

Becket Keys Church of England School

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"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us"

Hebrews 12 v 1



Today's Sports Day (the first since Covid) was another wonderful celebration of everything the school stands for. Not just excellent sporting competition, but also high-quality character, discipline and endeavour. It was a time for students from across the school to participate in a safe and supportive environment.
Students who excel in sport could

excel, those who just join in – could just join in. Everyone had a role to play. Our Sixth Formers were with us to help run/organise the day. What a help!

Despite the heat and the changes to the schedule, our students rose to the occasion, bouncing back with determination and <u>pride</u>.

I heard on the radio on the way to work, one Sports Coach saying that <u>pride</u> is used as an acronym: 'Personal Responsibility In Delivering Excellence'. I like that.

Only one person/team can win. Does that mean none of the rest of us can be proud? Surely not!

Aiming for happiness is dangerous. Life is like sport. We cannot always be happy.

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Likewise, with the students, we need to teach them that real pride comes from taking 'Personal Responsibility' not simply winning. Schools which give out certificates and prizes to everyone, just for taking part, fail to teach this lesson. Regardless of whether someone tried or not, they get a reward! Ridiculous. Schools that avoid competition altogether also miss out; denying their students an opportunity to win/fail denies them an essential experience. Pretending that in life there are not winners and losers is not helping students to mature.

'Delivering Excellence' means that you need to aim for something. Aiming high is crucial. Realistic but ambitious goals are helpful. For weeks now, students have been working with their tutors and each other to pick their house team. This is harder than it sounds! My thanks to all our leaders in the school who have aimed for excellence.

As the headteacher, I aim to teach these lessons to the students. Sports Day was a wonderful opportunity to do that. I would like to congratulate all our students on a marvellous event. Regardless of where you finished: you can be proud as long as you took personal responsibility and delivered the best you could.

Hebrews says that God has a 'race marked out' for each of us. A race is competitive and challenging. It will not be easy. In Psalms, King David wrote about God leading

him to 'wide, open spaces'. In my experience, God is not interested in narrowing our future to a path in one particular direction. He enjoys seeing us being free to explore a wide, open space. However, His principles do not change. The race calls us to be 'responsible', 'fair', 'honest', 'caring' and 'trustworthy'. We can take pride in our efforts to attain these goals in whatever race is set before us.

Again, congratulations to all our students who strive for these Christian Characteristics. You make me proud every single day and you should be proud of yourselves too!

Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher



Join the Becket Keys Staff Team

Would you or someone you know like to work at Becket Keys? Would you welcome the opportunity to work in our distinctive Christian school? Are you looking for a role that provides you with all the school holidays and weekends? Would you like to work in Brentwood to reduce time/money spent commuting? We are currently advertising two fantastic roles in our SEN team. You can see the full details here on our website.

One job is mainly an administrative role. It is part time (3 days per week) and highly rewarding. In the first instance, it is to cover a maternity leave. However, often these roles extend to a permanent position. You will be working alongside our newly appointed SENCO to offer administrative and secretarial support. It also allows some opportunity to work directly with students and in classes with teachers.

The other role is working directly with students, part time (3 days per week). We are looking for someone with experience of working in schools to support two students in Year 9 on one day and on the two other days to deliver speech and language interventions. This is a permanent position.

If you look at these roles and feel that they might suit you, but that you are lacking experience, please contact us anyway. We are happy to talk them through. Often, we can help train and develop individuals who share our values and are similarly committed to the importance of supporting the most vulnerable students in our school.

You can find all the details and application forms on our website. Or, if you wish to talk it through before applying, write to office@becketkeys.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sports Day



Jack Petchey Awards

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up in 1999 by Sir Jack Petchey CBE to inspire and celebrate young people. Students who have gone above and beyond are nominated by staff and peers to receive the Jack Petchey Achievement award. The 2022 winners are:

Amabelle Trinder

Amabelle is a credit to the school. She puts others before herself and is a role model to other students. Amabelle has supported many Yr7s through their transition from primary school into secondary school. In her free time, Amabelle volunteers at her local church, working in the café after the church service on a Sunday and helping to run primary age youth groups.

