



Becket Keys Church of England School

7TH July 2017

PROM AT STOCKBROOK MANOR

IN THIS ISSUE

Mr Scott Evans writes:

Patronal Festival

Yesterday, the school went to St Thomas of Canterbury church for our Patronal Festival Mass. Father Colin led the service and spoke about the life of St Thomas à Becket and how his life changed miraculously when he became the Archbishop of Canterbury. He changed from being a servant of the King to a servant of God. Thomas à Becket is, of course, one of our Patron Saints, the other being St Peter. Both set the example of a life lived (with all its imperfections) as a sacrifice to God.

Whilst I have been thinking and preparing for the Patronal Festival (which started with the beautiful concert at St Peter's last week), the words that keep coming to my mind are from JF Kennedy's inaugural speech in 1961: "Ask not

what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." Or in our context: "Ask not what Becket Keys can do for you; ask what you can do for Becket Keys."

A Saint would always want to put the needs of others first. I have seen so many examples of this recently. I would like to share a few with you today.

Firstly, our students have been serving our community. In the Lower School students have been visiting the local primary schools teaching the Year 6 students about life in secondary school. Regardless of which secondary school they are choosing, we have gone and helped nervous Year 6s prepare for the big step to Year 7 working with the Brentwood Schools Christian Worker Trust. Similarly, a group

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Year 11 Prom!

Oh what a night! Details and photographs of the first Becket Keys Prom.

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Friends of Becket Keys

Excellent recent fund raising events organized by FoBK. Look out for more events coming soon!

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Sports News

Read all about the fabulous day the new cohort of students had last week.

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Year 11

Prom

Wednesday evening saw Year 11 celebrate their 5 years of hard work and dedication, as Stock Brook Manor hosted Becket Keys' first ever prom.

Following an intense month of GCSE exams, students took the opportunity to let their hair down, get glammed up for an evening of, fine food, festivities and dancing.

Students graced the red carpet on their entrance from 7pm onwards; it was wonderful to see them so glamorous and smart. They enjoyed a drinks reception on entrance whilst having their photos taken by the professional photographer.

Throughout the evening, magician, Nick Crowne kept the students entertained with his captivating array of tricks, visiting students and staff as we enjoyed the delicious 3 course meal.

After dinner, the students were presented awards for various different reasons (award winners voted for by their peers). The students finished the night on the



dance floor, enjoying the music from the DJ.

The students' behaviour was exemplary, they were a credit to the school and as their head of year, I could not have felt prouder.

Miss N. Gill
Head of Yr 11

"We were so looking forward to our Prom at Stockbrook Manor on Wednesday 5th July and it didn't disappoint as it was a BRILLIANT evening. Everyone had made a real effort to dress up and looked wonderful."

After all the hard work for our GCSEs it was a great opportunity for everyone to meet up and have some fun! We had a great time on the dance floor, but it also gave us time to reflect on our friendships and our time at Becket Keys.

A HUGE thank you to all the staff who helped organise the evening and to those at Stockbrook Manor for making it an evening we will never forget.

Cara Tait



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of our students attended the St Thomas of Canterbury Junior School Sports Day; they worked tirelessly all afternoon to set up activities, move equipment around and to cheer students on. One young man in Year 9 even held the hand of a Year 4 girl who was struggling in her event; he helped her round the race and up the final straight to huge applause from an appreciative crowd!

Secondly, our staff have been “burning the candle at both ends”, staying up late marking exam scripts and writing feedback for students. They have also been attending various events. Miss Brown came with me to the FoBK wine tasting last Friday and gave up her night to pour wine and pick up question sheets and total up scores. It was fun, but hard work after a long week! A large group of us went along to the Year 11 prom on Wednesday, again, a very enjoyable evening and, *oh my goodness*, the students did us proud! But in the middle of a very busy week – quite “an ask”. On Tuesday, two teachers are giving up precious time with family and friends to take 17 students to Costa Rica for three weeks! Many are giving up this weekend to take Year 7 to Bushcraft. Everyone is involved in Moving into the Justin Welby Building, Sports Day, Speech and Awards Evening, Music Concerts, Governors’ Meetings, Staff

Training, Eucharist Rehearsals...there is such a long list of things to do at this time of year.

Finally, our parents have been marvellous again over these last few weeks. As I have already mentioned, the FoBK Wine Tasting Event was a great night with a small group of parents working tirelessly to host the evening and present the ‘call my bluff’ game. This, alongside some very useful matched funding, has helped raise valuable money which can go towards some new landscaping around the new playground. If we could just increase our Environmental Fund giving a little more (forms attached again this week), we could get on the way to being able to purchase some new covered seating areas for students to eat in next to the Bistro and Café.

We have continued to benefit hugely from the work of our parent volunteers. Special mention must go to Mrs Summers who has put in many long days in the Art Department recently to help them put on the excellent ‘Private Viewing’ of the GCSE work. Additionally, parents have supported the school through the exam season, helping their children revise and study whilst also balancing all the demands of daily family life. These last few weeks have been very tough. I was speaking to a parent at church yesterday who was saying about how so many music/dance exams and

performances have come at the same time as our end of year exams and it places a lot of demands on families.

“Ask not what Becket Keys can do for you; ask what you can do for Becket Keys.” Apparently, JF Kennedy plagiarised his line from his old headmaster!

I have plagiarised it for us today.

