



## FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS

### MR SCOTT-EVANS WRITES:

I would like encourage all families to engage with 'Friends of Becket Keys' (FoBK). This association is an important part of our school and reflects our unique history. Our school was established by the weight of demand from local parents campaigning for the school.

FoBK seeks to organise friendly social events that can help build our school community and to raise additional funds for the future development of the school.

All families, students and staff are automatically made members of the association and are warmly welcomed to our AGM which is scheduled for Wednesday 15th October at 7pm. We will have an opportunity to enjoy some refreshments and socialise together. We will then listen to a short talk from one of our Mandarin Teachers about learning this fascinating language. Finally, we will spend a short time reviewing the work of FoBK last year and thinking ahead to this year. As part of the meeting, we will be electing parents and staff to the committee. Please contact me if you are interested in hearing more about this: [staffenquiry@becketkeys.org](mailto:staffenquiry@becketkeys.org).



Stock Brook Manor

## AUTUMN BALL

The tickets for our FoBK Autumn Ball are selling well. Nearly three quarters of the available 100 tickets have been sold.

The ball is at Stock Brook Manor Country Club with a three course meal and all drinks included (free bar) for an excellent value £60 per head (discounted rate of £55 for one more week!).

The ball will be a great time for parents to meet up with old friends (perhaps from primary schools). The ball is not exclusively for guests with a direct connection to our Becket Keys community so please feel free to use this event as a chance to involve other families.

Although we want to have a fairly formal ball it is by no means a 'black tie' event.

If you cannot make the ball, but would like to contribute in some way, please consider purchasing something that can be used for the raffle.

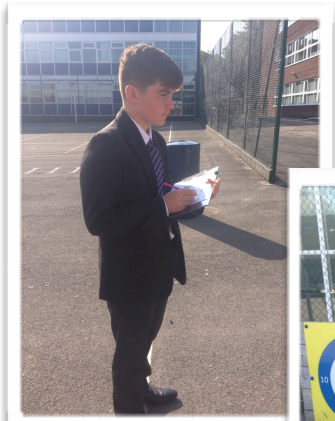
If you have not got a ticket yet please check your email inbox for details about how to book a place.

Andy Scott-Evans  
**Head Teacher**

# OTHER NEWS

## PYTHAGORAS IN THE PLAYGROUND

Some great photos here of our students investigating Pythagoras this week. They learnt how to calculate the longest side of a triangle and then a shorter side. Next they went outside and tested the theorem on the netball courts by measuring the sides and the diagonal and compared it to their calculations. It worked! IN REAL LIFE! Miss Whykes said: "I like to take mathematics outside whenever I can and show the students how their skills can apply to the world around them. The students worked extremely hard and grasped the principles faster than I expected."



## MISS WHYKES

Please remember Miss Whykes in your prayers. Her father died suddenly this week and she has travelled back to Australia to be with her family at this difficult time. Her lessons will be covered by a retired assistant head teacher and experienced head of mathematics Mr Munt.

## MISS COOPER

Our congratulations to Miss Cooper who has had a baby boy! Jack was born on Sunday 23rd June. He was 6lb and 7oz and all is well!



# SPORTS NEWS

## FOOTBALL

### Becket Keys v Ormiston

After winning our first game of the season against Chelmer Valley, we travelled nearly 40 miles to play Ormiston Rivers. Our team was slightly different as some new players had impressed in training the week before. Within minutes of the kick off, we went 1-0 up with Jasper Stuckey scoring at the near post. Then with our next attack a ball was squared across the box for Bradley Powell to score from close range on his debut for the school.

Tiwa's pace down the left proved too much for the Ormiston defence and after a couple of failed attempts on goal, he found the net twice! In the second half, Cooper struck the ball well to score from outside the box to make it 5. We did concede 2 goals during the game which we were disappointed with, but credit should be given to their striker who took the chances well. Harrison made a good penalty save during the first half and distributed well. All the substitutes were used and had a good impact on the game.



### Becket Keys v Sandon

The Year 7 Boys' football team had a tough game against Sandon, showing great character to claw their way back into the game and take a win. Sandon took the lead with a well-worked goal after a spell of pressure early in the first half. Becket Keys knew that they could get their way back into the game and persevered with patient build-up and possession. They got their reward when Bobby Bailey was played through on goal and finished superbly. At half-time, the team spoke about defending from the front and quickening the tempo in possession. This plan worked, as Becket Keys were able to close opposing players down higher up the pitch to break through a number of times in the second half, despite Sandon having more possession.

The winning goal came 5 minutes from the end, with Bobby Bailey finishing a great team move, and Becket Keys were able to hold out for the win. Jack Giddings had an excellent debut in goal and Todd Miller was man-of-the-match at centre back. Becket Keys were complimented by the opposing coach for the spirit and sportsmanship they showed throughout, and the team are hoping to build on this great start to the season.

### Year 7 Football Squad Selection

If your son is a good footballer, but has not been picked to represent the school: do not lose heart! We have had so many students "try out" that we're sure that we still haven't seen all our strongest players. If students continue to train and work hard and if they have the skills required, it will only be a matter of time before they stand out and get selected to represent the school.

# MORE SPORTS

## RUGBY

### Year 8 Boys v Ormiston

The Year 8 rugby boys had a tough game against a very experienced and physical Ormiston side. Becket Keys had some early territorial advantage, but just fell short of getting points on the board. Luke Savage and Charlie Johnson made some great breaks through the Ormiston defence, but the defenders were just about able to scramble the ball back in the ruck each time.

