



**Mr Scott-Evans writes:**

## Christmas Science lecture

Our Inaugural Christmas Science Lecture on Tuesday night was a great opportunity to celebrate a really popular subject in this school. Our science department is one of the biggest and most successful in the RET group of schools. This lecture was a great expression of that level of expertise and enthusiasm.

We were delighted to welcome students and their families from across the school year groups to listen to Mike Ford from the Bloodhound Super Sonic Car (SSC) group. Mr Ford talked us through the Bloodhound SSC project and gave us his unique insights into the programme's development so far. He brought an incredible robot with him that performed parts of the presentation and interacted with him and the audience.



Questions from the students on the day were coming thick and fast and it was evident there was a real passion for STEM. Students were very interested to learn from Mrs Benson, Essex STEM Ambassador, at the end of the lecture that there is a shortage of talent in STEM in Essex and there are some incredible employment opportunities. We are working closely with local companies and professionals to give our students the best advice and chances in these exciting roles.

Mr Hughes said:

*"The Christmas Science Lecture on Tuesday was a great success. Thanks to all who attended! A fantastic time was had by all with Christmas carols, mulled punch, minced pies, and lashings of Science. We can look forward to the next Christmas lecture next year!"*

## Next week

Please join us for one of our two special Christmas celebrations next week. Tickets are still available for Monday's Christmas Concert (£4 via Scopay) with the Brentwood Imperial Youth Band. We also have a Eucharist at St Thomas' Church, Brentwood High Street, on Thursday afternoon (starting around 1:30pm).

**Mr Scott-Evans  
Headteacher**



# OTHER NEWS

## MUSIC NEWS

It has been a very busy week for the Music Department!

This week has included orchestra rehearsals with Brentwood Imperial Youth Band in preparation for the Christmas Concert on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, choir practice and choir performances at the Christmas Science Lecture, the Baytree Centre and Bentley Crematorium Open Day.



## FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Year 10 Food Technology students have been developing their skills in different cake making methods and finishing techniques. This culminated in the students making traditional mini Christmas cakes using recycled bean tins and fondant and royal icing to decorate. For more food technology news, follow Mrs Ruth on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/bks\\_food](https://twitter.com/bks_food)



# MORE NEWS

## FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS SAY THANKS!

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Thank you to all those who attended The Ball at Stock Brook Manor on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. It was a hugely successful evening with table games, amazing raffle, lively auction and delicious four course meal. Auction items included a day with the West Ham squad, signed Arsenal shirt, golfing package and a signed boot by Barcelona Football Star LIONEL MESSI! Many generous prizes were also donated including an afternoon tea for four, beauty hamper, a day at Ascot Racecourse, family movie hamper, dinner at the George and Dragon, Mountessing and champagne and truffles.

We have to date raised £2650, which we expect to increase with match funding from those parents who are able to do so. For more information about match funding, please see the letter sent to you with this newsletter. We are already making plans for next year's event which will be in a larger room at Stock Brook due to increased interest. We have had very positive feedback and expect to be oversubscribed for tickets next year. Thank you for your support, especially to those who donated prizes and the generosity of those who nodded in the auction. On behalf of Friends of Becket Keys, we would like to wish you a very merry Christmas.

## REMINDER: CHARITY EVENTS – COMING UP!

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### Decorate a teacher's jumper

A number of teachers have agreed to have a jumper decorated with tinsel, baubles and other Christmassy items to wear at school on Christmas lunch day, 16<sup>th</sup> December (this includes Mr Scott-Evans' infamous Santa jumper). Help decorate the jumpers or t-shirts by donating 20p a time to pin on whatever decorative item takes your fancy from the supply provided.

### Wear Christmas in your hair

Wear a novelty Christmas hat to the Christmas Lunch! 50p to be handed to your form tutor and you can decorate your hair with tinsel or whatever you like!



Bring in your donation on **16<sup>th</sup> December** with your chosen festive headgear to wear at the Christmas lunch.

### CHARITY UPDATES

The **donut sale** and **mufti day** were a success, total amounts raised to follow, all donations to this year's school charities!

Polite reminder to all those students who remembered mufti day but didn't bring in **£1** (around 50 students!), please give your pound to your form tutor on Monday.

## FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS – ANNUAL STUDENT CHRISTMAS DISCO

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**THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2015 7PM – 9PM**



- ★ **Tickets £5** each including a drink and pizza
- ★ Tickets on sale during **lunchtime in the library**
- ★ Separate **VIP chill out lounge for Year 10s**
- ★ **Photo shoot** including props for a wacky photo & get it printed for £1
- ★ **Christmas jumper** competition, with the winner of the wackiest jumper announced at the end of the night!



# SPORTS NEWS

## YEAR 7 GIRLS' NETBALL

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On Tuesday afternoon, 31 Year 8 girls attended Brentwood School to play netball. The girls demonstrated their excellent team work skills, supporting and encouraging each other, really showing off the values of Becket Keys.

Every student who came along played a game, which was fantastic to see and everyone had an enjoyable afternoon. Brentwood School came out on top for all the games, but it was great to see our girls developing their skill and knowledge of the game.

## YEAR 10 GIRLS' NETBALL

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### Great Baddow 24 Becket Keys 7

It was another cold and blustery night for the Year 10 netball team, away to Great Baddow High School. The team have been working hard in training every week, with a group of students that have shown great commitment over the last few weeks. However, we faced a tough opposition on the night. With the help of two Year 9 students, Grace Burrell and Rebecca Stroud, we started the game off well, with some nice passes in and around the circle. In spite of this, Great Baddow showed their control on the court and moving down the court, timing their dodges to perfection.

