



A DISTINCTIVE CHOICE
IN BRENTWOOD



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RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST

Becket Keys

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL



Ofsted
Outstanding
2014 | 2025

Dear Parents,

At Becket Keys Church of England School, we provide a high quality education in a caring Christian environment where all students are known, and achieve their potential at GCSE and A Level.

Both of our Ofsted inspections (May 2014 and February 2025) judged us "Outstanding" in all areas; recognising the exceptional performance of our students and the quality of our staff. Our community's vision of a high achieving Church of England school for Brentwood is being fully realised.

Our facilities have been transformed with the addition of the new Welby building and the replacement of our sports hall with a new state of the art £2.5 million provision.

This prospectus provides a flavour of some of the developments at Becket Keys, but I also encourage you to visit us to see the school in action, and to meet our students for yourselves.



Mr A Scott-Evans

Head Teacher

“Becket Keys is a school where pupils flourish academically, socially, and spiritually. Strong relationships with staff, and excellent pastoral support, mean that pupils feel valued and well looked after.”

Ofsted, February 2025





BRENTWOOD'S OUTSTANDING CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Church of England primary school headteachers, parents and the Chelmsford Diocese recognised the need for a local Church of England secondary school, so approached the Russell Education Trust (RET) – the school standards specialists and academic sponsor – to work with them to set up and run Becket Keys, which opened in 2012.

The agreed school priorities were to:

- recruit high quality, proven leaders, and exceptional staff, focusing on high standards and high expectations
- provide a mix of traditional and innovative curricula
- build a Christian school community where everyone is known and valued
- retain a 'personal size' of around 150 in each year group and 300 in the Sixth Form

High demand for places, and two outstanding inspection reports suggest that parents and Ofsted believe we are delivering on this vision. Our students, too, are proud of their school.

“The school has worked hard to earn the support and trust of the community for being both high performing and inclusive. It is a school of vision and faith that is delivering an excellent all round education.”

The Most Reverend & Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell
SCP The Lord Archbishop of York and Primate of England





“The school’s Christian ethos is at the heart of everything it does. Pupils live out the Gospel values to ‘love one another’ (John 15:17), treating others with care and respect.”

Ofsted,
February 2025

“Beyond the classroom, pupils continue to uphold the school’s high expectations. During social times, they are considerate and friendly, creating a positive atmosphere in which everyone feels included.”

Ofsted. February 2025





LEADERSHIP & TEACHING

Students are entitled to consistently high-quality teaching. At Becket Keys, we only employ exceptional teachers, all of whom must first convince us they are committed to our values, and also demonstrate their classroom skills to our Senior Leadership Team.

RET provide our staff with regular, ongoing high quality in-service training, to ensure that they continually upgrade their expertise, in line with school and national expectations.

Our subject leaders are responsible for ensuring that our schemes of work and teaching are of the standard required, with our senior team regularly and systematically checking that our classroom practice delivers the quality of education that our students require.

CURRICULUM

Becket Keys delivers a broad academic curriculum that draws on best practice from independent and state schools nationally.

