



# Becket Keys Church of England School

15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS – REGISTER FOR YOUR PLACE TODAY!**

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## Mr Scott Evans writes... Join the Club

Our extra-curricular programme will start, in earnest, next week. Please look through the list of clubs and societies with your son/daughter and see what they would like to try. Clubs provide a great way to make friends with like-minded students. Whether it is in the gymnastics team, playing board games or singing in the choir – students can make friends for life in these clubs.

My advice to students is not to worry about what your friends are doing. Do not wait for them to say that they are going to football practice. If you want to go: go! You will probably find some great new friends in the football team.

Follow your passions and desires and you will find the friends you want there and you will have the

benefit of shared interests.

School is great for trying new things. This is a special and significant time of year and choosing clubs carefully will require support from parents and staff for students to make the best choices. We will be putting out lots of reminders and discussing the options with students, I encourage you to do the same at home. Every teacher here is committed to running at least one club and it means that there are about 100 different options. Make the most of it!

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

## Taking Responsibility

From the very first day we want our students to learn to take responsibility for their actions and

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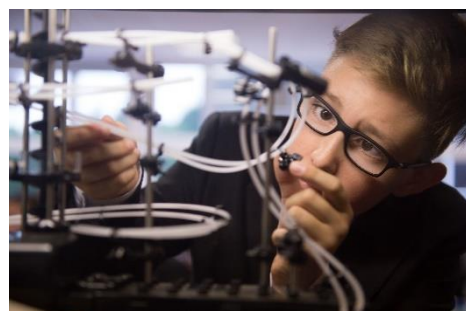
for the school. We want them to the right thing as the opportunities arise. I was speaking to some Year 7s outside school yesterday and teaching them NOT to walk past pieces of litter on the path, but the pick them up and put them in the bin. If we can get students into these good habits early on – we can teach them the real joy of being responsible and seeing the world as a better place because of what you do yourself.

Coming up in the next three or four weeks are some of the best opportunities of the year to take responsibility and to help our school community. We will be looking for students to help us with various Open Days and Evenings. Students will act as tour guides and role models for prospective families. It is crucial work, as we are expecting over 2000 people to come and see our school. Students will demonstrate our school's Christian values, answer questions and make sure guests do not get lost in the complexities of the Williams Building!

Please encourage your son/daughter to take a letter from their Head of Year and sign up to help. This year we will be looking to choose from the particularly responsible tour guides and assistants to help us with the Official Opening of The Justin Welby Building (1<sup>st</sup> November). Who knows, your son/daughter may end up showing round the Bishop or an MP!

With several open events for admission to Year 7 and Sixth Form there is a lot to do – again, please speak to your son/daughter about this opportunity and encourage them to get involved. I attach the letter with this newsletter so you can look at it together.

**Mr Scott-Evans  
Headteacher**



## Admissions Year 7-Sept 2018

Now that our Year 7 students are settling in we are already looking forward to the families who will join us in September 2018.

If you know anyone interested in joining Becket Keys Church of England School, they can visit our website for information and registration for the Open Days and Evenings.

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

The morning sessions are for parents only and students are welcome to attend for a tour and to hear the Headmaster speak during the evening event.

There are limited places available so please book early to avoid disappointment!

### A Message from Finance



All new students should now be set up on ScoPay our cashless payment system. If you do not have your link code or have any problems please email [payments@becketkeys.org](mailto:payments@becketkeys.org).

Thank you!

