



# Becket Keys Church of England School

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS – YEAR 7 & 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM

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## Mrs. Trebess writes... Giving Students a Voice



One very important way of knowing how to improve our school is by listening to feedback from parents (don't forget to have your say here: <https://tinyurl.com/BKofsted>), the community and to our own team of teachers. However, the most important people who know the school best are our 'customers': our students. Student Voice is a very important part of the work we do at Becket Keys. The Student Council has been established now for two years and we meet every week.

## How does it work?

We establish through discussion at our weekly meetings the pressing issues and concerns at the time, and we work out what we want to ask the rest of the student body. This is then discussed as a form during tutorials. It is then time to take action! We often ask key members of staff to the meetings to answer questions and to ask if they can change certain things; Chef Dave is a regular and enthusiastic attendee as students love to talk about food! Mr Fenn came to ask students their opinion about how their reports are written, and Mr Hughes came to discuss behaviour. Through Student Voice, students were consulted on the design of the Welby building and their views of the Sixth Form Uniform.

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**BECKET KEYS**  
Church of England School

## Meet the New Staff

Find out more about some of our new staff and the journey that had led them to Becket Keys.

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Observations of lessons were carried out in order to improve our 'Do Now' starter activities and teachers were given feedback during a staff meeting which affected change.

### How do students become Student Voice Representatives?

Student Voice is inclusive and welcoming of all students and it's important that all types of students feel represented by Student Voice and that every student feels their voice is heard.

From Year 8, students nominate themselves to stand for election, then are asked to deliver a speech at a form time 'hustings'. The successful candidate is the student who is believed to be able to represent their form's views best. We are going to be holding elections with our current Year 8 very soon, and we look forward to Year 8 students joining our team.

If you have any ideas for the Student Voice, please contact me.

**Mrs. Trebess**  
Deputy Headteacher

## A Message from Admin & Finance

School Photographs – Please can any orders be returned to the school office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

If you are interested in participating in Becket Keys Ski Trip, a place has become available. Dates: 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Price: £1,725

Please reply to [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org) if interested.

Thank you!



### Year 7 - Trips Meeting

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Main Hall 5.30pm – 6.30pm**

This informative meeting is for parents and students who are interested in discovering the opportunities for Year 7 this year.

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



**Mrs. Palmer**  
**Drama Teacher**

My degree, BA Joint Hons in Drama and French, initially afforded me the opportunity to embrace both my academic strengths – my first passion for Drama and the Arts and my second strength in languages. Weighted evenly, my degree afforded me the opportunity to develop my Drama pedagogy, yet simultaneously hone my language skills and spend time working in a mix of primary and secondary school settings teaching English and drama in Toulouse. Upon graduation in 2001, I spent a year in Blois, Loire Valley, under the umbrella of the British Council and worked teaching English.

I thoroughly adored my time in France and immersing myself in French culture, and have fond memories of my time there.

My first passion though has always been Drama and it was the natural direction in which I wanted to take my career. Although initially teaching for the first two years of my career as a primary school teacher to Yr5 within the independent sector and loving being in the classroom with such young energy and childhood vibrance, I ultimately decided to side step into secondary education. The pull of teaching Drama full time was too great to ignore and I wanted to share the creative spirit in me and the power that Drama can bring, creatively and interpersonally, into young people's lives.

In 2005 I was fortunate to train at Plume School, a large comprehensive in Maldon which at the time had been awarded Specialist Status in Performing Arts. Under the specialism the school quickly became a beacon for the Arts and the money allocated to us once every four years allowed us to undertake some huge one off projects, such as a community Arts concert at the Royal Albert Hall involving 250 students from our own school along with our primary feeder schools. Additionally, my years at Plume saw us stage a large selection of well known school productions. Moreover, our Specialist Status afforded us weekly community drama sessions, as well as projects to support non-Arts staff across the school and wider community in using the Arts across the curriculum as a learning tool to cultivate creativity and

innovation; key skills for the modern workplace.

