



# A DREAM COME TRUE

**Mr Scott-Evans writes:**

It has been a wonderful day at Becket Keys! Induction Day for new students always takes me back to that very first one in June 2012. To see students coming to what was then Sawyers Hall College and spending the day with us, enjoying the very first ever day of Becket Keys, was something like a dream come true!

For the Year 6 students who joined us today, this is still very much the case. For most, the opportunity to join our outstanding Church of England School, which will support the traditional Christian values they and their families hold so dear, is quite literally an answer to prayer.

For others the 'dream' is more about the outstanding academic achievements possible here and the fact that these are assured by the involvement of our expert trust.

For some, it could be the smaller class sizes and the fact that they will be known by name and valued personally, offer great reassurance. Some are simply excited about the uniform, or the incredible array of extra-curricular clubs and the great food in the Bistro, Café and Orangery!



Mr Pethers and Mr Silver: new teachers joining us in September, engaging Year 6 students in learning today.



So, today, we have tried to cater to all these things, giving our new students a real Becket Keys experience.

Students have enjoyed six short lessons with some of our fantastic new teachers. They have had snacks, drinks and meals cooked by our professional Chef. They have been in their new small classes of 25 students and will get to know their form tutors at a meeting in the evening. The school day concluded with a time of worship where new students were joined by Year 7 to reflect on their day.

We are incredibly proud of our school and are excited to share it with this new cohort of 150 students. When they join us in September, we will be up to nearly 600 students! With just a few spaces remaining in Year 9, we are almost completely full, maintaining our status as the biggest and most successful free school in the country! We will soon be over half way to our final destination of 1050 students!

**Mr Scott-Evans**  
**Headteacher**

# OTHER NEWS

## MUSIC MATTERS

### St Peter's South Weald Patronal Festival Concert

This week, our students supported the St Peter's South Weald Patronal Festival Concert. A small group of students sang and performed and were much appreciated and admired by the audience. Mr Kwan and the students carefully selected the pieces to compliment the nature of the concert (which was set in the beautiful St Peter's Church) and hopefully inspired the younger pupils.



## EVENTS NEWS

### BECKET KEYS' GOT TALENT

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 7:00 – 9:00pm**

It's Time...To Face...The Music!!!

This Tuesday one of the most anticipated events of the year will finally arrive. There are still tickets available. Do not miss this opportunity. The students at Becket Keys have amazing talents to showcase and they would very much appreciate your support.

We also have a special guest judge joining us...Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist, from the group Misstasia, ...Katie Lawrence!

Family and friends are welcome. The bigger the audience, the better the atmosphere. **Tickets are £3 per person or £10 for a family of 4 (any combination of adults & children).** When you purchase your tickets, you will be able to choose which row you would like to sit at. Any seat is a good seat but the sooner you buy your tickets the more choice you have of where you would like to sit.

### SHOW MY HOMEWORK

A reminder that Show My Homework is the best way to know what homework your son/daughter has been set. If you need to be reminded of your log in please email [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org).

Next year, we will be launching a small pocket sized planner where students will note down basic details about the homework they have been set and other reminders.

# MORE NEWS

## THE JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2015

### Jack Petchey Coordinator, Mrs Sharp writes:

Tuesday evening's awards evening was an upbeat occasion for all attendees. It demonstrated the range and diversity of young peoples' achievements across schools and clubs in the Brentwood area. It was a celebration of how special each person is and the importance of living life to the full. God made us all perfect, having our own uniqueness. We were made for a purpose. Psalm 139:13 states: 'You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb'. Jeremiah 29:11 reassures us that there is a plan for each of us. 'I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for.'

This year's Becket Keys Jack Petchey awards were presented to **Ryan Gamble**, **Katie Anderson** and **Tyler Christian**.



Staff and students nominated **Ryan** for being a very respectful and skilled sportsman. In addition, he is extremely charitable and demonstrates our Christian values in all he does. On hearing that he was to receive this achievement award, Ryan said, 'Knowing many kind and inspirational people who have won the Jack Petchey Award; I never thought that I would win such a prestigious award for the same characteristics. I feel very privileged and humbled to win this award'.

