

Becket Keys Church of England School

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SPORTS HALL IS EXAM READY – PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

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Dear Parents

Today we have some updates from our Heads of Year.

Year 7 (Miss Ellis)

Year 7 have settled so well into the life of a Becket Keys student. Recently, some of our students spoke in front of hundreds of people to start welcoming the new Year 6 students into our school. It has been brilliant to watch the Year 7 students grow into responsible and respectful young people who demonstrate the values of our school so well. Students have become integral to life at our school: taking part in the upcoming play, performing with the choir, being a part of worship band, performing in school sport teams and attending science club.

Students have made incredible progress and we look forward to assessing how far they have come in our soon approaching end of year exams. In Religion and Philosophy, students have been learning about ethics and have been discussing the difference between right and wrong. They have been looking at different religions and making comparisons between them which has resulted in some brilliant class discussions. Cheese straws and apple crumble have been made in Food Technology. I am sure a few lucky parents have been able to try these if the students were able to resist these treats long enough to bring them home! Mechanical toys have been made in Design and Technology and students have been working hard on coming up with some creative designs. In English, poetry is being studied and today



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I have seen students analysing texts to a very high level.
Ecosystems and forces are being looked at in science with the majority of students able to work impressively. Most students will have recently dissected a flower as well as completing practical activities to allow them to calculate the speed of a moving object.



Year 7 are very much looking forward to their Bushcraft school trip which is coming up in July. We will be camping in the woods for two nights and learning different survival skills. We will be making fires, cooking meals outside, playing games in the woods and swimming in the lake, alongside many more activities! This will be a fantastic opportunity for the Year 7 students to solidify friendships, make new friends and learn how to work in a team. Memories will be made that the students will be able to carry with them throughout their time at Becket Keys. Students who are not attending Bushcraft will be able to take part in a fantastic science day which we will publicise closer to the time.

I am proud of the Year 7 students for showing great levels of responsibility. This comes in the form of volunteering to get involved in different school events on every occasion, wanting to get involved with helping in Eucharist services and collective worship, being kind to others students and showing independent learning skills. It has been great to watch students grow in confidence as the year has progressed.



Year 8 (Mr Pethers)

Year 8 have been busy preparing for and taking their End of Year exams. Year 8 sit their exams earlier than most other year groups. Someone has to go first! Revision in class is going well and I look forward to celebrating the students' successes with them in Term 6. The early exams will give us a good chance to look at whether students ought to do Mandarin or Spanish next year.



(Photo by Igor Fontaine)

Alongside the exams, the excitement of Madrid (or the 2 activity days for students not attending) is beginning to set in. Students are looking forward to spending time together out of the classroom on the 24th and 25th May and developing vital life skills. The Madrid trip provides some of the best memories of any school trip and we can hardly believe it is coming up so quickly next week!

Finally, I am proud to say that over a quarter of the year have volunteered their time over the next month to visit various Brentwood primary schools in order to support Year 6 students with the transition into secondary school. Details of this programme, as well as the two activity days, will follow in later editions of the Newsletter.

Year 9 (Mrs Noble)



It has been a busy few weeks for the Year 9s since returning from Bude. Tutors have spent time during tutorials over the last week discussing their future and their GCSE option choices. We have talked in detail about the GCSE options so that students can ensure that they choose well the subjects they will continue with over the next 2 years. Students have been contemplating which

subjects are most suitable, their current grades and how much coursework is involved! This week, all option choice forms should be handed in and then it is on to the important task of REVISION!!!

Year 9 exams start soon and they will need to do well to get onto the courses they want to study. Final decisions about options will be made once their results are in.

This week 9AC led Collective Worship about the Royal Wedding and said prayers for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Year 9 are looking forward to a Religion and Philosophy Trip next week visiting a Hindu Mandir.

(Please remember to pay £5 contribution via ScoPay so that the trip can go ahead)

Year 10 (Miss Gill)



As the end of the term approaches, we are provided with a great opportunity to reflect on the year so far and evaluate how we have grown as a community. Our Year 10 students represent a clear measure of the school's success: their excellent attitude, resilience and dedication to

personal excellence. It is a joy to see how kind and supportive Year 10 students are towards each other, clearly demonstrating the Becket Keys Values.

