



# Becket Keys Church of England School

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## SCIENCE IS A BIG HIT AT THE SCHOOL OPEN EVENT

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On Wednesday of this week we hosted our first of two Open Mornings and Evenings at Becket Keys. We had record numbers of people visiting – 100 in the morning and over 700 people in the evening! In the morning, parents were treated to a tour of the school, while our normal morning lessons were taking place. As usual, parents were impressed by the quiet, calm atmosphere around the school, the quality of the teaching and learning taking place and the positive relationships exhibited between teachers and students. One of the highlights of the tour was showcasing our fabulous new state-of-the-art Welby building, which houses our Sixth Form communal areas and our new

Sports Hall complex (currently under construction).

In the evening, Year 6 students joined their parents to experience Becket Keys for themselves. Our teachers lit up their classrooms with their passion and enthusiasm for their respective subjects. Students were able to have their hands set on fire in science, took part in problem solving activities in mathematics and were able to explore aspects of different faiths in religion and philosophy, among others. One of the highlights of the evening for some of our young visitors (and probably some parents) was sampling the delights of our excellent Bistro food! Our current students showed amazing manners and knowledge when acting as tour guides and when assisting teachers in different

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department areas. Parents were constantly complimenting us on how well behaved they were and how responsibly they represented our school. The evening was complemented by three talks from Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans, who enjoyed sharing details about our first GCSE exam successes (see our website for details).

The day was a massive success and many parents and students left with huge smiles on their faces, realising that Becket Keys offers everything they could wish for in a secondary school: excellent exam results, outstanding facilities, the support of an expert trust and a caring, Christian environment where every student is known by name.

We look forward to replicating the experience for more prospective parents and students next Thursday. There are still some tickets available for the Headteacher talks on Eventbrite. If your son/daughter would like to volunteer for the next open event on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October please return the letter sent home to Miss Gill. We would appreciate further support.

**Mrs. Trebess**  
**Deputy Headteacher**





# BIBLICAL PAUSES

## Be grateful



*"After you have occupied the land that the Lord your God is giving you and have settled there, <sup>2</sup> each of you must place in a basket the first part of each crop that you harvest and you must take it with you to the one place of worship. <sup>3</sup> Go to the priest in charge at that time and say to him, 'I now acknowledge to the Lord my God that I have entered the land that he promised our ancestors to give us.'*

*<sup>4</sup> "The priest will take the basket from you and place it before the altar of the Lord your God. <sup>5</sup> Then, in the Lord's presence you will recite these words: 'My ancestor was a wandering Aramean, who took his family to Egypt to live. They were few in number when they went there, but they became a large and powerful nation. <sup>6</sup> The Egyptians treated us harshly and forced us to work as slaves. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried out for help to the Lord, the God of our ancestors. He heard us and saw our suffering, hardship, and misery. <sup>8</sup> By his great power and strength he rescued us from Egypt. He worked miracles and wonders, and caused terrifying things to happen. <sup>9</sup> He brought us here and gave us this rich and fertile land. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring to the Lord the first part of the harvest that he has given me.'*

*"Then set the basket down in the Lord's presence and worship there. <sup>11</sup> Be grateful for the good things that the Lord your God has given you and your family; and*

*let the Levites and the foreigners who live among you join in the celebration. Deuteronomy 26: 1-11*

As Harvest Festival is celebrated in our local churches, may we meditate on God's good gifts to us, and how we too, might make an appropriate response. Start by thinking about what you take for granted. Our harvest food gifts are going to the Brentwood Foodbank. Thirteen million people live below the poverty line in the UK, with individuals going hungry every day for a range of reasons; from benefit delays to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Through Food Banks, the Trussell Trust provides a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK. Most of us are used to plentiful and safe food, so we rarely think about how it comes to our table or about the work of people across the world who bring it to our table. In addition, although poverty and hardship exists in our country, most of us have our basic material needs met. Although we may still worry about crime, our communities are generally peaceful. So, we ought to still hear the instruction of Deuteronomy; 'Be grateful for the good things the Lord your God has given you and your family' and extend our support to other families in our community, if we can.

