

## Becket Keys Church of England School

14th October 2022

## THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED THIIS WEEK.

### Mr Scott-Evans writes....

Dear Parents/Carers

Like many organisations we are constantly improving our cyber security and IT systems. Over the All Saints' Holiday we will be having a large scale upgrade to our computing infrastructure.

This will mean that there may be some disruption to normal services. Apps like Satchel One: Show My Homework and My Child at School may stop working. There will also be short periods when our email and phone systems will not be operational.

Most families will not notice any issues, but we thought it would be best to let you know.

As a result of the upgrade, and its impact on staff, I am encouraging as many colleagues as possible to

try a week of digital detox. You will not be surprised by this, I am sure!

I would like to encourage as many families as possible to join us in attempting to unplug from phones, tablets and laptops next week. It is interesting these days how hard it is for any of us not to want to distract ourselves with the simple dopamine rush of a status update or 'like'. That thing where you drag down on the screen to refresh is developed by social media companies to subtly mimic the pull of a handle on a slot machine. It is completely addictive!

My suggestion is that we all choose a book to read! Yesterday, I went to the high street and was struck by how plentiful the charity shops were with books that I

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wanted to read. There are also the beautiful Waterstones and Chicken & Frog bookshops – both of whom will happily advise students on books to read. Of course, there is the wonderful Brentwood Library as well! I have a pile of books that I want to get into, so I have banned myself from buying any new ones for now! How about you?

Having said all that, if you need us next week for any reason and you cannot get through. You can always contact us via Facebook or Twitter!

Have a good weekend!

Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher







## **Nearly New Uniform Sale**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October
School Playground
11.00am – 1.00pm

Grab a bargain! Good quality, preloved uniform available for all years.



## **Sixth Form Information Evening**



It was wonderful to see so many people attend the Sixth Form Information Evening yesterday.

There were some amazing displays to illustrate individual subjects and visitors were able to hear teachers speak with knowledge and passion. Current Sixth Form students were on hand to advise about life in the Sixth Form at Becket Keys and many spoke eloquently about their education journey.

We have had some fabulous feedback from people who attended and wish to thank all the staff and students who participated and represented Becket Keys so well.



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## **Chinese Bridge Award Ceremony**

# What is Chinese Bridge Competition?

Chinese Bridge Competition is an international speaking competition for learners of Mandarin Chinese. It has two big categories – the Primary Category for students between 5 to 14 years old, organised by Centre for Language Education and Cooperation; and the Secondary Category for secondary Mandarin students, organised by British Council.



Last Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, Becket Keys MEP students attended the Award Ceremony, hosted in the China Exchange Centre in China Town. This event was attended by contestants in the UK who have won either the individual or the group competition, as well as their coaching teachers. The special guests who granted the awards were the Director of Confucius Institute – Katharine Carruthers and an executive representative from British Council.



The event involved highlight reels from the competitions, the award ceremony and Chinese traditional art performance. The organisers kindly provided Chinese snacks, pastries, and bubble tea as refreshments.

Milo Waters, our champion of the KS<sub>3</sub> category, was interviewed by China's biggest newspaper agency – the *People*. He talked about his Chinese learning experience and his desire to study in China. Mrs. Zhang, our Chinese Bridge teacher, was also interviewed. She gave an overview of the Chinese curriculum at Becket Keys and highlighted the support the Mandarin department have received over the years.

All participants thoroughly enjoyed the day. We very much look forward to the next annual Chinese Bridge Competitions in the year to come.







## 2022 MEP Hurdle Test Result is back!

What is the hurdle test?
Every year, our Mandarin
Excellence Programme (MEP)
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 word, the MEP
hurdle test is like a mini-GCSE
exam. This year they've done an
amazing job!