Well done Amabelle!



Amabelle decided to purchase online subscriptions for the Mandarin department with the Jack Petchey grant money.





Jaye Adenuga

Jaye consistently follows the school values. He is a conscientious student who goes above and beyond in all lessons. Jaye recently competed in the Chinese Bridge speaking competition for UK schools, organised by the British Council and the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation. During this competition, Jaye competed against students from other schools and everyone was impressed by his enthusiasm and effort. He used a variety of skills and techniques when preparing his speech and it took great courage and determination for Jaye to deliver his speech.

Well done Jaye!



Jaye has decided to spend the Jack Petchey grant money on a new basketball post for the playground.



Year 13 PROM



Year 13 enjoyed a wonderful evening at Orsett Hall on 29th June. Huge thanks to Mrs Course, Isabelle and team for all their hard work and organisation to make this a wonderful occasion. All the photographs from this event can be viewed here:

https://danrousephotography.com/



www.danrousephotography.com

Mandarin Department

Year 7 Mandarin group – London Chinese Culture Trip

On Monday, 11th July, 2022, our year 7 Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP) group went in London to explore the Chinese culture in the city.



Three students wrote about their experience; let us see what they share!

"On our trip to London, we first visited the British Museum to look at ancient Chinese artefacts. We had booklets with tasks to do in each of the rooms we visited; for example, one of the tasks was to find certain objects that have Chinese characters that we have learned on them. We worked with our buddies to complete the tasks. Some of them were more difficult than others! When we finished all the tasks, we got to take lots of photos. After that, we were off to China Town."

- Emily Bearryman









"After the British Museum, we strolled into Chinatown and found ourselves in the Imperial China restaurant. We were surprised to see the beautiful water streams with many different species of fish inside the restaurant!

As we relaxed in our seats, the caring waiters gave us a Chinese teapot with boiling hot tea! We were also asked about what fizzy drinks we wanted.

For our starter, we had vegetarian spring rolls and aromatic duck in wraps. These brought out our appetite for the further courses to come – sweet sour pork, dice beef fillet, sea spiced pork, stir-fried Pak Choi and vegetarian Chow Mien.

We really enjoyed our meal and left the place with a satisfied tummy!

Jason Osemwekhae



"We then walked around in Chinatown, some of us bought bubble tea, which was very tasty, and tasted a bit like a Chai Tea Frappuccino. The teacher in charge of my group, Mr Fish, also bought a doughnut filled with some sort of custardy filling which looked very nice as well.



After that, our group walked around looking at some of the shops, and two of the people in our group bought a few things from a Chinese Bakery. Then, we met back up with the rest of the class and went on our way to catch the train.

It was one of the best experiences I've had... Thank you Miss Lin, Mrs. Zhang, Mr. Fish and Mr. Hughes!"

- Leoni Witchalls



Staff at the restaurant and the British Museum have commented very positively about our students' good manners and that they have represented Becket Keys exceptionally well.

Overall, it was a fantastic trip, and we look forward to any future exciting trips in the department!

Miss Lin Head of Mandarin

Second Chinese Bridge Competition







We won the final!

Some of our Year 7 and Year 8
Mandarin Excellence Programme
(MEP) students entered this
year's "Under-14 Chinese Bridge"
competition in the UK, organised
by the Centre for Language
Education and Cooperation. All of

them got through to the final!
They spent a lot of time preparing
for this event. I was extremely
pleased with their enthusiasm
and determination during the
process.

The theme of the event is Chinese, Joy and Fun. And the aim is to provide a stage for Page 8 of 25 young Chinese learners worldwide to demonstrate their Chinese language proficiencies, to stimulate their motivation of learning Mandarin. Participants are students aged between 5 and 14 years old (only non-native speakers were allowed to take part). They are evaluated on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, and on Chinese culture.

