



## CHRISTMAS CONGRATULATIONS

### Mr Scott-Evans writes:

The Christmas card competition winners' designs grace the front page of the newsletter this week. Both of these beautiful cards express elements of the true meaning of Christmas. My congratulations to Divine and Dominion!

I would also like to congratulate the winners of Jack Petchey Awards in the newsletter today. I mentioned Jacob MacDonnell recently who won the award for services to his hockey club and exceptionally high performance in competitions.

We are also delighted to announce that Jess Snooks and Katherine Ellery have been awarded the prestigious prize.

Jess has won the award for her incredible achievements in dancing and for her service to the dance club. She coaches and encourages younger dancers and also has won some of the highest accolades possible; Jess also danced at Disneyland Paris this year. Katherine won the award in recognition of her commitment to the Guiding

Association. Like the other students mentioned here she sets a wonderful example to younger members and has been a highly committed and successful member of the group. She has won many awards and always strived to do her best.

Our school has also chosen the next Jack Petchey award winner. All our students voted on who best lived out our Christian values on a day to day basis.

This year's winner is from Year 9 and she was chosen as someone who is always responsible and tries her best. She cares for others, putting their needs first, and is respectful and trustworthy.

She is admired for always wanting to 'make a difference' and for trying her best.

My congratulations to...  
**EVIE WALKER!**

Evie has decided to put her prize money towards another new bench for the Courtyard. She knows this will be popular again in the summer and will reduce the need for the site team to carry tables out of the Bistro.



And finally, I would like to congratulate everyone on another great term. Setting up a new school from scratch was never going to be 'easy' but it is a *delight* when working with such marvellous students and colleagues!

I'd also like to thank you for your cards and kind wishes for Christmas and say the same to each of you! Merry Christmas!

*Mr Scott-Evans*

# OTHER NEWS

## WORLD CHALLENGE

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### Miss Gill, Head of Year 10 writes:

The opportunity for adventure is here! Please join us on **5<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30pm** to learn more about our upcoming World Challenge expedition to Costa Rica in 2017.



### MUCH MORE THAN A SCHOOL TRIP...

As a school we are very excited about the opportunity this will give students to do something really unique that will make them stand out from the crowd. Participating students work together and take the lead to raise funds, plan their itinerary, set goals, and take on leadership roles – both before and during the expedition. By taking charge, students walk away with key life and leadership skills which prepare them for life after school.



### JOIN US TO LEARN MORE!

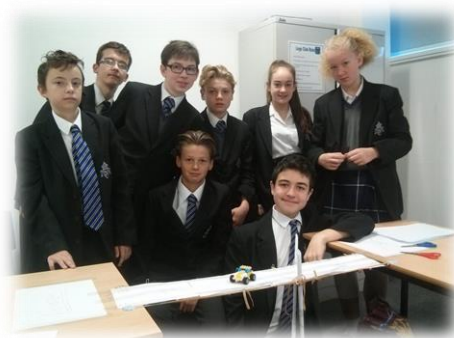
At the informative Parents' Presentation, delivered by World Challenge, you will have the opportunity to hear all about the amazing challenges that your son/daughter will have the chance to experience. Learn more about fundraising opportunities, the expedition, destination, safety and the support that World Challenge offer. **Please log on to the Parents' Evening System to book your seats for the meeting.** <https://becketkeys.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>



## PRINCE'S TRUST XL PROGRAMME

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This year, some of our Year 9 students have been participating in the Prince's Trust XL programme. This inspiring programme provides young people with the thinking space and attention they need to build confidence, as well as to form a sense of ownership over their learning and development. Jess Barry has written about her experience so far.



"Our unit has been about teamwork. In this unit we did memory games, characteristic hats, bridge building, tower building, desert island and lots more. We started this in Year 9 and the people who run it are the Prince's Trust, they help to give people the opportunity to learn in a different way. We work in C20 and are all learning about team roles and teamwork.

