

# Becket Keys Church of England School

7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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**Mr Scott-Evans writes....**

**“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”**

**Proverbs 22v6**

Over recent weeks we have had: Year 6 Induction Day, Year 6 Meet the Tutor Evening, Year 12 Bridging Events, Year 11 and Year 13 Prom. These all strike me as significant milestones at both ends of the school.

I once heard a head teacher say that she started with caterpillars and finished with butterflies. I have had the same thoughts this week.

Our Year 6 starters are like caterpillars. Confident and capable explorers, ready for the world. Comfortable in their own skin, these students are running their primary schools. They are the librarians, the captains, the prefects, they are the stars of the school play and the leaders on the school council.

The Year 6s who came for our recent induction day were a credit to their families and their schools. We were pleased with how they coped with the demands of a Becket Keys' induction day and all the expectations of finding their way around, meeting new people and making new friends.

This week, I went out with the Year 11s to Hylands House whilst Year 13 went to Orsett Hall for their prom. These students,

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The students starting have been busy this week taking part in an Intensive Study Programme.

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dressed in prom dresses and suits are almost a different being! The journey they have made from child to adult has literally been happening in front of me for the last 5/7 years. The metamorphosis that takes place is not dissimilar to that of a caterpillar going through pupa to chrysalis to butterfly! There have been *times, terms, even years* that have been ugly and hard. Sometimes it has been confusing and frustrating – but always miraculous and wonderful. I love working with teenagers and seeing them grow physically, mentally and spiritually.

Going out with them on Wednesday night was delightful. Seeing them conduct themselves so well with each other, the staff at the venue and our teachers was very reassuring and pleasing. These young people are a credit to their families and the school. They are ready for the next phase of life.

It has been a wonderful journey and one that it is always a pleasure to oversee.

Watching Year 6s excitedly wearing the Becket Keys Hoodies they had just purchased from our second-hand uniform shop and then going to see Sixth Formers in suits and cocktail dresses is a juxtaposition that reinforces the difference half a decade can make.

One prospective parent said to me today: "I have to say that I do not know a single parent who

does not want their child to come to this school."

A Sixth Former wrote in a card: "You are a kind and loving soul. Being a head teacher was certainly the calling for your life and thank God for the many things you have done for the whole school and individuals. The efforts you put in will not go unappreciated by anyone. Thank you so very much. God continue to bless and keep you."

I am deeply touched by these words, but very aware that I get way too much credit for this school. The real credit should go to God who works here through the power of His Holy Spirit, the teachers who help students make exceptional progress academically and emotionally and the students themselves.

My prayer today and always is that our students here all achieve the results they deserve and that

they can then open their wings and fly! We are six weeks away from A level results day and seven weeks away from GCSE results day. Please pray for our students as they wait.

Have a lovely weekend!

**Mr Scott-Evans**  
Head Teacher



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## Book of the Month - July



A powerfully real and funny new story from the rising queen of teen, about first kisses, learning to be true to yourself and how one click can last for ever...

Bright wants to be the best at everything. But when it comes to popularity, she is dead last. No matter what she tries, she can't shake her reputation as a maggotty nobody. When she meets cute new boy Evan, Amelia wonders if he can help her lose her loser status. And in a moment of hope, she agrees to something she quickly regrets - something that goes viral at school. Now she's not just called "maggot", she's a "bad influence" - and worse. But Amelia's determined not to let one mistake define her...she's so much more than the image everyone sees online.

## MEP Virtual Intensive Study in China

### Year 8

This Thursday on 6<sup>th</sup> July, our Year 8 Mandarin group participated in an all-day immersive Chinese culture event. Students partook in these activities:

- Making dumplings, with a light tasting of pre-made sweet glutinous rice balls
- Making wooden Chinese lanterns
- Chinese playground games
- Chinese boardgames
- Watching a famous Chinese animated film – *Ne Zha*, with popcorn

It was an interesting and intriguing experience for our students. They were delighted to have had this opportunity; respectful to all peers and staff; grateful for the teachers from the DT department, Food Technology department and Mandarin department for putting this together. We look forward to many future events like this.

