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Becket Keys Church of England School

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Mr Scott-Evans writes:

The Year 11s will be all together for just three more days. Whilst many will return for Sixth Form, some will leave and new students will join us in the Lower Sixth in September. So, I think that emotions may run high in the final week.

On the one hand, it seems that the time has moved incredibly quickly and that these young people are now ready to take their GCSEs. On the other, it seems like a lifetime ago that I stood at the entrance of the school and welcomed them on their first day.

I think it is time to recognise again just what an amazing journey we have been on and to give thanks and glory to God for His incredible goodness to us.

We set about wanting to create a school which would be Outstanding at first inspection, and be one of the highest performing schools in Brentwood. Our first set of GCSE results were very strong. In particular, student achievement in the most prestigious Ebacc Subjects of English, mathematics, science, Spanish, Mandarin, geography and history was exceptional. We have done this through establishing a strong Christian ethos which focuses on traditional Christian values and worship. We have created 'an independent school feel' which delivers smart uniform, a rich extra-curricular programme, high standards in terms of manners and conduct, and excellent spoken English.

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BECKET KEYS
Church of England School

Year 9

The Year 9s have been busy this week. Many went to Bude and the other students were able to enjoy a few days of activities whilst off timetable.

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We have involved the highest performing expert sponsor in the UK (RET) who have advised us every step of the way on successful practices to ensure excellent standards of teaching and learning as well as leadership. As promised, I know every student by name and ensure that we work hard to know and meet their individual needs.

This sort of ambition and drive is, demanding; ask anyone and they will tell you that we are working incredibly hard all year round! Year 11s are the epitome of this at the moment. However, it will be worth it. I am confident of this!

I am proud of the hard work and dedication of our staff team and I am always appreciative of the continued parental support of our growing school. In this final week, I wish to thank the students for their passion and unrivalled desire to work hard and do well. I am incredibly proud of every single one of them and am excited about the exam season over these next few weeks.

Please do pray for them. Their exams will be mentioned on Twitter [@BecketKeys](#) and in the newsletter each week so that you can pray in an informed and specific way. May God bless Year 11 and protect them as they continue to push themselves at this crucial time.

I wish everyone a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Mr. Scott-Evans
Headteacher

Year 9 Bude Trip

Bude 2018 was the Year 9 trip, hosted by Adventure International. We were the first school group (second group overall) of the year for the centre. 'It was a great way of learning new things,' was the opinion of Mwaka Chiwi, and I suspect the entirety of those who made the trip to Cornwall would have to agree.

Taking centre stage was most clearly the activities. High ropes, climbing, abseiling, surfing, kayaking, canoeing, dragon boating, team trail, bodyboarding, mountain biking and mountain boarding were the activities available to us on the trip. I, personally, considered high ropes as the most enjoyable, which was my first activity – but I think there was a wide range of favourites amongst all the opportunities. I found the high ropes the most fun because of how much you were able to challenge yourself and get multiple thrills from the different heights and levels to which you could climb.



Other tiers of the trip included the evening activities: on-site, more relaxed events ranging from leisurely walks around Bude's coastlines to competitive tournaments between groups. The food was also a good surprise, the food reportedly could have used improvement last year, but for our trip it was excellent, with very high standards. Turkey burgers appear to be the class favourite; 'they were my favourite – the best meal' was Lucy Taylor's opinion, and that of many others I suspect.

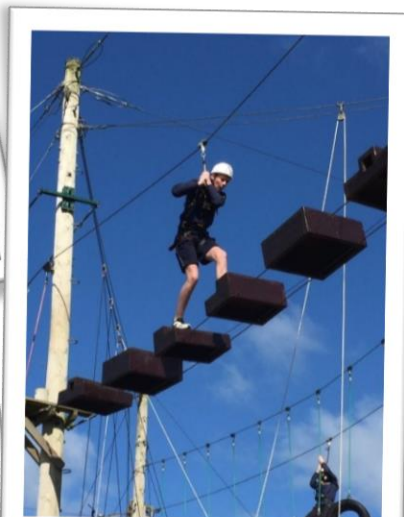


Undoubtedly, one of the greatest parts of the trip was the instructors. The hospitality was dumbfounding, their patience was unimaginable, and I believe everyone at Becket Keys would like to give them a massive thank you for helping and supporting us during our stay; as well as the other staff who aided us in more ways than we can count.