Below, you will find some reflective comments from some of our Year 10 students on what they have been doing so far this year.

Danny Brown: Ski Trip

"It gave us a great experience whilst improving on our skiing. We were able to have a bit of freedom, whilst working in groups. We were pushed to our limits which allowed us to learn new things."

Henry Davison: World Challenge

"I am trying to raise money to fund my trip by getting sponsored for activities. Last week, I raised roughly £250 by doing the Isle of Wright Quarter Challenge. This involved a 20mile trek through forests and steep cliffs. It was more difficult than it sounds.

The trip will teach me how to be a leader, learn another foreign language and understand culture in different countries."

Dan Brown: Mandarin

"Not only will Mandarin look brilliant on my C.V, it will also help me with my career as it is an upcoming language within the business world. I really enjoyed learning about the Chinese words for occupations because it is very fun and challenging. The most satisfying thing is when you remember a whole topic.

Alfie Gibbs: Food Technology

"So far, I have learnt about all the different vitamins and deficiencies as well as a range of different cooking techniques. It can help me cook extravagant meals and also can lead me into a career in the food industry."

Billy Thompson: Maths

"I can use Maths to help me when I leave school. This can be in a number of ways, such as helping me with insurance, bills, taxes and tracking my finances."

James Crisford: Science

"So far, we have learnt a lot about atom structures and molecules. This will help me with getting a good GCSE, which will lead me to a good job."

Casey Sonnet: History

"My favourite activity has been studying The Cold War as it is the most recent out of all the ones we have studied, I also find it very interesting.

So far in year 10, I have learnt how to evaluate more fully and explain in greater detail why things have happened and if they are a crucial factor to an event."

Somto Okpalauko: Spanish

"My favourite part so far in Spanish has been improving my speaking skills because it's what learning Spanish is all about. It is a challenging subject, however, you will be amazed at how much you can speak in the language."

Josh Ryall: Design and Technology

"Our first practical was definitely the best part of the year. With the practical we were able to learn more about DT and develop problem solving skills. We were able to use this to improve our engineering skills."

Harry Johnson: Geography

"In Geography at the moment, we are studying Alaska and how tourism and global warming has had an effect, socially, economically and environmentally. We are also learning about the world's biodiversity and the impact humans have on ecosystems."

Chay Hatch: Business Studies

"My favourite activity so far was when we had to name and create a business. We had to consider different factors in opening the business, such as cash flow, forecast, suppliers and the different resources we would have to buy to keep the business running."

Harry O'Herlihy: Prince's Trust

"Prince's Trust has helped me by giving me early life lessons such as team work and problem solving skills."

Year 11 (Mr Wray)

The Year 11s are now on study leave, but they do have opportunities to come into school for assistance with their exam subjects. They are working hard in revision and exam technique sessions.



Our Revision Zone is in the Restaurant and we have different areas for different types of working: silence, whispering and quiet talking. This is working well. Our teachers are running superb sessions to increase student confidence and refine their exam technique. These are timetabled and students are selected to attend. Teachers go through crucial topics one more time and show students the best way to approach exam questions. Last year, a student told me that by going to the session he was able to gain 12 more marks in the exam! He went to the session, asked the teacher to go through three things that he still did not understand. The exact same topics came up the next day in the exam!

The behaviour in the brand new exam hall has been impeccable and the atmosphere all around the school is really great – it is impressive to see so many students testing each other everywhere they go!

A small number of Year 11s are unable to come to school, for different reasons: we remember you each day as well. We are very proud of these students for the way they are responding to their own individual challenging circumstances.

Year 12 (Mr Peggs)

Year 12 are really focused in the build up to UCAS exams at end of June. They are making excellent use of study periods and revising well. There are also actual BTEC exams happening now! The students are also completing 'Destinations Surveys', so that we can support them with whatever their plans are - university, apprenticeship or employment.

