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they have covered all topics required in the exam.

Tips for revision planning:

- work out a revision timetable for each subject
- break revision time into small chunks - hour-long sessions with short breaks at the end of each session often work well
- make sure your child has all the essential books and materials
- condense notes onto postcards to act as revision prompts
- buy new stationery, highlighters and pens to make revision more interesting
- go through school notes with your child or listen while they revise a topic
- time your child's attempts at practice papers

Please find below links to useful websites:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/helping_with_exams/

<https://getrevising.co.uk/> (create a revision timetable online)

Best regards

Mrs. Trebess
Deputy Headteacher

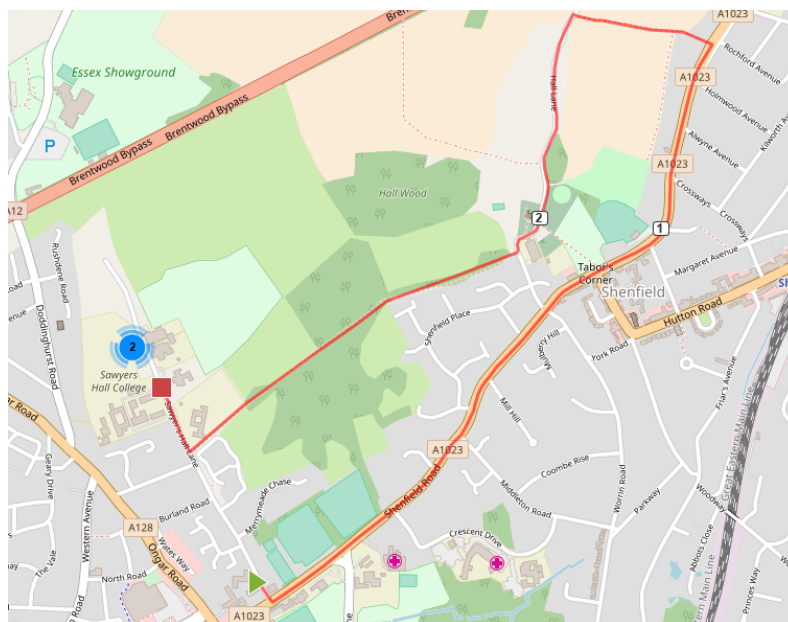
BRENTWOOD FUN RUN



When: **SUNDAY 18TH MARCH 2018**

What: 5k charity run around Brentwood. (not to be confused with the half marathon which is on the same day!!)

Where: Brentwood. Starts outside our school. See the route below:



Who: ANYBODY! Whether you are competitive and you want to win it or you want to do it just for the challenge. This is available to everybody. We also need any volunteers who are able to give out drinks, which are provided at school, or just to come down and cheer everybody on.

How: sign up on the website and register your position.

<http://www.brentwoodhalf.org/copy-of-take-part>

BIBLICAL PAUSES



Using Lent to focus on the Light

Loving God, walk with me on this journey as I enter a time of reflection and prayer with you. Kneel with me in my humility as I acknowledge those times when I have lost sight of you. Welcoming God, embrace me with your open arms, as I find a space to call my own with you. Living God, open my eyes and my heart to you and guide me on the journey you wish

me to take. Amen.

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally 'turn around', realign our lives, and focus towards God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices; helping us rid ourselves of our own selfish desires and distractions.

Revelation 3:20 reads:

'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come and eat with him, and he with me.'

This reading always reminds me of the picture "The Light of the World" by Holman Hunt 1827-1910 (shown opposite) and a prayer my mother wrote about the impact this picture had on her spiritual wellbeing as a child:

Dear Father,

I thank you that this picture was in my life when I was so young and that this image has stayed with me ever since. No matter where I stand, your loving eyes are focused on me, reassuring me that you are always there.

The door has no latch, but I know that you can come through it into my heart, at any time. The door is a symbol of your call 'come into my world'. Some say that everything is overgrown around the door and

all is withering. What I saw as a child was the wonder of your world. Father, I thank you that whenever I look at or visualise it, I can still see that beauty and wonder.

The lamp you hold shows that you are the Light of the World. Thank you for your light.

Thank you for the times that I have found your light in my darkness, and that I know it never goes out.

I pray that you will continue to knock and come into my heart.

I pray that I will continue to move into your light.

I pray that I will never forget that you are journeying with me.

Your nail-pierced hands show me how much you love me.

Amen.

I hope that this image and this sense of light will help you focus on your Lenten journey. You may like to use these readings to help you focus on the Lent story:

MATTHEW 26-28

MARK 15-16

LUKE 22-24

JOHN 17-20

How will you use this precious time of lent? Will you do some spring-cleaning? During the Lent period, there will be opportunities to join others in preparation or you may feel that you would like to do something on your own.