There are 8 of us in the XL Programme and our teacher is Mr Thorpe. All the tasks have helped with different parts of teamwork. When we did the bridge building we focused on team roles. The tower building taught us about the importance of clear goals. This worked because one group knew what to do (they had clear instructions) but the other didn't. The group with instructions built a bigger tower.

We all learnt about the advantages and disadvantages, team roles, and negative characteristics that affect a team. You definitely don't want negative teamwork characteristics in a team. We worked together in all of the activities and are now very confident at working in a team.

I am not the only one to have positive comments to make, "It has been a fun, exciting and new experience and I'm looking forward to the next unit." (Freddie Mattock).

I would love to move on to Participating in Sport as the next unit because that sounds fun, and it would be good to do something different. I would try Customer Service as a different option because this can help with our social skills and we have not done something like that before; it would be enjoyable".

# MORE NEWS

## NEWS FROM FORM 8HS

**Miss Pugsley reports:** Apple-Jane Hayward and the rest of form 8HS have made an outstanding contribution this year to a charitable fund. Between all of the students in 8HS, they managed to raise £60.00 to buy 'unwrapped charitable gifts' from Oxfam. The gifts will be sent to refugee camps or communities living in poverty.

The following gifts have just been bought:  
Chickens for Christmas to feed 2 separate families  
Mosquito nets  
Training for teachers  
Life-saving soaps  
Food vouchers for a family to feed themselves  
Access to a composting toilet in a refugee camp or community

## CHARITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have received a message from the **Shoebox Appeal**:

*"At the Chelmsford warehouse this year, we checked and processed 29,313 shoeboxes. We also acted as a dispatch centre for smaller warehouses so in total 43,550 boxes were managed by us. All of your boxes went to children in Belarus, Iraq and the Ukraine who otherwise, due to poverty, war or a number of other reasons, would not have received anything this Christmas and may never have received a gift before in their life. A **MASSIVE thank you** for all your support".*



The charity events we have been running during December have been a huge success.

To date we've raised a massive **£1,253.40** for this year's school charities **Kids Inspire** and **Little Havens Hospice**. **THANK YOU** to everyone who got involved with events and donated.

## FoBK EVENTS

### PLEASE SAVE THE DATES:

**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**FoBK QUIZ NIGHT**

**Venue: Becket Keys**

*Tickets on sale at the start of next term*

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

**FoBK ANNUAL AUTUMN BALL**

**Venue: Stock Brook Manor**

*More details to follow in the New Year*



## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

God grant you the light of Christmas,  
which is faith;  
the warmth of Christmas,  
which is purity;  
the righteousness of Christmas,  
which is justice;  
the belief in Christmas,  
which is truth;  
the all of Christmas,  
which is Christ.

**AMEN**

## December Fundraising

*Refreshments at Concert: £99.70*

*Concert Collection: £409.30*

*Donut Sale: £125.00*

*Non uniform day: £547.00*

*Decorate the Head's jumper &*

*Staff costumes collection: £72.40*

**TOTAL: £1253.40**





**On Thursday, Miss Hughes (Aged 6) joined her Dad, Mr Hughes for the day, to find out what a school day is like at Becket Keys. Here is what she told us about her day, we thought you'd like to hear this!**

*Everyone is polite, kind, helpful and respectful. The teaching was pretty good, actually. All the children were working hard, especially Cara.*

*The lunch was really healthy and good. My ham sandwich was nice. Everyone tidies up after themselves and others.*

*Everyone was really quiet when we went to church. I liked the singing and when everybody else joined in.*

*The children were very smart and proudly presented.*

*I think it is the best school in the universe.*

*I liked Becket Keys, thank you for having me. I wish I could go every day. Next time I come, I hope you are there.*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you get lots of presents.*

# SPORTS NEWS

## BOYS' DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA

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Congratulations once again to the Boys' Swimming team – the official results from the Brentwood District Schools Gala are in! In the team competition, the Year 7 boys came 1st! The Year 8 boys came 4<sup>th</sup>, the Year 9 boys came 2<sup>nd</sup> by only 3 points and the Year 10 team came 3<sup>rd</sup>. This put Becket Keys 3rd overall, despite having no senior team!

