



YEAR 7 WINNING NETBALL TEAM! READ MORE IN SPORTS NEWS

Becket Keys Church of England School

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Headteacher

On Tuesday we opened our doors to over 400 people who came to see the school at the first of our Open Days. We're expecting even higher numbers at the next two Open events!

If you know anyone who wants to attend, please ask them to visit our website and book a place.

We were given great support from our teachers who stayed late talking to parents and children about the school and their subject, we don't take a morning or afternoon off afterwards like some schools do, our staff 'go the extra mile'! However, I think the hardest working members of the 'Open Day Crew' were our students who toured guests round the school

showing off their uniform, manners and knowledge of the school. The Year 7s have only been here for two weeks, yet already spoke with great authority.

Many students from other year groups helped out too and we're looking for more help again next week on Wednesday and then the following week on Thursday. Attached with the newsletter today is the volunteer form. Please encourage your son/daughter to get involved – they will really enjoy the experience and it is a great way to serve the school and local community.

Last night, we welcomed over 20 Primary Teachers from our 40 feeder schools. Each one was reunited with their protégés from Year 6 – now Year 7.

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Meet Some More Teachers

Adam Fox - English

"I have lived in Essex for most of my adult life, although I was born and raised in Hertfordshire. I enjoyed my school years hugely. Part of wanting to become a teacher was to emulate some of the positive and inspirational role models by whom I was taught at school. The subjects that really interested and enthused me were those of a creative nature; Art, Graphic Design, Languages and English were my strong points. I still have a passion for Art (and its history), from Renaissance art to more contemporary and controversial works; if it promotes an emotional response then I believe it can be labelled as 'Art'. I studied English Literature, Art and History at A-level, and also have a keen interest in languages (namely Spanish) and etymology.

My interests include football and boxing, and I enjoy films; I have experience of teaching Media, as well as English, and incorporate Media where and when I can into my teaching. I have travelled widely over the past decade, and even lived in Australia (for a year) back in 2005.

The thing I enjoy most about teaching is that no single day is ever the same. Enabling a person to flourish both academically and socially, and giving them a sense



of pride and achievement in what they do, is unique and inimitable to teaching; the sense of fulfilment and knowing that the hard work you put in will hopefully allow students to reach their potential, is extremely rewarding.

I have taught at a boys' school in Hertfordshire, as well as in a mixed comprehensive in Great Dunmow. The thing that drew me to Becket Keys was the incredible sense of community and family; the staff and students alike have been so supportive and welcoming during these fledgling weeks and I cannot thank them enough for being so accommodating. I think the collective vision and ethos, as well as the placing of God at the foundation and centre of all that we do, marks this school out as a very special and makes the school a very different environment to any other I have worked in before.

I hope to establish myself as a reliable, approachable and dedicated member of staff who will help the school on its journey

to success; I look forward to being heavily involved in contributing to the first series of GCSE exam results, and am also excited about the prospect of working with subjects across the whole school, in my capacity as Director of Literacy.

I am passionate about family and friendships, and believe that you should do your best in life, regardless of your physical prowess or academic ability; to allow your God-given gifts and your potential to flourish is the greatest thing you can do: 'I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me' (Philippians 4:13)"



Rebecca Hurdle – English

"I have lived in Romford for as long as I can remember and went to Marshalls Park School, which is also where I was teaching last year. I attended St. Martin's Sixth Form where I studied English Literature, Mathematics, Theatre Studies, Biology (AS) and Critical Thinking. I went to Royal Holloway University in Surrey where I studied English Literature.

Being an English teacher, a keen interest of mine is reading and I have a huge list of books that I am desperate to start! I was always very involved in dance and drama when I was younger and attended local clubs. I have performed in school productions and talent shows. At University I was on the Cheerleading Team and was also selected to be in the Hip Hop and Jazz troupes where we went on to win National competitions. I also like to surf, although I never have enough time to practise and get very skilled at it. Most of my leisure time is spent in Devon in the countryside or on the beach.

My favourite thing about teaching is instilling some of the passion that I have about literature and reading into young people. I think that it is amazing that you can see this passion being passed on to others as they ask to read the next chapter at home, or they write an outstanding essay showing just how much they have thought about characters and situations. I also find that I will smile and laugh without fail every day at something that a student has done or said, and I think that I am lucky that my job allows me to work with young people. Many of my friends in the City cannot say that they enjoy communicating with the people they work with every day!

I have taught at The Chafford School in Rainham, Sanders Draper School in Hornchurch and Marshalls Park School in Romford.

I have found Becket Keys an extremely positive and welcoming place. It is lovely to see that students have respect for each other and their teachers.

I aim to teach outstanding lessons which my students can engage in and learn from. I would like to know the names of all the students in the school and be recognised as somebody that they can trust and rely on.