**Katie** is viewed as 'inspirational' by her peers. In the face of adversity, she is always cheerful and in good humour. She never gives up and is always determined to do her best. Despite her own health challenges, she always cares for others.



**Tyler** is always keen to be involved in wider aspects of the school community and attends many extra-curricular activities. He is very hard working, thoughtful, respectful, helpful and supportive to others. He has been described as a 'friend to all'.





# MORE NEWS

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It was also good to see other students from Becket Keys who had been nominated for awards by local clubs. **Adam Jackson** also received an award for Essex Dance Theatre and **Lauren Pamentor** received an award for Hutton Cricket Club. Opening and Finale performances by Essex Dance Theatre also included some of our talented Becket Keys dancer.

**Daisy Benson** gave a stunning performance of the song 'Titanium'. This is a highly appropriate song for the occasion. It is a reminder of the importance of self-belief and determination to achieve. The Jack Petchey Awards are not just about being clever, or gifted, but are about putting the effort in and doing your best. A Jack Petchey mantra is 'If you think you can, you can!' Daisy was one of our first Jack Petchey winners. She remains a wonderful ambassador for our school and its values.



It was an honour to attend this event with our students and share in the celebration of their achievements. On behalf of the whole school community, I congratulate all our winners – they all thoroughly deserved their achievement awards! I would also like to thank all members of the school community for their votes and commitment to this scheme. Jack Petchey's vision 'is of a world where young people have high aspirations; the opportunity to develop their potential; the chance to be architects of their own future; to play a full part in society and to be valued and recognised for the positive things they achieve'. This is our wish for every student at Becket Keys. We promote a culture of thinking of the needs of others and strive for excellence in all we do.

## FOBK PATRONAL FESTIVAL PICNIC

**Saturday 4th July 12:00 – 4:00pm**

UPDATE: **Strawberries and Cream** will be available to purchase. Please remember this when planning your picnic!

If you are able to donate any items for the raffle, please contact the school office: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)

Tickets are still available from the school office but are selling fast.

**Adults - £3.00**

**Children under 13yrs - £2.00 (under 3yrs free)**

# Charities' Week 2015

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
***Beat the Goalie***



**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
***Cake Sale: Everybody welcome to Bake & Buy***

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
***Guess the number of sweets in the jar,  
guess the bear's name & chair hoopla***

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
***Sponsored basketball***



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
***Donut & Cookie Sale***

# SPORTS NEWS

## District Athletics

Students and staff had a fantastic day at Melbourne Park last Wednesday. While we cannot mention everyone's performances in the newsletter, we would like to congratulate all athletes for taking part and competing! We also commend our students for their fantastic behaviour throughout the day.

### Girls' District Athletics

Overall, our track performance was stronger than our field. In Year 7, Olivia Mullan performed fantastically, winning both her heat and the final of the 200m. Her time was 28.98 seconds and she was just a second over the record! Isla Bradley maintained her pace during the 1500m, finishing in 2nd place and achieving a silver medal with a time of 5.38 seconds. In Year 8, Grace Burrell set the pace in her 1500m race and confidently ran to win and take 1st place and a gold medal with a time of 5.37 seconds. In Year 9, Catherine Barker finished 4th in the 1500m with a time of 5.54 seconds. Both Farran Deal and Megan Johnson qualified from their heats to make the hurdles final and came 6th (Megan) and 11th (Farran). In the field events, Charlotte Todd (Javelin) and Grace Duffy (Discus) can 6th out of 12 in their throwing events. As a team the girls came 6th overall. The day was a great experience for the girls to compete at an athletics stadium and to be involved in such a big event with local schools.

### Boys' District Athletics

Somto Okpalauka stole the show from the Year 7 boys' team, winning the long jump with a jump of 4.53m. He also qualified to the finals of the 100m, but unfortunately pulled a muscle and was unable to finish. David, who also qualified for the 100m final, ended up in 3rd place receiving bronze medal. There were some strong performances in the 1500m with Harry Howard and Jacob MacDonnell coming 2nd and 3rd respectively; both receiving medals and both setting personal bests.