## BIBLICAL PAUSES

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly*

John 10:10

## Life in all its fullness

At a Church School Leadership Conference in June, the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Education encapsulated their vision in a simple statement based on the words of John 10:10 – **Life in all its fullness**. Over the holidays, with an opportunity to reflect, it became apparent to me how significant this statement was in expressing the distinct Christian character of our school. What is it like to live a life of faith which is an abundant life – life in all its fullness? Life in all its fullness is NOT a new car and the latest iphone, it is the sort of life in which we begin to sense the possibility of a God of love; the sort of life Jesus lived, forgiving His tormentors; the sort of life he calls his followers to live. Sensing the possibility of God's love relates the time given to daily prayer and worship at Becket Keys. As a Church of England School, we are not just concerned with academic success, but also providing opportunities for spiritual and character growth. Spirituality is derived from the

Hebrew 'ruach' which has a range of meanings; spirit, breath and wind. All of these give life and animation to things. In its most fundamental sense, spirituality is about becoming fully human, fully alive. Traditionally, spirituality has been associated with God, prayer and church, but permeates every aspect of living and so also has to do with creativity, art, music and serving others. In this sense, it affects the whole life of the school and all members of the school community.



At Becket Keys, we have a definite understanding of spirituality being deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. Our basis for everything we do comes from our faith in Jesus Christ, who offers himself for the life of the world. We are confident in the message of Jesus who teaches that all things are possible in and through our belief in God. We do recognise, however, that spirituality is a broad concept with room for other perspectives. We seek to learn from one another. In hearing about others' experiences of faith, we come to a better understanding of our own.

Our form of Christian spirituality is such that it deepens a sense of connection to something greater than ourselves. In our worship of God, we seek to give an experience of the transcendence; looking beyond ourselves, so that we can have a relationship with God and in so doing learn how we are connected through him to one another. We use the teachings of the Bible, the example of Jesus and the teachings of the Church to help students of all faiths and none consider and ask of themselves deep questions about the meaning of life. We seek to promote an education that allows Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness'. An education that enables every person to flourish in the widest sense: to grow in wisdom; to cultivate a wide-ranging knowledge that will broaden life chances; to develop the spiritual, intellectual and emotional resources they need to live a good life and to develop the character to live well in a community.







As a Church of England School, we have deep sense of Christian community. The spiritual dimension of our life together is of vital importance. We offer an engaging curriculum, a stimulating learning environment as well as trusting and loving relationships. Relationships are indeed key:

- Relationship with ourselves - how we use our talents, skills, emotions and what we think about ourselves and our life.
- Relationships with others - how we relate to other people be they students, staff, parents, Governors, visitors and the wider community.
- Relationship with the environment and the awesomeness of God's creation.
- Relationship with God.

We introduce students to new and different experiences and opportunities in order to **'grab the moment'** and see the world **'in the eye of the beholder'** with those **'first ever experiences'** – forest school, water sports, skiing, trips abroad, fieldtrips into the outdoors, a new game or sport, an experiment of discovery

in science, the joy in solving a maths equation, creating something beautiful from nothing, that first time a passage from a book or play makes sense or reading a poem that is moving and wonderful. On a daily basis, giving students time, space and stillness to build a relationship with God, find for themselves the person God wants them to be. Allowing students to make mistakes along the way and know forgiveness when they are truly sorry.



The words of Ephesians 3:17-19 come to mind. 'That you, being rooted and grounded in love . . . may have strength to comprehend . . . the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge to be filled with the fullness of God'. As a school, we bear fruit because we are deeply rooted in Christ.

**Let us pray:**

**Father God,  
We pray for our world  
For places where there is no sign  
of peace  
Where fullness is enough food to  
eat or finding a safe place to sleep**



***We thank you for people working  
for a better world in their own  
small ways***

***And pray that their efforts are  
supported and appreciated***

***We pray for our school and wider  
community***

***For intertwining experiences that  
help to make us who we are  
Where fullness is some shared life  
that we could never explain  
We thank you for the places we  
can trust***

***And pray that everyone can find a  
space that is right for them***

***We pray for ourselves***

***For what we do – and what we  
avoid***

***Where fullness can come and go,  
always when we least expect it  
We thank you for our lives and the  
opportunity to explore  
And pray that we can all live lives  
that fulfil us***

***May this school year be a time of  
grace and potential as we teach,  
share and challenge others in  
faith, knowledge and wisdom.  
Bless our students and their  
families; may their minds be open  
to the wonder of discovery and  
insight. Bless us all, as we pray for  
life in all its fullness. Be with us as  
we embark on this new academic  
year.***

***Amen.***

**Mrs. E. Sharp**

## Meet Some More New Becket Keys Staff – Welcome!



### Mrs Mullis Humanities Teacher

Firstly, thank you to all the staff and students at Becket Keys for making me feel so welcome and for helping me to settle in. Even after such a short time here I can tell that Becket Keys is a great place to work and to learn, a really caring and inclusive community.

