



CAREERS FAIR

Mr. Scott-Evans writes:

I attended a careers fair this week with students from Year 9 and Year 10. As with so many of these events, what students gained from it depended on what they put in.

Most students came well prepared with questions that they wanted to ask and a good idea of some stalls that they wanted to visit. The university stands were obviously very popular, but with such a wide variety of companies and colleges at the fair, I am pretty sure that there was something for everyone.

Other students went with an open mind and were just starting to think about what careers they might consider. I think a few came away with some real inspiration, others came away with more questions than answers!

I think this is fine. To be honest, I did not know that I wanted to be a teacher until right at the end of 6th Form.

The other thing that was interesting about the experience was mixing with other schools.

Our students really benefit from meeting older students and those from other schools. We were mixing with many other students and their conduct made an interesting comparison with our own.

As usual our students made an excellent impression with smart uniform, good manners and advanced conversational skills. Our students know how to greet adults and how to address them. They know how to carry themselves in a way to make a statement of confidence with deference. It was a very pleasing sight to see.

If anyone wants to find out more about a particular career, they can use our Careers Explorer website. On this site, our students can look at entry requirements, career paths, potential earnings, typical tasks and so on. They can even look at local jobs currently available to see what the process would be to apply for one.

<http://becket.keys.careersexplorer.co.uk/search.aspx>



The best way to get started is to start searching in the bar at the top of the screen.



I hope that all of our students who attended the careers fair gained some insight into where their future career paths might lead, or at least came away with some food for thought!

Congratulations to all who attended!

Andy Scott-Evans
Headteacher

OTHER NEWS



MUSIC NEWS

Mrs. Sands, Head of Music tells us about what is happening in the **Music Department**



Orchestra

The Becket Keys' Orchestra has been off to a fine start with the rehearsal room filling up on a Thursday lunchtime to rehearse with new conductor Mr. Nimrod Margalit. Our starting piece is a medley of tunes from 'Pirates of The Caribbean'. If you play an orchestral instrument please come along and sign up by registering with Mrs. Sands or Miss Crank. Orchestra takes place in R3 on Thursday lunchtimes.

Christmas Concert News with 'The Brentwood Imperial Youth Band'

This week I have visited The Brentwood Imperial Youth Band headquarters to meet director Mr. Wyndham to discuss our upcoming collaboration. The Becket Keys' Orchestra and the Imperial Youth Band will be joining together for the Christmas concert on Monday 14th December. It was great to see such brilliant music teaching offered in the Brentwood community and good to see a lot of familiar faces from Becket Keys performing as part of the group. <http://www.brentwoodyouthband.org.uk/>



Choir & Boys' Choir

There are a lot of events coming up for the choir, the first being our Eucharist All Saints service on Thursday 22nd October; before the lead up to Christmas where dates for the diary include: singing at The Baytree Centre on Thursday 10th December and performing at Ravenscourt retirement home on Friday 18th December. Furthermore, we must not forget our main Christmas Concert on Monday 14th December!

Boys' choir is being re-introduced this week with the first rehearsal taking place, led by Miss Crank. Boys' Choir is held in R2 and Choir in R3 on Wednesday lunchtimes at 1pm.



Benefits of singing / Reasons to join the Choir

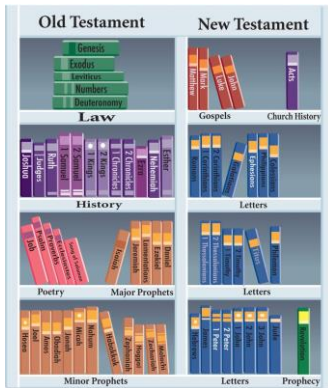
The positive psychological effects of singing are clear to see. Singing releases endorphins which are the brain's "feel good" chemicals. This has the same effect as exercise, which give the singer an overall "lifted" feeling and is associated with stress reduction. It's also an aerobic activity, meaning it gets more oxygen into the blood for better circulation, promoting a good mood. Singing in front of a crowd naturally builds confidence, which has broad and long-lasting effects on general well-being. What brilliant reasons to come and join the Becket Keys' choir or Boys' choir!

Ukulele Club

Weekly rehearsals are going well for the Becket Keys' 'Uke' club. We are lucky to have a full school set of ukuleles for the students to use, so anyone can come along and give it a try. Tunes we have started with include 'Build Me Up Buttercup', 'Somewhere Over The Rainbow' and 'What A Wonderful World'. Ukulele club takes place on Tuesday lunchtimes in R2.