The coach journey (there and back) was the most ominous part of our school trip. 7 hours doesn't exactly pass quickly, but, however tedious, I think we were all filled with anticipation; arriving at an exciting new place where there are unexpected things to try, and returning home to our families and loved ones.

Ella Middleditch
9HS.

Year 9 Bude Trip - 2018



Fantastic pictures from the Year 9 Bude trip. Wonderful weather and fun activities. See more photographs on Twitter @BKS_PE.

Year 9 School Activities



For the students that chose not to go to Bude a different timetable to our usual lessons was put in place.

Every tutorial time was changed to be a quiz, with a new theme and prize each day. The staff put in a lot of effort to make all the activities enjoyable and educational. We built relationships and new friendships in team building exercises during a PE lesson planned by the Sixth Form Students.

The Year 9 students learnt life skills, including how to purify dirty water into a drinkable state. On Wednesday, we were given the opportunity to experience what it is like to study Media at A Level. I thoroughly enjoyed creating an advert in our English lesson.

Maria Gamble
gHS



Welcome!

Hui-Ju Chang
Trainee Teacher



I am a new PGCE trainee teacher in Mandarin at Becket Keys School.

My background is in the architectural history of East Asia and I have a Masters and PhD in architecture, both from the University of Sheffield. From these experiences I developed a keen interest in Chinese language, culture and heritage which prompted me to pursue teaching Chinese full time. I have taught at a Chinese Community Centre in London for four years before starting my teacher training.

I am looking forward to my time at Becket Keys and have received a very warm welcome from the staff and students already.

Student Achievement

Zach Antoniou, Jason Yeh and Toby Kelly (All in Year 10) representing Brentwood, won the Second Division of the National Cadet Table Tennis League (North London Region). All the matches, over the season, were played at Ellenborough Table Tennis Club in Enfield, North London. The picture is of the boys with their League winners medals.

Congratulations!



Immunisations Year 8 & 9 Girls

HPV 2

Monday 21st May

Year 9 have been given their consent forms for this vaccination.

Year 8 have already given consent on their HPV 1 consent form.

Please can this form be returned to reception as soon as possible.

Thank you

Whole School Photograph

Wednesday 9th May

Please make sure students come to school on time, look smart in uniform and go straight to form for registration.

If the students are in a school sports team, they need to bring PE kits so they can change.



There is time for parent/carers to pray with Mr. Scott-Evans Tuesdays 11:15am and Wednesdays 7:50am. All welcome. A warm welcome to all!

School Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that Becket Keys School will be a blessing to the people of Brentwood.

Encouraged by the example of Peter, Thomas of Canterbury and all your Saints,

may its students know the beauty of your truth;

may its staff know the joy of your service;

may its headteacher and Governors be led by a vision of your kingdom;

and, together, may the school community know your Holy Spirit in its midst

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Friends of Becket Keys

Thank you so much to all the new parents who purchased second hand uniform at the New Year 7 Parents Evening, we raised £260!

Huge congratulations to **Jo Heyes** who won the raffle for the pair of tickets for the Friends of Becket Keys Ball in November. She was thrilled!

You can now reserve a table for 8 to 12 people by contacting us via Facebook or preferably through fobk@becketkeys.org



FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS



CLOTHING COLLECTION

ARE YOU HAVING A CLEAROUT?

BRING YOUR UNWANTED, GOOD QUALITY, CLOTHES, SHOES, BELTS, SOFT TOYS, DVDS AND CDS TO BECKET KEYS AND WE WILL TURN THEM INTO CASH FOR THE SCHOOL!

SUNDAY 13TH MAY 11AM - 2PM

DROP OFF IN BECKET KEYS MAIN CAR PARK



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL

fobk@becketkeys.org



FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS

Last chance to grab your tickets for this fun event. Abba's Angels, one of the UK's premier Abba Tribute groups have been established since 2000. Featuring some incredibly talented singers and musicians, they offer one of the most captivating and authentic tributes to one of the greatest bands of all time.

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>

CASH 4 COINS

Remember we are still collecting 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.



ECO-CLUB IS UP AND RUNNING!



With the finishing touches being made to the new sports hall, eco-club is up to speed again. New vegetable beds are under construction using recycled wood from Carters. A new bench has also been made from reclaimed wood donated by the building site team, it will be installed on The Patch next Wednesday.



Flowers and vegetables for this year's harvest are under propagation. The seedlings will be moved to giant cloches on The Patch once horticultural polythene and netting is in place (you may have noticed the large blue hoops across a couple of the beds).