At a Harvest festival, we give thanks not only because God has given us good material things, but because we believe that there is a God, and that we know what our God is like. From the Gospels, we discover that we are to see God in the person and work of Jesus of Nazareth. So our God is one who lives alongside us. He wants us to know love, forgiveness and grace. Jesus went out of his way to welcome all kinds

of people, especially those who thought they did not have any status. Jesus was eventually put to death, but on the cross we see a God who suffers alongside those who suffer, who shares our pain, even sharing our death. And in the empty tomb of Easter, as Jesus defeats even death, we see a sign of hope that one day all will be well. If we believe that God is travelling the road with us, then we can always be grateful.

This week, try being grateful for the things you usually take for granted; the food on your plate, your water and electricity. Try saying a prayer of thanks before you eat and remember to the farmers and fishermen and all the people who get the food onto your table (and who often do not get rewarded much for it). 'Be grateful for the good things the Lord your God has given you...' Be grateful also for the fact that you do not have to live on bread alone. For the God who gives us all good things has come into our world in Jesus Christ. The God of Christ is a God of love, who will meet our deepest spiritual needs if we ask. The God of Christ will accept us as we are, offers us forgiveness and grace. He is willing to be our companion on our journey, whatever life throws at us.

***The God of grace who calls you all to his eternal glory in Christ restore, establish and strengthen you. All power belongs to God for ever and ever, Amen.***

**Mrs. Sharp**

## Harvest Festival



Thank you to Daniel Tod and Lewis Sharp for representing Becket Keys at St Thomas' Church last Sunday. They lead intercessions during the Harvest Festival Mass and, after the service, members of the congregation thanked them for their thoughtful prayers.

## A Message from Admin & Finance

### Year 7

Year 7 students will be sent home with a Data Collection Sheet next week. Please can you check all details are correct, complete any missing areas and return to the school office.

Thank you.

## Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property at Reception for collection:

- Glasses
- PE Kit
- Keys
- Water Bottles

**PLEASE** make sure that all items are named, so that they can be returned.

Thank you

## Exam invigilators required!

Do you want to work flexible hours?  
Do you want to earn some extra money?  
Are you organised?

**Come and be an exam invigilator at Becket Keys!**

As an invigilator you can choose when you want to work, so this is ideal for someone looking for a job to fit in with their other commitments.

See our website for the full job description and how to apply.

[www.becketkeys.org](http://www.becketkeys.org)

## Mr Sutherland Geography



I have lived and worked in Essex for the past 10 years; first in Southend-on-Sea and then in Thurrock. Before that I lived and worked in Birmingham. I have been a teacher for most of my working life, but I have also had other jobs. I have worked in retail, banking, small business development and training for a few years as well. All of my jobs allowed me to use my geographical knowledge and skills. They have all made me a better geographer.

I was born in the Caribbean and spent most of my life in Jamaica where I went to school, university and secured my first teaching job. In school, I excelled in geography, economics and history. Outside of the classroom, I played football and enjoyed athletics.

As a geographer, I always had a passion for travelling and seeing the world. I was always fascinated with the natural environment and culture of different places and as a result did a bit of travelling before settling in Essex. I feel it is

important to be able to experience places and cultures and I use these experiences to bring my geography lessons to life.

In my spare time, I enjoy doing lots of different things. I love sports in general and try to participate in football and cricket on the weekends. In the summer months, I go camping and enjoy walking in the countryside. I also like to read the biographies of people who have overcome great challenges in their lives.

I have enjoyed my first few weeks at Becket Keys. The staff have been supportive and the students have been welcoming. I hope to inspire my students to love learning as I do and hopefully appreciate the world with all its natural beauty and amazing diversity of cultures.

## Mr Amanor Science Teacher

I was born in Ghana and lived there until my early twenties.



After my first degree I came to England and trained as a Teacher

of Science (with emphasis on physics) at the Institute of Education, London. After teaching for a few years I taught part-time in order to make time for a Masters degree course in Applied Statistics at Birkbeck College, London.