On Friday, 8th July, the final took place via Zoom. We won both the KS₃ individual and the group categories!

Our winners for the individual categories are:

- Milo Waters (First Prize)
- Evanthe Antoniou (Second Prize & Excellent Response to Questions Award)
- Esme Hodges (Finalist Prize)

Our two group winners are: **Year 7 group:** Noah Lynch, Rosie

Wills, Evie Wieczorek, Macie-Mai Dolden, Harmani Hungan. They performed a lively Chinese zodiac short play.

Year 8 group: Chloe Dyson, Kelly Gjonaj, Amber Shanley, Olivia Snowsill, Mark Uthumpha, Esme Hodges

They performed several Chinese songs, one of which was a rock song that has been very popular in China in recent years.





We were informed that there were 237 students in the competition from all over the UK. We are all so proud of our students' achievements!

Mrs Zhang
MEP Co-ordinator

Uniform Donations Required

We are always happy to receive donations of nearly new uniform and would be grateful for 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.

Thank you!

Free School Meal Vouchers Summer Holiday

Further funding for Free School Meal vouchers for the Summer break 2022 has been allocated by the local authority. As with previous holidays 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 you to claim a voucher for £75 for this period. Please check your junk mail if you have not received this by Wednesday 20th July. 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. The current retailers available are Asda, Aldi, B&M, Farmfoods, M&S, Iceland, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Waitrose and Tesco. 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 instore.

Details of the process and more questions about evouchers can be found on their website

- https://help.evouchers.com/hc/engb/sections/360003848737-Recipient-FAQs

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 - https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb/sections/360005926797-NEW-Evouchers-com-App



Snapchat Why 'quick add' should be turned OFF.

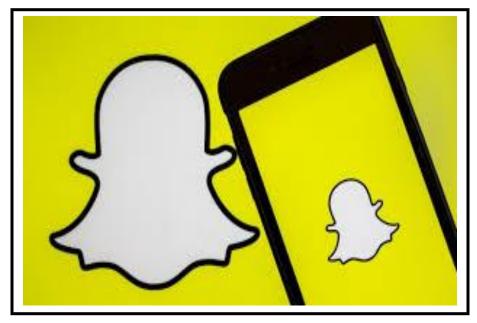
Miss Brooks (Safeguarding Manager) and Mrs Rigby (Pastoral Support Officer) attended some on-line safety training this week. The event was hosted by two expolice officers, who were highly trained and experienced in how social media can be used in negative ways. This includes how criminals can use social media to potentially exploit children.

We thought parents would want to know about a feature on "Snapchat" which stood out as particularly concerning. We think most parents would want it turned off.

There is a feature on Snapchat called 'quick add'. Anyone with an account will see this under the 'find friends' search bar.

The 'quick add' setting can:

- -Allow <u>random</u> people to have access to your contacts, and your information.
- -Allow <u>anyone</u> with similar profiles to you to have access to your information and that of your contacts.
- -Allow <u>anyone</u> that has been in a similar location to you to have access to your information and that of your contact.



It is easy to see how a person with ill intent, could infiltrate the contacts of your son/daughter, his/her friends and your family. It is also easy to see how young people can be contacted by anyone via any of the contact lists that they might appear on.

It is really easy to disable 'quick add' and we highly recommend that it is turned off.

Turn off Quick Add

- Open Snapchat.
- 2. Tap your profile picture.
- 3. Tap the gear icon (settings).
- 4. Under Privacy Controls tap 'See me in quick add'
- 5. Switch the option to 'off'

As a reminder, students under the age of 13 must not have social media accounts. It is a fraud to pretend that you are over 13. It is tempting to give into the peer pressure of "my friends have it". However, everyone should stand