After twelve years at Plume, I arrived at the decision last year to take a year of sabbatical leave and complete a Masters degree in Applied Theatre at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in North London. My MA has afforded me the opportunity to apply theatre as a platform to dramatically explore and present participants' understandings of their place in the world in connection to key personal issues, localised events or political landscapes, under artistic guidance. I have cherished the opportunity to update my skills to current pedagogy and contemporise my existing subject knowledge, yet more so embrace the demands of an MA at such a world renowned institution of dramatic prestige and excellence.

Though still in the final throws of my MA, I am now planning forward and looking ahead to the next chapter of my teaching career. I want to continue to connect with my learners, parents and colleagues, allowing others to see and experience the power that Drama can have. Whilst it is a difficult time for the Arts in regards to national funding, I do believe fully that it will come again, full circle, and that Drama will once again have a strong, vivacious and powerful role in shaping young people's lives.

My faith as a Christian, along with my professional experiences and ultimately as a mother of two

young daughters, enables me to have a healthy and balanced spiritual outlook on life. Whilst I was incredibly happy at Plume, I recognised I was ready for a fresh chapter and am ready to embrace all of what Becket Keys and I could possibly offer each other. I am looking forward to working alongside you all – staff, students and parents - and supporting the wonderful Christian ethos of our school.

### Mr Duffy Business & Mathematics Teacher



Brought up in a village on the borders of Derbyshire, Cheshire and Lancashire, with both parents being teachers, I grew up with a strong value in education, community service and lifelong learning. I was educated at a Catholic Independent Grammar School in Manchester, where I studied 11 O Levels and 5 A Levels in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science and General Studies. Having earned a B.Sc.(Hons) in Computer Science

and Industrial Management from the University of Liverpool, I have continued with further studies and been awarded a post graduate diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing (among others), before training to be a teacher through the Graduate Training Programme as well as completing an MA Education from Edge Hill University.

Most of this was achieved whilst working full time, initially in large corporations with Marketing roles in Philips CE where we introduced computers into the consumer marketplace and Mercury Communications and Cable & Wireless where I had the opportunity to work around the world including America and Hong Kong. Other roles included Sales and Management roles for technology companies such as Pitney Bowes, Kodak and Siemens before becoming an Entrepreneur establishing a series of start-up businesses in schools technology, nursery and training providers.

Throughout this time, I have regularly engaged in volunteering, starting at University, where I was the Treasurer of the Hall of Residence Student Committee, other roles have included Branch Secretary of Institute of Directors, Director of KYP, a minority ethnic community group focused on providing life chances to young people, as well as Business Adviser to Young Enterprise before becoming the Regional Chair. Currently I am a

House Group Leader for my church, where I have worshipped for the majority of this decade.

My highlight of what has been a blessed and busy life so far, was returning to Christ, almost a decade ago. This was with the help and support of the Pastors and congregation at Danbury Mission and my family. While I am far from becoming the finished product, my intention is that my life needs to fit in with my faith after many decades where I tried to force my faith to fit my life choices.

My roles in young enterprise and as a youth group leader gave me the opportunity to engage with young people in a school setting. This then opened the door to my latent desire to be a teacher, achieved several years ago, and Becket Keys provides me the opportunity to express my faith more openly and support students as they progress on their journey through life.

### Prayer Group

There is time available to all to come and pray with Mr Scott-Evans Tuesdays 11:15am and Wednesdays 7:50am.





## Mrs. Busby Science Teacher

relationships in the school community. It has been a lovely and welcoming place so far and I look forward to the year ahead.