This community is already putting the needs of others first. Daily, the work of the Holy Spirit inspires members of our school to “do the right thing, because it is the right thing to do.” This is our definition of responsibility.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:12 (Good News Translation)

“Do for others what you want them to do for you.”

Thank you to all the members of our school community who, saint-like, support us in time, in giving and in prayer. We all benefit when we all pull together. Over these last two weeks of the year, please ask yourselves again,

“What can I do for Becket Keys?”

Mr A. Scott-Evans
Headteacher



Governors' Speech & Awards Evening

Tuesday 11th July

If your son/daughter has won an award, please make sure that you have booked your place for the Governors' Speech & Awards Evening on Tuesday 11th July. This is booked via the Parents' Evening booking system.

GCSE RESULTS DAY

24TH AUGUST 2017

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS DAYS

(UNCONDITIONAL & PRIORITY PASS ONLY)

24TH AUGUST

(CONDITIONAL OFFERS)

25TH AUGUST

(CLEARING – OPEN TO ALL)

26TH AUGUST



Year 7 - Bushcraft

We wish all our the Year 7 students attending the Bushcraft Trip a wonderful weekend filled with new and exciting experiences. You can follow @BecketKeys on Twitter to see pictures of the weekend. Full report next week.

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FoBK – Fundraising Events

Wine Tasting Evening

Last Friday saw FoBK hosting another successful wine tasting evening in the Main Hall. This year's theme was entirely dedicated to Italian wines and was designed to introduce teams to the range of grapes and flavours of Italy with the emphasis firmly on fun! Teams battled it out to identify wines in a blind tasting competition and were required to pit their wit, wine knowledge and intuition against the lying and devious expertise of the panel of "wine experts". Special thanks to host and local wine tutor John Kernaghan, David Bradbury and Neil Cooper, who between them managed to conjure up some very convincing, confusing and entertaining descriptions over which wine was being tasted. Guests enjoyed a wonderful selection of wines paired with a delicious anti pasti platter.



It was a lovely social event with an excellent turn out, including many new faces on the night. Hats off to organisers Alison Butler, Jenny Downs, Penny Richardson and Catherine Cooper, with help on the night from Mr Scott- Evans and Miss Brown - a great team effort!

Bake Off Competition

On Monday, the "Becket Keys Bake Off" took place, with Students, Teachers and Parents cooking up a storm to beat off the competition to make the best biscuits and cakes and be awarded Star Baker of 2017.

Entrants were challenged to make Chocolate Brownies, Victoria Sponge, Zebra Cake, Viennese Biscuits and Fruity Flapjacks. Well done to everyone for their fantastic culinary creations. Category winners were Rebecca Slaney, Lucy Butler, Hannah Webb, Sara

Norris, Miss Sandiford and Mr Tyson. Staff Star Baker was awarded to Mrs Simmons, Parent Star Baker to Mrs Frier and Student Star Baker to Rosie Double. All winners received a cookery book.

Head of Food, Mrs Ruth judged the cakes and biscuits based on their appearance, taste, texture and effort and said: "I was very impressed by the quality of the baking in the competition; the students excelled themselves and I think we have a few budding pastry chefs in our midst here at Becket Keys."

Students and Staff were able to buy the cakes the following day. Thank you to everyone who took part and bought cakes. Special thanks to Mrs Ruth, Miss Horley and Mrs Brett for organising and to the Co-Op in Shenfield for kindly donating the ingredients for this event.

If there are any parents who may be able to help with matched funding for these events we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us at fobk@becketkeys.org



Sports News

U14 Cricket

Becket Keys vs Ormiston



Ormiston batted first and scored 81 for 7 in their allotted overs. Good bowling at the end of the innings by Jasper Stuckey and Patrick Warriner restricted the visitors to a below par score.

Becket Keys batted second with Abhay Uppal getting the innings underway. His conservative approach blunted the Ormiston attack paving the way for Jasper Stuckey to play a match winning innings.

Becket Keys have now made the Bowl Final.

Date and Venue TBA

Mr C. Jones

Becket Keys Sports Day!

Thursday 14th July 2017

Friday 15th July 2017

This event is a high point on our school calendar, and one in which the school community joins together to recognise the sporting talents and achievements of our students, where personal records will be made and broken. Naturally, we expect all students to take a full and active role on this day and to feel proud to be able to represent their house by demonstrating their sporting endeavour.

Students should arrive at school wearing Becket Keys PE kit, they should ensure that they have sun cream and hat, and two bottles of water. (If they carry an asthma inhaler or other medication, they should take it to the field with them.) Students should also be prepared for adverse weather conditions.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to you to come along and support the day's activities. Parents/carers and other family members are welcome to attend throughout the day. See attached document for timings of events.

Please bring along fold-up chairs and picnic blankets. There will be an ice cream van and coffee vendor there on the day. Please bring money along if you wish to use these facilities. It is always encouraging for our students to have family members watching and it should prove to be a very exciting and pleasurable event.

Thank you once again for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

PE Department



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 7 BUSHCRAFT

7TH – 9TH JULY 2017

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GOVERNORS' AWARDS EVENING

11TH JULY 2017

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SPORTS DAY

14TH JULY 2017

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LAST DAY OF TERM

21ST JULY 2017

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INSET DAYS

4TH & 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017

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YEAR 7 & SIXTH FORM ONLY

6TH SEPTEMBER 2017

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

11TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Staff Vacancies

We currently have NO staff vacancies.

Please see the website for more details.

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