



## SCHOOL TRIPS SUCCESS!

Last weekend Becket Keys Church of England School students set off onto two very different residential trips.

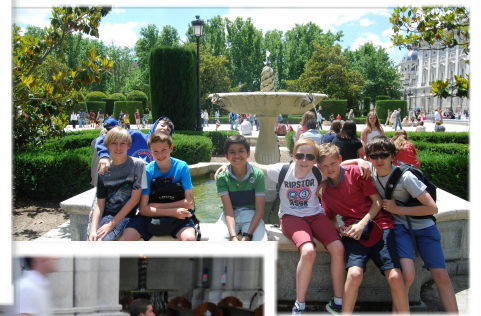
The Year 8 students went to Madrid whilst the Year 7 students went to Cornbury Park.

The Year 7 trip was a repeat of last year's very successful Bushcraft experience and was a triumph for those students brave enough to take on the challenge of living in the wild for a long weekend.

Our first years braved difficult weather conditions and built shelters, fires and traps. They cooked their own food and learnt wilderness first aid. Perhaps the greatest challenge was the fresh water swimming! The lake offered a real mental battle in the driving rain, but the students rose to the challenge marvellously.

In Madrid, the weather was dramatically different. There was constant sunshine and heat for all the various trips and experiences. Our second years stayed in a hotel opposite the Royal Palace and were excited to be in Madrid on the day of the Champions League Final (Real Madrid v Atletico Madrid!). Not only that, our school was fortunate enough to be in the Santiago Bernabéu (home of eventual winners Real Madrid) on the actual day of the final!

It was not all about the football though. Not by any means! Our students also tasted tapas in the main square, churros in the



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cafés, went shopping in El Corte Ingles, visited an art gallery, went to the park and the Royal Palace. They also spent a day in the beautiful town of Toledo, out on the outskirts of Madrid.

It was an incredible experience for the 88 Year 8 students who attended. Lots of Spanish was spoken and for a few students it was their first time abroad and/or their first time on an aeroplane.

We were extremely proud of the students on both trips as they received many positive comments from those who met them and were praised for their maturity.

The staff should also receive a mention. Each one chose to give

up part of their half term to take students overseas or into the forest. This was a great sacrifice for many who have young families and other responsibilities. Let alone the fact that we are in the middle of a very long summer term and everyone needs a break over the Whitsun Holiday.

Mr Scott-Evans said, "I am so pleased and thrilled with how well the two residential trips went. We took over 130 students to Bushcraft and 88 to Madrid. It is wonderful to share these experiences as a school and we are going to reap the rewards in our school community for years to come."

# OTHER NEWS

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes are now running on Thursdays after school in the Library with Fr Colin and other clergy. Students should return their forms to Mr Scott-Evans or give to Fr Colin when they attend. **Confirmation Classes: Thursdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Library.**

## UK MATHEMATICS TRUST CHALLENGE

Recently our most able mathematicians were given the chance to enter the UKMT Junior Challenge. The national competition is designed for Year 8 students so those in Year 7 who entered were doing particularly well to compete in this way. The competition tests students' advanced mathematical skills and ability to apply their knowledge to complex problems.

Bethany Hancox, James Jackson and Ben Cooper achieved the gold award standard with Bethany achieving the best in Year 8 and James achieving the best in Year 7. James had an excellent score of 98 which was the best result in the school and was only 10 points away from qualifying for an invitation to the Junior Mathematical Olympiad. Well done James!

Silver awards go to:

Oliver Potter  
Georgina Podd  
Joshua Rees  
Alex Savage  
James Leak  
Charlie Johnson

Bronze awards go to:

Lucy Uwins  
William Brown  
Jodie Saxon  
Jack Marks  
Malakai Brann  
Jonnelle Coker  
Farran Deal  
Emily Hobbs  
Jamie Jacobs  
Sophie Haywood  
Oliver Legon  
Rachael Davison  
Evie Walker  
Jay Georgiou-Young  
Alice Keely  
Emma Sanders



Certificates will be sent to us in the post.

Watch this space for news of a UKMT style inter-house maths challenge!

# SPORTS NEWS

## Y7 Athletics Trials at Melbourne Park

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Mr Fenn took 9 students to the Year 7 Athletics Trials at Melbourne Park. All students were a credit to the school and were competing against the best athletes in Mid-Essex. Notable performances were from Tobe Uche-Igbokwe who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m, Grace Burrell who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 600m and Daniel Ogunleye who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in his 800m race breaking the Becket Keys record which now stands at 2m34s. Luke Savage, Jack Buckland, Tom Burkert and Freddie Mattock all competed well as did Jess Weedon and Divine Okwuosa.

## Athletics at St Martins

We took a mix of Year 7 and Year 8 students across to St Martins on Tuesday for a friendly athletics meet where we could compete in as many different events as they wished in a competitive environment. Some great performances came from all, but in particular Grace Burrell won the 1500 metres for Year 7 and Jess Weedon won both the long jump and 100 metres. Tom Middleton came in first place for the Year 8 100 metres, with Brandon Wood just behind, following up his win in long jump with a second place sprint.

## 0to3k Challenge

Frank Parish, Toby Deacon, Lewis Dwyer and Alfie Arundel-Coote have taken part in the 0to3k challenge over the last five weeks.

This training programme requires a considerable amount of determination and hard work in order to make the progress required to run 3km without walking or stopping.

These students have been undertaking fitness training twice a week with Mr Fenn along with fitness work in their own time.

All four students made rapid progress, once they understood ways in which to develop their mental toughness and willpower. This programme should last 8–10 weeks, however the students were ready to complete the challenge on week 5! Frank and Toby ran together along with other students to motivate, encourage and act as pacemakers for them. Both students were clearly putting their all into it, with Frank Parish having enough energy for a sprint finish over the last 60 metres!