I was born and raised in Essex (apart from a short spell living in France during my second year of university). I studied Biology, Chemistry, History, Psychology, General Studies and Critical thinking for my A levels. I went on to study Anatomy and Human Sciences at King's College London for my degree. I went straight on the Graduate Teacher Programme to get my teaching qualification and have worked at Abbs Cross in Hornchurch, Harris Academy Chafford Hundred (with Miss Major), and most recently, I have been at the Sacred Heart of Mary's Girls' school for the past five years. I love teaching and working with children and helping them to succeed in life is a true privilege.

I love cooking and reading in my spare time, not that I get much of it with two toddlers at home to keep me busy when I am not doing work. I am greatly looking forward to working at Becket Keys and starting to build



### 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)

### FoBK Annual Ball

Some tickets are still available for this exciting annual event. You do not have to purchase tickets for a whole table so please get in contact if you have a smaller group that would like to attend. Email [fobk@becketkeys.org](mailto:fobk@becketkeys.org) for more information and ticket enquiries.

## Becket Keys Open Events

### 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.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

<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 and tickets are nearly sold out so please book early to avoid disappointment!



### Sixth Form

We are holding our annual Sixth Form Information Evening on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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:

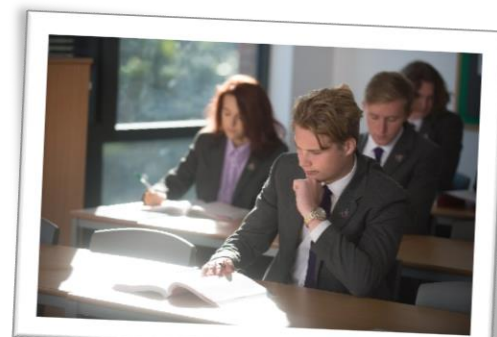
- What the brand-new Sixth Form is like and our vision for the future.
- How to apply for a place in the Sixth Form and key steps and dates along the way.
- The different pathways available in the Sixth Form.
- The entry requirements for these pathways.
- How we will advise you when making difficult 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.
- 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 at these open events.




[www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk)

I believe in  
restoring dignity  
reviving hope

## Harvest Festival



Psalm 67:6 proclaims 'The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us.' and this is being echoed by Christians across this part of the world who are remembering as autumn draws in that God has once again been faithful in blessing us with the riches of the earth.

As in recent years, Becket Keys will be responding practically as well as prayerfully as we remember those who do not have the assurance of going to bed on a full stomach. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Brentwood food bank who will distribute them to people in need around the area.

Foodbanks provide people with around three days of shopping. In order to help people eat balanced meals, they need to collect a

range of items. Therefore, we have responded to their list of urgently needed goods by suggesting that each year group focus their attention on a different item. The list is below:

Year 7: Tinned fruit  
Year 8: Tinned meat and tinned vegetables  
Year 9: Rice  
Year 10: Biscuits  
Year 11: Jams and spreads  
Year 12: Tea, Coffee or Hot Chocolate powder.

*Let us use this opportunity of blessing others to remind ourselves of the blessings that we receive from God. Let us be truly thankful for the gifts of food which we so easily take for granted. May we never lose the wonder of your goodness displayed in the harvest and may we seek to cultivate good fruit in our own lives.*

**Amen**

**Ms. H Mullis**

Donations can be brought to form rooms during collective worship. Staff, visitors and friends of Becket Keys can place any donations in reception, to add to our harvest display. The final date for donations is

**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER.**





## Becket Keys Extra Curricular Clubs

Have you joined a club this year yet? Whether you are interested in music, gardening, books, science or simply want to play a game there is something for everyone. Clubs are held at lunchtime and after school. Check out the updated full list of clubs sent with this newsletter.

### Music club



#### Weekly Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch	Ukulele Band		Chamber Choir	Choir	Worship Band
3:30	Stage Band		Orchestra		School of Rock

Note: Students who would like to rehearse in a music room at lunchtime need to book the room. This can only be done on the morning of the day you wish to book.

"words are ... our most inexhaustible form of magic." J.K. Rowling

**Creative Writing Club**

Join Miss Hurdle on Thursday lunchtimes from 1.00pm to 1.30pm in C26 to share a passion for creative writing!

