that all correspondence to the school must come through the school office email:

[office@becketkeys.org](mailto: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/contact-staff>

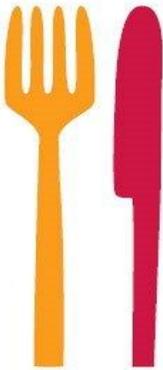
You can also now reply directly to any message you receive from BromCom, just hit the reply button and it will go to the office.

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.

Many thanks for your understanding.

# Free School Meals



## Free School Meal Vouchers Whitsun Holiday

Further funding for Free School Meal vouchers for the Whitsun break 2022 has been allocated by the local authority. As with previous holidays, we will be using the school voucher system, Wonde, to issue vouchers.

Parents and carers of eligible students will receive an email from Wonde next week to allow them to claim a voucher for £15 for this period. Please check your junk mail if you have not received this by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The email will contain a link to 'redeem a voucher'. You will be taken to Wonde's 'evouchers' page (previously named Schoolvouchers), where you will need to enter your details and confirm your email address before being asked to select the retailer you wish to receive a voucher for. You will then be given a PIN and the option to view the voucher. Having confirmed the PIN, you will be issued your voucher. The voucher barcode can be printed off or scanned on a smartphone for use in-store.

Details of the process and more questions about evouchers can be found on their website - [eVouchers](#)

Evouchers have now introduced an app to make it simpler to access and use vouchers. This can be downloaded via either the Apple App Store or Google Play. Further information on how to access and use the app can be found here – [eVoucher help](#)



## Friends of Becket Keys

### Penny Richardson Stepping Down

Mrs Penny Richardson has been a volunteer at Becket Keys for a number of years, she was a founder member of the Friends of Becket Keys PTA, served as treasurer for that organisation and has been active in assisting to organise many events to raise money for the school.

In recent years Penny has also been the driving force behind the nearly new uniform sales that have been so beneficial to families at the school. Nearly new uniform has been sold to make sure that items are affordable and sales also raise funds for the school. In the recent sale alone Penny and the other volunteers raised nearly £900!

Penny will be standing down from this role at the end of the academic year and so we would like to show our appreciation for all her hard work. If you would like to donate to her collection you can do so via your ParentPay account.



## Focus on Careers



**OPEN DAY**

Study at  
Access Creative College

Tuesday 5th July  
6pm

Meet the team  
Learn about courses  
Try our equipment  
Explore the campus

**OPEN DAY**

Sign up today  
by scanning  
the QR code

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**Uptree**

**Introduction to Apprenticeships and  
Early Careers**

**Thursday 7 July 12:45 - 13:15**      **Online via Zoom**

**Session objective:**  
To gain insights into apprenticeship opportunities and learn more about the early careers space.

**Session overview:**

- Introduction to Uptree
- What are apprenticeships
- Benefits of apprenticeships
- How you can support your child in their next steps
- Q&A

**For parents/carers of young people**

The world of work is rapidly changing and it's important that young people are supported with up to date information.

Join our parent/carer talk to find out more about opportunities your child might be interested and explore how you can support them to bridge the gap between education and employment.

To sign up or for more information contact: [Caitlin@uptree.co](mailto:Caitlin@uptree.co) | 07395 795 524



### Business Admin Assistant Trainee – Telecommunications, Structured Data Cabling & Security

We are looking for a competent Office Assistant Trainee to help with the organisation and running of the daily administrative operations in one of the company's divisions.

The ideal candidate will be hard-working and with training be able to undertake a variety of office support tasks and work diligently under pressure. This person will be comfortable working with a high degree of attention to detail as well as incorporating new and effective ways to achieve better results.

Main duties include:

Answering the telephone and email support requests (1<sup>st</sup> Line) . Resolving customer problems and responding to requests or issues. Create and update records ensuring accuracy and validity of information. Schedule and plan calendars and update to "back office" system. Carry out financial and accounting functions associated with the role and perform general office duties.

