



SIAMS VERDICT: OUTSTANDING

Mr. Scott-Evans has written to all parents today:

I am delighted to inform you that today I received the first full SIAMS report for our school. The report, in full, is attached to this letter.

A highly experienced SIAMS inspector, visited on the 12th and 13th January 2016. She was incredibly thorough (and challenging!) observing every Religion and Philosophy teacher at least once in lessons; looking at students' work and assessment outcomes; and speaking to staff, students, parents, and governors. At the end of this process, they judged Becket Keys to be Outstanding in all four areas of the inspection: Distinctive Christian Character; Impact of Collective Worship; Effectiveness of Religious Education; Leadership and Management.

The inspector writes in the report that:

- *The school's explicit Christian ethos effectively drives forward its growth and development as a church school;*
- *The high quality of relationships and exemplary behaviour of students expresses the school's 'character education' approach based on its Christian values of respect,*

responsibility and forgiveness;

- *The school's daily worship programme is central to school life and supports the religious, spiritual and moral development of students very well;*
- *The commitment and effectiveness of the school's leadership team and governing body promotes well its high standards of attainment and progress based on its Christian values;*
- *Ambitious targets for attainment are in place. This currently shows the vast majority of students are making good or very good progress;*
- *The headteacher's clear vision for and commitment to making Becket Keys a successful Christian school is evident and infectious.*

The effectiveness of our sponsor, RET, in supporting high quality teaching and learning and effective leadership, is also praised in the report.

I have spent the week since our inspection thanking God and thanking my colleagues for the fact that our community's vision for an outstanding Church of England Secondary school in Brentwood continues to be realised.

I am now able to publicly thank our students and you, our parents. It is due to your support and determination that Becket Keys was approved to open in September 2012 and since then has gone from strength to strength. The partnership between teachers, parents and students was fundamental to this school's OfSTED grading and now our continued success recognised in SIAMS.

I am so proud to be part of the leadership of this wonderful new school; and your children should be equally proud of all they have done to make Becket Keys continue as an outstanding school.

With my thanks for all your support and prayers.

**Mr. Scott-Evans
Headteacher**

OTHER NEWS

YOUTH SPEAKS WINNERS

Congratulations to the Becket Keys' 'Red' team composed of Ella Crowley, Alice Keely & Jamie Wilson, who fought off tough competition, including two teams from Brentwood School, to win another round of the Brentwood à Becket Rotary Club 'Youth Speaks' competition last night.

Despite feeling poorly, Alice once again provided an entertaining and vivacious speech, Ella was a confident and organised Chair, while Jamie's Vote of Thanks was hugely enthusiastic and competent. Archie Mowatt also gave his support to the team as a well prepared reserve.



The next round is against other school teams from Essex at Chelmsford Council Chambers, County Hall, Chelmsford on Wednesday 9th March at 7pm. All welcome to come and support our team.

APPLE WATCHES AND SMART WATCHES

Smart Watches (e.g. Apple Watches) are now banned from Becket Keys. Please do not allow your son /daughter to bring them to school. They are too expensive, breakable and precious to bring to school. They could also be a distraction. They should now be left at home.

LETTINGS

School facilities can be hired at very reasonable rates. <https://www.becketkeys.org/lettings.php>

The Main Hall is available on Fridays from 5pm to 10pm and Saturdays from 2pm to 5pm.
Our Runcie Hall (Sprung Floor Drama/Dance Hall) is available on Fridays 5-10pm and Sundays 9-12noon.
Our Mirrored Dance Studio is available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 5-10pm and Sundays 9-12noon.

If you are interested in hiring or to find out more, please contact lettings@becketkeys.org or call 01277 286649.

NEW LOOK PHILOSOPHY & DEBATING CLUB

Philosophy and Debating club meets every Tuesday lunchtime, (gold week in Miss Sandiford's room 220, purple week in Mrs Ahlner's room C26) from 12.55 – 1.25.

Bring your lunch and talk about things that really matter. Next week's discussion will be: *'Should teenagers have more say in decisions made about their education that are made by others?'* All welcome.