There is a variety of Lent resources available, at the Diocesan Center or online, that will guide you through this time.

Before we start our time with God, we pray to center ourselves, to be empty and ready to receive ('the usefulness of a pot comes from its emptiness' Lan Tzu). Mother Theresa said:

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Then you will know that you are nothing. It is only when you realise your nothingness, your emptiness, that God can fill you with Himself. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence".

I cannot remember origin of this poem analysis, but I found it quite inspiring:

'Gerard Manley Hopkins has a wonderful poem, "The Wreck of the Deutschland," where he uses the phrase "Let him Easter in us." In this phrase, he uses the noun 'Easter' as a verb. Hopkins writes, "Let him Easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us."

It is a splendid phrase. It is a beautiful prayer really, "Let him Easter in us." In fact, I think this is a great way to look at the truth, the transforming reality of Easter. Let Easter get into us. Let Easter come and live where we live. Let Easter permeate our souls. Let him Easter in us, and be a dayspring to the dimness of us. Is that not what we all desire most? Not Easter as a noun, about a long-ago event, but, rather, Easter as a verb, as something that transforms our

Let him easter in us,
be a dayspring to the dimness in us,
be a crimson, cressed east!

present lives, as something that gives us new life now, as something that gives us hope and meaning and courage. Is that not what every human heart longs for? Let him Easter in us!

So, let us pray that "God will Easter in us" I know that He listens to us all the time and He is ready to hear us when we pray in our hearts or out loud; when we

are seeking the light at Lent and generally in our lives.

Mrs. Sharp
Deputy Headteacher

Prayer
Group



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

A warm welcome to all!

Friends Of Becket Keys



FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS

The Best of British Quiz Night.

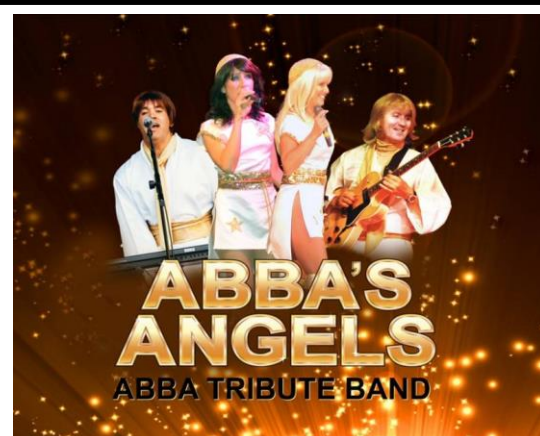
FRIDAY 16TH MARCH 2018

Doors open at 7:30pm.

Teams of up to 10. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets are £5 per person + booking fee.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fobk-quiz-night-tickets-42746481878>

Friends of Becket Keys, our hardworking PTA are organising some fantastic fun events! Book your tickets via Eventbrite.



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FRIDAY 11th MAY

Tickets are £10 each. (+ booking fee) 70s attire is optional!

Event is open to all. Pay bar and DJ. Over 18s only.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abba-night-tickets-42628685546>

Playground Appeal



The new Justin Welby Building is now finished and in addition to the superb new building, the school has a wonderful new playground space where the old "Block 2" used to be. As part of the next phase of the school's development, it wants to raise £25,000 to invest in new trees, benches and playground equipment/facilities. The playground needs areas for students to sit, eat, and shelter when the weather is too hot or too wet! The old sports hall will be demolished in 2018 giving the school another ideal opportunity to see the outdoor facilities improved.

The school needs to start an intensive six months of fundraising to support the improvement of its outdoor facilities. Friends of Becket Keys are committed to helping through a programme of fundraising events, as well as working with the school to encourage the children to get involved in fundraising.

This page has been set up for parents and friends of the school who feel able to contribute towards this important project to get the school off to a flying start!

Every donation, however big or small will be a tremendous help and we hope that we can count

on your support. The school can claim Gift Aid, which will see every donation increased by 25%.

We look forward to seeing the total growing as the community starts to respond to this appeal. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/BecketKeys-cofeschool/playground>



Friends of Becket Keys

CASH 4 COINS

Are you going on holiday this year?

Please help us raise fund for the School Playground Appeal by donating your unwanted foreign currency from around the world! We can take ANY coins or banknotes regardless of currency or denomination (We even accept old pound coins and pre-euro currency)

Please bring your coins/notes into school and leave at Reception.

Thanks for your continued support and don't forget to ask your family, friends and colleagues at work!

Year 7 Mandarin Day



With Chinese New Year fast approaching, Thursday 8th February saw the Becket Keys Year 7 students treated to a celebration of all things Chinese. During the day, no grain of rice was left unturned as students took part in an oriental carousel which took them on a dragon-like rollercoaster of Chinese cultural practices, culinary customs, and history.