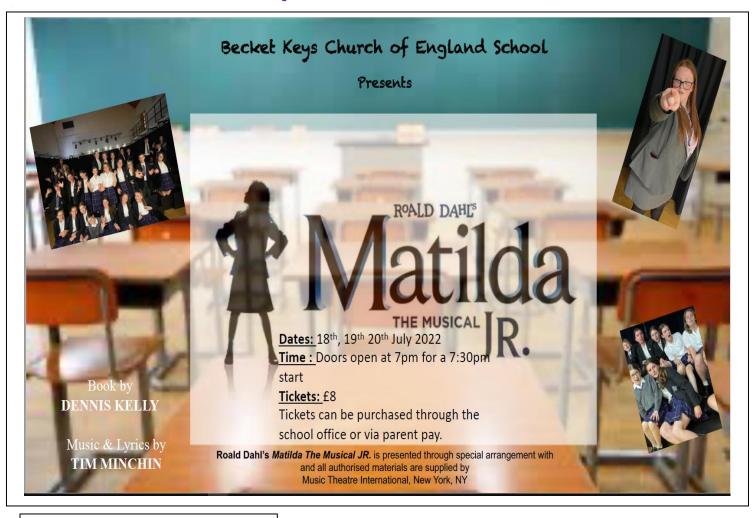
strong! Younger students do not have the skills necessary to navigate the complex world of social media.

Please ensure any social media accounts are set to private and you regularly check your son/daughter's accounts.

We also recommend that parents have the appropriate controls in place on their son/daughter's phone. It is easy to control what apps can be downloaded.

Ms Brooks & Mrs Rigby
Pastoral Team





Reminder

Please remember that all correspondence to the school must come through the school office email: office@becketkeys.org

Your message will be forwarded to the member of staff concerned.

You can also send a message via the contact page on the website:

https://www.becketkeys.org/contac t-staff

Please do not email staff directly as any message received in this way will not receive a response.

Many thanks for your understanding.

School Production Matilda the Musical



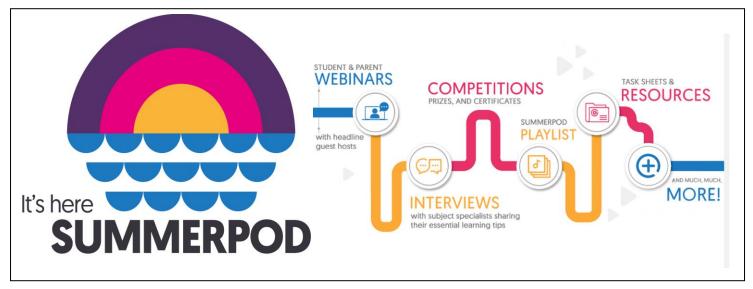
The last few tickets remain for the excellent school production this year, these can be purchased via Parent Pay.

If you are attending any of the performances, then you will be able to purchase and enjoy some refreshments before the show or during the interval.

Please remember to bring some cash with you as there are no facilities to pay any other way.

We recommend coming in light comfortable clothing. The hall will be hot!

Many thanks!



Student Webinars

Current Year 9 and 10s are invited to join our exclusive student webinars, hosted by our very own Merlin Mee.

Merlin, Learning Content Creator at GCSEPod, is our student webinar guru.



Moving from Year 9 into Year 10

Students are encouraged to rocket their way into Year 10 by exploring personal goals and cultivating healthy habits that will benefit them on their journey throughout Key Stage 4.

1st August 2022 at 5.00pm

Moving from Year 10 into Year 11

Students can 'lift-off' into Year 11 with tips on prioritising their wellbeing and enhancing the space around them.

Register here:

8th August 2022 at 5.00pm

Parent Webinars

Parents are invited to attend two exclusive webinars this summer, hosted by Future Toolbox's Mark & Jules.



How to Create a Growth Mindset When Studying

The multi-award-winning Future Toolbox are joining GCSEPod in a two-part webinar and will be sharing some simple tools and tips to help to encourage students to enjoy their learning journey.

By creating a growth mindset around study and understanding that learning is about the journey and not the final exam, this will help students to find purpose at school or college. Positive study habits lead to positive habits in the future and a more rounded individual.