MORE NEWS

KNITTING CLUB – POPPY APPEAL



A reminder that Knitting Club would like to start knitting Poppies for the Poppy Appeal in November. We will sell these to staff, parents, visitors and students. All proceeds will go to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. To enable us to raise as much money as we can, we are asking for any donations of materials. If you have any of the resources listed below that you would be able to lend or donate, we would much appreciate it. Any question or queries, please contact Mrs. Knowles or Mrs. Simmons. Knitting Club meets in Mrs. Knowles room, 200 at 1.00pm every Monday, all welcome.

- Knitting Needles (4mm or 4.5mm)
- Red wool (DK)
- Black wool (DK)
- Black buttons
- Safety pins



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THE FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS (THE SCHOOL PTA) INVITES ALL PARENTS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO A

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

AT BECKET KEYS SCHOOL

BRING A TEAM OF UP TO 10 OR JUST COME ALONG TO JOIN A TEAM ON THE NIGHT AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

£5 PER TICKET

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND SNACKS

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY AT LUNCHTIMES OR EMAIL: middleditchc@googlemail.com

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

DOORS OPEN 7.30PM

QUIZ STARTS AT 8.00PM

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

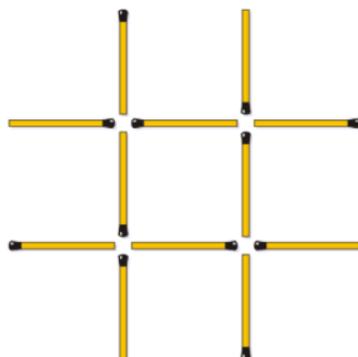
Reminder to all students who are in the school production that there is an all-day rehearsal for the whole cast on the **Monday 15th February** (Monday in half term) from **9am-4pm**.

Students should bring a packed lunch and whatever costumes they have managed to source. Students are asked to meet promptly at 9am in the Main Hall. Please contact Mr Harries as soon as possible if your child is unable to make this rehearsal.

MATHS PUZZLE

JANUARY MATHS PUZZLE: MATCHSTICKS

A new edition to the newsletter is the monthly maths puzzle. The solution will be printed next week!

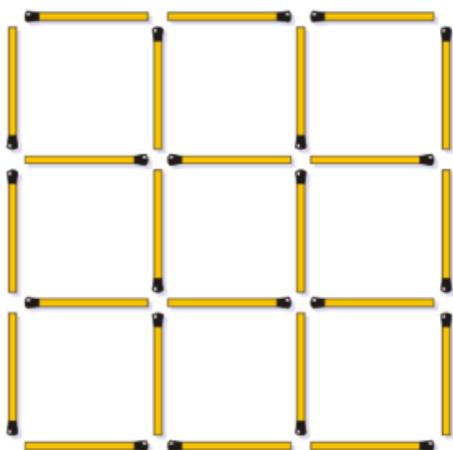


1. Take twelve matchsticks and arrange them into the grid shown above.

Now move only three matchsticks so that to get exactly three perfect squares.

2. Arrange 8 matchsticks to form the fish swimming left as shown in the illustration.

The object of the puzzle is to move 3 matchsticks to make the fish swim in the opposite direction, i.e. to the right.



3. 24 matchsticks are used to form the figure in the illustration.

Remove 8 matchsticks and end up with just two squares.

SPORTS NEWS

U15s Girls' Cricket Tournament Report by Lauren Pamerter

On Wednesday 20th January, the U15s Girls' Cricket Team participated in an indoor tournament at Essex Cricket Club.

We played three games against different schools from around the area. Our first game was against Saffron Walden. We started by fielding and managed to keep their running score down. We had some excellent bowling from Kate and a great wicket from Bethany. We started the batting well and took some risks when running. Even though some of the team were run out, we gained some extra runs which made us more careful for our next game. We lost only by a small margin but were still pleased with our performance. Our next match was against St Angela's Ursuline who played some good shots when batting, putting our fielding skills to the test. Hannah and Cara made some excellent catches and we took other wickets with our bowling. Our batting was a lot stronger and we managed to hit some boundaries. With Hannah retiring at 15 runs, we were more confident and began to chase our opponent's score. The team were thrilled with their win and were excited to play their final game.

