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# June Newsletter

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## Exam Week at Becket Keys

Becket Keys Church of England School Year 7 students tackled a series of exams in the sports hall this week.

Getting used to the exam hall and the requirements of formal exams were key objectives for the week. However, the main reason for the exams has been formally to assess the progress our students have made this year. Externally set tests in English and maths, which will be marked by a nationally recognised analysis group, will provide independent verification of our own assessments. In other subjects our own staff have set and moderated the exams with colleagues from

the Russell Education Trust.

Over the last few weeks students have been taught revision skills and techniques for exam performance.

Students have performed extremely well and it has been great to see them using their revision cards and attending homework club for extra practice this week.

**MUFTI DAY**  
Thursday 4th  
July. Students to  
dress in house  
colours.  
£1 donation

Friday 28th June 2013

I would like to congratulate each one of our students for their excellent attitude this week. I would also like to thank all the parents who have worked hard too supporting each one.

Mr Scott-Evans  
**Head Teacher**



### THE POWER OF PRAYER!

Each exam has started with prayer this week. Students have told us that they have valued these times before the tests.

Staff and students have appreciated the opportunity to focus on the peace that comes from the Holy Spirit during this important and hectic week.



## Patronal Festival HELP PLEASE #1!

Just one week to go until our Patronal Festival celebrating both of our saints: St Peter and St Thomas of Canterbury!

With our Patronal Festival Eucharist on Friday 5th July we would like help from parents with walking to and from church. As last time, we will be offering a chance for parents to meet with us for a buffet afterwards. Please join teachers and other staff at school, if you are able to do so.

We will be leaving Becket Keys at 10:30 and returning to school around 12:30pm.

A light lunch will be served at school afterwards; it will be a great opportunity to reflect on the year and to answer any questions you may have as we prepare for our second year.

Please let us know if you can help so that we can order the lunch for you. [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)



### PATRONAL FESTIVAL EUCHARIST:

**FRIDAY 5th JULY**  
**ST THOMAS' CHURCH**  
**11am**

## Patronal Festival Barbeque

Our Patronal Festival Eucharist is followed on Saturday 6th July with a family barbecue. Our new students and their families are invited to join existing Year 7 students and their families for a fun day at Becket Keys.

We need around 20 adult helpers on the day of the barbecue to help set up and pack down at the end of the day.

Please help if you are:

- 1) Experienced constructors of marquees and gazebos.
- 2) Happy to help with one of the stalls.
- 3) Willing to check tickets on the gate.

We really want the day to go well and your help could make a big difference.

Please contact us: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org).

Students (and their families) are encouraged to attend the festival barbecue in their house colours. Wearing a T-shirt in the colour of your house will help to show which house you are representing on the day.

**WIGGINS & WEIR: BLUE**

**AINSLEY & COCKCROFT: BLACK**

**HOY & SIMMONDS: RED**

**PENDLETON & PEACOCK: WHITE**

**ENNIS & WHITEHEAD: GREEN**

**FARAH & STOREY: YELLOW**

Guests are reminded to bring their tickets with them—we have now sold nearly 400 tickets! These will be required for entrance to the event and will be exchanged for the meal on the day.

*Guests are reminded to bring their tickets with them*



## Patronal Festival HELP PLEASE #2!

### Cakes for the Barbecue

We would like to be able to sell cakes (for charity) at the barbecue. We'd like homemade family sized cakes and packs of cakes for people to buy to eat on the day or take home.

If you or your sons or daughters are able to help by making a cake for this, we would love to receive the cakes. Please make sure there are **NO NUTS** in the cakes in case of allergies.

Please bring them to the cake stall on the day.

The **Biggest Becket Keys Best Brownie Bake-Off!** Our Junior Masterchef contestant, Joe Stuckey, will be going head to head with teacher Ms Endicott to gain the most votes in blind tasting of their brownies. Look for the stall at the BBQ. Donations to take part and cast a vote – the audience will decide!!

### More Charity News

**A reminder to students that next week is charities' week.** There will be events running each day, plus small change collections during lunchtime. Please support the events and help us to reach a grand total of raising over £1700 for different charities during our first year.



### Mufti Day

Students will be allowed to wear mufti (non-uniform) on Thursday 4th July. We are asking students to celebrate our patronal festival by wearing their newly chosen Olympic house colours.

There will be a £1 donation requested towards our school charities for this privilege!

