



## JOIN US TOMORROW!

**Mr Scott-Evans writes:**

### **PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

Our Patronal Festival Fair is here at school tomorrow (12noon to 4pm) and the weather looks like it will be kind to us. We have a great range of activities running and we're excited to be inviting new parents to the school.

We'll have music and entertainment throughout the afternoon and the usual special activities to make it a wonderful event to celebrate our two fantastic Saints: St Peter and St Thomas of Canterbury.

There'll be the House Tug of War, a range of incredible inflatables (bungee runs, wrecking ball, human size table football, wipe out sweeper), hot dogs, ice creams, strawberries, speciality coffees and cold drinks. As usual you're welcome to bring a picnic if you want to, but there'll be plenty of cakes and treats and sweets for sale so go light on those items!

The Friends of Becket Keys are working tirelessly to organise this event and will be here on the day from 8am – so if you feel inspired to come along early that would be great.

Alternatively, feel free to hang around at the end to help tidy up. All help will be much appreciated!

During the event we have various stalls running and existing students might like to come along and lend a hand running one of these. There'll be games and competitions for new students to try and earn house points for their new team. We'll be awarding one house the winners of the Patronal Festival Cup at the end of the day.

There is also an incredible raffle! Tickets are priced at only £1 per strip with various prizes, many of which are worth over £100! Having said that, many students will be most interested in the 'Bistro Queue Pass'! Anyway, please do make sure you buy plenty of tickets and help us raise lots of money for FoBK. All of the money from the wrist bands for the inflatables will also come straight to the school funds!

It is always a lovely day and a great way to welcome new families to our school. Please do come along if you can.

### **SIXTH FORM**

I have had exciting meetings this week with our uniform suppliers about sixth form.

We're looking at different options for sixth form suits and shirts and we'll be putting together something for parents and students to look at soon.

The architects and builders have been finalising designs for the new building and we are looking forward to seeing them coming onto site in August to make a start!

Students are being given the opportunity to feed in their ideas for the sixth form lounge and study areas in their tutorials and we look forward to starting this next detailed phase soon. Expect more details about Sixth Form in the coming weeks, including the latest views on courses and entry requirements.

Best regards,

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

# OTHER NEWS

## NATIONAL WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY (NWED)

Year 10 girls from Becket Keys recently visited the Ford Technical Centre for 'Women in Engineering Day', a day dedicated to raising the profile of women in engineering and celebrating achievement. Millie McCreanor (I0HS) shares her thoughts on the day:

*It was a good, enjoyable day. We learnt how the parts of cars are made using 3D printing. One of my favourite parts of the day was going around the test track in a high spec Ford car. We were also shown the inside of the engine and learnt about fuel efficiency. I enjoyed listening to the female speakers who made me see how achievable being an engineer is, whereas previously I had always assumed it to be a male dominated work force.*

*We had the opportunity to go into the sound room and experience how cars can be tested by just listening to the sound and picking up on any errors.*

*We also had the opportunity to help make a clay model of a car, which I found to be quite therapeutic! Participating in team building activities was an enjoyable experience, which also taught me how production lines work and how effective they can be when done properly.*



Pictured: Year 10 girls at the Ford Technical Centre for 'Women in Engineering Day'



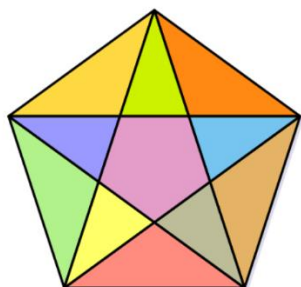
# MORE NEWS

## MATHS PUZZLE

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This week we reintroduce the Maths puzzle. The solution will be published in next week's edition of the newsletter.

### Maths Puzzle: How many triangles?



How many different triangles are hidden in this figure?