#### Requirements

- Excellent organisational and time management skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and proficiency in MS Office especially Excel
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## Apprenticeship Opportunities

Baker Labels are offering some fantastic opportunities for enthusiastic and committed individuals to join the busy print studio at our facility in Brentwood, Essex. This is a great chance to gain experience in the print industry and progress your career whilst having the added benefit of being able to earn while you learn in a fun, dynamic and rewarding environment.

### Studio Apprentice Apprenticeship Level Print Operator (Level 2) Pre-Press Operative

In this role the apprentice will learn all aspects of the pre-press file preparation within Bakers, as well as a background knowledge in the print processes used.

The successful candidates will be computer literate to enable

efficient use of the Studio's artwork software programs.

### Finishing Apprentice Post Press Level 2 or Level 3 apprenticeship

In this role the apprentice will learn all aspects of the post production processes within Bakers.

Full training will be given to all the successful candidate. This role will be working within a factory environment. This is an excellent opportunity for the right candidate to take their first steps into a career within the UK printing industry.

Duration 18-24 months

### Planning Apprentice Print Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship

In this role the apprentice will learn all aspects of the print production processes within Bakers. These include, but are not limited to:

- Flexographic & Digital print techniques,
- Finishing processes,
- Artwork pre-flighting,
- Order planning,
- Press scheduling,
- Purchasing etiquette for tooling and other print consumables.

Full training will be given to the successful candidate. You will primarily be working within a

busy office environment but will also have periods of on press training situated in our state-of-the-art press room facility.

### Apprenticeship Level

- Advanced Level Apprenticeship Level 3 (A level)

### Desired skills and personal qualities for all posts.

- Communication skills
- IT skills
- Attention to detail
- Organisation skills
- Administrative skills
- Team working
- Initiative

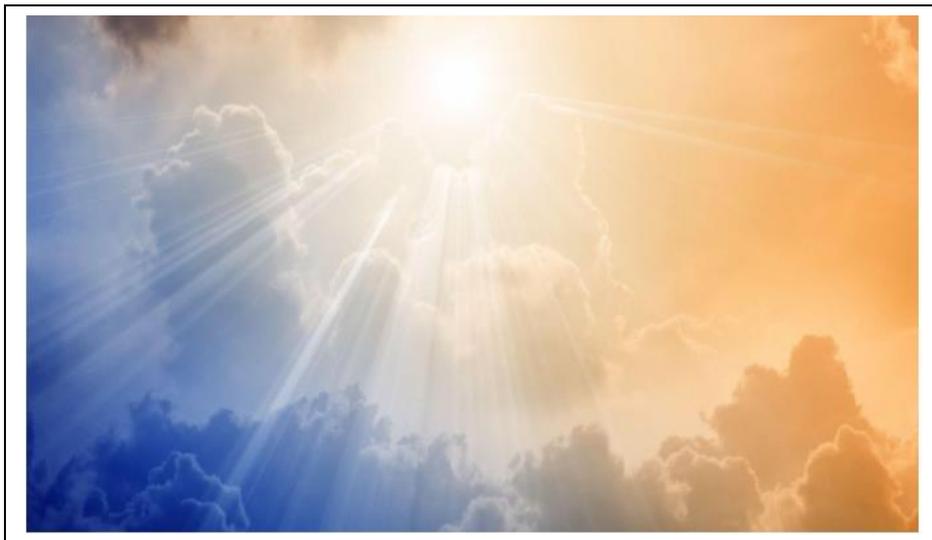
### Qualifications

- GCSE or equivalent English (Grade 5 or above) essential
- GCSE or equivalent Maths (Grade 5 or above) essential
- These are excellent opportunities for the right candidates to take their first steps into a career within the UK printing industry.