Result for each year group:

Year 7

82.7% of the students achieved Gold

17.3% of the students achieved Silver

Year 8

27.5% of the students achieved Gold

51.7% of the students achieved Silver

17.2% of the students achieved Bronze

Year 9

35% of the students achieved Gold

25% of the students achieved Silver

30% of the students achieved Bronze

It is worth mentioning that several students have achieved outstanding grades, with scores exceeding 90%. This is even harder, especially for Year 9 because of the large amount and depth of the knowledge they need to master.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Kitty Anderson Poppy Moorey Maximilian Sonnet Nathaniel Atkinson Jason Osemwekhae William Shotter Noah Lynch James Cross Rosie Willis Matthew Delea Harmani Hungan Daisy Martin Samuel Nelson Ben Robinson Jake Adams Ava Tomlin Leoni Witchalls	Esme Hodges Olivia Snowsill Jaye Adeuga Alexandra Terrell Evanthe Antoniou Kelly Gjonaj Millie Johnson Joshua Eida	Amabelle Trinder Joshua Witchalls Minela Kupryte Olivia Banfield Zakkai Amachree Gabriella Wallhead Krithika Jeyakumar

#### Medal boundaries:

Score	Medal Status	Comment
80% and above	Gold	An excellent result. Your Mandarin skills exceed expectations at this stage and you should be excited to move to the next level.
60-79%	Silver	A very good result. Your Mandarin skills are meeting national expectations - well done, and keep studying more characters.
40-59%	Bronze	A strong result. You have a good foundation in Mandarin. Study more characters at home and you will succeed.
20-39%	Commendation	Clear Mandarin ability shown. Look at your results to see which skills you should focus on next.

Above is the list of outstanding students:

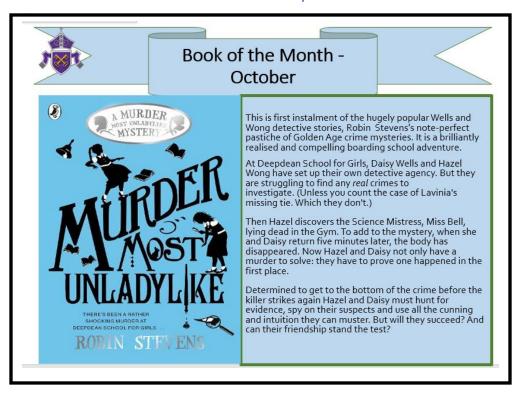
Congratulations to all our students on their commitment and hard work. We want the 2022 Hurdle Tests to be a celebration of hard work and determination.

families for your continued commitment, both to the programme generally, and in particular for the support on the Hurdle Tests this summer.

Mrs Zhang
MEP Co-ordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the

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Please make sure that you top-up your son or daughter's account each week so that he/she is able to access all the delicious meals in the school restaurants.

There is a small overdraft facility on ParentPay accounts of £2 for emergency situations, which covers the cost of a sandwich.

Due to the cashless system in place, there is no other back up.

We do not want any student to miss lunch or the great choice of food available every day in our restaurants. The chefs work hard each day to provide a variety of delicious meals for the school.

If you need assistance navigating the site then help is available here: <a href="https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-guardians">https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-guardians</a>

If you have any other queries, please contact the school – office@becketkeys.org



## A Message from the Admin Team

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/contact-staff

You can also now reply directly to any message you receive from the school via 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.

## An Evening With Terry Waite in Brentwood



Oct 25th, 7pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church

Tickets available at www.ingravechurches.com

## Subject Consultation Evenings

Year 8 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

> Year 12 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Year 11 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Year 9
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Year 7 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

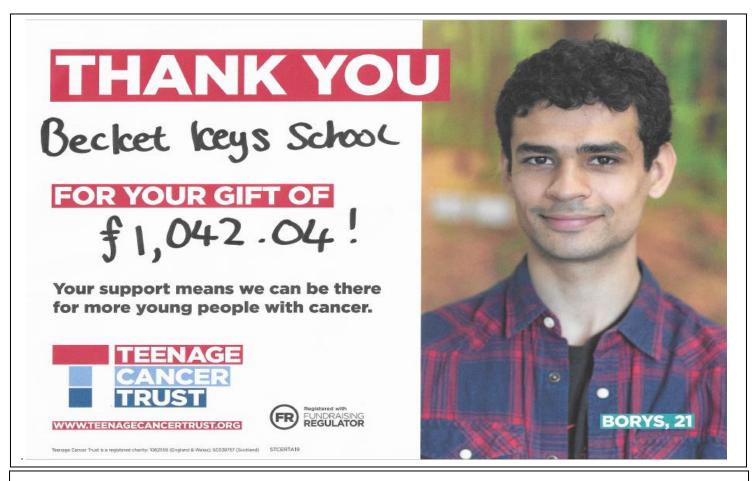
Year 10 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023