I am passionate about keeping imagination and dreams alive in young people. My inspiration is Walt Disney as he has created a world where both children and adults are free to imagine a better world. The characters in his films work against evil and adversity to achieve their happy ending. People leave Disneyland feeling happier and more hopeful and it all started with one mouse! I think it's such a shame that some teenagers don't allow themselves to **dream and hope and stay young**; my hope is that through English I can try to keep imagination alive for at least a little while longer."

Jonathan Bunyan Design & Technology

"Born and raised 15 minutes, (whilst travelling safely at the speed limit) from here in Romford.

I attended the Champion School in Hornchurch where I proudly played rugby for 7 years and made friends for life. After doing well at GCSE and A levels I moved onto Loughborough University where I studied Industrial Design and Technology. I learnt many new



ways to make and draw my designs which I am hoping to bring to Becket Keys!

(A tip for the students reading this... you really want to go to University).

I play football twice a week for two different teams, one a 5 a-side team and the other a typical Sunday league team. We play in a church league which makes the atmosphere friendly yet keeps us competitive.

Teaching is a job that keeps you on your toes. As someone who likes to be active I cannot think of a better profession. But mainly, I get to try my best to impart some knowledge of the best subject, (Design and Technology) to younger people who will hopefully find the same passion as I did, and still do!

I have taught at one previous school and it has been a pleasant change moving closer to home. When I started at Becket Keys I was first impressed by the students, they are respectful,

eager to learn and thankful for your time.

As the year starts I cannot help but think of the end, but only because I will be able to look back at the opportunities that I took. I am hoping to get involved with the football teams and rugby, if I have time.

Being a new member of staff at only my second school, starting was a nerve racking time, however, I have a brilliant form, 7FS. As they are also new, we are learning together, helping each other and without a doubt, making the most of what this lovely school has to offer."

Laura Barden - Science



"I have lived in Brentwood since I was ten years old. I attended Brentwood County High School where I studied Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics at A level followed by four years at the University of Bath where I obtained a BSc(hons) in Pharmacology.

I started working in the pharmaceutical industry within the Research and Development sector, initially researching treatments for the psychiatric disorders, schizophrenia and depression before moving on to study neurodegenerative diseases such as multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. I learned a huge amount from some amazing scientists before leaving drug discovery in order to begin my teaching career. I gained a PGCE from the University of Greenwich and taught at Mayflower High School in Billericay before joining Becket Keys.

My house is very busy, we have five children, two greyhounds and six rabbits. When I am not teaching, I like to relax by going for a run or reading a book, particularly the work of Aldous Huxley or the latest edition of 'Chemistry World'.

I believe I am very fortunate to be joining Becket Keys at such an exciting time with the planning for the new Sixth Form and the beginning of A level teaching, and



I am looking forward to the opportunities and challenges the year ahead may present.

It has been a pleasure to begin to get to know the students and staff alike in these first weeks. My aim for the future is to help all of my students to increase their confidence in science and to maybe even begin to love what I consider to be a fascinating subject."

Brian Hopkins – Music



"After running my own business for 16 years and teaching private piano lessons, I decided to develop my passion for teaching music. I embarked upon this journey into the profession by studying for a BA (Hons) in music and later going on to study a Postgraduate Certificate in Education. Whilst music is my passion, teaching the next generation to appreciate music and their developing their learning are my priorities."

Look at our orchestra rehearsal this week! Second week and already sounding great. Playing an arrangement of the Beach Boys' 'God Only Knows'. Remember to bring your instruments and join in on a Monday after school.

Sports News

Basketball

Two of our students Ryan Gamble and Tim Adetukasi took part in the Regional Development Tournament where both played representing the East of England in Manchester last weekend.



It was a tough two days for the boys. They won 3 of the 4 pool games that they played on Saturday which meant that they came top of their pool taking them into the semi-final on Sunday morning. They won their semi-final match taking them into the final in the afternoon! This was a match against a very strong London team, who East had beat in their pool on Saturday. However, it wasn't to be and they lost their final match, so the East region came 2nd.

This was an amazing achievement for them, to make the East Region Basketball squad, let alone the final team and then coming 2nd in the actual regional tournament.

Cross Country

Cross-country will take place in all lessons next week.

This is our first inter-house competition of the year where students can win points for

their house. Please ensure students bring appropriate footwear and full PE kit. Old shoes are advisable.

Football

The Year 11's started brightly and raced into a two goal lead thanks to two poacher efforts from Max Brown after good work by Brandon Wood. Year 11s continued their dominance throughout the first half but could not find that important third goal! Just before half time, Plume grabbed a goal back.