At 8.30 the students congregated in the hall for a 'fake news'-themed presentation by our keynote speaker, Mrs. Webb of Benendon School, who had the students on the edge of their seats with a quasi-pantomime style hour of entertainment, wit and factual insight into Chinese

culture. Following the assembly, students dispersed towards their respective activities.



In Runcie Province, expert calligrapher Miss Wang, manager of the Essex Jiangsu Centre, led a masterclass in the art and history of Chinese writing. In the kitchens, our resident expert Mrs. Norman ensured students would not go hungry with a session on how to make tasty Chow Mein.

Chinese design and art with Ms. Cherry had students designing items of clothing with an oriental twist.



Mrs. Webb's classroom was an orchestra of scissors as students learned the delicate art of paper cutting.



In the science labs the gunpowder specialists Mr. Fenn, Mrs. Barden and Ms. Brown delivered an explosive education into one of China's most notorious inventions which one student described as 'mind blowing'.



For some, the main event of the day took place at lunchtime when students were transported east with an enchanting display of strength and rhythm as the Surrey Tai Chi Club performed a lion dance to the rumbling sound of Chinese drums.



"I loved the calligraphy because it was so much fun. I learned to write with a brush and it made me want to learn more Mandarin"

Steven 7WW



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A memorable day by all accounts with students taking home an array of Chinese items as a memento of the day.

The smooth running of the day was all thanks to our very own Mrs. Zhao who ensured an unforgettable day for all.

Some quotes:

"Really like the cooking! We've learned loads of new things today"

Jack 7AC

Uniform Reminder

Uniform

It is important to all of us that every one of the students who attend Becket Keys looks smart in their uniform at all times. Please remember that girls should not roll over the waistband of their skirts, trainers should not be worn during the school day and all outdoor coats should be **BLACK**. Teachers will be running sessions at lunchtimes and after school for those who choose not to adhere to these requests.

Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.



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BOYS

Blazer: Black blazer with Becket Keys Logo

Trousers: Charcoal grey – not black or grey. Straight leg.

Shirt: plain white with stiff collar for wearing with a tie (short or long sleeved) – top button done up and shirt always tucked in. No polo or open necked shirts.

Socks: Plain grey or black.

Shoes: Traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes – lace up shoes to have black laces. No trainers or boots, no white or coloured laces. Lace up shoes preferable to Velcro. No sandals.

Jumper or slipover: Grey with purple stripes.

Tie: Worn to top of trousers.



Now that the weather is getting colder please remember that all students will be in need of a **COAT** - Plain **BLACK** without coloured flashes, logos or slogans.

JEWELLERY - Medic alert chain, if necessary. Girls may wear one small silver or gold sleeper or stud in the lobe of each ear, but they must be removed for all PE lessons. It is not acceptable to put tape over the ears. No other jewellery or body piercings are allowed.

GIRLS

Blazer: Black blazer with Becket Keys Logo

Becket Keys purple "Warrior" tartan must be purchased from SmartyPants. Skirt must be worn no higher than 5cm above the knee.

Blouse: plain white **revere** collar – top button done up, no polo shirts.

Socks: Plain white

Tights: Plain/neutral or black tights, neutral trainer socks.

Shoes: Traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes – lace up shoes to have black laces, no trainers or boots. Lace up shoes preferable to Velcro. No kitten heels, sandals, platform shoes, ballet pumps, white or coloured laces.

Jumper or slipover. Grey with purple stripes.

Sports News

Year 7 & 9 Girls' Basketball



Year 7 Girls – Lucy Gunn, Saskia Bashford, Milly Cordwell, Rebecca Lyle, Izzi Brook, Mckenzie Reid, Lois Parish, Lucy O'Hare

Year 9 Girls – Nancy Parish, Scarlett Day, Alice Bennett, Sharni Bishop, Amelia Walker, Ella Middleditch, Claudia Gosvenor

Coach Cleo Cooke shared her experience in team talks and game play.

The girls took on their toughest game yet against a well-practiced St John Payne! We did, however, use this game to implement some new tactics and practise any training plays we have been working on. There was a significant improvement from the starting quarter to the final stage of play and the girls reflected on this throughout their team talks and within the match. As a team, great progress was shown throughout and we can go into

the next game knowing a lot more about structure and tactics of basketball. Never waste an opportunity – education always!



Year 7 & 8 Indoor Athletics



Both groups of girls embarked on their first athletics fixture of the year. They were driven to Shenfield School on Tuesday 6th February to compete against four other schools within the borough for a place to represent Mid-Essex at county level. For the Year 7 girls this was their first

experience of secondary school athletics and they took to it like true professionals. The Year 8 girls, as seasoned athletes came prepared with a focused mind on the task ahead.