Here are some highlights from the day:





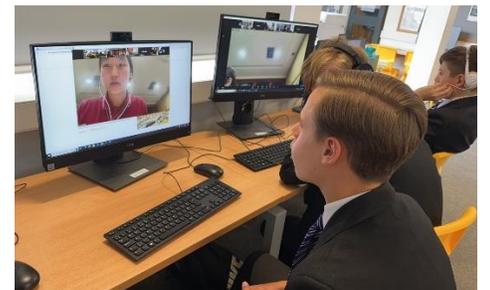
## Year 9

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, our Year 9 MEP students participated in the Virtual Intensive Study in China. It was organised and managed in China by the British Council in partnership with CLEC (Centre for Language Education and Cooperation), Ministry of Education who generously funds and co-ordinates the 15 host institutions across 11 cities in China to deliver the intensive study online. 63 UK schools participated in this programme.

The programme consisted of a thematic virtual tour of China providing:

- “Behind the scenes” virtual visits to important cultural and tourist sights and locations
- Opportunities to virtually meet and talk to Chinese people
- Relevant language revision and new learning relevant to the themes to help students prepare and get the most out of the visit
- A Chinese “buddy” group/language partners to help with language practice.

Our students participated in the activities with great enthusiasm, particularly during the session with Chinese students. It was a great success. Here are some highlights:



# Year 10 MEP University Tour – University of Kent

Last Wednesday on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, our Year 10 MEP students visited the University of Kent in Canterbury. Students not only had two university taster lessons, one on English linguistics, one on British Sign Language, but also had a campus tour led by the student ambassadors. Even though university life is 3 years away, students were excited to see what awaits them.



In the afternoon, students from Becket Keys, Beth’s Grammar School, Wilmington Academy and Mayfield Grammar School all gathered to watch the tourism promotional videos they made during the 3-day intensive study prior to this visit. Our students went on stage as their videos were played to all. The work of Frederick Muncaster, Oscar Smith and Joshua Witchalls was judged as first place! It was a lovely session.

All in all, this was an exciting and thought-provoking experience. We are very grateful for the University of Kent and the Mandarin Excellence Programme for putting this together.

**Miss Lin**  
Head of Mandarin



BASED ON THE PARAMOUNT MOVIE WRITTEN BY MIKE WHITE

SCRIPT BY  
JULIAN FELLOWES

MUSIC BY  
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

LYRICS BY  
GLENN SLATER

THE NEXT GENERATION

# SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL



SCHOOL PRODUCTION



**17th, 18th & 19th July 2023**

DOORS OPEN 7PM SHOW STARTS AT 7:30PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

TICKETS **£8.40** VIA  ParentPay

## Sixth Form Visit



Last week some of our Year 12 students has the opportunity to visit the Supreme Court where they were able to tour Courts 1 and 2 (the home of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council) and learn about how they work, and then to sit in on a case in Court 3 regarding a trademark point of law.



The students then headed over to Westminster Cathedral where they were given a tour with insights about the history of the mosaic work and architecture in the context of historic religious events.



After that, it was off to Westminster for afternoon tea in the House of Lords. Lord Carlisle of Berriew gave a rousing speech before rushing off to speak in the House of Lords on the illegal migration bill. MP Keith Best then spoke to the students about the importance of getting into politics and also about remaining true to your beliefs and the needs of constituents.