For more information or to apply please contact:

Clare Coles 01277 281900 or via email  
Clare.Coles@Bakerlabels.co.uk

# PAUSE



## The Ascension of Jesus

Yesterday, we celebrated the great feast of the Ascension. It is the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Easter. Jesus had completed his work here on earth and ascended to Heaven. This allowed the Holy Spirit to come down later at Pentecost and begin to build God's Church here on earth. Christians are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us.

The words of Ephesians 1:18-19 speak of the new life that is ours in Christ:

***'May you know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe.'***

Our **hope** is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus overcame sin forever, meaning that we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face. We have been reconciled to God. We are no longer strangers. Every day, we can live in **confidence**, knowing that our God is with us to strengthen, guide and comfort us.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us. Jesus has opened the door for us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are **fully loved and accepted** as God's children, and we will live with him forever.

We live every day in the hope of our **eternal inheritance**, however, we can begin to taste these **blessings here and now**. This is part of the 'immeasurable greatness of his power in those who believe.' Before Jesus returned to his Father, he lifted up his hands and blessed his disciples. They worshipped and praised him (Luke 24:50-53). We too are blessed by the promise of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

### Take time to reflect:

As the disciples watched Jesus being lifted to heaven, do you think that they would have been tempted to feel abandoned and panicked about their risen Lord leaving the earth? Think of a time in your life when you felt as if Jesus had abandoned you. **How can Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit**

**(Acts 1:5,8) bring you comfort at such a time?**

Exercise your hope throughout the coming week, by calling to mind Jesus' death and resurrection and the salvation he won for you on the cross. **How can you more fully place your hope and confidence in these truths?**

**Have you "tasted" the blessings here and now of your eternal inheritance?** Ask God for the power of his Spirit in your life.

### Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, we rejoice in your ascension to the right hand of the Father. Help us to know your presence with us now. Teach us to live this life in a way that draws us to you. Thank you, Lord, for offering us a share in your heavenly life. By your Spirit help us live as children of God in hope, for your praise and glory. Amen.

**Mrs Sharp**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

## Exam Prayer for Year 11 and 13 students:

Jesus,

This exam season is challenging, and I have mountains of work ahead of me, yet I trust in you. I know that when I put my faith in you, even when it is as small as a mustard seed (Luke 17:6), miracles can be accomplished. I pray that as I study in these coming weeks, as I soak up knowledge and memorise facts, as I read and process and write, that you would be renewing my mind and strengthening my spirit. Help me to persevere through my busy schedules and help me to keep my eyes fixed on you throughout it all.

As I enter the exam hall, I pray you would blanket me in your peace. Ease any anxieties, calm my restless mind, and give me focus on the task at hand. I pray that I would know my worth is in you alone, not in any grade I do or do not get. I pray that I would feel your presence during my exams, and that I would be comforted by your nearness.

Thank you for the gift of this education, Jesus. I pray that these exams would be a celebration of all I have been learning, and that I would be grateful for all that I have experienced. May I recognise all the ways in which I have grown.

May you be glorified, Lord.

**Amen.**

**SOUTH WEALD FESTIVAL  
SCHOOL CONCERT**

PRESENTED BY

**BECKET KEYS**  
Church of England School

**St Peter's School**  
Church of England School

**ST PETER'S CHURCH**  
**TUESDAY 21 JUNE, 7.00PM**  
**ENTRY £5 (CONCESSIONS £3)**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE**  
**FROM BOTH SCHOOLS OR**  
**CONCERT@SOUTHWEALDFESTIVAL.CO.UK**

## Uniform Donations Required

Due to the success of the latest Nearly New Uniform Sale (which raised £900 pounds for the school fund) we are now in need of some donations to replenish our stocks.

If your son/daughter has uniform that they have grown out of please consider donating it to the school. It can be sent into reception any day with your son/daughter.