Writing can be very entertaining and rewarding, both for you and all those who are lucky enough to read your work!

Each week we will play creative writing games and prepare extended pieces for external and internal competitions.

Winners of some of these competitions could see their work published! You could have your work on display around the school! You could start a blog or competition that is enjoyed school wide!

### JOIN ECO CLUB!

**\*\*Remember\*\* wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear**

WHEN? EVERY WEDNESDAY 3.30 – 4.30PM

WHERE? MEET AT 'THE PATCH'

GROW YOUR OWN FRUIT, VEG AND FLOWERS

MAKE DELICIOUS FOOD FROM THE HARVEST

LEARN THE SCIENCE BEHIND IT AND HOW TO PROTECT OUR FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT



"The world belongs to those who read."

I need my reading time

A book is a dream that you hold in your hands

**Book Club**

Come to C22 on Wednesdays after school to share your favourite books and discover new ones!

"Keep reading. It's one of the most..."

"A good book is the best of friends, the same today and forever." Martin Tupper

You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.

- Dr. Seuss

### Board games club



- ▶ Monday lunch time with Mrs Cavalier.
- ▶ A mixture of board games including chess.
- ▶ It will take place in R14 from 12.50 – 1.20pm.



### The Science Clubs

Years 7-8  
Mondays After School  
W13



Years 9-11  
(Advanced)  
Tuesdays After School  
W13

Some of the activities we will be doing this year:

Ultimate STEM Challenge Competition  
Celebrating British Science week  
Bloodhound Rocket Car competition  
RSC Global Experiment

Crest awards  
RSC Chemistry mastermind competition  
Biology challenge



Starting Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sep

Questions? See Mrs Barden in W21





After two years of fundraising preparation, we were finally ready for our World Challenge expedition! On the 11th of July we set off for Costa Rica and once we arrived in that country we were self-sufficient for all aspects of our trip including food, travel, accommodation and finance.



The first place we visited was San Rafael school. The school was small, as we expected, but it was better equipped than we anticipated. Whilst we were there we had a number of days dedicated to building the foundations of their new sports hall and during that time we got to know the children and the area. After this visit, we embarked on two weeks of trekking, travelling around the country visiting places such as LaFortuna and Monteverde and Rincon de la Vieja. We witnessed some amazing sights including waterfalls, hot springs, volcanoes

and breathtaking scenery. We also saw a lot of wildlife in the different locations including different types of monkeys, sloths, large frogs and spiders. One of the best experiences was being lucky enough to see the sunrise at the summit of Cerro Ena (3126m).

We expected our living conditions to be a lot worse than they were! We stayed in a mountain hut at 3000 m. Although it was very cold we had running water, toilets and showers! The food was not massively different from what we are used to. We did, however, eat a lot of rice and beans which is a typical local meal called casado. Although a poor country the people in Costa Rica who are also known as Ticos, seem to be very happy despite their financial state. The local people were more than willing to help us and would often go beyond what we had asked. One of the most memorable things about the trip was that no matter where we went in the country the Ticos always waved and greeted us, even out of the windows of their cars.

We also expected Costa Rica to be a bit flatter than it was! We discovered just how steep it could be once we started trekking with 20 kg bags on our backs. It turns out that Ticos' definition of flat is very different from ours!

The treks were very challenging at times, however we needed this preparation for the final trek. We woke at 3am and then set off on a 12 km hike to reach the

mountain hut. Roughly 10 hours later we arrived at our destination covered in mud and absolutely exhausted. We were all in bed and asleep by 6pm!

We enjoyed being independent and having a say in the decision making. We also experienced a great amount of freedom and were to a certain extent able to do as we wished. It was fantastic getting involved with the local community. Although it was hard work we did manage to enjoy a few days of rest and relaxation which enabled us to recover from the previous busy days. One of these was spent relaxing in the natural hot springs.