Please make sure that EVERY item of uniform, PE Kit and equipment is named.

There are many items that we are unable to return as we do not know whom they belong to.

Lost Property can be collected from Reception.



## Free School Meal Vouchers - All Saints' Holiday

Further funding for Free School Meal vouchers for the All Saints' break have 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 their voucher. 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 in-store.

Details of the process and more questions about evouchers can be found on their website - <a href="https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb/sections/360003848737-Recipient-FAQs">https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb/sections/360003848737-Recipient-FAQs</a>

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 - <a href="https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-qb/sections/360005926797-NEW-Evouchers-com-App">https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-qb/sections/360005926797-NEW-Evouchers-com-App</a>



## **Careers Information**

#### **Engineering Conference**

For Years 12-13 Thursday 3rd November 2022





#### Kaitlin Gili

Currently a PhD student at the University of Oxford in the field of quantum information and computing with a full fellowship from the U.S. Army Research Office. Alongside her PhD work, Kaitlin also works as a consultant and research collaborator with the quantum start-up Zapata Computing.

Session content - Kaitlins's talk will discuss up and coming career opportunities in computing from classical to quantum machine learning (OML), and how these jobs tend to be some of the most creative in the STEM field. Her talk will discuss how we are currently using tools in QML to be creative with computers as well as understand our own human creativity from a different lens.

#### Dr Bernardo Castro Dominguez

Dr Bernardo Castro-Dominguez is an Assistant Professor in Chemical Engineering at the University of Bath with expertise in pharmaceutical manufacturing, membrane science, and digital process engineering. His work focuses on developing digital twins for pharmaceutical processes, creating new pharmaceutical manufacturing technologies, and implementing Al for materials discovery. He is the Undergraduate Student Admissions Coordinator of the Chemical Engineering Department at the University of Rath



Session content - This talk will give an overview of Chemical Engineering as a profession that can make a difference to the environment, society, and our development as human beings. We will discuss the importance of hydrogen in sustainability and how Chemical Engineer have helped to advance technologies to generate ultrapure hydrogen. You will learn how gas separation membranes are produced and integrated for "process intensification". We will explore their impact in the production of hydrogen, the economy, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Contact g.barbour@oxf.gdst.net for more information

## **Engineering Conference**







#### Alice Atkins

Alice Atkins graduated Durham University with a Master of Engineering in 2018 where she directly joined BP on their graduate scheme working as a mechanical engineer in a variety of roles and locations. Four years on she is currently working in Azerbaijan on the commissioning of a new oil and gas project. Alice is an associate member of the IMechE and in the final year of chartership preparations.

Session content - Alice will describe Where engineering has taken her (both geographically, type of roles and challenges) opportunities it has afforded her and her ability to make a difference and impact in delivering one of the biggest challenges facing our world; delivering energy.

#### Fashion Conference - Oxford High School - 14th November 2022

#### Mr Leong Ong (the falls)

"the falls is an upcycled brand, since around 2015, consisting of embroidery, beading, hand work over vintage and reclaimed garments. We have collaborated with Madewell, Beth Ditto, Free People, and also consulted for brands such as - Top Shop, Top Man, Anna Sui, Levis, Madewell, Free People, Anthropologie.

Vintage garments are sourced locally in the US at bulk vintage stores, armylnavy, flea markets, embellishments designed, and then sent to New Delhi where the hand work is applied to the garments.