MORE NEWS

Bible Reading Challenge: Part 4



The life of Moses is one of the most famous and exciting parts of the Bible. Both Christians and Jews look to Moses as an example of spiritual strength and godly conviction. In addition, because of its emphasis on liberation, this saga has given inspiration to oppressed people for centuries; especially those trapped by the evil of slavery. The life of Moses has come to symbolise the human quest for freedom.

For the first 40 years of his life, Moses was part of the rich and famous of Egypt, then he blew it all by losing his temper and spent the next 40 years living with his in-laws, tending sheep. Moses would have died in obscurity if it was not for one thing: he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:1–4:17) and that changed everything. For the last 40 years of his life, Moses was a man on a mission – staring down Pharaoh, unleashing the plagues, parting the Red Sea, receiving the Ten Commandments and leading the chosen people to the brink of the Promised Land.

		AND THE EXODUS		
16	The Birth of Moses	Exodus 1:1-2:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have the difficulties in your life prepared you to serve God better? How would you describe your mission in life? 	Dear God, open my eyes to the things you are doing in my life. I want to be all you want me to be; even if that means there are some things I need to change. Amen.
17	The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When and in what ways have you encountered God in your life? How has it changed you? 	God, I admit that sometimes I am hesitant to come to you, but I really want to know more of you in my life. Open my mind, heart and will to what you want to do in me today. Amen.
18	The Ten Plagues	Exodus 6:28-11:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What did it/will it take to convince you that God is Lord over the whole world and over your life? 	Lord Jesus, help me to be your willing, trusting and faithful follower today. Amen.
19	Passover and Exodus	Exodus 12: 1-12:42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there anything in your life that has a stronger hold on you than God? What would it take to put God at the centre of your life? 	Lord God, I know you are the one in charge of this world and of my life. Set me free of everything that holds me back from worshipping you with my whole heart. Amen.
20	Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 13:17-14:31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What have been the defining moments in your walk with God? Have any of them involved pressure or even disaster? Is there a situation in your life right now that gives you an opportunity to boldly trust God? What would this look like? 	Heavenly Father, you know I would rather avoid problems. Help me to know whether the pressures I face are the result of my bad judgement or your desire to stretch my faith in you. Amen.

The truth is, God can use us no matter what has happened in our past, no matter how old we are and no matter how we may feel. All it takes is a fresh experience of the living God. After that, you'll never be the same. If you have not seen any burning bushes lately, don't worry! One of the best ways to encounter God every day is through the Bible and prayer.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 9 Boys' Football

Ormiston 3 Becket Keys 1

The Year 9 Boys' Football Team enjoyed their game against Ormiston on Tuesday night. After a good win last week, the boys started slowly, with Ormiston putting pressure on in the Becket Keys' half. Ormiston scored from a cross that went in directly. Becket Keys got back into the game, winning the ball high up the pitch and creating chances. Ormiston then scored on the counter attack, slightly against the run of play. Just before half-time, Nicco Lovelock swung a great corner into the box and when Ormiston failed to clear, Luke Seaward reacted quickly and stabbed home the rebound, making it 2-1 at half-time. In the second half, Becket Keys created chances and were unlucky not to score through a couple of long-range efforts from Daniel Ogunleye. Ormiston broke up play effectively, despite Connor Strachan and Luke Seaward competing for every challenge in central midfield, and scored again on the counter attack. Becket Keys kept playing and working hard, but could not get themselves back into the game. The boys were disappointed with the result as they knew they could play better, but are determined to put things right in the next game.

Girls' Hockey

Some of the Year 7, 8 and 9 girls have had the opportunity to play in a competitive hockey match against The Brentwood School during their PE lessons in the last couple of weeks. For some of the girls it was their first opportunity to play competitive hockey and for others it was their first experience of hockey altogether! Even though some of the girls had never played before, Miss Honey was very impressed and proud of the girls for their willingness to get involved and their enthusiasm!

Year 8 A and B Hockey v Brentwood School

The Year 8 A and B games were played on September 29th on The Brentwood School astro turf. As the girls had not played for a long time they found the first half a challenge defensively, as both Brentwood teams were strong in their attack. As the games went on, the girls improved as they became switched on towards hockey again! There was some impressive stick work from Miriam Hall in particular who has recently started training for hockey at school. After a half time talk, both teams developed their defensive play and after some great saves from Grace Middleditch the A team drew the second half 0-0.

A team result: Brentwood school 2-0 Becket Keys

B team result: Brentwood school 3-0 Becket Keys

Year 7 A and B Hockey v Brentwood School

The Year 7s had their first ever experience of hockey at Becket Keys on 1st October. Having attended a brief training session the night before everyone was excited to play in their first match.