In Year 8, Daniel Ogunleye qualified first in his heat for the 300m and won the final in 41.50 seconds. Luke Savage came 2nd in the 1500m setting a new personal best of 5m10s. Tom Burkert also performed well in the shot put, throwing 9.22m and coming 2nd.

In Year 9, Thomas Walker threw the discus 29.9m, winning the discus for a second year in a row. Jesse narrowly outperformed a student to come 2nd in the triple jump, with a new personal best (PB) of 11.06m. Brandon Wood jumped well in the long jump; 5.28m earned him a bronze medal. Alex Savage got a bronze medal in the 800m with a PB of 2m 23s. The proudest performance from the Year 9 boys was the 4x100m. Thomas Walker ran a strong bend, Billy Mead picked up the baton well and held his position, Jesse Agunsoye then ran a quick bend gaining on those in front and Brandon Wood took the baton home. The boys smashed their previous record by over 3 seconds to set a new PB and school record of 50.13 second. The boys think that with a smoother baton change they could have broken the 50 second barrier.

Well done to all who competed! It was great to see our school start to establish ourselves at a high profile event, particularly in the long distance and field events.

## Year 7 District Rounders

### Year 7A team

The girls played in their first ever rally on Tuesday 23rd June. Understandable some of them were nervous! They focused as soon as the warm up started, with Miss Honey making sure they were all supporting each other in the field by backing up. During the first game the girls took a few balls to get their heads into the game. Due to some good hitting from Isla Bradley, the girls won their first game.

# MORE SPORTS NEWS

## **Year 7A team cont....**

The second game was incredibly close, with Becket Keys fielding first. Some great decisions were made in the field to keep Brentwood Ursuline down to 8 rounders. During the batting, Becket Keys had a mini collapse with some of the girls making risky decisions and getting themselves out early on in the game. In a very close game, Becket Keys managed to win from the last ball! The A team's best performance was against Brentwood School, even though they lost. The girls managed some fantastic fielding displays, in particular from Olivia Mullan who caught out 3 Brentwood players in quick succession. We managed to get out 6 of Brentwood's 9 players! Becket Keys narrowly lost to Shenfield in the group stages by half a rounder, unfortunately meaning they came 3rd in their group behind Brentwood School 1s and Shenfield 1s. All in all, the girls had an excellent day and have come away with lots of positives and some things to work hard on for next year.

## **Year 7 B team**

Anna Jackson bowled fantastically well all afternoon making the opposing batters afternoon a nightmare. Rosie Howse performed backstop duties well and used the quick pick up effectively to get several players out on first base. Beaux Hinwood-Young caught well on first base and Georgie Loader was fantastic in her catching but also in her decision making in and around second base. We adopted the 'gun fielding' tactic where Rosie was backstop and in charge of fourth base, third base was empty unless a close fielder stepped in for a run out and Georgie hovered between 1st and 2nd. This tactic was massively effective and helped us to win a couple of games, particularly a tight game between Brentwood County High School 'A' team.

Lola Webb, Rebecca Slaney and Abigail Carey were kept busy in the field and often retrieved the ball with speed and accuracy. With the bat, Evie Skinner hit a few lovely shots, as did Elizabeth Endicott, who was awarded the MVP (most valuable player). The girls enjoyed the afternoon and improved significantly throughout the afternoon as well. They look forward to training over the next few weeks and are all keen to raise their 'gun fielding' to even more effective levels.

## **Year 9 Rounders**

The Year 9 team also had their district rounders rally this week. They played fantastically well. A few last minute changes to the team were made with Lily McDonald, Paige Parnell and Eloise Wilson stepping in. We arrived at St Martin's in good time, ensuring we had 10 minutes to sort out positions and warm up. Bethany Hancox (bowler), Uchechi Nze (backstop) and Lucy Uwins (first post) had several minutes to practise their routine in getting players out at first post and this was definitely worthwhile as we were able to use this effectively in matches. Charlotte Todd and Hannah McCarthy combined excellently to get players out at second and third. There were some great throws and long barriers in the deep field from Eden Hatch, Elisabeth Hayes, Eloise Wilson, Paige Parnell and Lily McDonald.