After half time, the game was even and there were chances for both sides. Plume's goalkeeper did brilliantly to deny Brandon Wood three times in a row and ultimately kept Plume in the game. It proved to be a turning point as Plume grabbed two very late goals to win the game. The second, directly from a free-kick and the third and winning goal was in the last minute and was a very unfortunate own goal. Unfortunately, the year 11

boys have found themselves out of the Mid-Essex Cup. It proved to be a very frustrating result after Becket Keys gave it their all and played very well for large parts.

Plume School 3 Becket Keys 2

Man of the Match: Billy Brown.

Netball

On Wednesday 21st September the Year 7 netball team played in their first game against Hylands school. The team included: Evie Bennett, Nancy Hookings, Eloisa Boreham, Megan Whymark, Lucy Hunwick, Rachel Picton, Courtney Kambasha, Libby Prentice, Robyn Hart, Ella Mumby and Adrianna Santos. All of the students played fantastically showing both great skills alongside brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship. All players worked hard and there were some challenging goals scored. We finished with a win to start the season and look forward to more success by the team.



THE BUSHCRAFT company

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The deadline for the Bushcraft trip is fast approaching so make sure you pay the deposit on Scopay as soon as possible to secure a place!

This trip gives students a fantastic opportunity to develop their independence, learn new skills, socialise with new friends and build confidence. All the activities spark creativity whilst also supporting the curriculum. Activities will include a fire workshop, shelter building, a wilderness trail, orientation, camouflage and concealment, fresh water swimming and much more!

QUOTES FROM STUDENTS LAST YEAR:

"The best bit was staying in a tent with my friends."
Tommy Palmer 8AC

"My favourite part of going to Bushcraft was when we all got to play in the woods with our friends. The food was fantastic."
Clark Williams 8HS

"I liked Bushcraft because there were lots of activities to be doing all the time. The food was very nice and my favourite activity was the wood carving workshop."

Marcus Gray 8FS

"I really enjoyed my time at Bushcraft. It pushed me to my limit, gave me time to spend with my friends and allowed me to explore the wilderness. I would definitely recommend this trip to the Year 7s".

Ella Brook – 8EW

"The thing I enjoyed the most was the fresh water swimming. I also really liked the looking for crayfish in the river and I enjoyed all the games."

Tara Duffy 8PP



Primary Teachers' Tea



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR YEAR 7 VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THIS EVENT. THEY WERE ALL VERY EXCITED TO SEE THEIR FORMER TEACHERS.

Open Doors

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Whilst looking round, primary teacher colleagues were also able to meet up with older students and talk to them about how they were finding Becket Keys. One Head Teacher commented how lovely it was to the school environment being so well enjoyed after school. Older students sitting reading, working together and enjoying extra-curricular activities. Our students spoke confidently and politely about what they enjoyed here and made all our guests feel welcome.

Our Year 7s provided a cream tea for our guests and sat with them reminiscing and talking about what they have learned so far. It was another great Open Event.

Coming up soon will be our first ever Sixth Form Open Evening. This will take place on the 10th October. I'll be presenting the curriculum offer, entry requirements, dress code/uniform, an update on our new buildings and the wonderful facilities that will be available. The lead advisor from The Russell Education Trust will also be coming – Mr O'Sullivan - whom some students have already met and spoken to about their options for Sixth Form (and beyond). All our students will meet him at some point over the next few weeks and we know they'll find his input very useful.

As our school continues to grow and develop we love to open our doors and show our community the wonderful work that is going on here. We are very excited about showing our community what our Sixth Form will look like. Everyone will be welcome to come on the 10th October.



**MR SCOTT-EVANS
HEADTEACHER**



We have asked before that you try NOT to drive down Sawyers Hall Lane. If it is necessary then please be considerate when using this road and parking. It is very busy and one inconsiderate car can cause gridlock.

Friends of Becket Keys

BALL DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

Hi all just a gentle reminder to those who have not paid their deposit yet please can we have your money immediately to secure your place? It's £20 deposit payable to Friends of Becket Keys. Or if bank details required contact FOBK@becketkeys.org

The second instalment is due by the end of September for £20 and the balance of £25 by the end of October. If you have any questions please contact us via FoBK@becketkeys.org or Facebook Friends of Becket Keys

Many thanks

Penny Davidson FOBK

Lost Property

We have a number of items in our Lost Property Collection - keys, shoes, PE Kit please get your child to check at reception if they have lost anything. Naming all items makes them easier to return.

VACANCIES

We currently have no staff vacancies

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 5th October

Year 7 & 8 Meet The Tutor Evening

Year 9 & 10 Careers Fair

OPEN EVENTS

Wednesday 28th September

Thursday 6th October

Morning 9.15am – 11.15am
(Adults Only)

Evening 5.00pm – 7.00pm

6th Form Open Evening

Monday 10th October

5.00pm – 7.00pm

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