**NEXT SALE**

**AFTER SCHOOL**

**THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**



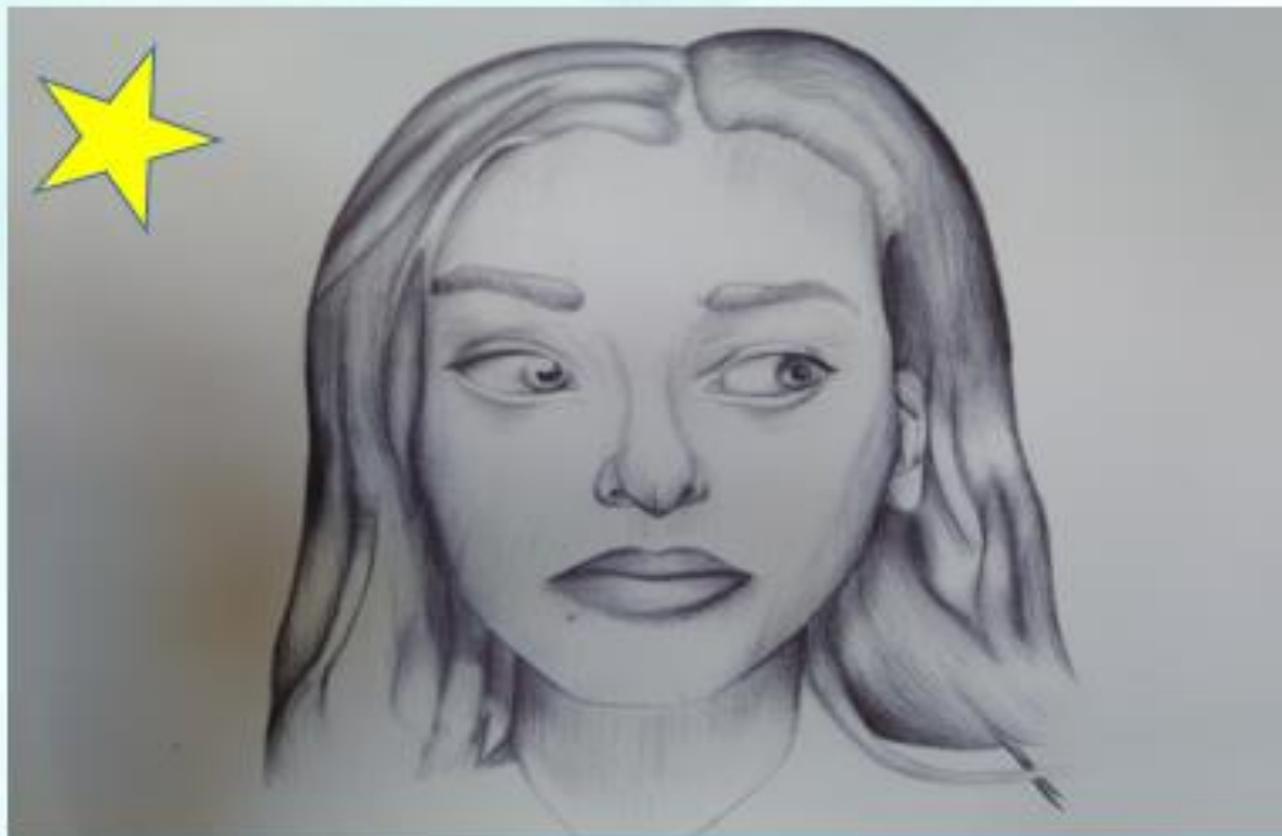
# Art & Textiles

Here are all the wonderful pieces from this week with

Mrs Brassett.