We would definitely recommend this trip to anyone who's up for a challenge as it was a very



rewarding experience. The fundraising and preparation offers a chance to gain valuable life skills even before sitting on the aeroplane. World Challenge offers a unique experience that you may not get once you leave school. It gives you the opportunity to make lifelong friends and memories.

**Adam Burkett**  
**Bethany Hancox**

## Primary Teachers Tea

There is always great excitement from the Year 7 students to greet their Primary School Teachers. Thank you to all the helpers!





YOUR HEALTHCARE CAREER STARTS HERE...

# NATIONAL HEALTHCARE WEEKEND

“ It just blew my mind! I met healthcare professionals who were honest and now I feel as though I have made an informed decision to pursue the career that I really want. I have been to similar events before but there is just nothing this good! ”

Sophie Bridgewater Year 12

ALL PHOTOS ARE FROM REAL MEDIC MENTOR EVENTS

JOIN US ON...

**18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER  
2017**

- LONDON
- BIRMINGHAM
- LANCASTER
- CARDIFF
- NOTTINGHAM



**Medic Mentor**  
Motivating Medical Minds

## CHOOSE FROM 7 HEALTHCARE CAREERS

National Weekend is made up of conferences and UCAS lectures, each dedicated to 7 specific healthcare careers:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Medicine
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Psychology
- Biomedicine
- Pharmacy

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PEOPLE HAVE  
JOINED MEDIC  
MENTOR**

AT [MEDICMENTOR.CO.UK](http://MEDICMENTOR.CO.UK)

## UK'S LARGEST HEALTHCARE CAREERS EVENT

With over 30 conferences at 5 locations across the UK on the same weekend! Over 800 healthcare professionals teaching 2000 aspiring students from 800 schools!

Suitable for students in year 10-12. Parents and teachers are also welcome.

Proceeds from these events are reinvested to support the next generation of our UK's Healthcare professionals with scholarships and free educational initiatives.

Medic Mentor is a National Medical Organisation dedicated to mentoring aspiring healthcare students.



# Sports News

## Becket Keys Netball Teams Opening Victories!

### Year 9

**Hylands 14 v Becket Keys 15**

### Year 10

**Hylands 8 v Becket Keys 16**

It was a winning start to the Year 9 and 10 netball teams on Wednesday against Hylands away. The Year 10 team started off strongly getting a good lead in the first quarter with some quick play down the court. They continued this in the second quarter with some slick passing between the centre court players Emmi Deal and Maria Smith. The shooting combination of Rebecca Sharp and Isla Bradley worked well, and the goals were streaming in! To add to this, there were some commanding interceptions from Molly Whymark and Ella O'Herlihy. They finished with a strong final quarter to secure their first win of the season.

We had a strong Year 9 team out for their first game, and they got off to a flying start, storming into the lead by 5 goals in the first quarter. There was some excellent shooting from Claudia Grosvenor and Maria Gamble, and a fantastic first half performance from Scarlet Day in defence, picking up some great interceptions. This continued into the second quarter, with a few changes to the team, and Ella Brook controlling the centre court. The third and fourth quarter saw Hylands improving their play and scoring their shots, so it was getting close coming into the final quarter. The team battled hard in the final quarter, as Hylands tried to push for a win, but Becket Keys managed to hold off to win by one goal. Well done to the whole team, who also consisted of Amelia Walker, Nancy Parish, Erin Carolan and Rosie Fryatt.

## Upcoming Fixtures

### 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)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### YEAR 7 TRIPS MEETING

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

MAIN HALL 5.30PM – 6.00PM

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### OPEN EVENTS FOR NEW YEAR 7

#### (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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### FOBK ANNUAL BALL

SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

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## Vacancy

### Bikeability Instructors

- Good rates of pay from £10.00 p/h
- Flexible hours
- Uniform provided



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