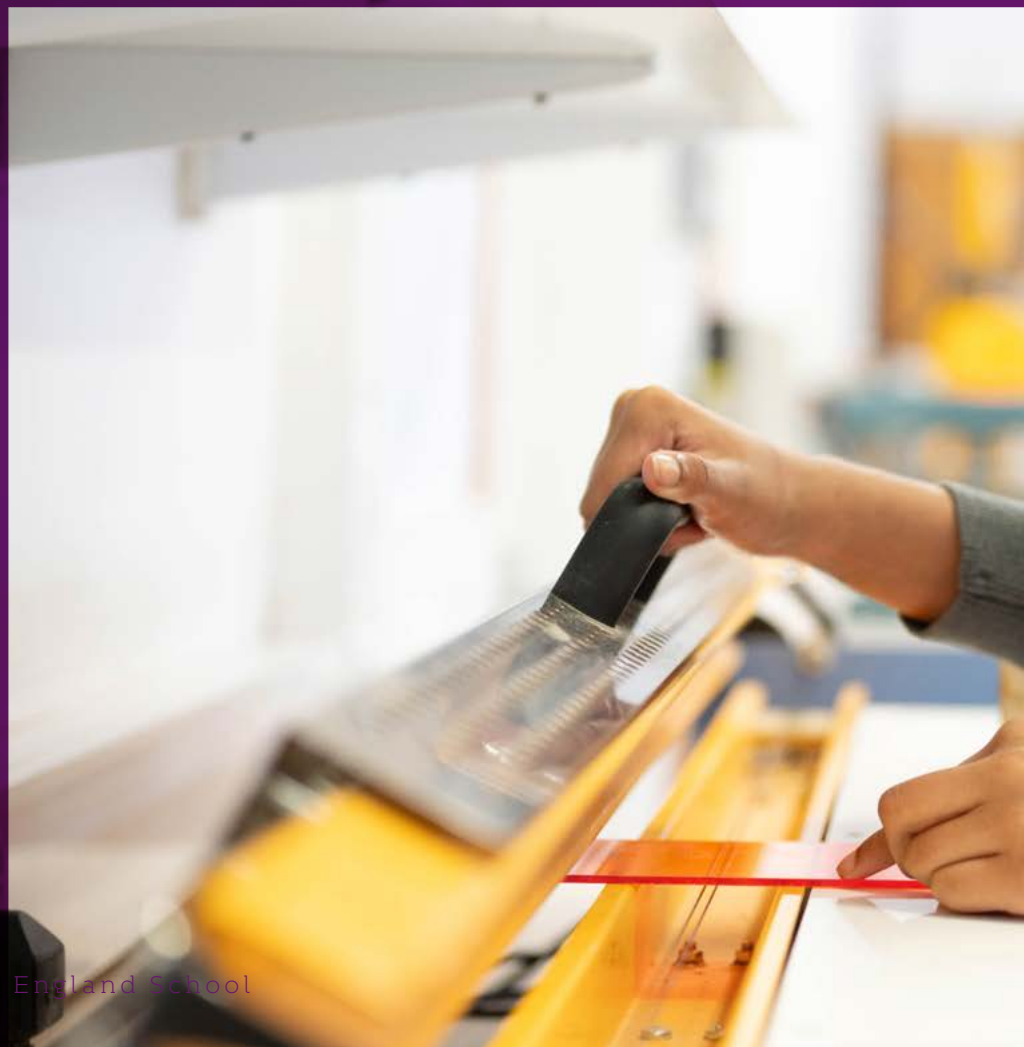
We prepare students for life beyond school by focussing on the core curriculum and subjects that reflect the needs of the future workplace.

Our compulsory GCSE curriculum: Mathematics, English Language and Literature, Science (including separate Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), a Modern Foreign Language (either Mandarin or Spanish), a Humanity (either History and/or Geography), and Religion and Philosophy.

Students can choose one other GCSE: Art, Textiles, Business Computer Science, Drama, Music, Physical Education, or Technology (either Hospitality and Catering, Food Preparation and Nutrition or Design and Technology).

“Pupils benefit from an exceptional quality of education. They enjoy work that challenges them to think deeply and apply their knowledge. Teachers have high expectations, and pupils rise to meet them.”

Ofsted, February 2025





“Sixth Form students play a significant role in shaping the school’s ethos. They take on important responsibilities as prefects and peer mentors, run clubs, and support younger pupils in lessons.”

