



## Great to see you!

Becket Keys Church of England School opened its doors on Thursday this week to hundreds of new faces as we welcomed families of existing students into the school for a brief tour.

The word on most people's lips seemed to be 'WOW' as they saw for the first time our new library, ICT suite and brand new 63 plate minibus. The refurbished areas were also greatly admired: Becket Bistro, Keys Café, The Main Hall and classroom spaces.

Our students proudly showed their parents round and introduced them to their teachers.

Opportunities for prospective parents to come and see the school with their children start next week. We already have nearly 100 families coming for the first of three Open Mornings and have had to close it to further bookings.

We have been delighted by the response from our students to our request for volunteers to return in the evenings over the next few weeks to act as ambassadors and we look forward to seeing them showing round the future Year 7 of Becket Keys.



*Royal family attend Brentwood Cathedral*

### BECKET KEYS CHORISTER SINGS FOR ROYALTY

Lauren Brown sang at Brentwood Cathedral this week for the Funeral Mass of the well known conservationist, horse breeder and very good friend of HRH Prince Charles: Mr Hugh van Cutsem.

Lauren, who sings for our own choir and has performed at Becket Keys concerts on several occasions, was chosen to sing at the Requiem Mass.

Lauren knew it was a special occasion, but she did not know whether Prince Charles would actually attend.

In fact, he attended with both Prince William, Prince Harry and Camilla.

Prince Charles knew Mr van Cutsem from their days together at Cambridge University.

Lauren is one of two Cathedral Choristers at Becket Keys Church of England School.





### Mr Fenn writes...

We have had a fantastic start to PE this term. The Year 8s are learning about rugby, trampolining,

netball and badminton, while the Year 7s are completing baseline tests in gymnastics, fitness and games related activities.

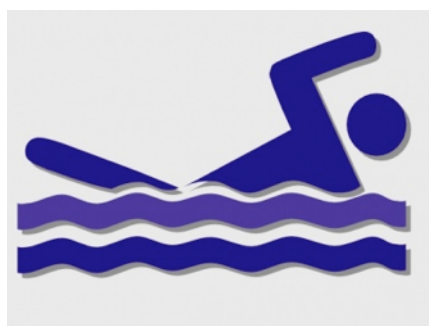
The attendance at sports clubs has been very high, which is great, (over 150 students came to extracurricular sport on Wednesday alone!!!), and we look forward to seeing sports men and women develop as a result of commitment, hard work, challenge and enjoyment! All sports clubs are now up and running.

## Things to remember



If you are attending a sports club before school, you may arrive in your PE kit, but remember your uniform. If you are attending a sports club after school, you may leave in your PE kit, but again remember your uniform! If you are doing a lunchtime "turn up and play" club, then all you need to bring is a pair of trainers. All PE kit should be labelled, so if an item gets lost or misplaced it can be returned to the owner. No items can be left in the changing rooms over night as these changing rooms are used by members of the public after 5pm every evening.

## Swimming Academy



We have partnered up with Brentwood Swimming Club to allow students to train with the club once a week.

**When?** Sessions run from 6.30-7.30am on Thursdays (term time).

**Where?** The Brentwood Centre  
**Do parents need to be there?** No, but they can be if they want to. When students finish, they get changed and walk up to school.

**What to bring?** Suitable swimwear including a hat and goggles.

**Is there a charge?** The first 2 weeks are free; if a student wants to sign up then they should pick up a registration form from the swimming coach with a variety of payment options.

**What is the purpose of the club?** For students to improve their times over a variety of distances and to improve levels of fitness.

The first free session is 19<sup>th</sup> September.

## Benefits of Exercise



During physical activity, your body releases a number of chemicals, two commonly known are serotonin and endorphins, which helps the person exercising feel good. Many scientific studies have proven that regular exercise can:

- Reduce levels of stress;
  - Ward off anxiety;
  - Boost Self Esteem;
  - Improve Sleep.
- Exercise also has these added health benefits:
- It strengthens your heart;
  - It increases energy levels;
  - It lowers blood pressure;
  - It improves muscle tone and strength;
  - It strengthens and builds bones;
  - It helps reduce body fat;
  - It makes you look fit and healthy.

### PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer meetings are on Tuesdays at 11:30 like last year NOT Thursdays as announced in last week's newsletter. Sorry for any confusion!

### UNIFORM

Students look superb in their new uniform; thank you for supporting our school policy – it is really important to us.

### LOST PROPERTY

The following items are not named. Please contact reception to collect:

Pearl earring  
Silver stud earring  
Pink/Diamond watch  
Small gold padlock with key  
Rotary Gold watch  
Pair of unnamed trousers  
Pencil case with monkey logo on  
Scientific calculator  
Black lunch bag with blue water bottle  
'Hell Ride Tonight' book  
Black water bottle with blue lid  
Pair of black rimmed glasses with brown pattern on the arm  
Pink 'Sandisk' memory stick  
Lost property is kept for four weeks and then given to charity or recycled.

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## and finally . . .



It was great to see so many of you this week when we opened our doors on Thursday. Thank you for coming in such large numbers and for your positive comments!

Having now put 'faces to names' with regards to teachers you may wonder what is the best way to keep the lines of communication open. I would like to remind you of the parent handbook we distributed last year. In it, you will see how best to keep in contact with us.

If you just want to contact the office you can call in, telephone 01277 286600 or email [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org). If you want to get a message to a member of staff use: [staffenquiry@becketkeys.org](mailto:staffenquiry@becketkeys.org) and put the name of the teacher in the subject line.

The student planner is checked at least once a week so is also a good way to keep in touch.

Kind regards,  
Andy Scott-Evans  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

17th Sept	First Open Day/Eve for
Prospective	Families*
19th Sept	Primary School Teachers' Tea*
25th Sept	Second Open Day/Eve for
	Prospective Families*
3rd Oct	Final Open Day/Eve for
Prospective	Families*

\* We will be asking students to volunteer for each of these high profile events where our school will be showing off all that we have to offer here at Becket Keys

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