There are exciting opportunities to look forward to:

- A trip to Anglia Ruskin
 University on 25th May to learn more about UCAS process.
- Initial discussions about Y13 prom have taken place!
- UCAS exams in June our Year 12s want to be able to measure their progress.
- Lots of students are attending open days at different universities.

We are very proud of the supportive environment that has been created in our Sixth Form. Students are regularly seen helping each other out with studies and other aspects of their learning. They are developing a resilient attitude towards studies and any setbacks. All of Year 12 can be totally trusted to show respect and responsibility at all times, whether in the Sixth Form area, on trips or with visitors to school. They are great role models. Prefects are of a high standard and the Head Boy/Girl team are leading this brilliantly. Sixth Form students are looking forward to supporting the wider school community through volunteering.

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

On the 26th April, our set 1 students in Years 7 and 8 took part in the Junior round of the UKMT Maths Challenge. In an exam that tested logic, problem solving and lateral thinking the students hoped to replicate the success we saw in the intermediate and senior rounds from earlier this year. Well, the results are in and we are happy to share that it has been another successful set of results! Well done to all the following students who achieved awards. We are proud of your achievement and look forward to seeing you carry this on into future years!

Gold Award- awarded to the top 10% of students in the country.

Luis Hayes (Best in School and Best in Year and has qualified for the follow on Kangaroo round on the 12th June!)

Adam Cooper Libby Prentice Cameron Galvin

Silver Award- awarded to the top 20% of students in the country

Mio Ushida
Tobias Hancox
Samuel Andretti
Noah Connelly
Melita Kupryte
PJ Pruce
Harrison Oxley
Hope Lawrence
Tom Archer
Lucy Hunwick
Noah Van Enckevort

Daniel Coombs (Best in Year)
Isabel Keefe
James Vanheerden
Max Peters
Jenna Ashton
Tobias Barnacle
Lucy Gunn

Bronze Award- awarded to the top 30% in the country

James Bills Sebastian Wallhead Rosie Double Olli Uche Lili Fisher-Hope Sebastian Lavin Rady Lola Hinwood Young Danilo Davito Adriana Santos Amelia Ashton-Jobin Jess Prentice Elliot Smith-Tun Fahmid Chowdhury Edward Carr Evie Kniaht Sam Smith

Monty O'Brien
Emily Watson
Ellis Baker
Nathan Donovan
Caitlin Murphy
Lucy O'Hare
Jude Carolan
Josiane Pouadjeu-Kamma

Fraser Barnes
Oscar Pain
Rebecca Lyle
Holly O'Shea
Archie Carr
Pip Barden
Swathi Jayagopal

Year 9 Trip to Hindu Temple

Year 9 have a fantastic opportunity to visit Radha Krishna Hindu Temple in Noak Hill on the Enrichment Day on 25th May.

Year 9 will focus on RP that day, and as part of this we are pleased to have been able to organise a trip. This will be chance to experience a Hindu temple and speak to members of the community that worship there about their beliefs. They will then return to school and use the knowledge they have gained in creative projects.

Please remember that the £5.00 trip cost needs to be paid via ScoPay by Monday 21st May for the trip to go ahead.

Year 9 Girls

HPV2 Vaccination Monday 21st May

Please remember to wear your normal revere collar short sleeved blouse or wear a white t-shirt under your shirt. Individual appointment times are displayed on the medical room door.

Year 8 Madrid Trip

We are still waiting for the last few medical/consent forms. PLEASE hand these important forms in to reception as soon as possible.

EXAMS NEXT WEEK

Monday:

Latin

Mandarin

Tuesday

English Literature

Geography Paper 1

Wednesday

Italian

Physics

Thursday

Mathematics (Non Calculator Paper)

Friday

English Literature

Please pray. See website for more details.

https://www.becketkeys.org/exams. php



Parent View Your child's school

Parent View - OFSTED Feedback.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to my request for feedback on the OfSTED Parent View Site.

So far, 94% of parents would say that they would recommend us to another parent! This is 1% higher than last year! Thank you!