The talk "the falls embroidery" will highlight Mr Ong's journey to the falls, his beginnings from art school to industry and the evolution to the falls, the falls direct approach to consumers and the pivoting in and navigating a pandemic



## Ms Amber Kim (Royal College of Art/ Victoria and Albert Museum)



Amber Kim is an innovation-driven designer and educator based in London. She focuses on art and design as critical practices for the pursuit of the circular economy. She works for Apple as a key member of the Retail team, building a culture of sustainability and developing creative solutions to become zero waste by 2030. She also studies MA History of Design at the Royal College of Art/ Victoria and Albert Museum. She worked for renowned fashion brands including Chalayan and Tom Ford. Her London College of Fashion Graduate collection 'Repurpose' was on display at London Fashion Week 2019, Made in Arts London exhibition and the Cambridge University Fashion show.

Her talk "What does sustainability mean to you?" highlights Amber's creative journey from being a wannabe fashion designer to an advocate for creating a sustainable world. She will share the key moments of her life that drove her passion for upcycling, seeking creative solutions to the environmental issues caused by fashion and retail.

#### Ms Hannah Bowen (Sanderson Design Group)

Hannah has worked in the interiors industry since I graduated in 2013. When she graduated she exhibited

her final collection at New Designers in London. It was here where she won the Sanderson Design Group New Designers and was offered a placement in the design studio, and she never left! She started in 2013 as a Junior Designer and has gone on to be a Lead Designer of 3 different brands, in 2020 she made the career side step to a Brand Manager role in the Marketing team where she project-managed the launch of our new brand Archive in 2021 as well as much more!

Her talk "Everything I wish someone had told me about a career in design" will pass on her top tips of everything she has learnt forging a career in the design industry as well as how to know which path is right for you. She recommends looking up Sanderson Design Group and the New Designers exhibition before joining her talk.





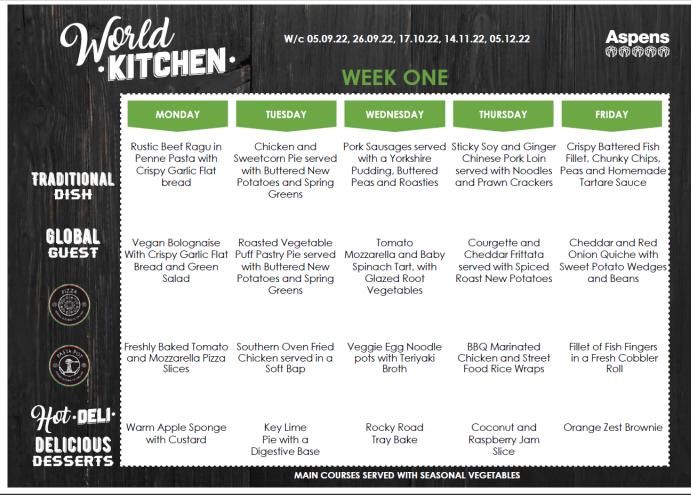
These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

### 16th November: Future-Proofing Students

Preparing students for the jobs of the future

#### 30th November: Finding a Future in Finance

Gaining the skills for a career in Finance





# BOOKINGS NOW OPEN! YOUTH VOICE CONFERENCE

hosted by Essex Boys and Girls Clubs and Essex Council For Voluntary Youth Services

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2022 10am-2pm (Registration from 9:30am)
AT ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY, CHELMSFORD

If you are a young person aged 13 and above living in Essex (including Southend and Thurrock) or an adult working with young people we want to hear from you! This conference is the perfect opportunity for you to give your opinion to those that can make a change within our community on all subjects on keeping young people safe.

Workshop topics to include: Mental health and wellbeing, staying safe in public, LG\$TO+ and hate crime awareness, YVU listening report findings, what to do in an emergency, Where do you feel safe in your community and more!

Workshops / question panel with influential industry leaders / networking/ information fair/ Essex Police Youth Strategy Launch!

#### FREE LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED AND A CONFERENCE WELCOME PACK!

For more information please contact Rebecca on rebeccas@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

Scan or Click here to book your space!! https://forms.office.com/r/dQryBpS3Pn











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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!



