

# Becket Keys Church of England School

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## MRS TREBESS SHARES SOME REVISION TIPS.

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So the end of the first term of this academic year is in sight, and thoughts inevitably turn towards...end of term assessments! For our Year 7 students, this will be the first time that they have gone through this process, and it can be quite daunting. At the end of every term at Becket Keys, there will be subject assessments (although not in every subject). These tend to be done over the final two weeks of term.



So how can students organise themselves to be ready for these assessments? Well, the first thing that they need to do is to be organised, and to know what assessments are happening when. Their teachers may already be talking to students about what the assessments will be about, what form they will take and how students can revise for them. I suggest that students make a list of what each assessment will be in each subject. They can then put together a revision timetable to make the revision manageable.

'I don't know how to revise' is a phrase that teachers (and parents) hear often. Revision is different for every subject, but here are seven revision strategies that have been proven to work:

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1. Start early. Revise as soon as you know you have an assessment coming up. Decide what revision you are doing on which night. Revise what you find hard, not what you can already do!
2. Little and often. If you start early, it means that you can do a small amount of revision each day, rather than cramming it all in at the end. This is much more effective in allowing your brain to take in and retain information over time.
3. Rote learning. Cover, say, check, remember. Repeat, repeat, repeat. Test and quiz until it has gone in!
4. Flash cards. Condense a topic onto one side of A<sub>4</sub>, then onto smaller flash cards. Two or three phrases on small flashcards should enable students to remember whole topics. Students can do the same with mind maps, and add illustrations to help them to remember.
5. Practise doing maths sums and problems. Use MyMaths and Maths Watch. All students have their own logins.
6. Understand the command words that might appear

in assessment questions mean. Some examples include: comment, describe, compare, contrast, identify, summarise, suggest, analyse and evaluate.

7. Check Show My Homework. Teachers may be setting revision homeworks on the school homework website.

Remember, assessments are important because they help teachers to know what students do and do not know and therefore teachers can help their students make better progress in the future. Students will not always do brilliantly in every assessment that they do. As long as they learn from the experience and work out how to do better in the next series of assessments, that is the most important thing.

Keep Learning!

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

## Messages from Admin & Finance

Please be aware that TODAY is the deadline to pay the £100 deposit for the Bude trip.

Please pay via your ScoPay account.

We have a large amount of Lost Property being held at Reception especially PE kit which we are unable to return as it has not been named! If your son or daughter is missing any kit please send them to reception. All items not collected will be disposed after the All Saints break

Thank you!



### 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!

## BIBLICAL PAUSES

### All Scripture is God Breathed

***All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.***

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)**

Gideons International visited our school today to share God's message of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ by personal witness and through presenting New Testaments and Psalms of the Bible to all Year 7 students. They told the students that the Bible is literally "God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16). It is God's very words to us. There are so many questions that philosophers have asked that God answers in Scripture. What is the purpose to life? Where did I come from? Is there life after death? How do I get to heaven? Why is the world full of evil? Why do I struggle to do good? In addition to these "big" questions, the Bible gives practical advice in areas such as: How can I be a good friend? How can I be a good parent? What is success and how do I achieve it? How can I change? What really matters in life? How can I live so that I do not look back with regret? How can I



Study God's Word  
to receive the  
wisdom you need.

handle the unfair circumstances and bad events of life victoriously?

We should read and study the Bible because it is totally reliable and without error. We have the ability to test it by checking the hundreds of detailed prophecies that it makes, by checking the historical accounts it records, and by checking the scientific facts it relates. We should read and study the Bible because God does not change and because the nature of humankind does not change; it is as relevant for us as now as when it was written: "There is nothing new under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9). While humankind as a whole continues to seek love and satisfaction in all of the wrong places, God—our good and gracious Creator—tells us what will bring us lasting joy. His revealed Word, the Bible, is so important that Jesus said of it, "Man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). In other words, if we want to live life to the fullest, as God intended, we must listen to and heed God's written Word.

The Bible equips us to serve God (2 Timothy 3:17; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12). It helps us know how to be saved from our sin and its ultimate consequence (2 Timothy 3:15). Meditating on God's Word and obeying its teachings will bring success in life (Joshua 1:8; James 1:25). God's Word helps us see sin in our lives and helps us get rid of it (Psalm 119:9, 11). It gives us guidance in life, making us wiser than our teachers (Psalm 32:8, 119:99; Proverbs 1:6). The Bible keeps us from wasting years of our lives on that which does not matter and will not last (Matthew 7:24-27). The Bible is a book that is not merely for reading. It is a book for studying so that it can be applied. God gave us his Word to give us the wisdom we need to live a fulfilling and productive life. All we need to do is give time to reading the Bible and build our relationship with Him!

**Mrs. Sharp  
Deputy Headteacher**



## Year 7 News



### Singing Practice

For the second week in a row Year 7 have come together for singing practice which has been led by Mr Romhany and Miss Abdilla.

Singing is a real strength at Becket Keys and we wanted to ensure Year 7 have the chance to learn some songs and hymns they will sing this year. As a year group they have been given a fantastic opportunity to gather together and have some time in the day to join voices together in harmony.