## COMMUNITY PRAISE FOR BECKET KEYS' STUDENT

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*"He spoke so proudly of your school and is obviously so happy being a student there. He sang your praises."*

Earlier this week, we received an incredibly positive letter highlighting our students "enthusiasm" about their experience at Becket Keys. The feedback came from a member of the public who has no association with the school. It was a real pleasure to read and learn that our students are demonstrating their positive and respectful character both in and out of the school. We are so proud of our students; we would like to share some of the letter with you:

*Hi. I'm a resident of Brentwood. After meeting one of your students yesterday, (22<sup>nd</sup> June) I really wanted to email you. I had taken my younger son to a barber shop close to the train station, when I got talking to one of your students who was also waiting for a haircut. I can't remember his name but he is in Year 10. He spoke so proudly of your school and is obviously so happy being a student there- he sang your praises. He was such a nice lad to speak to; he spoke nicely and had such enthusiasm- it was a real delight to chat with him. I've written this as I am hoping it will be mentioned in one of your next assemblies - there can be such negative reports of teenagers language, behaviour and attitudes these days - so I would really appreciate this young man (and others in your school) being made aware that the genuinely polite, interesting and enthusiastic teenagers are noticed by others too. He is a student you should be very proud of. I would like to think he would be recognised for his lovely representation of your school.*

Unfortunately, we have not been able to identify the student; however, we would like to congratulate you! Please let us know if it was you.

**Miss Gill**  
**Head of Year 10**

# MORE NEWS

## POETRY COMPETITION

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Congratulations to William Tendler (Year 9), Zach Antoniou, Euan Inverarity, Charlie Major, Somto Okpalauko, Joshua Ryall and Rebecca Slaney (Year 8) for having poems published in a poetry anthology this year! All students worked very hard to edit and improve poems that represented their lives, and were lucky enough to have their poems selected and printed; William Tendler's poem stood out the most, since his focused specifically on our school.

Behind the Scenes at Becket Keys  
It was the end of a school day,  
The students journey home to play,  
The teachers gather for a meeting,  
Mr Scott-Evans starts with a greeting,  
Assessments, progress and plans are discussed,  
Organisation is a must!

Next comes the marking; so many books!  
So many frowns, so many looks,  
A deep sigh: 'Oh deary me!'  
They can't believe what they see.  
'Oh wait a minute. It's not quite so bad.  
Our teaching is working. We all should be glad!'

The morning comes round, a new day starts,  
The teachers set up with hope in their hearts  
For students to behave as well as can be,  
To get a 9 in their GCSEs.  
Coats, bags and iPhones put away,  
Ready to start a brand new day.

William Tendler, 13

A copy of 'The Poetry Trials: Teen Spirit' will be in the school library for all to read.

## KEY UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS:

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### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Choir to sing at Governors' Speech and Awards Evening

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Extra-Curricular Music Clubs performing at Brentwood Schools Music Festival at 6.30pm

This is an inter-schools event with Shenfield High School, Brentwood County High School, Greensward Academy and Becket Keys all taking part. The event is hosted at Shenfield High School. There will be different categories for the performances and each category will be judged with the potential of gaining Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards as prizes. The festival is designed to be competitive but friendly as all entrants can receive a Gold award if their performance meets the criteria. There are no first, second and third places. There will also be an overall award for 'Most Outstanding Performance' which will be awarded to the group who achieve the highest score from the judges.



# EVEN MORE NEWS

## THEATRE TRIPS

All students who paid for the trip to see 'Cats' on July 19<sup>th</sup> have a place. If anyone wishes to go on the waiting list, they should see Mrs Ahlner.

Two further theatre trips (details below) will run next year for current Year 9s and 10s. We will be booking the seat numbers before the summer. Please find attached with this newsletter, the letters and reply slips about these trips. Replies and cheque or cash payment need to be handed into Reception by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, so that the seats can be confirmed before the end of term.

### Theatre Trip to see 'Shawshank Redemption'

A trip has been arranged to see a production of '**Shawshank Redemption**' at the Palace Theatre, Westcliff on Sea on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016**. This will be the matinee performance. Please see the attached letter for the arrangements.

*Based on the 1982 novella Rita Hayworth and The Shawshank Redemption, the play examines desperation, injustice, friendship and hope behind the claustrophobic bars of a maximum security facility. The 1994 feature film, regularly voted Britain's favourite ever movie, starred Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman and was nominated for seven Academy Awards.*

*Despite protests of his innocence, Andy Dufresne is handed a double life sentence for the brutal murder of his wife and her lover. Incarcerated at the notorious Shawshank facility, he quickly learns that no one can survive alone. Andy strikes up an unlikely friendship with the prison fixer Red, and things take a slight turn for the better. However, when Warden Stammers decides to bully Andy into subservience and exploit his talents for accountancy, a desperate plan is quietly hatched...*



### Theatre Trip to see 'The Collector'

A trip has also been arranged to see the ground breaking theatre production 'The Collector' at the Civic Theatre Chelmsford on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016**. This will be an evening performance. Please see the attached letter for the arrangements.

