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# Becket Keys Church of England School

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## Learning and Pioneering

Proverbs 18v15: ***"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge."***

This week, I have been hosting Mr. Wen, an incredible Chinese Entrepreneur/Head Teacher from Pingxiang in Jiangxi Province, China. He has come to Essex to see what he can learn from our schools and take back to China. His 'Experimental School' in Pingxiang is really quite something. It started in 2003 and now has 9000 students from age 6 to 18! There are 550 teachers and 320 support staff. It is ranked first place in the Pingxiang City exam league tables every year and is incredibly successful in offering students a special blend

of the Chinese and UK Curriculums.

Mr. Wen made the decision some years ago, to partner with Essex Schools to glean the best practice from over here and take it back to China. He is currently on a 6-month trip to the UK to gather information and experience.

One of Mr. Wen's seven schools has a heated indoor swimming pool, indoor stadium, 600-seat concert hall, 600-square metre gym, 600-square metre 'English Village' (I am still not clear exactly what this is!), 120-square metre cafe, classrooms and dormitories equipped with elevators, baseball ground, golf training ground, football pitch, tennis courts, basketball courts, 1200-metre bike lanes and a 400-metre standard sports field!



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## Sixth Former for a Day



On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 130 Year 11 students, including 20 from other schools took part in Sixth Former for a Day.

The day started with a breakfast of pastries and hot drinks as students explored their 'goody bags' to find an exciting variety of purple presents. Mr. Scott-Evans then delivered a Collective Worship before a team of current Year 12 prefects spoke about the differences between Year 11 and the Sixth Form. This included how they make external students feel welcome and how all students should use the next few months to think carefully about their futures.



During the course of the main part of the event, the students experienced four lessons taught

at A-Level standard in order to gain an insight into the demands that they will face in the future. They were also able to ask their teachers questions about the courses in general, what they can do to prepare now and where a certain subject might take them in the future.

Students also experienced a Sixth Form tutorial, during which they participated in the weekly news quiz, enjoyed a delicious lunch and spoke to different teachers who popped up to be quizzed about their subjects.

To close the day there was a subject fair, with over 60 Year 12 students setting up 'market stalls' complete with examples of their work, resources and interesting equipment used in each subject. This gave the Year 11 students a chance to speak to the students who are currently enjoying their studies and get honest, positive appraisals of all subjects and teachers – as well as all other areas of Sixth Form life.

**Mr Peggs**  
**Head of Sixth Form**



The deadline for the applications is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018. To apply please complete an online application form.

<https://www.becketkeys.org/app/yforsixthform.php>



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If you want to find out more you can see a video of his school here: <https://v.qq.com/x/page/u039ohnf4iw.html> (you may have to watch a few Chinese adverts first!).

When you see what he has achieved and built already, you must marvel at the humility which still brings him to schools like ours to see what he can learn! Yet here he is writing copious notes, searching, learning and asking questions.

It has been an interesting week and a time to reflect on the need to keep learning, to always keep looking and be prepared to push further into new ground. We must never think that we have arrived and that we have all the answers. Mr Wen's success is built on never ceasing the quest to learn from others.

As the famous educational reformer and philosopher, John Dewey once said: "The most important attitude that can be found is the desire to go on learning."

Tonight, our Founding Cohort come back to celebrate their work of pioneering through to our first set of GCSE results. They achieved incredibly well outperforming expectations and securing some of the best results in Essex. Those who performed best never stopped learning. They never stopped seeking and striving. It is their passion and desire for progress that has made

the difference. They are the 'Mr. Wens' of the future! Who knows what they will go on to achieve if they keep pioneering in the way they have so far. Tonight, they come back together one more time to collect their exam certificates and to see some exceptional students win some specific awards. My congratulations to them all! In the words of Team GB in the 2012 Olympics: "Better Never Stops!". Enjoy tonight, but never stop learning!

**Mr. Scott-Evans**  
**Head Teacher**



## Year 8 Madrid Trip



Two spaces have become available on the upcoming Year 8 trip to Madrid.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join this exciting and popular trip.

**24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

For more information or if you would like a place on this very special trip then please email [payments@becketkeys.org](mailto:payments@becketkeys.org)

The cost of this trip is £648 and we would require payment in full by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Any Year 8 student wishing to attend would need to be in possession of a valid passport.

## Do you want to study a Language at GCSE?

If you speak a language other than English at home and are interested in taking it at GCSE, please talk to Mr. Khoo about this opportunity.



## Year 12 Food & Nutrition



On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, our Year 12 Food & Nutrition A-Level class went to a professional kitchen to carry out a mock environmental health officer (EHO) inspection.

Students were given an inspection sheet each and scrutinised the head chef (gave her a grilling...no pun intended), looked through monitoring records and examined the various areas of the kitchen to see whether food safety standards were being met. Students are now writing up an inspection report as part of their own evidence portfolio. We will also be forwarding on the reports to the kitchen!

I hope that they will be well received!