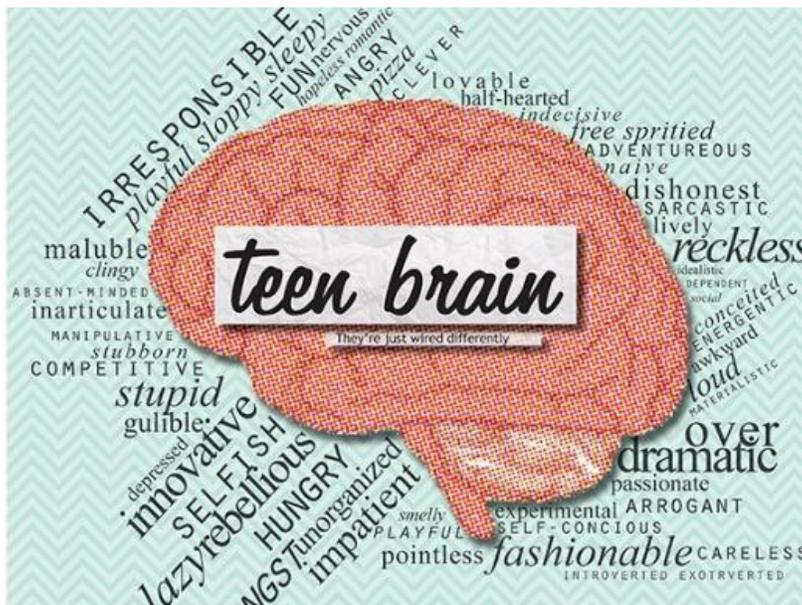


The students then had the opportunity to visit the House of Commons to listen in on a debate regarding the Holocaust memorial bill; there were some top politicians present including Priti Patel, Michael Gove and Penny Mordaunt.

Throughout this very busy day, all the students were an absolute delight, and represented the school exceptionally.

**Miss Brown**





## Parent Workshop The Teenage Brain: Understanding it and nurturing it.

This workshop is all about parenting teenagers through a richer understanding of the science of the teenage brain.

It will be hosted and delivered by Mr Scott-Evans, Mr Shields and Miss Brown. They will take you on a journey around the structures of the teenage brain and why they act/react like they do. There will be plenty of time for sharing of experience and discussing any problems families are currently dealing with.

We hope everyone will leave more confident in supporting and nurturing Becket Keys teenagers and allowing them to flourish through a better understanding of the sort of approaches used in school.

**When: Wednesday 12th July, 5.30-6.30pm**

**Where: Becket Keys Church of England School**

Tickets available on Eventbrite very soon!



## Nearly New Uniform Sale

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**11.00am – 12.30pm**

**Blazers/Coats - £7.00**

**Kilts - £7.00**

**Jumpers/Vest Tops - £5.00**

**Trousers - £4.00**

**PE tops - £3.00**

**Shorts - £2.00**

**Skorts - £ 3.00**

Please note that only cash will be accepted for this sale. Any uniform donations can be dropped into reception or to the volunteers at the sale. Some Sixth Form uniform is available and is individually priced.

## Essex Wings Competition



On the 2nd of July 1483 'Brentwood' Squadron took part in Essex Wings (Essex county) Drill and Ceremonial Competition. Within Essex Wing, Brentwood Squadron is known for its exceptional drill and uniform standards which once again shone through on the competition with us taking home first place in the 'Banner Drill Routine' and fourth place in the 'Foot Drill Routine'.

So, what did this competition consist of?

Well, it began with a uniform inspection of our dress and turnout which was completed by a RAFAC Drill Instructor who was also the past national champion in Banner Drill. Then we began with Banner Drill which was assessed by two RAFAC Warrant Officers and Drill Instructors. The Banner Drill routine consisted of four main parts: The Uncasing, Banner Bearer Movements, Mock Parade March Past, and The Casing. After completing the routine, we had a debrief with the assessors who spoke to us about what went well and points to note. This is shown in the pictures

Then the Foot Drill which was a team of nine that consists of an IC and eight Cadets. In this, we follow a routine memorised by the IC. This consisted of two main parts the routine itself and the IC's confidence in their role. After completing the routine we had a debrief with the assessors who spoke to us about what went well and points to note.

Brentwood Squadron is filled with many members of the Becket Keys community. This was seen at the competition with four of six positions in the Banner Team being filled by Becket Keys students along with the IC of the Foot Drill Team being a student.