I have had the experience of teaching in a variety of non-faith schools. My Christian faith is very important to me, so at some point, I had the ambition of working in a Christian school where faith matters. I was delighted when I stepped into Becket Keys and saw open displays of encouraging messages from the Bible - a school where faith plays an important role in all aspects of the life of the school. I have found staff friendly and welcoming.

## Prayer Group

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

If you are unable to attend but would like to support the school community in your own prayers we can email you details of what we are praying for that week.

Contact [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org) and we will add you to the list.







**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)



### Notice to all attending the FoBK Murder Mystery Evening.

Please be advised that for those that wish to participate (i.e. if you just want to wear your jeans, that is fine) we will run a 1920's 'Poirot style' fancy dress competition.

There will also be a prize for the 'best dressed' table. This will hopefully add to the drama and atmosphere of the evening!

## Friends of Becket Keys – AGM

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
October**

Friends of Becket Keys (FoBK) play an important part in the school community and all parents/carers and staff, as members of the Association, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the students at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the Committee, to represent the Association throughout the forthcoming academic year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM, for existing committee members willing to stand for re-election and for anyone wishing to stand as Committee Member, for the first time.

## Annual Ball

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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.

## Year 11 Theatre Trip



### Year 11 GCSE DRAMA STUDENTS

We are delighted to inform you that we have a trip to see an amazing physical production of 'Things I know to be True'.

**MERCURY THEATRE  
COLCHESTER  
THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

The cost of this trip will be £33.90 and will include coach travel to and from the theatre. Please pay for this trip via ScoPay.

**Mrs Barr  
Head of Drama**

## Year 12 -Meet the Tutor Evening

A chance to pop in and see your son/daughter's form tutor for an informal chat. No need to make an appointment. Tutors will be in their rooms.

**TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER  
3.30PM – 4.30PM**

## Year 7 -Meet the HOY

This is not a parents evening but a chance to have an informal chat with the Head of Year 7. Please email [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org) if you would like to attend and if there are any particular issues your son/daughter may have. Please report to reception on arrival.

**TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER  
3.30PM – 5.00PM**



## Harvest Festival Offering Reminder

We are supporting the local foodbank again this year.

We have responded to the list of priority items supplied by the Brentwood Foodbank. Each year group is focusing their attention on a different item. A reminder of 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.**

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.**

# Sports News

## Upcoming Fixtures

### MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Years 8 and 11 Netball v Anglo (h)

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

Year 9 Rugby v Shenfield (h)

### WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Year 7 Football v Chelmer Valley (a)

### MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Year 9 Rugby v Boswells (a)

Years 11 and 12 Netball  
Tournament (at Brentwood)

### TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Year 7 Rugby Tournament  
(at St Martin's)

### WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

U14 and U16 Trampoline  
Tournament (at Ursuline)

### THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Year 8 Rugby Tournament  
(at St Martin's)



THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Brentwood Duke of Edinburgh Scheme are holding two evenings for boys and girls to sign up for either Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards. This is not organised by the school, but an opportunity that some of our students have taken advantage of.

The next sign up date is Monday 2nd October at The Hermitage Brentwood from 7pm where you can meet the leaders and find out more about the scheme.

This is this extremely worthwhile and challenging scheme.

A discount will apply for those signing up on the date above.

<http://youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/duke-of-edinburghs-award/>



## Year 10

## World Challenge Meeting

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Main Hall – 6.30pm

You may have read the student account of their trip to Costa Rica during the summer in the newsletter last week. You too can take part in this 'experience of a lifetime'. Find out about the fantastic opportunity to visit Swaziland & Mozambique in July 2019.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 10 TRIP MEETING

YEAR 12 – MEET THE TUTOR

TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

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OPEN EVENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

(MORNING & EVENING)

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

MEET THE HOY – YEAR 7

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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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> – FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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INSET DAY

MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

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FOBK ANNUAL BALL

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

## Equipment List

Please make sure that your son/daughter has the correct equipment required for learning:

- 30 cm Clear Ruler
- 180 degree Clear Protractor
- 2x Pencils
- Pens (2x Blue, 2x Black, 2x Red)
- Rubber
- Compass
- Glue Stick
- 2x Whiteboard Pens
- Calculator Casio FX 85 GT PI
- A pencil case

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