Ormiston got the all important break through after a sustained period of pressure that the Becket Keys defence did well to deter. This allowed the home side to grow in confidence, and they were able to add to their score for the rest of the half. The Becket Keys defensive line did not give up, and some expert tackling from Oliver Legon, James Jackson and Jack Kennedy kept Ormiston at bay for long periods of the second half. This game was a great learning experience for the team, who are determined to keep working hard in training on their tackling, support in attack and physicality in the break-down.

## CROSS COUNTRY

It was Year 7 Cross Country today and every student in the year took part in the race. The course is 2.2km and all students who ran set their personal best time (PB). Regardless of ability, students will have their PB as a benchmark to measure progress. Please encourage your son/daughter to record their time in their planners on the PE page.

Year 8 and Year 9 students will all run the cross country course as part of the house cross country competition before the All Saints Holiday in October. Most students are aware of their times already, but if they are not sure they should ask their PE teacher. This gives these students a couple of weeks to train. Regardless of ability, all students should aim to beat their PB.

It is the first round of the English Schools Cross Country Cup on Tuesday. Students selected will be informed today by email. If selected, make sure you have a big breakfast!



# EVEN MORE SPORTS!

## NETBALL

### U14 V Burnt Mills

The U14s played at home to Burnt Mills this week, a draw in the cup that has never been played before. The game was very feisty and competitive, with both teams demonstrating their want for their ball and their commitment of trying to win! Burnt Mills took an early lead and stayed ahead for the game. The Becket Keys girls worked very hard to keep them out of the 'D' and to stop them shooting with Amelia and Uchechi making some excellent tips in defence. The best period of play was in the last quarter, where both Becket Keys and Burnt Mills scored 10 goals each. Grace Duffy and Charlotte Todd paired up well in the shooting circle. The final score ended with Burnt Mills winning 28-13.



### Year 8 Netball

The Year 8s have had a fantastic week of netball this week! They have played against Ormiston Rivers Academy and Brentwood School. Their hard work in training on improving their set plays, centre passes and circle play has paid off.

On Wednesday they won 22-0 against Ormiston with both Grace and Rebecca scoring 90% of their shots.

They faced a tougher side at Brentwood School and took a narrow lead during the first quarter with the score being 5-4. It was an end to end game with Divine and Tobe working well together in defence to prevent the Brentwood shooters getting the ball! By the third quarter it was 9-9 and with just 7 minutes left of the game it was going to be close to find a winner. However, Becket Keys managed to gain the advantage early on with Scarlett, Holly and Sophie making some great movements to get the ball to our shooters. The final score was 12-10 to Becket Keys, well done girls!



### Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 team played excellently in their league game with Ormiston Rivers this week winning 23-0! The girls are becoming used to working with each other and demonstrated some great movement and dodging skills. Isla Bradley was voted player of the match thanks to her excellent shooting in the game.

Georgina made some excellent runs into space to help feed the ball to the shooters, while Emily and Molly worked well together as a team in defence. Thank you to Mrs Whymark and Mrs Barrett for helping all the girls train on a Wednesday and for running a squad training session at lunchtime!

# UNIFORM MATTERS

Please make sure that all uniform is named.

We do our best to help students get their named uniform back, but if there is no name it is impossible to help! Names written in pen (biro) need to be checked regularly as the pen does not last!

## NEARLY NEW

We have a small stock of school uniform for sale from the school office. If you have uniform that is in 'as new' condition please use this service to allow another family to benefit!

## BELTS

There seems a fashion for belts with large logos on them. These are not appropriate for our school. Please provide your son with a more conservative belt! Ostentatious, branded belts will not be allowed in school.



## KILTS

Some girls skirts are still too short. Please check that your daughter's kilt is 'on the knee'! We allow a 3cm leeway above the knee, but that is all.



## NOTICES

### FOODBANK COLLECTION

Our Harvest Appeal will start next week with students being asked to bring in items to support the local Foodbank.

Suggested items include:

soup  
beans  
meatballs  
tinned potatoes  
instant mash  
tinned veg (green beans, mixed veg, peas)  
tinned meat (hot)  
tinned meat (cold i.e. spam etc.)  
meat pies in a tin  
fish (i.e. salmon, sardines, tuna etc.)  
pasta sauces  
cook-in sauces (i.e. 'Chicken Tonight' etc.)  
tinned fruit  
tinned rice pudding/custard  
sponge puddings/packet desserts  
tinned tomatoes  
rice  
coffee  
hot chocolate  
biscuits  
jams/marmalades/peanut butter etc.  
sugar  
savoury snacks

For more details about the Brentwood Foodbank, please visit:

[www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk)



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## VACANCIES

### ENGLISH, MATHS & SCIENCE TEACHERS REQUIRED

Our rapidly growing outstanding school is looking to recruit more teachers in the most important subjects.

See advert on our website for details:

[www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php](http://www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php)

#### Dates for your Diary

9th Oct	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Eve
14th Oct	Year 9 Options Evening
15th Oct	7pm FoBK AGM
16th Oct	Year 8 Theatre Trip (Warhorse)
22nd Oct	All Saints Tide Eucharists
27th–31st	<b>All Saints Holiday</b>
3rd Nov	Staff Training Day (no students)
4th Nov	Back to school

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