**Mr.G. Fenn**



## Education Sunday - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 10am

This year Education Sunday will be celebrated in St Thomas' Church at 10.00am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. It will be a lovely occasion, so please join us if you can. If you would like to take part in the readings or intercessions, then please see Mrs. Sharp.

There will also be a 'Bake Off' competition and cake sale that day after the service with funds being raised by The Friends of St Thomas' for the church. If you are able to assist with supplying some cakes for this sale they would be gratefully received. Please bring your offerings with you on the day.

It would be great to see as many parents and students there as possible.



### 28th January 2018 St Thomas' Great British Bake Off and cake sale

Baking competition open to all.  
Bake whatever cake or biscuit you like.

Free entry

Pre-school,  
Infant School,  
Junior School,  
Senior School and  
Adult categories

All entries will be  
sold as part of  
the cake sale after  
judging

**If the competition isn't for you,  
please either donate to the cake sale or  
buy some of the cakes in aid of  
church funds**



## Year 7 – Mandarin Day



As the Chinese New Year approaches, the Mandarin department is organising a Mandarin Day for the Year 7 students. The students will be able to taste Chinese food, try their hand at calligraphy, and enjoy the art, culture and science of China.

The school has invited some external Chinese experts to offer various workshops for our Year 7 students to have a taste of China on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February in welcoming the Year of the Dog. We have drafted a timetable for the day, as you can see.

As stated in the letter to all the Year 7 parents, we need £10.75 per head voluntary donation to fund the day. If you wish your

child to be able to experience this fantastic day and to enhance their learning, please make your donation via ScoPay as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, if we do not receive the necessary donations the day may have to be cancelled.



## 中文日 8th Feb 2018 Mandarin Day Draft Timetable

Time (Period)	Blue Group	Red Group	Yellow Group	Green Group	Purple Group
8:30-9:20 (1)	Mandarin Day Assembly (Main Hall)				
9:20-10:10 (2)	Cooking	Art	Calligraphy	Science	Culture
10:10-10:30	Break				
10:30-11:00	Tutor time/ Collective Worship				
11:00-11:50 (3)	Culture	Cooking	Art	Calligraphy	Science
11:50-12:40 (4)	Science	Culture	Cooking	Art	Calligraphy
12:40-13:30	Lunch & <u>Lion Dancing</u> starts at 13:10pm (Playground)				
13:30-14:20 (5)	Calligraphy	Science	Culture	Cooking	Art
14:20-15:10 (6)	Art	Calligraphy	Science	Culture	Cooking





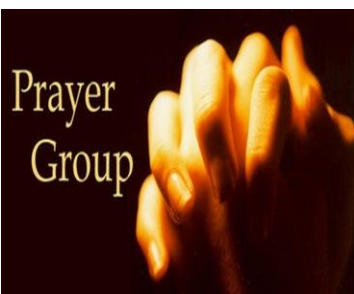
# Becket Keys MUSIC

## 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.

You can follow the progress and performances of the music department via Twitter @BecketKeysMusic . Check out this orchestra performance! <https://t.co/lwtp1Jp22R>



There is time for the wider school community to come and pray with Mr Scott-Evans Tuesdays 11:15am and Wednesdays 7:50am.

A warm welcome to all!

## Numeracy Challenge

Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael and Donatello order a pizza but eat it at different times. Each takes a quarter of the pizza, thinking the other three have not eaten yet. What fraction of the pizza remains after all four have had their dinner?

We are happy for parents and students to try and work out the numeracy challenge. You can send your solution to Mr. Tyson on twitter @BKS\_MATHS



## Sports News

### Year 9

#### Girls' Netball



The Year 9 girls' netball team had a match against Sandon School this week.

All the shooters were accurate and successful and the defence prevented a number of goals. The players in the centre of the court moved very well.

Full Team:

Ella Brook – Player of the Match  
 Maria Gamble  
 Nancy Parish  
 Amelia Walker  
 Erin Carolan  
 Claudia Grosvenor  
 Scarlett Day  
 Sharni Bishop

<b>Becket Keys</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Sandon School</b>	<b>17</b>

*"This was my first time watching a Year 9 netball match. I was so impressed with the players effort and attitude!"*

**Miss North**  
**PE Teacher**

### Year 7

#### Boys' Football

On a cold night in Brentwood, Becket Keys' Year 7 football team faced, for the first time, Moulsham High school.

The first half showed Becket Keys School dominating the possession, and the team were very unlucky not to be one or two goals ahead. However, a positive team talk at half time, with suggestions from the players, ensured a positive return to the pitch for the second half.

The new formation of 3-4-1 showed its benefits about halfway through the second half when Jake Burke scored the first of his two goals. As Becket Keys continued to press and put Moulsham under pressure, Harry Giddings also scored the first of his two goals.

Within the space of 5 minutes Becket Keys scored a further two goals, with the game finishing 4-0. A nice win to start the New Year.