The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is 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 to attend.

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



We would like to express our gratitude to all families within our school community who have contributed to this year's Harvest Foodbank Appeal. Our donations will enable Brentwood Foodbank to reach out and support people through hard times.

Thank you!





The truth about acceptance

"GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE, THE COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE..."



This is the beginning of the Serenity Prayer, written by Reinhold Niebuhr many years ago. It contains powerful, timeless wisdom that is now being validated by research. Being able to accept what we cannot change is a key component of our emotional, psychological, and spiritual

well-being. We need God's wisdom and grace to know what can and cannot be changed, and we can trust God to show us the difference.

"For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Proverbs 2:6



Acceptance is about coming to terms with a situation. It is acknowledging the reality that our lives have changed. Most of all, it is an integral part of a journey toward our overall mental well-being and even new strength in the midst of walking through challenges. Since denying or resisting this new reality cannot change it, we have to acknowledge where we are now in order to move forward.

While we may not have the power to change some things, we do have a choice in how we react: accept or resist. When we battle with (resist) life as it is, our capacity to cope is diminished. Surprisingly to some, accepting the reality results in less suffering than unsuccessfully fighting against it. Yet, while facing reality is the logical thing to do, it is not always easy. Indeed, acceptance is not the same thing as being

okay with or liking what has happened; it is coming to terms with the understanding that the situation is happening regardless of how I feel about it - "It is what it is - whether I like it or not."

The remaining parts of Reinhold Niebuhr's prayer are less well known:

... LIVING ONE DAY AT A TIME; ENJOYING ONE MOMENT AT A TIME;

ACCEPTING HARDSHIPS AS THE PATHWAY TO PEACE; TAKING, AS HE DID, THIS SINFUL WORLD

AS IT IS, NOT AS I WOULD HAVE IT;

TRUSTING THAT HE WILL MAKE
ALL THINGS RIGHT
IF I SURRENDER TO HIS WILL;
THAT I MAY BE REASONABLY
HAPPY IN THIS LIFE
AND SUPREMELY HAPPY WITH
HIM
FOREVER IN THE NEXT.
AMEN.

The Serenity Prayer offers simple, but effective methods to truly begin to feel peace in this life, but it also reminds us of what is waiting for us in the next life. It asks God not to fix our lives for us, but to lend us the strength to correct them for ourselves. It offers inspiration and advice in equal measure and reminds the faithful that with God anything is possible.

Try to use this prayer regularly and dwell on the wisdom of each line.

Mrs Sharp Deputy Headteacher

## **Sports News**



## Year 10 Girls' Netball

Our Year 10 netball team had a fantastic game on Wednesday against Moulsham School.

The game was fast and physical, and the girls held strong on court to ensure the win.

The opposition voted Lexie as their player of the match which was a reward for her speed, endurance and accurate passes into the shooting circle.

Emma achieved Ms North's player of the match due to her fantastic interceptions and improved accuracy and power in her feeds of the ball.

Well done girls! I look forward to training every Wednesday and we will be focusing on set plays.

