



## ENRICHMENT DAY

Friday 14th November will be an enrichment day with extended learning opportunities for all students. Students will be encouraged to attend in mufti (non-uniform) for a minimum £1 donation in support of Children In Need Day.

**Year 7 – ‘Digging Deep’**  
First year students will be partaking in a very exciting day with a number of experienced visitors. There will be two visitors from the Chelmsford Museum who will be leading a ‘digging deep’ lesson, where the students will have a mock archaeology dig and try to guess the period. Students will have the opportunity to work with artefacts, experience different materials and changes through time.

Professor Taylor, a fossil expert from the Natural History Museum will also be running a session. He will show students different types of fossils and they will get the opportunity to draw them (students may bring in fossils for Professor Taylor to look at).

To bring the day to an end, students will be creating an iPad movie based on their day. The day will be an excellent opportunity to work with experts from different fields and understand how History is investigated and understood through digging!



## Children in Need

**Year 9 – ‘Pathways’**  
Having already chosen their GCSE option subjects, the focus for Year 9 on this extended-learning day will be the pathways to their futures, post-16 and beyond. Whilst the GCSE examinations are crucial for students, it is important that they are not viewing these as an end-point, but rather the keys to unlocking future opportunities.

Students will be given the chance to explore and research the requirements for further education, introducing them to the incredibly helpful and important ‘Universities and Colleges Admissions Service’ (UCAS). There will also be

opportunities to experience mock-interviews and aptitude tests, similar to those that would be experienced in the workplace or at Russell Group Universities, as well as hearing, first-hand, the routes a variety of adults took (including their teachers) to get to where they are today.

In addition, Year 9 will have a talk from [Jeremy Thomas](#) about mental health and how students need to look after themselves in a world of constant pressure and competition. It promises to be a fascinating day.

(For details of the Year 8 day – see page 2).

# OTHER NEWS

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### Year 8 – NHS Careers Day

Students in our second year will spend the day analysing their interest and skills, focusing on how these can be applied to choices they will make in the future and potential careers in the NHS. Students will begin to develop some important work-related skills.

Additionally, students will learn how to write a CV for different job descriptions, with a focus on potential careers in healthcare. Their analysis work will be used to rank various skills involved in different jobs and understand some of the incredible and varied roles of NHS healthcare professionals.

The day will also be used to raise awareness of common health issues that young people face and careers which help people with these problems. Emphasis will be placed on how young people deal with their problems and exploring issues around mental health, drugs and body image through a range of interactive activities and video. Students will create a campaign to raise awareness of these issues. Furthermore, students will spend some time learning basic first aid, in order to be better equipped to take emergency action, if required to do so.

### A REMINDER

The school will be closed to students on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 as teachers look in detail at the new mathematics curriculum, planning for Key Stage 4 and advanced techniques to propel student progress. Details have been emailed to parents.

Information about the changes to the Mathematics curriculum is available on our website:

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

### CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



As in previous years, our school will be sending out hundreds of Christmas cards and want students to help with designing the cards for us.

Students will be given paper in their tutorials which will specify the size of the design. Any medium can be used – paint, pencils, felt tips etc. However, we do not want computer designed cards.

Most entries will be used for displays around the school and the winners will have their names printed on the back of the cards that are sent out to various people who are important to our school.

There is a prize of a £10 book voucher and the chance to have 10 of your card designs to keep.

FoBK lets get together...

# RAMBLE

**Sunday 30th November.**

2-30 pm start. 1hr walk followed by tea and cake.

All the family is welcome, meet outside sports hall.

Enquiries: Amanda Mullan 07740932782.

# OTHER NEWS

## GREAT WAR: 100th ANNIVERSARY & POPPIES

We will be holding a two minute silence with prayers on Tuesday 11th November at 11am. Parents and friends of the school are welcome to join us. Euan (Y7) will play the last post.



## SHOE BOXES

Shoe Boxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal need to be brought into school on Monday 11th November.



## SATURDAY THEATRE TRIPS

There will be an e mail sent home next week regarding two theatre trips to the National Theatre in London: one is 'Beyond the Beautiful Forever' on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January with a performance start time of 2.30pm. The second is 'Treasure Island' on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February with a performance start time of 2.00pm.

Departure times will probably be about 2½ hours before performance times.

Parents who are particularly keen for their children to attend should look out for the email.

Prices are to be confirmed, but are likely to be around £25 for the ticket and group travel (bus and train) in to London.

Places are open to all year groups, but limited to 30 per performance.

These promise to be excellent theatre experiences and we would like to thank Mrs Ahlner for organising them.



# SPORTS NEWS

## DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA - GIRLS

We went to the Brentwood School to compete in the pool against all the schools in Brentwood and the local area. Our Year 8 and Year 9 swimming team have already competed in this event before, and so knew what to expect. For the Year 7s, this was their first time swimming for the school.

The team was selected by fastest swim times from the trials session held at Brentwood School in September. We were drawn in races against Brentwood County High and Shenfield.