All other students congratulated Toby and Frank as they crossed the finish line. Lewis arrived late, but joined in. He had to run his last two laps without the others, but still managed to find the strength for a sprint finish. Alfie ran his own race, running alone but found a pace that he managed to maintain for the duration of the challenge. All four boys deserve huge praise for this achievement. It just goes to show how regular training is linked to improvement no matter what your starting point is.

These students have decided they want to continue with the running club on Tuesday mornings, as they now want to beat their 3km time, some now want to run the 5km!

They will also act as mentors to a new group of students who will be starting the 0to3k challenge. If your son/daughter would like to be a part of this programme in September, please inform Mr Fenn.





# SPORTS NEWS

## Year 7 Boys' Cricket

Anglo-European – 95-2  
Becket Keys – 80 all-out

The Year 7 Boys Cricket Team played their first match on the Monday before half term in fantastic conditions. The team played with great spirit, narrowly losing out to a more experienced Anglo-European team by 15 runs. Luke Savage was the top run scorer with 13. The wickets went to Joel Reeves and Luke Savage. The team are working hard to be more consistent in their bowling, protect their wicket and increase their scoring rate.



## U13 Girls' Cricket

The Girls' U13 cricket team travelled to Hutton Cricket Club for some training matches against Shenfield School and Hutton Cricket Club. Some promising bowling was performed by Elloise Wilson, Lauren Pamenter, Grace Duffy and Uchechi Nze. Unfortunately, we were unable to dominate in any of the matches, with some strong batting and bowling skills being demonstrated from both Shenfield and Hutton. However, the games were good experience for the girls and they have identified some aspects of their game that they need to develop in training.

## Rounders V Brentwood County High

Year 7 and 8 produced some promising performances in their rounders matches against BCHS this week. The Year 8s drew their first innings, but had improved their communication and application of tactics in the second innings to win overall 10.5-6.5! The Year 7s also won both of their innings and dominated their game to win. We hope to organise another rounders event with BCHS for B teams too, so remember to come to training on Mondays after school and 'Turn Up and Play' Thursday lunchtimes!

**Becket Keys Church of England  
School Sports Facilities available for  
hire!**

**Sports Hall now available!**

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5pm to 7pm

**Tennis Courts now available!**

Weekends all day

Mon - Fri from 5pm onwards

**To book call 01277 286649**

# UNIFORM MATTERS

## EARRINGS

Please make sure that if your daughter is planning on having her ears pierced this summer that it is done on the very first day of the holiday to allow maximum healing time before returning to school.

All girls are expected to remove earrings before PE lessons regardless of when they were pierced.



Earrings must be removed for PE so that accidents do not occur and ears do not get torn.

## NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Please donate any good quality school uniform items which could be re-sold (proceeds to school fund).

Boys' Blazer  
size 28" £10

Purple Reversible PE  
top (2) 26/28" £5

Skort  
22/24" £5

Jumpers (4)  
size 30" £5  
Jumpers (2)  
Size 34"

Grey slipover size 28" £5  
Grey slipover size 30" £5

Boys' trousers age 11/12 £5

Boys' s/s shirts  
age 9/10 £1

Boys' l/s shirts  
age 9/10 £1

Hoodie (Medium) £5

Girls' Blouse Banner size 28"  
£3

Girls' Blazer Size 16 £5  
Girls' Blazer 38" £6  
Girls' Blazer 32" £10



# TRAVEL TIPS!

## BICYCLES

Please ensure your son/daughter has a helmet if they are cycling to and from school. Our cycle shelter is available for all staff and students to use and is locked during the day and monitored by CCTV.



Congratulations to all the cyclists who have recently completed stages of the Bikeability Course. We look forward to seeing even more bikes in the bike sheds.

## NOTICES

### PATRONAL FESTIVAL

#### CONCERT

The Patronal Festival Concert is on Tuesday 24th June 7pm at St Peter's Church. Tickets are available from both Becket Keys and St Peter's for £5.

[concert@southwealdfestival.co.uk](mailto:concert@southwealdfestival.co.uk)

#### EUCCHARIST

Our Patronal Festival Eucharist will take place on Friday 4th July at St Thomas' Church starting at 11am. Parents are welcome to join us and also walk up to church with us (parking in our car park).

#### PICNIC

Our Patronal Festival Picnic will take place this year on Saturday 5th July.

Our choirs, orchestras and other performances will entertain us and there will be the usual sporting activities and games as well. Come and enjoy: inflatable assault courses, ice cold drinks, specialist teas and coffees, ice creams, sweets, cakes and much more!

Tickets can be purchased via our on-line payment system:

Adults: £3

Children: £2

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## NOTICES

### ST THOMAS' EVENTS

St Thomas' Church ever popular teddy bear parachute jump on 21<sup>st</sup> June from 12-4pm.

St Thomas' School is hosting an inflatables fun day on Thursday 12th June 3:30pm to 5:30pm. £5 for a wristband.

St Thomas' School Summer Fair is on Saturday 28th June from 12noon to 4pm.

Becket Keys students (particularly those who used to attend St Thomas') are welcome to attend these events.

#### Dates for your Diary

Fri 13th June Staff Training Day

Mon 16th June Exam Week

Tues 24th June Patronal Festival Concert

Fri 4th July Becket Day Eucharist

Sat 5th July Patronal Festival Picnic

Mon 7th July Charities Week

Fri 11th July Sports Day

Sun 13th July Becket Keys leading

intercessions at St Thomas' Church

Mon 14th July Our Careers Fair

Tues 15th July Speech & Awards Evening

Weds 16th July Reserve Sports Day

Fri 18th July Last day of the year!

Mon 21st July Staff Training Day

Tues 22nd July Staff Training Day

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