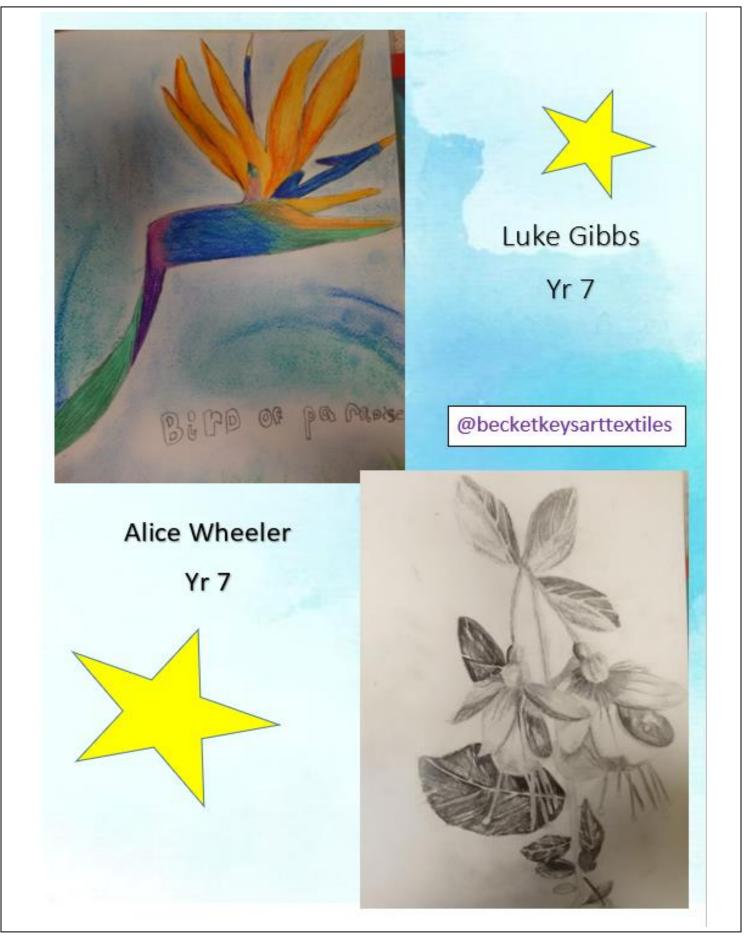




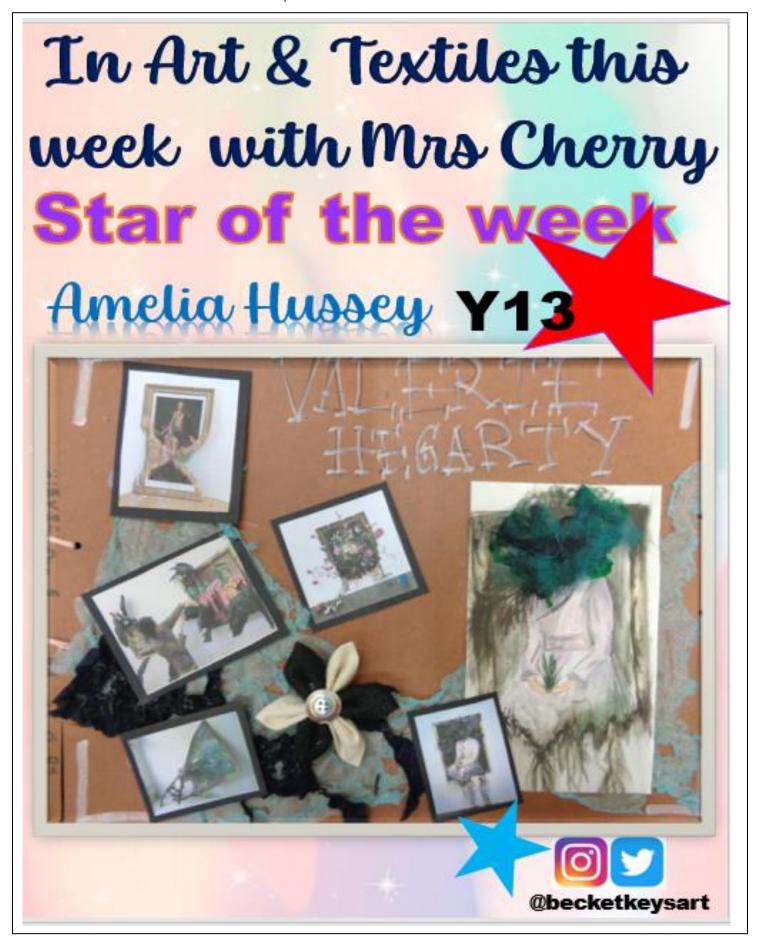
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER
YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 THEATRE TRIP
CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE

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THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 YEAR 7 DISCO

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2022

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY
MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER –
FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

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STUDENT HALF DAY FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 –
TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

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