Banner Bearer - Sam Scrutton Year 10

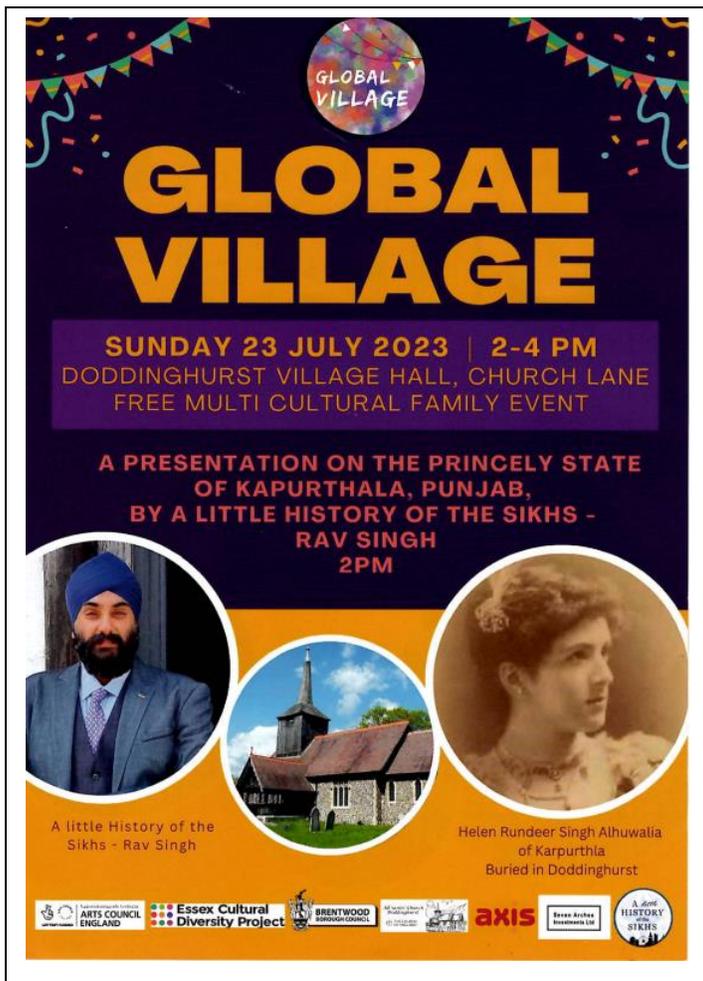
Banner Oderly - Oscar Smith Year 10

Escort to the Banner - Taylor McGlone Year 12

Banner Party Reserve and Foot Drill IC - Antony Georgiou Year 10

**Oscar Smith - Year 10**





**GLOBAL VILLAGE**

**SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023 | 2-4 PM**  
 DODDINGHURST VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH LANE  
 FREE MULTI CULTURAL FAMILY EVENT

**A PRESENTATION ON THE PRINCELY STATE OF KAPURTHALA, PUNJAB, BY A LITTLE HISTORY OF THE SIKHS - RAV SINGH 2PM**

A little History of the Sikhs - Rav Singh

Helen Runder Singh Alhuwalia of Kapurthla Buried in Doddinghurst

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND | Essex Cultural Diversity Project | BRENTWOOD | axis | Becket Keys Investments Ltd | A LITTLE HISTORY OF THE SIKHS



**ST THOMAS' MUSIC FOUNDATION**

**THE KEN TURNER Big Band**

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 7.30pm**

**ST THOMAS CHURCH BRENTWOOD CM14 4DF**

Tickets £10  
 Eventbrite  
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Or pre-order from church  
 Or £12 at the door

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If already a member, then why not refer a friend? FoBK will get a bonus when each person you refer makes a purchase.