**Responsible school dress code still applies:**

**Normal hair** expectations, tied back and neat (but girls can wear different colour hair ties).

**No jewellery.**

**No make up.**

**No onesies!**

Students should still wear **sensible shoes** and be prepared for **PE bringing their normal PE kit please.**



### Lost Property

#### Items in lost property

Red water bottle  
Tottenham Hotspur water bottle  
Slazenger water bottle  
White Reebok trainers size 5  
2 x Grey Becket Keys jumper size 32 (un-named)  
Black coat size 12/13 Rebel  
Gold padlock  
Memory stick - blue

Black polka dot wellington boots  
Sky blue jacket—Topman M

**Mr Fenn has a number of purple hoodies in the PE office. Please check there if you have lost one.**

Mason Walsh has lost his named tie. Please could students check that they have the right tie.

Items that have been in lost property for more than a month will be given away to good causes.



## Sports News

*“impressed  
with the  
progress”*

**Girls’ Rounders –**  
On Thursday we took two teams of girls to St Martin’s for a rounders fixture. The A team lost their first game 10-6 and drew the second game, with the teams both scoring 6 ½ rounders.

The B team lost the first game 6-5 ½ and

lost their second game 6-5.

Both Mr Fenn and the St Martin’s PE teacher were very impressed with the progress our girls made over the course of the two games. We will meet St Martin’s again at the rounders rally next week.



## Governors’ Speeches and Awards Evening



As we approach the end of our inaugural year, we can look back with pride at all that has been achieved and with gratitude for all the ways in which our school has been blessed.

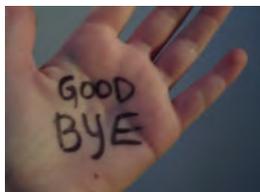
On 16th July there will be a Governors’ Speeches and Award evening to which all our school

community will be invited. Students have been nominated for a variety of subject, attainment, progress and school ambassador awards. We look forward to hearing Bishop Stephen Cottrell who will be our guest of honour and present the awards to our winning students. In addition, there will be musical

pieces performed and speeches delivered by our students.

The school office will be sending invitations soon. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please respond promptly. We look forward to welcoming you to this special event.

## Saying Farewell



We will be saying farewell to Mr Platford and Mr Tunstall at the end of this term.

We wish them well in the future.



We would like to thank both of these teachers for their hard work during this first year of our new school.

Mr Hughes will be taking on the head of year duties for Year 7 & 8 next year.



## Music Concert

Tickets are now on sale at Reception for our summer music concert. £5 adults  
£3 concessions

**Date: 11th July**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Place: Main Hall**



## Last Day of Term

The last day of the term is Friday 19th July. We will finish at 3:20pm, as usual.



## Last chance to book a place...

Paul Hannaford's drugs workshop has a few remaining places. Please contact the office if you wanted to come.

He will present similar materials to those he will share with the students during the day

and provide plenty of time for questions.

He comes highly recommended and we think everyone who comes will gain useful insights from someone who regularly works with students and their families on this

important issue.

**Date: Wed 3rd July**

**Time: 6.30pm**

**Place: Runcie Building**

Refreshments provided

Please book now:

[office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)

## Patronal Festival Church Services

St Peter's  
Church—Sunday  
30th at 9:45am  
Patronal Festival  
Family Communion.



St Thomas'  
Church—Sunday  
7th July 10am  
Patronal Festival  
Mass



Many other special events are running at both churches; please see their websites for further details.

# VACANCY:

## Finance and Contracts Manager

- **Start Date:** To be confirmed
- **Salary:** £28,404 to £30,567
- **Contract:** Full Time and Permanent
- **Applications Close:** 2 July 2013

RET Becket Keys Church of England School, Brentwood

Salary Range: £28,404 to £30,567

Becket Keys School offers a high quality education in a caring, Christian environment in which each student is known, valued and encouraged to achieve their potential. The school is committed to outstanding academic performance and to fostering a love of learning in its students.

The school opened in September 2012 as a partnership between parents, local Church of England primary school head teachers, the Diocese of Chelmsford, and Russell Education Trust (RET). 125 year 7 students were welcomed in 2012 and the school is oversubscribed for the next academic year.

The school needs a dedicated and dynamic finance manager to support the school's continuing growth and development. Working closely with the Head teacher and the RET Head of Finance & Operations you will ensure that the school's large site is effectively managed. You will be responsible for the financial management of the school including budget monitoring and development, oversee the financial processes and systems of the school, and ensure best value is obtained from the school's contracts.

You will be a self-motivated individual with strong interpersonal skills and the drive and determination to develop your role and responsibilities.

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