Register here:

3rd August 2022 at 5.00pm

10th August 2022 at 5.00pm

Careers Talks to Sixth Formers



To support our Sixth Formers in making informed decisions about their futures, I am going to start a series of regular careers talks during their tutorial periods. To do this, I need the support of the Becket Keys community!

Are you - or is someone you know - able to present to Sixth Formers for about 10 minutes and then answer questions they ask? The presentation might focus on some or all of these areas, as well as anything else related to them:

- What you do for a career.
- Your pathway to get where you are.
- Why you chose this pathway.
- What your job includes across a day / week / month / year.
- What other jobs you have had were like.
- Why you like certain jobs you have had.
- The biggest responsibilities you have.

- The greatest challenges you have faced.
- The most important learning experiences you have had.
- What is most rewarding?
- Advice to those interested in a similar career to you.
- Advice about a successful career in general.
- Advice about writing a CV and/or application letter, as well as interview skills.

The talks will need to be delivered during tutorials, so anyone who is willing to support would have to be available for either Year 13 tutorial (10:10am-10:35am) or Year 12 tutorial (10:35am-11:00am) - or both! Talks could be delivered in person in the John Wraw Chapel or via Microsoft Teams. I can be almost totally flexible about the best time of year and day for each talk, so this is not an issue.

If you - or someone you know - can support me in this, please

email me via

office (a) becketkeys.org with a brief (I do not want to take up too much of your time!) explanation of the jobs/areas you would be talking about. Once I have collated these, I will communicate with those who are able to assist in more detail and be available to answer queries you might have.

Thank you for your support in preparing our Sixth Formers for their futures.

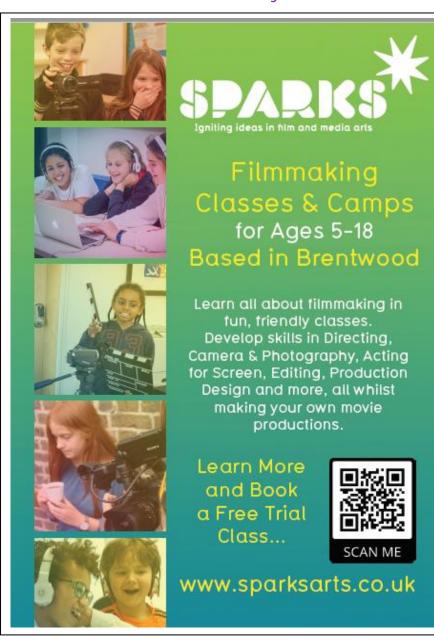
Ross Peggs Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form













If your son/daughter has misplaced anything at school, then kindly inform him/her that all lost property is taken to reception for collection.

Please make sure that all items, especially uniform are named, this will ensure that items can be returned to the student easily.

Thank you!



Trailer dates

June

Wednesday 29 June - Bishops Hill, Adult Community Learning

July

Wednesday 6 July - Brentwood Train Station (outside shops) Tuesday 26 July - Robin Hood parade of shops, Ongar Road

August

Wednesday 3 August - Kelvedon Hatch, Nisa Wednesday 10 August - Shenfield High Street, Hutton Road Tuesday 16 August - Brentwood High Street

September

Thursday 8 September - St Peters Church, Daily Bread Wednesday 21 September - Railway Square, Wharf Road Wednesday 28 September - Brentwood High Street

October

Wednesday 12 October - Blackmore, Horsefayre Green Thursday 20 October - Beechwood Surgery, Warley (outside SNAP)

Contact us

Email: communitysupport@brentwood.gov.uk
Tel: 01277 312500



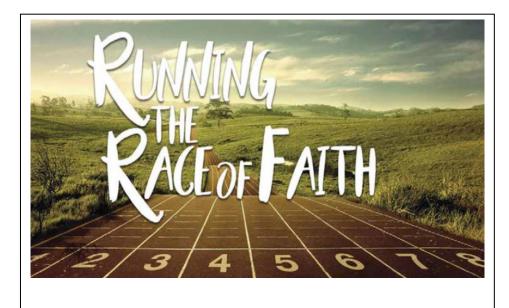
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Today's sports day has seen great races and Hebrews 12:1-3 came to mind!