The broad beans already look like it may be a bumper harvest with the abundance of flowers covering the plants.



Not only can gardening lower stress levels, it can lift your mood and give you a purpose and sense of pride and achievement. The more time spent in the garden, the more you will boost your overall mental and physical well-being. Our organic, recycling policy also benefits the fauna and flora in our local environment.

Come along and join us!
Eco-club is open to all –
students, staff and
parents.
Every Wednesday
3.30-4.30pm.



National Gardening Week was launched seven years ago by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and aims to become the country's biggest celebration of gardening.

Thousands of people, charities, retailers, culture and heritage organisations have got involved over the years and you can too!

This year the RHS National Gardening Week is all about sharing your passion for plants.

There are plenty of things that you can do with your family to get into the spirit of National Gardening Week grow tomatoes on your windowsill, sprucing up your driveway or get involved with a local event.

For more information, ideas and a list of events go to:

<http://www.nationalgardeninweek.org.uk>

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

Last week a team consisting of Luis Hayes, Noah Van Enkevort, Samuel Andretti and Ben Pickering represented the school at the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge held at Cambridge University. The boys logical and mathematical skills were tested through a variety of events, including a speed round, a crossnumber and a mathematical relay race! The boys put in a good showing, competing against some of Cambridge's best schools and finished 28th. It was an enjoyable event for all held in the beautiful Centre for Mathematical Sciences and we look forward to sending a team again next year!

Mr Tyson
Mathmatics Teacher

Mathematics Challenge

Which teacher can be found at Leicester 14, Birmingham 8, Blackburn 8, Derby 8?

Send your solution to Mr. Tyson on Twitter
@BKS_MATHS



Music Department Performances for All

This has been another busy week for the Music Department. On Saturday evening the school Stage Band performed three pieces at the Youth Concert at St Thomas of Canterbury Church. The concert is designed to foster and showcase the talents of the youth in the parish and promote opportunities for performing. It was also pleasing to hear a number of students from Becket Keys singing with the choir and as soloists.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Romhany's Year 10 music class visited St.Helen's Infant School and performed a range of pieces, from Pirates of the Caribbean, Rock Around the Clock to In The Hall of the Mountain King. A particular highlight was hearing the Tuba and Alto Saxophone perform solos and hearing all about the drums and guitars.





Degree Apprenticeship Opportunities - IT

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Hours: 37.5 hours per week

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All applications are online. Applications can be accepted until 28th May 2018 via the following link:

<https://ourclients.randstad.co.uk/ford-motor-company/apprenticeship/>

For applicants with limited access to the internet, or for any queries, please call the recruitment team on 03330 146299 or email fordapprenticeships@randstad.co.uk



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Science Club

Monday - After school

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PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	All Years Cricket Nets	Year 7 Girls' Cricket
Tuesday	Elite and Junior Dance Squad All Years Badminton	All Years - Athletics
Wednesday	Gymnastics Squad All Years Indoor High Jump	All Years Girls' Rounders
Thursday		All Years Tennis All Years Boys' Cricket
Friday	Year 10 GCSE Badminton	



Meet the Elite!

Our Elite and Junior Dance Company made their debut at the Introduction Evening for the new Year 7 families.

Fantastic performance girls! We look forward to your next one! Exciting times ahead!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY 7TH MAY

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WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY

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GCSE EXAMS BEGIN

MONDAY 14TH MAY

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HPV 2 IMMUNISATIONS YEARS 8 & 9

MONDAY 21ST MAY

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MADRID TRIP

24TH – 27TH MAY

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WHITSUN BREAK

MONDAY 28TH MAY – FRIDAY 1ST JUNE

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INSET DAYS

FRIDAY 15TH JUNE

MONDAY 18TH JUNE

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SIXTH FORM BRIDGING WEEK

MONDAY 25TH – WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE



**The Friends of Becket Keys
Charity Golf Tournament**



Tuesday 10th July 2018

£50 per person - Teams of 4

- ☐ 8.00 am Registration opens with Bacon Rolls, Tea and Coffee
- ☐ 8.45 am - Welcome Introduction by PGA Professional
- ☐ 9.30 am - 18 Hole Competition (Shot Gun Start)
- ☐ 2.30 pm - Light Lunch followed by Team and Individual Prizes

Contact: Fobk@becketkeys.org to book your place
Friends of Becket Keys - Registered Charity: 1164165

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