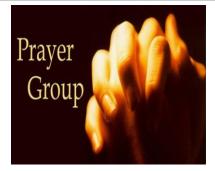
We'd love to have more comments. Please get on-line and give us your feedback it only takes two minutes:

https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Mathematics Challenge

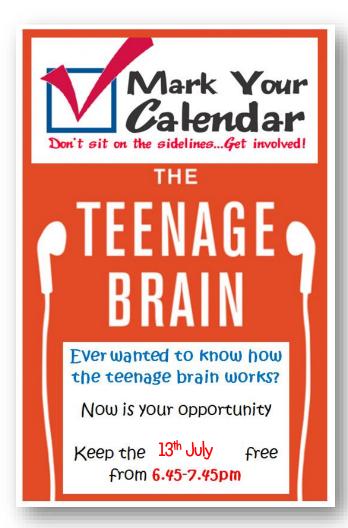
Gill scored a goal half way through the second quarter of a 'teachers versus pupils' netball match. At that point, what fraction of the whole match remained to be played?

Send your solution to Mr. Tyson on Twitter @BKS_MATHS



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

A warm welcome to all!



During our enrichment day on the 25th May 2018, Year 10 will benefit from workshops provided by 'Inner Drive'. Inner Drive is passionate about helping athletes, students and businesses realise their true potential through the development of an ideal mindset and an ability to perform under pressure.

As part of their day, Year 10 will benefit from learning how to study with the brain in mind. To follow up this session, we have now booked Inner Drive to provide an 'understanding the teenage brain' workshop for parents and staff on the 13th July. This workshop will teach us how to help students use their brain effectively. By better understanding how the teenage brain works and the challenges



students face, we will be better able to support them together. The workshops will help develop strategies to overcome and manage procrastination, stress, multitasking, working memory and more.

Indeed, improved self-management and psychological well-being for us all! On the following page there are further details of both the student and parent/teacher workshops.

Please mark the date in your diary and join teachers for this interactive and engaging workshop. This event is open to parents/careers from all year groups. Due to the previous success of this workshop, we intend to offer this opportunity every three years. I look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Sharp Deputy Headteacher

GCSE Spanish Speaking Club Thursday lunchtimes C35

The GCSE Speaking Club that Mrs. Peralta runs on Thursday lunchtimes (1 to 1.3 opm in C35) is currently open to all our year 10 students.

We revise different topics and practise exam technique to help you do your best in the new style speaking exam.

All candidates (Foundation and Higher) will need to complete the three tasks below. So if you need to practise or wish to become more confident come to C₃₅ on Thursdays!

TASK 1: The role-play activity

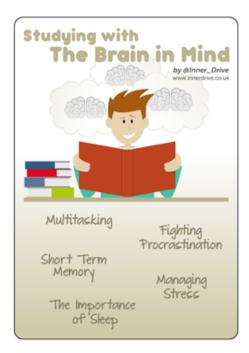
Increase your confidence reading and responding to instructions in Spanish.

TASK 2: The picture-based activity

Practise describing a picture and having a follow-up conversation on the topic the picture represents.

TASK 3: The one-minute presentation and general conversation activity

Practise your presentation skills, asking and answering questions on a variety of topics.



Year 10 Workshop: Studying with the brain in mind

Students in Year 10 received concentration training last year. This year's workshop will teach students about how to get the most out of their brain during revision time. By better understanding how the brain works, your students will be able to use it better. The workshop uses lots of practical experiments and videos to engage students. This workshop explores the latest research on the teenage brain; helping students develop strategies to overcome and manage procrastination, stress, multi-tasking, working memory and more. The session will also help students develop their reflective practises and improve their self-awareness, independent study skills, time management and self-regulation.

The teenage brain: Understanding the brain for parents and staff



The teenage brain workshop teaches staff and parents how to help students use their brains effectively and make better decisions under pressure. An improved understanding of the teenage brain works and the challenges students face will enable us be better support them. It is exciting to think that parents and staff will be receiving training together. We will truly be in the best position to help our students navigate the teenage years! In addition, the session will also contain the key messages delivered to students throughout the day, so that parents and students can engage in conversation to reinforce and enhance their workshop experiences.