Year 7s are sounding absolutely wonderful and they are really thriving in this new challenge.



### Year 7

#### Bushcraft

Please remember to pay your £97.00 deposit on ScoPay.

Deadline is TODAY!

## Disco



After experiencing the first few weeks of secondary education, the Year 7s experienced the annual welcoming Disco, kindly organised by the Friends of Becket Keys for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. It took place in the school's Bistro; the night was fun for the students with plenty of crisps, drinks and songs to add to their enjoyment. One student said, 'The songs were great and the food was amazing.'

Another student said that, 'My friends and I had a great laugh and it was a brilliant welcome to the school.' Having spoken to more students, the large amount of students that turned up on the night fully enjoyed themselves and wished they could stay even longer! Most importantly, the money raised will go towards the Friends of Becket Keys.

Daniel Darby  
& Jonathan Saunders  
Year 12

## Becket Keys Sixth Form Open Evening

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

Remember we are holding our annual Sixth Form Information Evening on Tuesday 10th October. It will start at 5.30pm and finish at 8.30pm. There are only a few standing tickets left. 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 what the new Sixth Form is like, the ways to apply and key dates along the way.

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.

Any questions please email: [sixthform@becketkeys.org](mailto:sixthform@becketkeys.org)

We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday.



## Life in the Sixth Form

Over the past month, the first students of the new Becket Keys Sixth Form have been challenged, engaged and introduced to the next stage of their education. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the construction workers, the students have been able to enjoy the brand new Sixth Form block, named after Justin Welby. Miles Brewerton, a student at the Sixth Form, referred to the building as 'fabulous'. Additionally, fellow student Alfie Cowell praised its design. In this time, parents of the school's younger children have had the opportunity to visit the new building and see what they are working towards.

Whilst the students have been focusing on settling in to the Sixth Form, they have needed to adjust to the different experience of deeply studying three or four key subjects that interest them. This change has led to excitement, with another student, Roisin Clarke, commenting that 'the Sixth Form has increased the independence of students and the trust teachers have in them'. Having now settled in, the next two years will be spent progressing and working towards the grades that will allow the students to succeed in their lives and achieve their aspirations.

*By Jonathan Saunders  
and Daniel Darby*

## Year 12 Subject Consultation Evening

Please add this to your diary.  
Information about timings, locations and how to book appointments will be sent out nearer to the time.

**THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

## Student Achievement



William Horne in 9 HS was selected in September to attend a trial for the England U16 Golf team. He received a letter last week to inform him that he was now part of the squad!

Williams's family are all thrilled for him as he has worked very hard to achieve this goal.

Congratulations William!

## FoBK Annual Ball

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

Please get in contact if you would like to attend. Email [fobk@becketkeys.org](mailto:fobk@becketkeys.org) for more information and ticket enquiries.

Essex Educational Psychology Service

**Parent Helpline**  
**01245 433293**  
**(Monday 1pm – 5pm term time only)**

**Please signpost Parents to the EPS Parent Helpline using the following information:**

### What is the Parent helpline?

The Educational Psychology Service helpline provides parents and carers with direct telephone access to a qualified Educational Psychologist who will listen to their concerns and ideas, and help them find a positive way forward.

### Who is it for?

It is for parents and carers of Essex children and young people up to the age of 19, who have concerns about their children's education or development.



### Things to be aware of

- The helpline is confidential and personal details will not be recorded and nor will information be passed onto other sources
- It is staffed by qualified educational psychologists who listen to parent's concerns and work with them to find a positive way forward
- A call is a discrete piece of work with no follow up required from the operator

  
Essex County Council



## 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)



## Sports News

### Year 7 Football Match Reports



The Year 7 football team have made an impressive start to their football games this season, winning two out of the three that they have played.

The first game was an impressive 6 – 3 away win over Sandon, despite conceding within the first five minutes. The team showed great character to keep their heads up and play the football they knew that they could. By the end of the game they were dominant and passing the ball around with confidence and great ability.

The second game, against SJP, also away, was a perfect example of a game of two halves. The first half Becket Keys were in control, showing the same levels of confidence that was demonstrated in their previous game, despite a few changes being made to the team. SJP had a 'route one' approach in the second half and with their

rapid striker, were able to knock the ball over the top to win 4 -2, Becket Keys' first loss.

There was no time to dwell on this as only two days later the team was called upon again to play Anglo away. I had decided to take a number of subs, which turned out to be a good decision, as by the end of the game, we had three players picking up some knocks. However, the great strength and character demonstrated in both previous games was once again evident as, as soon as possible, the boys wanted to be right back on the pitch.

This game finished 5 – 2 to Becket Keys in a hard fought battle, which I can only describe as being well-deserved.

**Mr Bunyan**  
**Year 7 Football Coach**



### 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 Martins)**

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

**U14 and U16**  
**Trampoline Tournament**  
**(at Ursuline)**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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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YEAR 12 CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

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FOBK ANNUAL BALL

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

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## 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.

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