The final match was against Felsted School who were a very strong side. Once again we fielded first and were determined to keep the batting score low. With great wicket keeping from Alice and some amazing stops from all the girls, we reduced their total. We batted well and got some good quick runs, however, we couldn't reach Felsted's score.

Overall we came third. The team were thrilled with their win and how they had played in all of the matches.

Year 7 Girls' Netball

On Monday 18th January the Year 7 A and B Netball teams went to St John Payne School in Chelmsford to compete. The girls demonstrated their knowledge of the game well throughout. The A team lost with a score of 17-9 but the score was not reflective of how well they played. The B team also finished with a loss of 4-1 although the score did not change during the final quarter, with Becket Keys holding them off with good defensive skills.

Year 8 & 9 Girls' Badminton

On Wednesday 13th January Year 8 and 9 girls went to compete at the District Badminton Rallies held at St Martins School. Two teams competed from each year group, with all girls performing to the best of their ability throughout. The Year 8 girls showed excellent team work, resulting in Olivia Mullan and Evie Skinner taking 5th place in the A team competition and Maria-Eden Smith-Gonzalez and Madison Reid coming 3rd in the B team competition. The Year 9 girls also performed well with Mia Ballantyne and Cleo Cooke coming 5th in the B team competition. The Year 9 A team including Divine Okwuosa and Rebecca Daly performed exceptionally well, with the girls finishing 2nd in the A team competition. The games were self-refereed, so it was brilliant to see Becket Keys pupils demonstrating their great knowledge of the game and their fantastic sportsmanship.



MORE SPORTS NEWS

Swimming

Are you interested in competing for the school at swimming? Do you want to get better at swimming? If the answer is yes to both those questions, read on! Brentwood Swimming Club have kindly offered a session to Becket Keys students on a Thursday morning before school at The Brentwood Centre. Sessions start at 6.30am and finish at 7.30am and are coached by the Brentwood swimming team staff. They have kindly offered to let our students have their first session free as a taster to see if it is right for them. After the first session it is £45 per term (for hire of the pool and overheads), or pro-rata for anyone starting part way through the term. Anyone who is interested in this great opportunity, please speak to Miss Honey/Mr Wray or Miss Pugsley and contact Jon Gold at the following email address:

chairman@brentwoodswimmingclub.co.uk

Donations of Kit

The PE department are still seeking donations of trainers, PE kit and fitness equipment that aren't being used any more. If your son/daughter has grown out of their PE kit (in particular we are looking for plain black shorts or Becket Keys' t-shirts) or trainers, the PE department would gratefully receive them, as it enables them to lend out kit to students who have forgotten theirs. If you have any fitness equipment that you no longer use and are looking to free up space, please contact Miss Honey via the school website if you are willing to donate equipment to the school.

PE Kit

Please ensure that students have their PE kit with them even if they are injured (unless they are physically unable to get changed), students are required to change even if they are not practically participating.

WEEKLY NOTICES

Rugby

Next week rugby training is on the grass – please bring appropriate kit.

Year 8 Girls' PE Periods 5&6 Tuesday

You will be playing hockey against Brentwood School. Please bring in appropriate hockey kit (shin pads) and warm clothing as it will still go ahead in any weather! Don't forget you may bring in a plain black rain jacket. Come down to get changed at 1.30pm. Some students will be travelling to Brentwood School and some will be staying to play at Becket Keys.

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Year 9 & 10 Football Training

Due to fixtures in the hall and on the Astro, there is no training for Year 9-10 football on Tuesday 26th January.

Badminton

Due to fixtures, badminton is cancelled on Tuesday. It will still run as normal on Monday lunchtime.

NOTICES

Nearly New Uniform

A selection of nearly new uniform is available to buy from the school at very reasonable prices. Please enquire at Reception.

Naming Property

It is very important that all of your son/daughter's property is named so that if it gets lost, we can return. There are still a large number of unnamed coats and other items that have not been claimed in lost property. Please enquire at Reception.



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VACANCIES

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

vacancies@becketkeys.org

Dates for your Diary

03/02/16	Year 7 Mandarin Day
04/02/16	Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening
05/02/16	FoBK Quiz Night
12/02/16	Last day of term – Lent Holiday
22/02/16	First day back
23/02/16	Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening

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