Many races can be long and difficult. You cannot stop in the middle and take a break, there is a leader, and there is a finish line. The same is true for Christianity. The race in Hebrews:1-3 is a metaphor for the day-by-day life of faith. It would be wrong to simplistically use this as encouragement for runners. Indeed, it is not a verse about sport. There is a much deeper meaning for us to explore.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

The passage begins with "Therefore," so we look back to find the reason for this verse.
The writer of Hebrews has just



finished listing Old Testament saints who displayed faith in God, including Abraham, Sarah, Moses, and Rahab. The author wraps up that section by noting the horrible persecution Christians underwent, including imprisonment, stoning, and being sawn in two (Hebrews 11:35-37). He states that all of these people gained approval through their faith, just as New Testament saints were saved by faith.

The passage tells Christians to put down the distractions and sins of the world and live the Christian life with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the One who gave us faith and who will perfect it; the One who has completed the work the Father sent Him to do.

By taking these words at face value, we miss the great truths and great encouragement in the passage. The verses are describing Christianity. All of the verbs in the first two verses

are ongoing verbs. Christians do not lay aside sin, run, and fix their eyes on Jesus once. We do it every day. We are to continue to abandon sin and believe in Christ with endurance, not losing heart. We continue, knowing that the saints who came before us persevered and gained approval. In addition, our own Saviour endured hostility so that we would not lose heart. Our Patronal Festival Eucharists reminded students of this last week.

The Christian runs the race, by watching Jesus – first to see who He is and then to follow the example that He gave when He came to this world. We are told to fix our eyes on Him, not to look away from Him. We stop looking at ourselves and our sins and turn our eyes to Jesus, and we follow Him. This is faith.

The sportsmanship shown on the field today was inspiring; a sense of fellowship with competitors, gracious winning and losing, fairness and respect. Returning to the race as a metaphor for the day-by-day life of faith. Living life, through faith, with Christ-like character, we should, every day, let go of anything that hinders us from believing in and following our Saviour. We should set our faces towards Jesus and live looking unto Him.



Let us pray:

Dear Lord,
A life of faith does
not promise to be easy. Help us
keep our eyes fixed on you and
follow you. May we run an
amazing race, encouraged by
your example and those of our
patronal saints. May we pass on
the Good News to others along
the way, in the glory of your
name and in the service of your
kingdom. Amen.