KEY MESSAGES

MULTI-TASKING

- Why multi-tasking is so hard
- How teenagers can be efficient and effective with their time

MEMORY

- The brain's limitations with remembering lots of information
- How to improve memory: writing, simplifying, chunking, acronyms

SLEEP

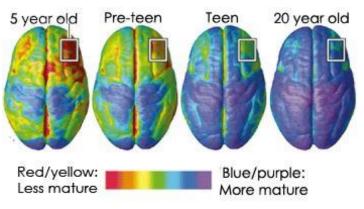
- Why teenagers struggle to get enough sleep
- How to avoid the 9 common sleep mistakes
- The psychological consequences of not getting enough sleep

ORGANISATION

- How teenagers can avoid procrastinating
- How the conscious brain has a limited amount of mental energy

MANAGING STRESS

- Why teenagers struggle to read emotions effectively
- If in doubt, teenagers often assume worst case scenario
- How to manage and handle stressful situations



Friends of Becket Keys – Abba Night

Last Friday saw over a hundred parents, staff and guests pack into the School Hall to enjoy what promised to be an evening of uplifting entertainment, as FOBK staged "The ABBA Great Night Out".

This was the Friends' first Tribute Night and the guests were greatly entertained by Abba's Angels, one of the UK's premier tribute bands, who took the audience on a sensational musical journey through everyone's favorite ABBA songs, singing many of the Swedish group's hits with dazzling showmanship that only a true live band can accomplish. Perfectly replicated costumes and specially choreographed dance routines

made it a show definitely not to be missed!

Some guests had embraced the 1970s fashion for the occasion and people were on their feet in no time, as *Abba's*Angels stormed through their set of epic numbers, all performed live and in perfect harmony, just

like the real thing! If you were looking for an excuse to party, reminisce or simply be entertained by some of the best music ever written, then this was the show for you!

When the Band was not playing the 70's disco fever continued, as "FOBK Resident DJ" Steve Savill provided more vibrant 70's tunes from his mixing decks for everyone to continue practicing their dance moves.

During the evening, over a dozen prizes donated by local businesses were raffled and over £1,100 was raised for the School Playground Appeal, while having a LOT of fun, dancing and singing.

Big thanks to organisers Jenny Downs and Catherine Cooper and their helpers and also to Andy Scott-Evans and his team of staff from school, who were kept busy running the bar throughout the evening.

Thank you to all the parents for their support with this event and to ABBA's Angels for an amazing evening of

entertainment. The night proved hugely popular and FOBK will be looking to run another Tribute Night again next year – watch this space for more details!

Alison Butler
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Friends of Becket Keys – Fundraising



This will be a fantastic day for entertaining clients or simply enjoying a round of golf with friends. All attendees will receive a goody bag and we have Year 11 students acting as caddies.

Clothing Collection

A very BIG thank you to all those who dropped off bags on Sunday. We had a great response and have raised £230! We are still collecting DVDs and CDs, so if you have any at home you would like to donate please send them into school.

Thanks to Penny Richardson for organising and giving up her time on Sunday for the collection.



CASH 4 COINS

Remember we are still collecting your unwanted foreign currency from around the world! We can take <u>ANY</u> 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 do not forget to ask your family, friends and colleagues at work!

Sixth Form
Politics Trip
Westminster
Thursday 18th May





Thursday 18th May

The students enjoyed a fantastic tour of the Houses of Parliament, attending a debate on women's equality led by Conservative Minister and former PM candidate, Andrea Leadsom. Afterwards, the students attended the opening ceremony of the House of Lords.

Becket Keys politics students also attended a debate of their own in the afternoon, arguing whether or not faith schools have a place in our current education system.





This was followed by a Q&A session with Brentwood and Ongar MP, Alex Burghart. Roisin Clarke held Mr Burghart to task; grilling the Right Honourable Gentleman on the recent rise in crime on Brentwood High Street, particularly on the weekends and what he intended to do about it.

Afterwards, our students attended the Supreme Court in Parliament Square, witnessing the court in action.

Mr. Foley – Head of Politics

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property at reception:

- Coats
- Glasses
- Pencil cases
- Uniform
- Keys
- Memory sticks
- