



SIXTH FORMER FOR A DAY

Becket Keys Church of England School

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Headteacher

When I was 18, I went to Wembley Stadium to see Michael Jackson's 'Dangerous' tour. I went with a friend and we could not believe it when towards the end people started heading for the exits to avoid traffic and congestion. We were not going to miss a moment! We both agreed that the encore and final stages of the concert were by far the best bits. Hundreds of people missed it! He obviously saved a number of his most popular songs for the end and he famously left the stadium in a rocket pack!

Maybe if people knew what was to come they would have stayed for the rest of the concert.

I saw it all. I did not miss a moment!

Today we gave our students a glimpse of our Sixth Form. Hopefully this glimpse will show them that they definitely want to stay here until the end of their education.

New subjects, new buildings and facilities and some of the best two years of learning they have ever experienced.

We had visiting expert teachers join us from across the RET family today to help us teach subjects that we currently do not offer. We gave students lanyards and exclusive access to a mock 'Sixth Form Centre' (as our one is not built yet). Mr O'Sullivan our Sixth Form Adviser was on hand all day to answer questions and give

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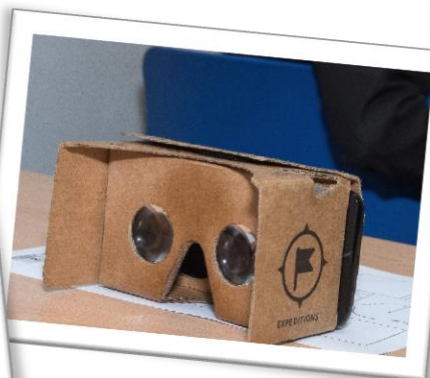
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Google Expedition at Becket Keys



Wednesday 11th January 2017 saw the much-anticipated arrival of Google to Becket Keys. After a successful application, the school became one of the first in the country to take part in the Expeditions Pioneer Program.

All year 7 and 8 students were given the opportunity to take part in a virtual reality field trip with volcanoes being the focus of the day.

Google were thoroughly impressed with all students and said that the school was one of the best that they had visited. They praised effort in class, behaviour in lessons and the atmosphere around the school. They even stayed late to run an extra session for year 9 students who weren't able to take part during the day!

7p1 spent their geography lesson following the expedition writing a report on what they had experienced.

Mr Goldstein

"On the 11th January 2017, Google Expeditions came in to take the year 7s and 8s on a virtual reality fieldtrip to the most dangerous, but incredible geographical phenomena Volcanoes!"

We started our trip with some useful facts and interesting questions – just to recap our knowledge. Next, we collected our virtual reality headsets, popped them on, and set off on our trip.

We went to lots of amazing volcanoes, looked at how they work, and where the super volcanoes were located on the planet.



We then wrote some information down on different parts of the volcano and labelled a diagram to show the different areas.

Overall our virtual reality experience was AMAZING!!!"

Jemima Cheke

"Google Expeditions came to Becket Keys CofE Secondary School for a virtual reality fieldtrip. They were here to teach students about volcanoes and show them what a real volcano looks like inside.

All of the year 7s who participated in this event thoroughly enjoyed themselves and many found it to be an interesting and unique experience.

The students here at Becket Keys felt very privileged and found that this opportunity really boosted their knowledge.

The virtual reality headsets enabled students to see what it would be like in and around a volcano. You could turn your head and have amazing sights wherever you looked!

On behalf of Becket Keys, I would like to say a huge thank you to Google Expeditions for coming in and giving us such an amazing time."
Rosie Double

New Recording Studio for the Music Department

Our new recording studio has finally been set up, thanks to Dave Green from the Hermitage in Brentwood, who helped out with drilling holes in the wall & running cables around the Music Department. It has been set up in one of the practice rooms, between the two Music teaching rooms. Students in both rooms will be able to record their work, using Garageband and the more professional Logic software. It will be perfect for our GCSE and ultimately A level students to record their compositions and performances but we will also use it during class ensembles and individual work. Mrs Allen said, "It is a wonderful resource for our students to have and will help them with their studies." Miss Abdilla added, "I am so excited about this fabulous new resource for our students and I can't wait to hear our student's first recordings!"

Mrs Allen & Miss Abdilla



Design & Technology Workshops

Following students' requests Miss Gill will be opening up the Design and Technology workshop in Wo2 on the following days:

Monday and Wednesday:
3:30pm-7pm

Friday: 3:30pm-4:30pm

The sessions will be held on a weekly basis from 16th January until the 10th February. This is the final deadline for all PD coursework to be summited. As the students will not be given any more time to complete their practical work during the lessons, the focus of these sessions will be on the making part of the controlled assessment. These are not compulsory sessions;

however if students feel they have yet not fully completed their product, it is advised they make the most of this opportunity. Students need to bring in the material they have chosen to complete their project with as well as snacks and drinks.

Please reply by Monday 16th January via the school office to confirm which session/sessions your son/daughter will be attending.

We look forward to enabling to continue to make progress in the GCSE course so that students feel positive and confident about their ability.

Year 9 Immunisations

Monday 23rd January 17

Year 9 students have been given consent forms and an information booklet for their vaccinations (Tetanus, Diptheria and Polio; Meningitis ACWY).

Please complete and return both consent forms and hand back into Reception by Monday 16th January 2017. The vaccinations will take place at school on the morning of Monday 23rd January 2017.

Kindly ensure your son/daughter is wearing a short sleeved shirt under their jumper on the day.

Sports News

Basketball

The under 16 team had an away game against Great Baddow (last year's finalists) this week. Becket Keys started the game far brighter than their opponents and soon scored the first basket. The team played with good cohesion and at a great tempo with particularly good performances by Tim Adetukasi and Ryan Gamble.

We have one final group game and if we win this we qualify for the quarter finals if the Essex Cup

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Swimming

Both the girls' and boys' teams from years 7-10 competed in a friendly gala at Brentwood School on Thursday this gave them a great opportunity to practice their relay skills for the MESSA gala which has had to be rearranged.

Brentwood Relay Gala
Tuesday 31st January 2017
Brentwood School

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as to what he has in store for our students here. It was a great day day! A glimpse of what is to come.

Sometimes you leave the cinema as the credits roll only to find there is a 5 minutes bonus bit that everyone is talking about – you missed it. Sometimes you leave before the end of the match only for your team to score a last minute winner. Sometimes you leave a party early only to find that something hilarious happens after you have gone.

We know that the best is yet to come and we look forward to sharing it with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Scott-Evans'.

MR SCOTT-EVANS
HEADTEACHER

Education Sunday

29th January 2017

This year Education Sunday will be celebrated in St Thomas' Church at 10.00am on Sunday 29th January. This year our theme will be Religious Education. It will be a lovely occasion, so please join us if you can. If you would like to take part in the intersessions, then please see Mrs Sharp.

There will also be a cake sale that day after the service with funds being raised by The Friends of St Thomas's for the church. If you are able to assist with supplying some cakes for this sale they would be gratefully received. Please bring your offerings with you on the day.

It would be great to see as many parents and students there as possible.



Mandarin Day

Chinese New Year is fast approaching! The school has planned to invite some external Chinese experts to offer various workshops for our Year 7 students to have a taste of China on Thursday, 26th January in welcoming the Year of the Rooster. Excitingly, there will be a lion dancing performance at lunch break for all the students to enjoy.

As stated in the letter to all the Year 7 parents, we need £10.50 per head voluntary donation to fund the day. If you want your son/daughter to experience the day to enhance their learning and cultural horizons, please make your donation as soon as possible. If we did not receive the sufficient funding, we would have to cancel the day.

Thank you for your support!



Friends of Becket Keys

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 18th January 2017

School Library

6.15pm

All Parents & Carers are invited and are welcome to attend.

Sixth Former for a Day



The majority of our Year 11's took part in the Sixth Former for a Day event today and we welcomed students from other schools to experience what it would be like to be a Sixth Former here at Becket Keys.

Fantastic feedback from the students!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ski Trip Meeting

7pm Tuesday 17th January

Education Sunday

29th January 2017

VACANCIES

We currently have no staff vacancies

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