*2003. Mazrat Prison, Iraq. Previously one of Saddam's most notorious torture houses, where more than 10,000 people died, it is now under Allied command. Nassir works here, translating for the American interrogators. He's local, pro-*

*Western, determined to bring liberal values to his country and is about to get married to Zoya, his sweetheart. But when he is recognised by Faisal, a new prisoner and psychotic supporter of the old regime, his life becomes a living hell. Born out of Henry Naylor's own experiences of a visit to Bagram Airbase in 2003, **The Collector** is a compelling tale of murder, evil and betrayal set in occupied Iraq. One of the most highly-acclaimed shows at the 2014 Edinburgh Festival, it won a prestigious Scotsman Fringe First Award.*

# SPORTS NEWS

## SPORTS DAY

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Next Friday is our whole school Sports Day and we couldn't be more excited for the **8<sup>th</sup> July!** Field events will be happening in the morning alongside the 1500m race, with the remainder of the track events starting in the afternoon. The students have been busy signing up and training for this event, showing great sportsmanship and overwhelming commitment to their school community.

This really promises to be a fantastic day; a great opportunity for some of our school athletes to showcase their talents and a chance for all students to get involved in a bit of inter-house competition. Parents are welcome to attend all day and we'll also be tweeting throughout the day, so follow the Becket Keys PE Staff [@BKS\\_PE](#)

We are also excited to confirm that hot drinks, bottled water (£1) and ice creams will be available to parents and students during the afternoon of Sports Day. 'Caffe Piaggio' will be here along with the 'Domenic Super Soft Whippy' ice cream van. Students may wish to bring some money with them on the day to buy a treat!



## YEAR 9 BOYS' CRICKET

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### **Brentwood School – 92-4 (16.5 overs) beat Becket Keys – 91-3 (20 overs)**

The Year 9 boys' cricket team played their MESSA plate quarter final against Brentwood School on Wednesday. Becket Keys batted first and had to endure the first 10 overs during slightly wet and very windy conditions. Josh Mclean did well to nearly survive the first over of intense bowling from Brentwood, only to let one through onto his stumps. Nick Feltwell played some good shots, only to get caught lbw. This left Becket Keys in the perilous position of 5-2 after 2 overs.

In came Tom Burkert and Luke Savage to steady the innings. Luke and Tom played themselves in for 5/6 overs, before going after the Brentwood bowling, particularly in the last 5 overs. A couple of well-timed boundaries from Luke were followed by a big swing on the last ball of the innings which was caught, leaving him out for 44. Tom also chipped in with a handy 22 to set Brentwood a total of 92 to win.

Josh Mclean opened the bowling and put the pressure on the batsmen straight away, bowling out the opening batsman to leave Brentwood 0-1. The run rate increased steadily, but then Nick Feltwell's bowling forced a batsman to run when the call was tight. Luke Savage picked the ball up and, from a tight angle, hit the stumps directly to run out the batsman. An amazing moment to get Becket Keys back in the game.

Brentwood then rallied again, before Tom Burkert trapped a batsman lbw to leave Brentwood 57-3. There were a couple of nervous moments for the Brentwood batsmen in an exciting climax to the game, but Brentwood were able to keep the run rate ticking over. Becket Keys kept their focus and concentration and did not give up. With Brentwood on 91-4, Jack Kennedy's bowling led to a mistake by the batsman searching for the winning runs, allowing Luke Seaward to stump him out. Brentwood were then able to hit the single they needed with just over 3 overs to go. Well played boys!

## NOTICES

### JOINT POLICE POLICY LETTER

#### Reminder:

We are still awaiting a number of responses in relation to the letter regarding our 'Joint Police Policy' (online and mobile technologies). Please review the contents of this letter with your child, then complete and return a hard copy of the acknowledgement slip as soon as possible. Thank you.

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## VACANCIES

We are recruiting for an Examinations and Assessment Officer.

For full details, see here:

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

#### Dates for your Diary

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July FoBK Patronal Festival

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July Patronal Festival Eucharist

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July Governors' Speech & Awards Evening

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July End of Term

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September – INSET DAY

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET DAY

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September First Day Back

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