Ofsted, February 2025



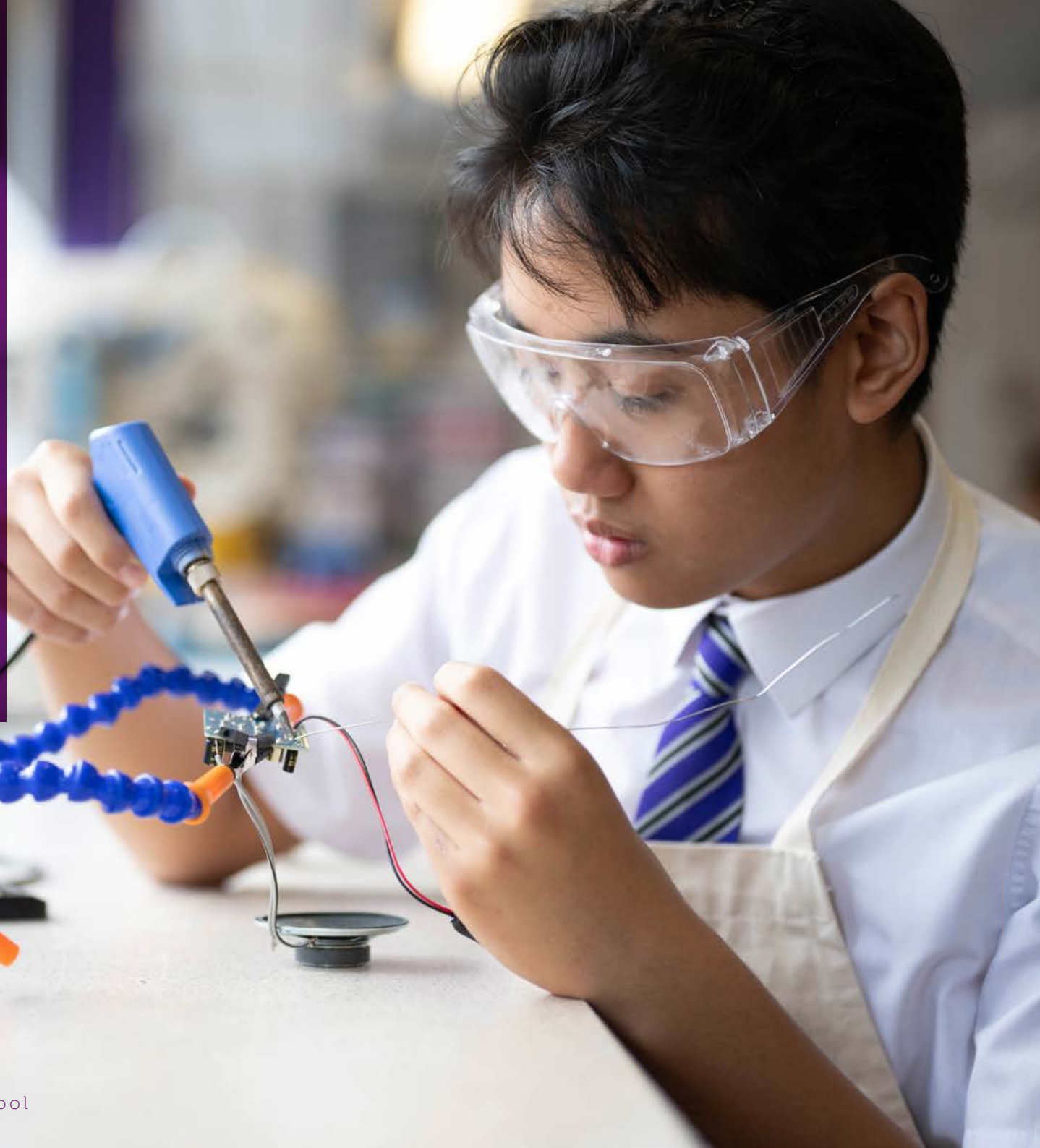
SIXTH FORM

Most students continue their studies with us at our Sixth Form. We take pride in continuing our Christian Ethos with regular worship and a strong focus on community service. We have maintained our independent school feel with a smart Sixth Form uniform, outstanding facilities and special links to the best universities and employers.

Keeping the Sixth Form relatively small (150 in each year), means we still know each student by name and can offer excellent pastoral care along with individualised career and higher education advice. We also continue to work closely with our expert sponsor RET to ensure the quality of our provision is second to none. We offer many A Levels including all the subjects studied at GCSE and some additional ones such as: Economics, Media Studies, Politics, Psychology and Sociology. Further details about courses can be found on our website.