The Year 8 squad swam well, particularly in the relays, with some strong swimming from Grace Burrell in the final legs of the medley and free. Rebecca Stroud was a huge asset in the individual events and also in the relays.

The Year 9 team swam well in all events, particularly in both relays which they won. The Year 7 swim team won every event except the medley relay, where they came 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are still awaiting the overall results. Positions will be decided by time across heat 1 and 2 and for this reason it is difficult to speculate where we came. All girls should be proud of their performances at the gala. Results and individual swim times will be available from Mr Fenn next week.

## RUGBY

### Sandon vs Year 8 Boys

Becket Keys were involved in an entertaining game that was very close for the majority of the match. The first half ended 7-5 to the home team after Charlie Johnson's stunning pitch-length try.

Becket Keys ended the first half frustrated, as they had scored with their only attack of the half, but they needed to gain more territory on a more regular basis.

The second half started on fairly even terms, with both teams exchanging attacks. Unfortunately, Sandon capitalised first and took the game away from Becket Keys in the final minutes.

The team focussed on playing at a high intensity throughout the whole game and getting to the rucks and mauls early enough to stop momentum.

## RUGBY SATURDAY!

We have had a great response for students signing up to attend tomorrow's 'Rugby Saturday'.

Please ensure that students bring a towel, a change of clothes and lunch with them. The TV game to be shown is Wales v Australia and not England v New Zealand.

(If your son wishes to go home to watch the England game, you must give your son a letter stating that they can leave at 1:30pm. This should be handed to Mr Fenn on Saturday.)

# MORE SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

### Year 8 Girls V St Martins

The Year 8 girls had their second match of the season so far and were focussed and determined to play their best basketball after training hard. The game was very close, with Becket Keys taking a 4 point lead within the first 5 minutes, but St Martins gaining two baskets to draw at the first quarter.

A strict 'man to man' half court tactic was employed by Mr London and Miss Webb on the side-line and Divine and Scarlett made some excellent tips to defend underneath the basket.

Becket Keys took an 8 point lead, and could have scored even more if they had converted all of their shots to points. Sydney made some great lay ups and improved her ability to get the ball into the key and pass to free players such as Cleo and Scarlett, who were able to make a shot.

During the third quarter Becket Keys let St Martin's back into the game with some sloppy defending during some fast breaks from the opposition.

The score was 19-18 to Becket Keys at this point. Mr London called a timeout and regained the girls' focus. Becket Keys put all their effort into defending and were able to catch St Martin's on the break to secure victory. Sydney scored a fantastic shot on the edge of the key which gave the girls a burst of confidence and they scored several more baskets to win 29-22!

The player of the match was Divine for her excellent commitment to defence as well as attack. Well done to all the girls (Cleo, Sydney, Olivia, Rebecca, Scarlett, Chloe, Divine and Katie).

### Year 7 Boys vs Great Baddow

With 25 Year 7 boys regularly training every week at the Basketball Academy, team selection is proving very difficult! All the boys have shown a good attitude towards training and have an eagerness to improve and develop their basketball skills. With big height differential, we knew we were in for a difficult game. After the first quarter, we were 10-0 down. The second quarter started. Still trying to 'find our feet' and getting used to the intensity of a competitive game we started to improve our performance in attack and defence. Harrison got our first points on the board, then Patrick shot a couple to reduce the margin by a little.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, our defence improved as we marked players more effectively, tracked runners and were the first to several rebounds. For this reason, we limited Great Baddow to only scoring a couple of times. We tried to claw the game back and if the game was played for another 10 minutes we might have sneaked a win. Final score 23-17 to Great Baddow. Mr Fenn was pleased with the performance particularly from a defensive point of view. The team have agreed to play basketball at lunchtimes and at home to improve the quality of their shooting.

If any students are looking to take basketball further and wish to join a local club, please speak to Mr Fenn and he will guide you through the options available.



# 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!

## EARRINGS

The school uniform policy states that only girls may wear earrings and that they can only be small, plain gold or silver studs. One per ear in the lobe only. Please do not allow your daughter to wear a gem in her earrings.

## LOST PROPERTY

William Sainsbury is missing his PE bag. William left it in the courtyard earlier this week. It has the initials WKS on it. All staff have been looking for it, but it has not turned up.



## NOTICES

### READING BOOKS AND PLANNERS

Please make sure that your son/daughter has a reading book in school every day. It is considered an essential part of their school equipment list!

Please continue to sign your son/daughter's planner.

## VACANCIES

### NO VACANCIES

There are no specific vacancies at present, however, if you wish to contact us with your CV please send it to:

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

### Dates for your Diary

11th Nov	Residential Trips Meetings 6pm Y7 Bushcraft 6:45pm Y8 Madrid 7:30pm Y9 Bude
21st Nov	Staff Training Day (no students)
22nd Nov	FoBK Autumn Ball
15th Dec	7pm Brass Band Christmas Carol Concert
11th Dec	Christmas Lunch
18th Dec	FoBK Student Christmas Disco

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