The A team played incredibly well with some good attacking drives from Ella Brook and some great defensive work from Maria Gamble and saves from Ella Middleditch in goal. Brentwood got an early goal in the 1st quarter but Ella Brook scored during the 3rd quarter to bring the scores level again to 1-1. The score line at the end of the game did not reflect the great work the girls had done and they should be proud of their hard work.

The B team demonstrated great team work and tenacity, keeping Brentwood pinned in their own half. A hat-trick from Niyi Olulode helped Becket Keys to their first win in hockey this year!

A team result: Brentwood school 5-1 Becket Keys

B team result - Brentwood school 0-3 Becket Keys

MORE SPORTS NEWS

Girls' U14 Hockey

Brentwood school 0-0 Becket Keys

For the U14 team it was their first game of the season. At the start of the first half, Brentwood relentlessly attacked Becket Keys' D, causing a lot of work for Rebecca Daly, Rebecca Stroud, Rachael Davison and Grace Burrell. Some particularly fine clearouts from Rebecca Daly kept Brentwood from challenging the keeper. During the second half, Becket Keys gained some momentum and a great run down the right wing from Lauren Pamerter almost got Becket Keys a goal. Lauren passed into the D where Becket Keys had a 4v2 advantage, but unfortunately no one could get onto the end of the pass. At training, the girls have decided we will be working on shooting at goal! The game ended in a 0-0 draw, which was a fair result as the teams were really evenly matched. Well done girls!

If you have been inspired to take up hockey from these reports, or you are one of the players keen to continue, training is at the following times:

Year 8 & 9 Girls: Tuesdays 7.45am-8.45am
Year 7 Girls: Wednesday 7.45am-8.45am
Year 9 & 10 mixed: Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm
All years mixed: Friday 3.30-4.30pm.

Please see Miss Honey if you have any questions.



PE Notices

Sports Equipment

Do you have any fitness equipment that is currently gathering dust in your garage? Would you be willing to donate it to the school? The Physical Education Department would welcome any donations of fitness equipment including items like free weights, resistance bands, skipping ropes, exercise bikes, cross trainers and rowing machines. Please contact Miss Honey via the school website if this is something you could help with.

House Cross Country

House Cross Country is next week for everyone! All students will be doing House Cross Country as part of their PE lessons from 12th October onwards. Students should wear their PE kit with black socks. We recommend that students wear old trainers and bring a plastic carrier bag to put them in afterwards.

PE Homework

Years 7-9 students have their PE homework deadline this coming week. They should hand it into their class teacher on the following due dates in their PE lessons:

12th October: 9t PE
13th October: 8t PE
14th October: 7t PE & 8tPE
15th October: 9p PE
16th October: 7p PE

If students have any questions about the project, they should see their class teacher before the deadline day. All information is on Show My Homework and if students can't access this, there are paper copies of the project available from the PE department. The project can be done either by hand or on a computer.

NOTICES

Lost Property

We are holding a large number of items including seven pairs of glasses, locker keys, coats, school shoes and trainers in lost property. Please ask your son/daughter to reclaim their property by enquiring at Reception.

There are also a number of lost sports kit items in the PE cupboard at the Sports Hall. If your son/daughter has lost an item of PE kit, they should check with PE staff first, before checking at the office.

Textbooks

If you have ordered a textbook and made payment online via Scopay, please ask your son/daughter to collect the book from their subject teacher.

Digital cameras & magazines wanted

The Art Department requires digital cameras, particularly for Art GCSE and are looking for donations of unwanted digital cameras, in working order with a lead/plug. If you have a camera which you no longer use, the department would gratefully receive this. Safety testing will be arranged.

Magazines and catalogues of any genre are also being collected, as long as they are appropriate for students. So if you are having a clear-out this weekend, please keep us in mind! There will be a box in Reception and one in the Art department for your donations. Thank you.



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VACANCIES

Cleaners required

Positions are available to join our experienced and established cleaning team based at Becket Keys.

Shifts available are Monday to Friday 0630-0830 and 1530-1830 both at hourly rate of £6.80.

If interested, please contact Birkin Cleaning Services on 01707322228, Job Ref – Becket Keys or email John Bennett at:

johnbennett@birkinservices.co.uk

Volunteer Science Technician

Please see the information attached with this newsletter regarding an exciting opportunity to volunteer in our Science Department, assisting our Science Technicians.

Dates for your Diary

14/10/2015	Friends of Becket Keys AGM @ 7pm
15/10/2015	Year 8 Theatre Trip (War Horse)
22/10/2015	All Saints Eucharist (1:30pm) (St Thomas' Church)
23/10/2015	Inset Day (no students)
26/10/2015	All Saints Holiday
02/11/2015	Inset Day (no students)
03/11/2015	First day back
03/11/2015	Year 9 Geography Field Trip