“A strong sense of community is at the heart of the school. Staff set high expectations, and pupils consistently demonstrate caring and respectful attitudes. Collective worship reinforces the school’s values, deepens pupils’ faith, and encourages pupils to reflect on their responsibilities to others.”

Ofsted, February 2025



ENRICHMENT

Curriculum enrichment in and beyond the classroom is central to the Becket Keys experience; each subject provides activities to extend learning. This includes peripatetic teachers providing tuition for a range of musical instruments, visiting speakers and links to outside organisations such as STEM ambassadors. Offsite learning is also important, with field trips, visits to sites of historical interest, concerts, and theatre trips. Year 7 students attend an outdoor pursuits residential, Year 8 students visit a surfing school in Bude and Year 9 students visit Spain or China to practise the language they learn in school. Our programme also includes a ski trip and additional overseas visits including “World Challenge” and both Geography and History field trips to name a few.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Learning at Becket Keys is not just a classroom activity. All staff run very popular clubs and activities related to their subjects and their personal interests. We expect every student to take up some of the offers. Some activities are led by students with particular expertise and interests, supervised by staff. School is open from 8am until 4.30pm or later every day.



“Pupil’s behaviour is exemplary. They listen attentively, remain highly focused, and approach their work with determination.”

Ofsted, February 2025



SPORT

We have excellent sporting facilities and a strong relationship with the local Sports Trust. We play an active part in local competitive sport and use specialist instructors alongside our PE staff to to succeed at the highest levels.

MUSIC

Music is a huge strength at our school. We aim to build on the Church of England's musical traditions and have many highly capable musicians on the staff and amongst our students. Singing and playing are part of our collective worship and we encourage students and staff to join our choirs, music groups and orchestra.





“Leaders, including those responsible for governance, are highly effective. They have a clear vision and ensure consistently high standards.”

Ofsted, February 2025

“Parents and carers are overwhelmingly positive about the school, praising the excellent opportunities available to their children. Pupils share this view, speaking enthusiastically about their experiences and the support they receive.”

Ofsted, February 2025



New Sports Hall



PARTNERSHIP & SERVICE

We aim to work in close partnership with the family of schools in Brentwood and the Diocese of Chelmsford, for the benefit of local children and young people. At a school level, our most important partnerships are with parents. We will work together with you to promote your child's happiness, academic success and personal growth. Becket Keys embeds community service as part of the curriculum, to ensure we develop well organised and fruitful relationships with our neighbours and the locality. This is a key part of our Christian Ethos. Students learn respect and responsibility through acts of service and through partnering with local organisations and charities.



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If you would like to visit the school or to find out more, please visit our website: www.becketkeys.org

We look forward to welcoming you to Becket Keys.

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RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST

Member schools work together and with RET expert advisers to deliver the very highest standards of teaching and learning; and to support the achievement and happiness of every student across the Trust. The success of the Trust's schools has been recognised by Ofsted, the Department for Education, and by the communities they serve.

The Russell Education Trust (RET) is made up of five high-performing 11-18 secondary schools in the south of England.

The RET family of schools includes:



The school's vision of a 'safe, happy and learning community' is entirely realised. This is because the school is inclusive, placing pupils right at the heart of its work. The school strives for academic excellence alongside developing the whole individual.

Ofsted 2024



Pupils here are happy members of this school community and said that it feels like 'a family'.

They interact warmly with staff, who speak to pupils with care and respect.

Ofsted 2024



Pupils are confident, articulate and aspiring. They are proud to be part of the school community. The school's provision for their education and welfare makes a significant contribution to their lives.

Ofsted 2022



Leaders have ensured that the curriculum is engaging for pupils, and that it promotes diversity. Teachers have strong subject knowledge, know their pupils well, and use this knowledge to help them learn. Pupils behave well. There is rarely any disruption to learning.

Ofsted 2022