Each game was short with 18 good balls. In our first game against St Martin's 3s we won 6-3.5, we drew 3.5-3.5 Brentwood Ursuline, lost 5-2 against Shenfield, won 3.5-3 against Brentwood County High and lost 7-4.5 to St Martin's 2s. The girls played fantastically; the best they have all year and should be really proud of their performance.





# EVEN MORE SPORTS NEWS

## **Year 7 Boys' Cricket MESSA Cup Semi-Final**

### **Becket Keys (89-8) beat Shenfield (79-3)**

The Year 7 Boys Cricket team enjoyed a great win against Shenfield on Thursday evening in the MESSA Cup Semi-Final. Shenfield won the toss and put Becket Keys into bat. Becket Keys started well, scoring consistently against an accurate Shenfield bowling attack. Jasper Stuckey opened with Adam Sedgewick and the pair scored 17 and 21 respectively, including some fine batting shots along the way.

Becket Keys then needed to up the scoring mid-way through the innings, which they did, but inevitably whilst attempting some big shots, some wickets were lost. Will Davey scored a quick-fire 21 and Patrick Warriner a steady 11, but Becket Keys' rhythm was disrupted by timely wickets for Shenfield. Becket Keys finished on 89-8 after their 15 overs.

The team felt they could have scored more but they were still confident of defending their lead. Shenfield then started their run chase. Becket Keys were able to start fantastically well, with Patrick Warriner and Jasper Stuckey each picking up the wickets of the Shenfield opening pair for 0 and 1 respectively.

However, Shenfield then increased their run rate, with their number 3 batsman retiring on 26 and their number 4 finishing unbeaten on 13.

The biggest concern for Becket Keys at this point was the extras. The bowling attack conceded a few too many wide deliveries and byes, which added runs to Shenfield's score, without the batsmen really having to work.

This set up a tense finish, with Shenfield needing 14 from their final over. Will Davey was able to keep his discipline when bowling the final over, conceding just 3 runs and picking up a wicket. This included surviving the final ball drama when Shenfield were able to run 4 before being run out at the wicket keepers end!

Having reflected on the performance, the team are overjoyed and proud to get to the final. The boys are aware that there are improvements they can make, particularly in the field, but they are determined to put in their best performance in the final. Good luck boys!

## **District Tennis**

Our students also competed in the district tennis competition this week – there will be more about this in the newsletter next week!





## NOTICES

### GIRLS' EARRINGS

As the summer holiday approaches, we know some girls are thinking about getting their ears pierced.

Please make sure this is done as near to the beginning of the holiday as possible, so that ears have time to heal up and earrings can be removed for PE lessons. We would also like to remind our girls that they are only allowed to wear one single earring in each ear at school. Earrings must be plain gold or silver small studs.

### ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

We have recently written to all our families about the Environmental Fund. We would like to invest in some new furniture and equipment for the start of next year so it would be great to hear from any other families who are intending to support our fund.



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## VACANCIES

### WE ARE NOW RECRUITING:

#### Science and Mathematics Learning Support Technicians

We are now recruiting for Science & Mathematics Learning Support Technicians.

These positions may suit school leavers, mathematics and science graduates or those with science and mathematics expertise looking to gain school based experience. Please check our website for details.

<http://www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php>

#### Catering Assistant

Our catering provider Accent Catering is looking to recruit a general assistant to work in our kitchens. For details and to apply please contact Dave Ashman:

[Becketkeys@accentcatering.co.uk](mailto:Becketkeys@accentcatering.co.uk).

### Dates for your Diary

30 <sup>th</sup> June	BKGT 7-9pm
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Patronal Festival Picnic
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Governors' Speeches & Awards evening
21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term

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