**Star Artist for Art**  
**Kayla Hamba Yr 12**





**Hannah Thomas Yr 11**



Krasi Daneva Yr 8

'The Queen'



@becketkeysarttextiles

# A Level Fine Art





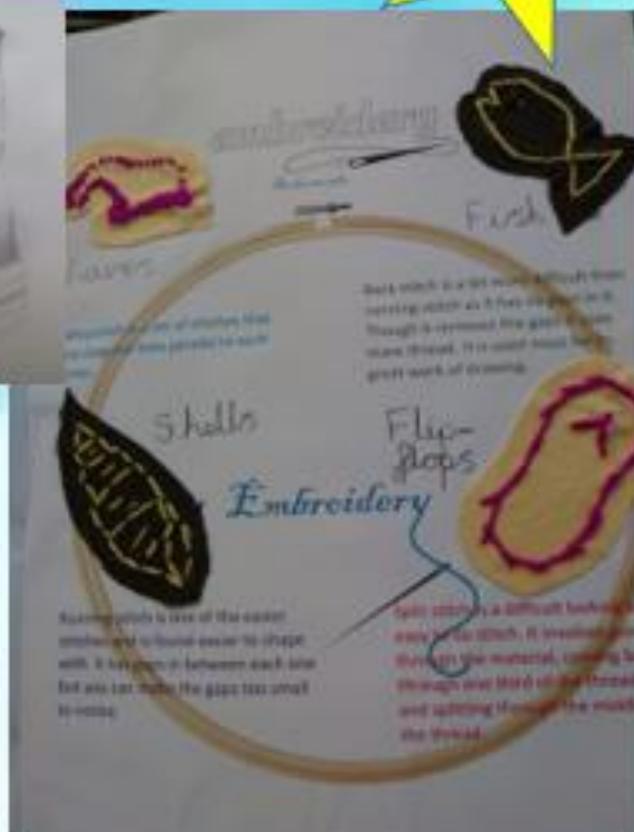
Samantha Pain Yr 11



Sruthi Jayagopal Yr 8



Olivia Webb Yr 9



Evan Hoad Yr 8

# In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

**Star Designer for Textiles**

*Y12*

*Charlotte Hope*



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# Key stage 3

## LOUISE BALDWIN

Louise Baldwin is an English artist who uses a screen and is famous for working with textiles.  
 Her pictures are made using layered textures and patterns.  
 She likes to work with random materials she does not plan her pictures and lets them develop as she builds up the layers. Pieces are cut, stitched and reorganised until they are right.



Alana Chiddicks Y8



Liam Adams Y8

## LOUISE Baldwin



**FACTS ABOUT LOUISE BALDWIN**

- She is a textile artist that uses recycled materials
- Louise is interested in how we share knowledge and life's experiences
- Louise Baldwin was born in 1956
- She is an exhibiting member of the 62 Group and Art Teachers Made in Britain
- Her work is exhibited in many British, Holland, America, Germany