In the individual events, district champions included Louis Stephen (Year 8 butterfly), Oliver Legon (Year 9 butterfly), Alex Savage (Year 10 backstroke), Jason Horgan (Year 7 breaststroke), Luke Savage (Year 9 breaststroke) and Louis Stephen (Year 8) and Oliver Legon (Year 9) again in the 100m individual medley. Becket Keys also won the Year 7 medley and freestyle relays and the Year 9 freestyle relay! If the swimmers would like their official times from their events please see Mr Wray. The full team was;

### Year 7

Daniel Legon  
Jason Horgan  
Clark Williams  
Ben Shipley  
Harrison Warner

### Year 8

Louis Stephens  
Ryan Blignault  
Reece Pardoe  
Johnny Wyndham

### Year 9

Oliver Legon  
Owen Day  
Luke Savage  
Ben Cooper  
Harrison Powell

### Year 10

Frank Parish  
Oscar Warriner  
Alex Savage  
Josh Rees

## YEAR 8 GIRLS' BASKETBALL

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### Essex Cup – GBHS vs BKS (23-22, after over-time)

The Year 8 girls' Essex Cup Basketball team were involved in an extremely competitive game against Great Baddow High School. Becket Keys started the game slowly, with Great Baddow taking a lead and keeping it until half-time. The girls' defensive work kicked in in the third quarter, where they made a few stops on the defensive end.

The girls were then able to add offensive creativity in the fourth quarter, to come back from 22-16 down to draw level. Neither team were able to score for the remainder of the quarter, taking the game to over-time. After 5 minutes, the only points scored were from a single free-throw from Great Baddow to win the game, despite a number of chances at both ends of the court for both teams. The girls were disappointed to get their Essex Cup campaign off with a loss but they can take confidence from knowing they ran a strong team with a victory very close.

### Mid-Essex Development League BKS vs St Martins

A new team of Year 8 girls went up against St Martins in a basketball development league game. The girls competed well, moving the ball quickly on the offensive end and adjusting well to a new defensive system. The girls worked hard to create lay-up opportunities, which they did well, but could not take enough of them to stay close to a strong St Martins' team who were able to take their chances clinically. The girls enjoyed the experience, progressed well and learnt a great amount from the game. They hope to continue this progress throughout the season.

### Essex Cup Competition vs Billericay

The Year 8 girls' team enjoyed their game against Billericay in the prestigious Essex Cup competition. Billericay started the game strongly and were clinical in their shooting early on. This put Becket Keys on the back-foot as they adjusted to their defensive system. Becket Keys did not give up and persevered with their system, which paid off in the second half. The speed of their passing increased and, as a result, Becket Keys were able to take more lay-up opportunities. The girls played well overall, but needed to be more clinical around the basket on both ends of the court. Billericay had a similar number of shots, but scored considerably more points. The girls have one more game against Eastwood Academy, which they are looking forward to.



## NOTICES

### VOLUNTEERS

Becket Keys' students and staff continue to benefit from parent volunteers and friends of the school who generously give up their time with everything from playing the piano in collective worship, to sports coaching and food preparation. We'd love to hear from you if you think you have particular expertise you can offer or you'd just like to become more involved in school life. **We'd particularly like to hear from volunteers who would be interested in assisting our wonderful science technicians, Mary and Julie in the science department.**

If you are interested, please email [vacancies@becketkeys.org](mailto:vacancies@becketkeys.org) with your contact details, the hours/days you are available to volunteer (as little or as much as you can) and your preferred subject area. All volunteers are required to complete a thorough safeguarding check.

### BOOKS

The school library is always looking for donations of good quality books, in good condition. If after Christmas your family are having a clear out, please bear us in mind!



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

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

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### Dates for your Diary

18/12/2015	Last day of term
04/01/2016	First day back
05/1/2016	Y10 Geography Residential Trip Meeting 6-6.30pm (Main Hall)
05/01/2016	Y10 World Challenge Meeting (Main Hall) 6.30-7.30pm

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