In Art & Textiles this  
week with Mrs Cherry...  
**Star of the week**



**Y12**

**McKenzie Reid**



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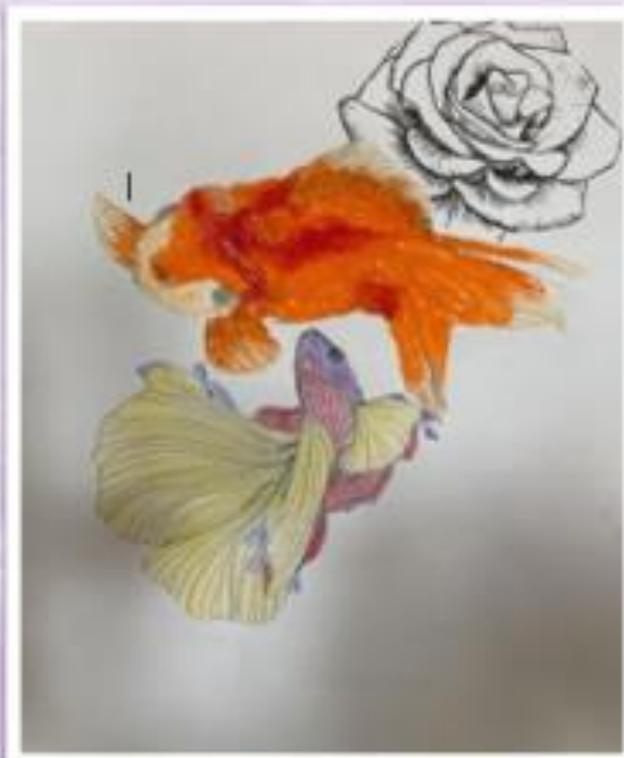




**Elizabeth Elliott Y8**



**Lucy Lorenc Y7**



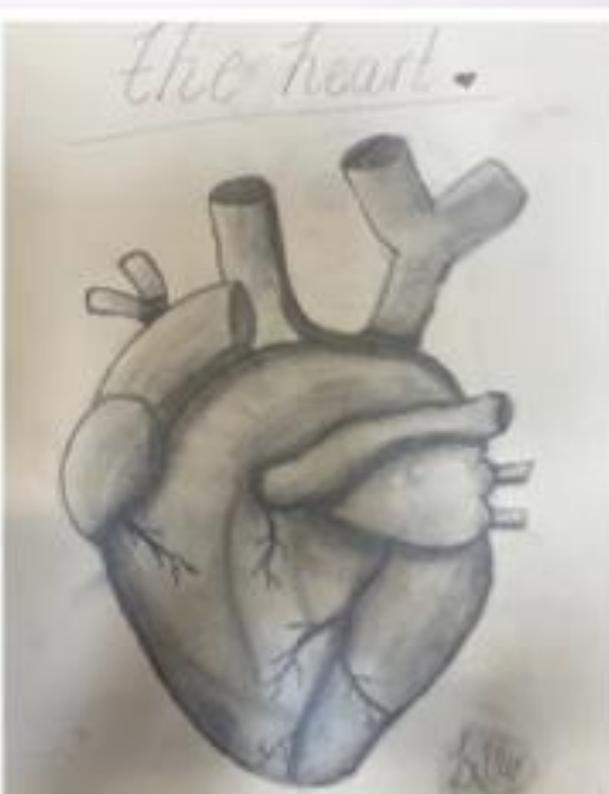
**Stanley Tucker Y8**



**Maisie Mowatt Y10**



**Lucy Lorenc Y7**



**Lilly Penfold Y8**

## District Sports

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> June the District Sports were held in Chelmsford. This event sees a number of schools throughout the area competing against each other in athletics. It was a wonderful day and we would like to thank all those who competed.

There were a number of excellent results for Becket Keys on that day, we have a few below but full details of the day can be found via the PE Department Twitter page: @BecketKeysPE

Max Sanderson cruised to victory in the Year 10, 800 m race. This is Max's last district sports and he leaves a legacy that will be hard to match!



Louie Newnham was up against some tough competition in the shot put but managed to obtain a bronze medal. His determination will push him to greater success in the future.



Pipe Lawani achieved a silver medal in discus and has often been an inspiration for those in the lower years with her achievements.



We started with an excellent result from Evie Warn in Year 9 who breezed to victory in her 1500m event, showcasing her talent for this distance.



Sophie Gunn collected a bronze medal in the triple jump. An excellent achievement as this was the first time she had competed in this event.



Silver medals in their field events for Oprah and Tiana in Year 7. Excellent performances from these two girls.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARENT WORKSHOP  
THE TEENAGE BRAIN

12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

5.30PM

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ENRICHMENT DAY

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

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YEAR 7

MANOR ADVENTURE RESIDENTIAL

FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY – SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Follow @BecketKeysTrips  
on Twitter for updates

## SCHOOL OF ROCK!

MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY

TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

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LAST DAY AT SCHOOL

FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023

NON-UNIFORM DAY

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STUDENT HALF DAY

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