Solid work all round from the team, with Jack Wilson, Zack Deal, Nathan Donovan and Louis Short especially putting in fantastic effort. Well done Year 7!

Man of the Match: Harry Giddings

**Mr. Bunyan**

### Year 11

#### Girls' Netball

On an extremely cold evening, the Year 11 girls' netball team played their third to last game against St John Payne. The tough game meant that the girls had to dig deep to keep the team spirits high! There was a dramatic moment from Scarlett when diving for a ball and some great shooting from Divine meant that although the team lost the match they won the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

The team consisted of:

Scarlett Mellor – Captain  
 Lauren Pamerter  
 Divine Okwosa  
 Olivia Horne  
 Rachel Davidson  
 Holli Ryall  
 Cleo Clarke



*"I flew across the court and thought I should end it in a roll!"*

**Scarlett Mellor**

## Year 11

### Boys' Football

### MESSA Cup

This was a friendly game against Royal Liberty School in preparation for the quarter-final game of the MESSA cup against Plume.

Becket Keys had a high percentage of possession in this game but unfortunately could not convert this into chances on goal. The team were unlucky but Royal Liberty were a physical, hard working side and provided a good test for Becket Keys. The game was very close for a long time and Charlie Johnson, Freddie Mattock and Harrison Sullivan played particularly well. Royal Liberty only scored their second goal in the last two minutes of the game!

<b>Becket Keys</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Royal Liberty</b>	<b>2</b>

Full Squad:

Owen Day  
Dennis Yebah  
Charlie Johnson  
Jack Buckland  
Freddie Summers  
Nicco Lovelock  
Haydn Ince  
Harrison Sullivan  
Luke Seaward  
Jack Buckland  
Tom Johnson  
Freddie Mattock  
Adoniz Oluwasanya

## MESSA Development League

### Year 10

### Boys' Basketball



Becket Keys had a tough test at home against Great Baddow in this basketball match. Great Baddow is a very experienced team and it was undoubtedly the toughest game of the season. Becket Keys did well to stay in the game against such a strong side.

Strong performances from:

Will McDermott  
Patrick Warriner  
Toby Booth

Well done boys!

### Year 8

### Boys' Basketball

Becket Keys scored many points from fast breaks and driving to the basket. Defensively, the key

was to stay basket-side of players and put pressure on shots, this proved difficult, as William de Ferrers were a much taller team!

The game was very close until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, when Becket Keys scored 12 points to secure the win!

Full team:

Noah Van Enckevort  
Ollie Butler  
Oliver Tendler  
Tristan Kernaghan  
Sebastian Wallhead  
Billy Hornett  
Harrison Oxley  
Jack Crisford  
Oliver Toomey  
Edward Carr

<b>Becket Keys</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>William de Ferrers</b>	<b>30</b>

Excellent result!





## Year 7 Girls' Basketball

The Year 7 girls had two teams of 5 players playing against Boswells. The teams fought a good battle but the Boswells team were very strong. It was a tough match but the teams were able to use it as a learning experience and picked up valuable learning points.



## Year 8 Girls' Basketball

The Year 8 girls' team were playing against a very strong St Martin's side. Although they tried their best, and Sarah Courtney had a particularly good game, St Martin's had the upper hand.

Becket Keys	28
St Martin's	42

## Upcoming Fixtures

### MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

Year 7 - Basketball V WDF (A)  
Year 8 - Football v Moulsham (H)

### WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY

Year 10 - Girls' Futsal @ Shenfield

### THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Year 7 - Netball V Brentwood (A) (3 teams)

### MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Year 9 Basketball V Shenfield (A)

### TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Year 7 Rugby Tournament (at Chelmsford RFC)

### WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

Boys' and Girls' Swimming Gala (at Brentwood School)  
Year 7 Basketball v St Martins (h)  
Year 12 Football v St Martins (a)

### THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

Year 8 Rugby Tournament (at Chelmsford RFC)  
Year 10 Basketball v KEGS (h)  
Year 9 Football v Plume (h)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### YEAR 9

#### SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2018

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### YEAR 9, 10 & 11

#### UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

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### YEAR 11

#### JEKYLL & HYDE THEATRE TRIP

THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

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### YEAR 7

#### MANDARIN DAY

THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

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#### LENT HOLIDAY

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

– FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

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#### INSET DAY

MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

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#### LENT LUNCHTIME EUCHARISTS

FROM FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

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## VACANCIES

We are looking for **Exam Invigilators** and a **Lead Exam Invigilator** to join our school. You will be employed on a casual basis to assist the invigilation of students taking mock and actual GCSE exams, as necessary throughout the school year. Hours are variable depending upon the exam timetable.

You will need to have:

- Excellent organisational and communication skills
- Flexibility in working hours and ability to offer medium term commitment
- Reliability and punctuality
- Ability to work as part of a team of invigilators
- Good interpersonal skills and the ability to relate to students
- Previous experience of exams invigilation is required for the Lead Invigilator Post.

Check the website for more details and an application form. <https://www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php>

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