There were some good defensive work from Uechi and Zanais. However, Great Baddow's tall shooter didn't miss many shots! A change at the end of the first quarter brought Grace Burrell into centre, which helped us work the ball down the court better, but our opponent's defending was excellent and it was hard to get the ball to our shooter. A brave effort to battle against the score, the wind, rain and cold weather, saw us put on a defiant fourth quarter in which we only lost 3-2. It was a great opportunity for debuts for Lucy and Fern, and hopefully with our full squad back next week, we can work together as a team to produce a more confident performance.

## UI2s & UI3s GIRLS' HOCKEY

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The girls were excited for their hockey matches on Wednesday. We were a player down due to injury and illness on the day, but the girls were still in high spirits. We played 10 minute thirds which enabled the coaches to give some extra feedback and allowed swapping of goalies. Both games were very even for the first third with the UI2s score at 0-0 and the UI3s coming away 1-0, up after a great goal and some fantastic saves from Grace Middleditch. Becket Keys UI2s were on the attack for the second third and we scored an excellent hardworking goal. Some good saves from Ella Middleditch kept out Alec Hunter. At the end of the second third the UI3s were 1-1 and the UI2s were 1-0 up.

In the final third, despite hard battling from both teams, Alec Hunter scored twice against the UI2s and in the UI3 match a quick break away attack from Alec Hunter meant they came away on top. The girls didn't give up and battled until the final whistle. Miss Honey and Miss Barrett were very proud of the girls' sportsmanship. In order to move forward and improve technique, Miss Honey and Miss Barrett would like to see all girls who participated in the matches at training on Fridays after school.

## UI3s HOCKEY

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### Becket Keys 1 Alec Hunter Academy 2

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December the Under 13s hockey team played Alec Hunter Academy. Amelia Walker scored the first goal with help from her team mates (Maria Gamble, Madison Reid, Isabelle Tilbrook, Abbie Catton, Fern Curtis-Brown, Miriam Hall and our goalie, Grace Middleditch). We played strongly and managed to keep our lead until the last third. Alec Hunter equalised and then scored a second goal in the last few minutes. We all played really well, even though we had a young team (most of our team were Year 7s), but the two goals just slipped past our fingers (or more accurately our sticks). The final score was 2-1 to Alec Hunter. Report by Isabelle Tilbrook, 7HS.

# MORE SPORTS NEWS

## TRAMPOLINE COMPETITION

Becket Keys entered their first ever trampoline competition this year. It took place at the end of November at Hitchin Boys' School. The girls showed tremendous commitment to practise and they gave up their Sunday to compete. The girls all performed to the best of their ability for their first completion and despite some slip ups with landings on some of the compulsory routines, the girls bounced back for the voluntary round and completed the routines with better scores.

Notable mentions go to Rachael Davison who came 11<sup>th</sup> in the East Girls' Elite Under 14s and to Niamh Doyle who came 8<sup>th</sup> in the East Girls' Intermediate Under 19s. The latter is particularly commended as Niamh was one of the youngest in her category.

Please see below the full results for all of the girls who competed. Well done girls!

Name	Class	Flight	Time	Panel	Club + Team	R1	R2	Prelim	Pos	Total	Pos
<b>Beaux Hinwood-Young</b>	Under 14 Girls Novice	5	13.20	1	Becket Keys A	15.90	22.17	38.07	90	38.07	<b>90/105</b>
<b>Caitlin Ruth</b>	Under 14 Girls Novice	2	10.30	1	Becket Keys A	22.07	22.63	44.70	57	44.70	<b>57/105</b>
<b>Katie Brown</b>	Under 14 Girls Novice	6	14.20	1	Becket Keys A	20.30	15.50	35.80	92	35.80	<b>92/105</b>
<b>Roberta Barden</b>	Under 14 Girls Novice	6	14.20	1	Becket Keys A	6.53	20.10	26.63	101	26.63	<b>101/105</b>
<b>Niamh Doyle</b>	Under 19 Girls Intermediate	1	9.30	2	Becket Keys	20.03	20.57	40.60	8	40.60	<b>8/14</b>
<b>Emmi Deal</b>	Under 14 Girls Intermediate	2	11.25	2	Becket Keys	19.57	20.40	39.97	24	39.97	<b>24/26</b>
<b>Rachael Davison</b>	Under 14 Girls Elite	2	13.40	3	Becket Keys	21.63	23.30	44.93	11	44.93	<b>11/17</b>



## NOTICES

### BIKE LIGHTS

A reminder to students travelling to school by bike that they should ensure they have lights on their bikes during the winter months.

### STATIONERY

Students are reminded to come to school with a full set of equipment for lessons.

Students should ensure they have the following equipment every day:

- Writing pen (blue/black)
- Red pen
- Whiteboard pen
- Highlighters
- Pencil
- Rubber
- 30cm clear ruler
- 180 degree clear protractor
- Glue
- Calculator (Casio FX 85 GT)
- Compass



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## VACANCIES

### CURRENT 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](mailto:johnbennett@birkinservices.co.uk)

There are currently no other vacancies, but CVs are welcome at any time.

[vacancies@becketkeys.org](http://vacancies@becketkeys.org)

### Dates for your Diary

14/12/2015	Christmas Carol Concert with Brentwood Imperial Youth Band
16/12/2015	Christmas Lunch
17/12/2015	Christmas Eucharist
17/12/2015	Christmas Disco
18/12/2015	Last day of term
04/01/2016	First day back

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