Year 7 students: Lucy Gunn, Izzi Brook, Ruby Cole, Edie Williams, Mckenzie Reid, Lois Parish, Milly Cordwell, Orla Carolan.

Year 8 Students: Sarah Esho, Mia Evans, Melita Kupryte, Poppy Dommett, Maddie Barker, Chloe Skelt, Evie Knight.

The competition was strong, especially from the hosting school who are renowned for their athletics practice. However, our girls, with their always optimistic attitude, fought for each race and had a number of wins within their heats. All girls were supportive of each others achievements and the atmosphere was truly inspiring. As we sat down for the final results, we were very pleased with our performance, and with good reason! The Year 8 girls came 3rd within their year group and our Year 7s placed 2nd only to Shenfield! We are extremely proud of the girls' performance,

attitude and team ethic – they are all a true credit to the school!

Full results are yet to be released, these will be put onto twitter at the earliest convenience.

Miss Shafer

Gymnastics

On the 3rd February, nine students took part in a gymnastics competition in Harlow against lots of other schools and gymnastics clubs. Our three trios (under-13 mixed: Grace Deal, Monty O'Brien, Louis Short, under-13 girls: Lucy Gunn, Amy Benson, Teigan Tyler and under-16 girls: Emmi Deal, Bertie Barden and Rhiannon Barden) had to perform one trio routine, an individual routine from each gymnast as well as a vault.



We only became aware of the individual routines half an hour before the competition began and so with only 20 minutes to prepare everyone did incredibly well with quick thinking, hard work and improvisation. We finally finished the day with

Emmi, Bertie and Rhiannon placing 6th, Lucy, Amy and Teigan placing 5th and Grace, Monty and Louis placing 3rd.



It was amazing to see everyone pull through under such hectic circumstances and still enjoy the day.

Rhiannon Barden 11HS

It has been a pleasure to support these students in their training for our first gymnastics competition of the year. Students have been working hard since September to prepare their routines and perfect their skills. We have been so impressed by their dedication.

The main success of this club has been the effort put in by the older girls in order to choreograph routines and support the younger students. Rhiannon Barden has taken on the bulk of this workload and has demonstrated incredible leadership and coaching skills. We are now looking forward to our upcoming U19 girls' individual competition and are training hard.

Miss Ellis & Miss Schafer.



Year 8 Boys' Basketball MESSA Development League

The Year 8 boys played away against Hylands. Becket Keys played a great game and controlled both ends of the court from start to finish. Every player scored at least one basket which underlines how much this team work together. All of them played particularly well together.

Full Team:

**Oliver Tendler
Billy Hornett
Tristan Kernaghan
Olive Toomey
Sebastian Wallhead
Oliver Butler**

**Becket Keys 40
Hylands 20**



Year 11

Boys Football

MESSA Cup Quarter-final

Becket Keys played their eagerly anticipated MESSA cup quarter-final against Plume on Tuesday. Plume were a very physical side, but Becket Keys were able to enjoy lots of possession. Plume had a couple of first half chances but Becket Keys were also unlucky at times. The first half ended 0-0.

Ten minutes into the second half, Plume opened the scoring with a looping header over the goalkeeper, a disappointing goal from Becket Keys' point of view.

The team rallied and battled much harder in midfield, particularly when Hayden Ince hit a powerful shot from the edge of the box, which the goalkeeper spilled. Nicco Lovelock was on hand to put the ball back through the goalkeeper's legs, finishing inside the 6-yard box like so many other goals scored for Becket Keys over the years.

Becket Keys then took charge of the game creating a chance after chance. Freddie Mattock linked play well and Jack Buckland was a constant threat down the left. Becket Keys hit the post twice and were inches away from taking the lead when Harrison crossed for Tom Johnson. Plume then broke and an attacking player went down under a slightly clumsy challenge. A penalty was given with 10 minutes to go – very harsh on Becket Keys. At 2-1,

Becket Keys pushed for the equaliser but got picked off twice.

The team had worked very hard and were very tired at that point, but the result felt like it didn't reflect the game at all. The team have shown great character this season and have represented the school proudly. Well done boys!

Mr Wray
PE Teacher



Student Achievement



Ahead of appearing in the regional final of the Undiscovered bands competition, two of our Becket Keys students, Sophie in Year 11 and Nicole in Year 12 will be taking part in a live interview with Brentwood Phoenix FM this Saturday at 5.30pm, along with the other members of Let's Be Strange, Lauren and Ciara. Tune in to listen!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LENT HOLIDAY

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

– FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

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INSET DAY

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

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