*Absolutely beautiful*



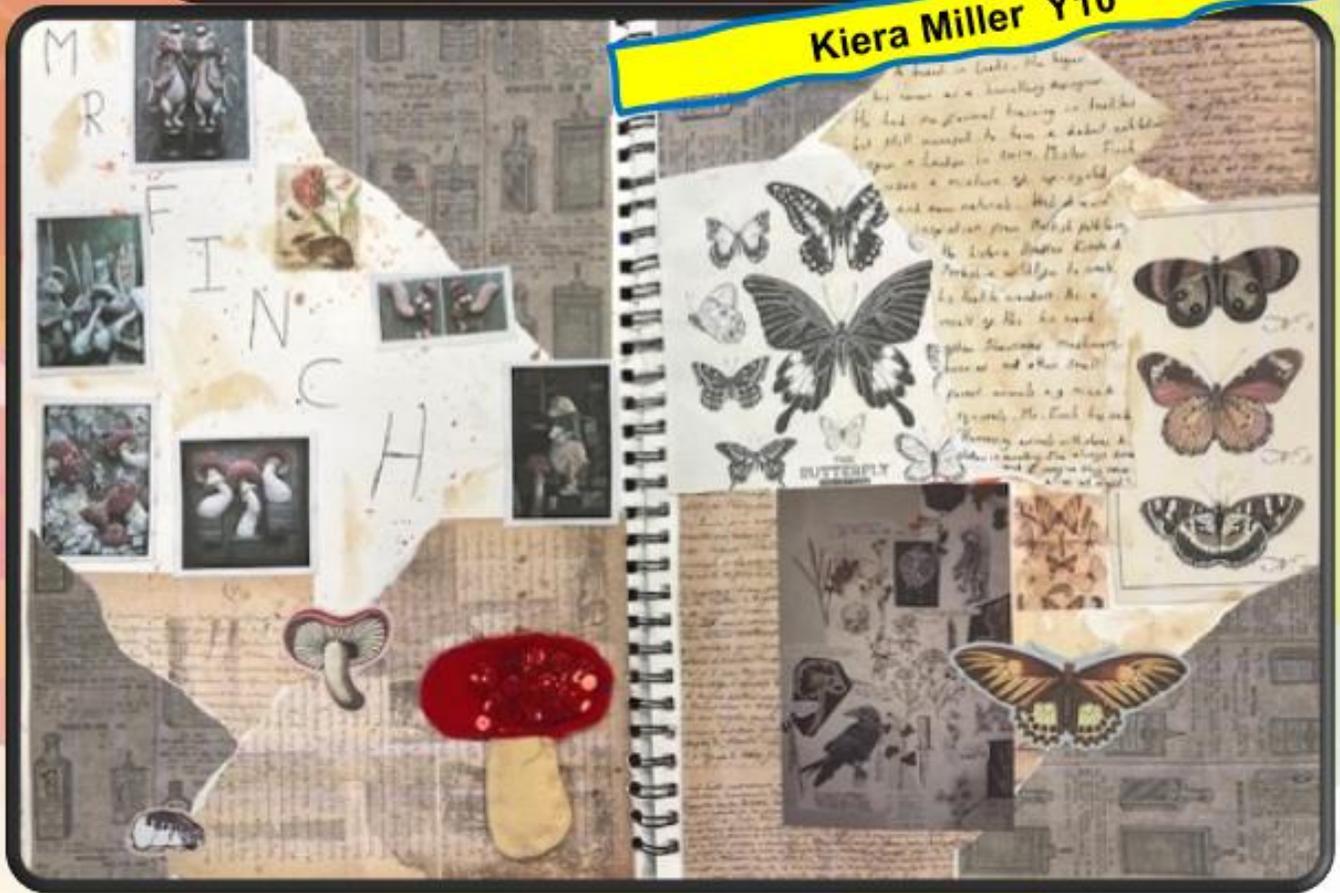
Elle Holdcroft Y8

# Key stage 4 & 5

Hollie Goodwin Y10



Kiera Miller Y10



# PE Summer Extra Curricular



Day	Morning	Lunchtime	After-School
Monday	All Years' Open Gym Gymnastics Squad (Invite Only)		U13 (Year 7&8) Mixed Cricket All Years' Hurdles
Tuesday	All Years' High Jump	Year 11 Boys' Basketball	All Years' Athletics (Running Events) Year 8&9 Mixed Basketball
Wednesday	All Years' Open Gym	All Years' Bowling Practice	All Years' Athletics (Throwing Events) All Years' High Jump
Thursday	All Years' High Jump	Year 7 Mixed Basketball	All Years' Running Club (£2 per session) U15 (Year 9 &10) Mixed Cricket
Friday	All Years' Open Gym	Turn Up and Play Basketball	GCSE Filming

Keys:

- Astro
- Sports hall
- Main Hall
- Drama Hall
- Field

## Starting from 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS

- District Athletics 2022 (any students wishing to take part in the District event who are runners should attend Running Club)
- U13 Boys' Cricket League
- U15 Boys' Cricket League
- U15 Girls' Cricket League
- More success in the KS3 Basketball



### Running Club for all Year groups.

Thursday after school.

This is run by an outside organisation and costs £2.00 per session.

Excellent fitness training for those who will be pursuing athletics this summer.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 10

SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

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SOUTH WEALD FESTIVAL

SCHOOL CONCERT

ST PETER'S CHURCH

TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

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'MATILDA THE MUSICAL'

MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY

TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

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