Now – a bit about me! I have come here as a humanities teacher with responsibility for coordinating Christian worship. This is a hugely exciting prospect for me as it marries together my past experiences, skills and enthusiasm.

Before coming to Becket Keys, I taught for 8 Years at a comprehensive school in the London Borough of Redbridge. Having graduated with a BTh in Theology, I trained to teach Religious Education. However, at

my previous school I taught across the humanities – in RE, PSHCE, Geography and History. I was also Head of House promoting the school's ethos and encouraging pupils.

I became increasingly interested in the philosophical aspects of Religious Studies and have just completed an MA in Philosophy and Education from Heythrop College, which is the specialist philosophy and theology arm of the University of London. I am really excited to be teaching in the RP and Geography departments here.

Having grown up fairly agnostic I became a Christian when I was 16 (in my GCSE English exam as a matter of fact – ask me about it if you see me!). Since then I have tried to live out my faith by working alongside people to make a difference in the lives of others. This has mostly been through youth work both within the Church and overseas. When I was 18 I undertook a gap year living and working in a children's home in Transylvania with a Christian charity called the Oasis Trust.

Whilst at university I undertook a double module in 'Skills for Christian Ministry' where I went to Zambia for 10 months, living in a small town on the Copperbelt and started a children's ministry in the church there. I also taught Grade 1 at the local primary school which gave me my first taste of teaching – there were 50 children aged 5-7 and no chalk in my classroom! Thankfully my

experience at Becket Keys has been a world away. It does, however, make me truly appreciative of the wonderful facilities that we enjoy here.

Now I go to a large church in Ilford where I am involved in some volunteer ministry work with families. I also volunteer for a national charity supporting families. In 2015, the DfE recognised my contribution to helping families through this organisation and I was invited to the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Through my charity work I have been lucky enough to be asked to speak on important issues on TV, Radio, in the press and at both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Standing up for people's rights is a really important part of how I express my faith. As it says in Amos 5, "Let justice roll like a river!".



### Mrs Norman Head of Food

I was born in Northern Ireland and lived in a small village close to Belfast for the first 20 years of my

life. There I attended a Christian School, with a very similar ethos to Becket Keys. After completing my A-levels, I studied Food and Nutrition at the University of Ulster, on the north coast of Northern Ireland. Having spent four years enjoying a quiet life by the seaside, I decided to spread my wings and moved to Manchester to experience a city lifestyle and complete my Post Graduate Certificate in Education. My Husband is from London, so just over a year ago I made the move down south. He is also a teacher, so we have lots of chats around the dinner table about school! I have taught in both an Independent school and a large academy, where I lead a Food department and was Head of Year.

I have had a passion for cooking and baking since I was a child, grasping every opportunity to try out new recipes. I hope to encourage the students of Becket Keys to develop a love of food and cooking, that will stay with them as they grow up. Outside of baking, like a lot of twenty somethings, I enjoy travelling and exploring new places.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to teach at Becket Keys and look forward to getting to know lots of new personalities in the coming weeks.