Mrs Sharp Deputy Headteacher





REQUIREMENTS FOR JULY

Tinned goods

Meat Pies

Braising Steak

Ham

Salmon, Sardines/Mackerel

Mince & Onion

Corned Beef

Meatballs & Hot Dogs

Tomatoes

Fruit

Chilli Con Carne

Cleaning Items

Washing Up Liquid

Bathroom & Kitchen Cleaner

Shampoo

Deodorant

Nappies Size 4 & 6

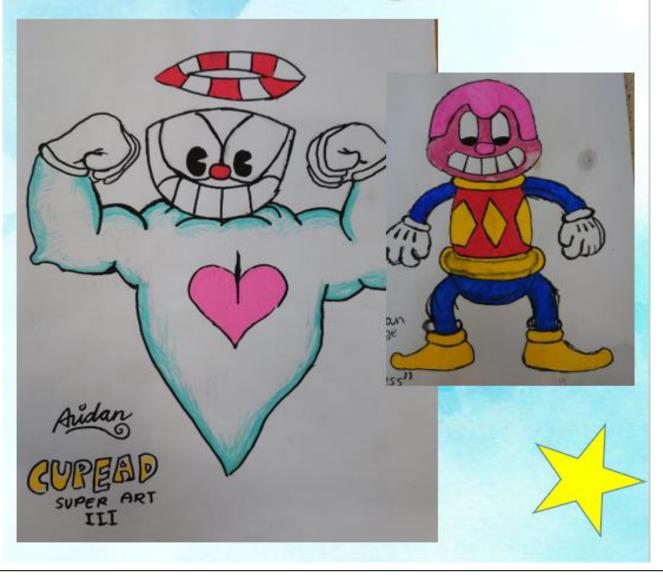
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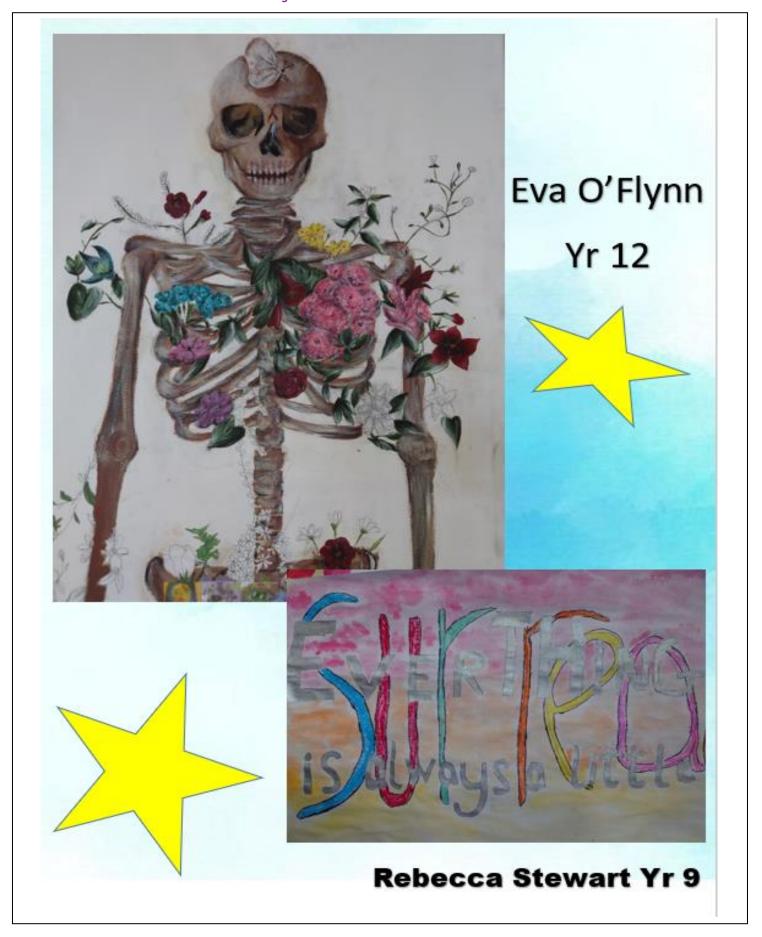