## Becket Keys Sixth Form Open Evening

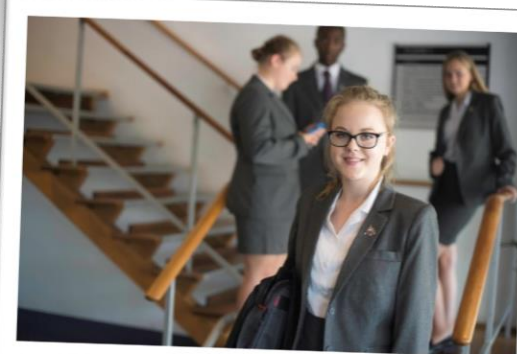
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 5.30pm – 8.30pm

We are delighted to announce that we are holding our annual Sixth Form Information Evening on Tuesday 10th October. It will start at 5.30pm and finish at 8.30pm. If you would like to attend, please register at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sixth-form-open-evening-tickets-37871739392?aff=es2>.

During the evening, you will hear from Mr Scott-Evans, Headteacher, and Mr Peggs, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form. They will inform you about:

- How we will support your preparation for the next steps after being in the Sixth Form.
- The Sixth Form Prospectus and the Sixth Form Course Guide will be available for you to take home and you can then discuss with your son/daughter the options available to them. There will also be an opportunity to take a tour of the Sixth Form area in the Justin Welby building.
- We do have limited space so kindly book a ticket for each person attending.
- Any questions please email: [admissions@becketkeys.org](mailto:admissions@becketkeys.org)
- We look forward to welcoming you that evening.
- What the brand new Sixth Form is like and our vision for the future.
- How to apply for a place in the Sixth Form and key steps and dates along the way.
- The different pathways available in the Sixth Form.
- The entry requirements for these pathways.
- How we will advise you when making difficult choices.
- The different ways in which you can discover more about the subjects you want to take.
- What an 'ordinary' day, week, term and year are like in the Sixth Form at Becket Keys.
- Extra-curricular opportunities in the Sixth Form.







## Music Exam Success

Well done to the following students who got results from their music exams over the summer.

Millie Double Grade 5  
Piano – Pass

Archie Mowatt Grade 3  
Piano - Pass with Distinction

Rebekah Lyne Grade 1  
Piano - Pass with Distinction

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



Please make sure that **ALL** items of uniform and PE Kit are named. There are many items that are unable to be returned as we do not know who they belong to. Lost Property can be collected from Reception.

## Friends of Becket Keys

**FOBK  
MURDER MYSTERY  
EVENING**  
**FRIDAY 13TH  
OCTOBER**  
**7-30PM UNTIL 10-30PM**  
**£15 per head**  
**email: amandamullan8@gmail.com**  
**to reserve a place.**

Guests will be the key witnesses to a brutal murder and must attempt to discover the guilty party, using top West End actors and a brilliant script. Bring your own food and table decorations.

**THE FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS ANNUAL BALL**  
**THE OAK SUITE – STOCK BROOK MANOR**  
**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**  
DRINKS RECEPTION FOUR COURSE DINNER WITH WINE & BEER. FREE  
BAR FROM 10:30PM–12:45AM SERVING WINE, BEER & SPIRITS  
GAMES, RAFFLE & AUCTION WITH FANTASTIC PRIZES  
**£65 PER PERSON**  
TABLES OF 10 OR COME AND JOIN A TABLE  
EMAIL [fobk@becketkeys.org](mailto:fobk@becketkeys.org)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### PRIMARY TEACHERS TEA

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

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### YEAR 7 DISCO

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

(Tickets Available from Reception)

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### YEAR 7 TRIPS MEETING

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

MAIN HALL 5.30PM – 6.00PM

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### OPEN EVENTS

(MORNING & EVENING)

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

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### FOBK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

6.45PM – LIBRARY

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### SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

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### FOBK MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

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## Sports News

### Upcoming Fixtures

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept:**

Years 9 and 10 Netball v Hylands (a)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept:**

Year 7 Football v Sandon (a)

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept:**

Year 11 Netball v Great Baddow (a)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept:**

Years 9 and 10 Netball v Brentwood (a)

Year 9 Football v BCHS (h)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept:**

Year 11 Netball v St Martins (h)

Year 8 Football v Chelmer Valley (h)

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