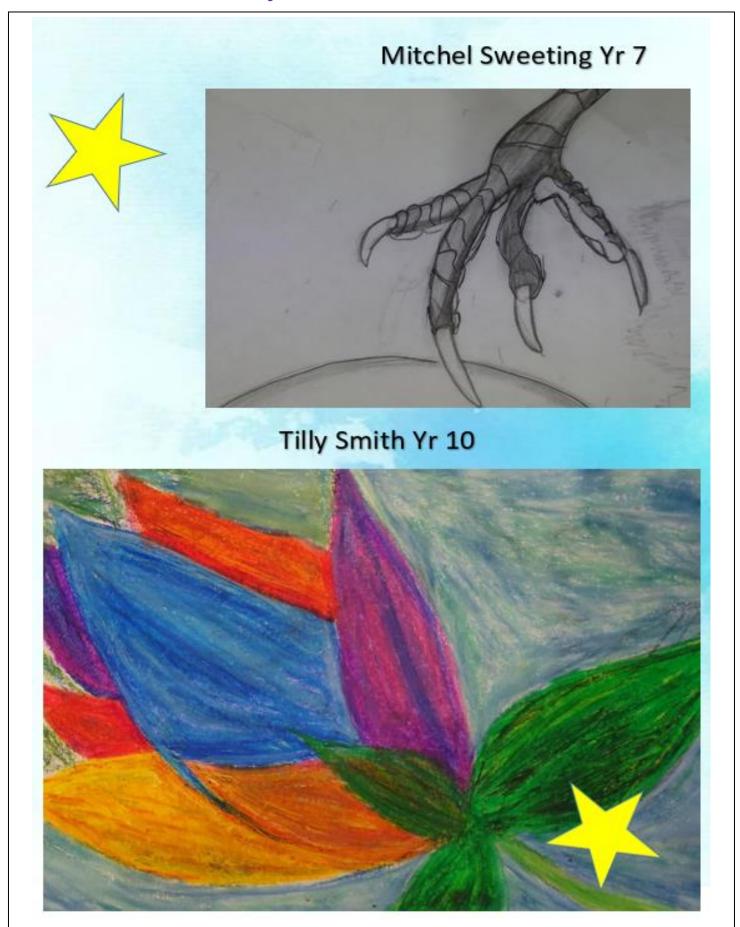
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Mrs Brassett.

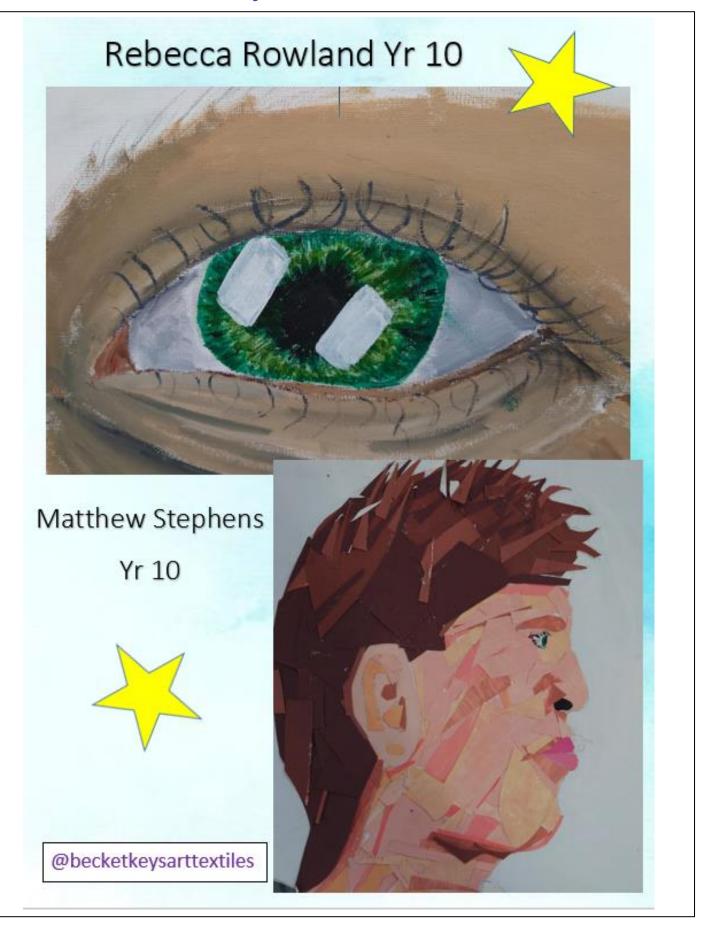
Star Artist for Art Avidan George Yr 8







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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'MATILDA THE MUSICAL'

MONDAY 18TH JULY

TUESDAY 19TH JULY

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

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NON-UNIFORM DAY

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

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LAST DAY OF TERM (STUDENT HALF DAY)

THURSDAY 21ST JULY

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INSET DAYS

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

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WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2022 YEAR 7 FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

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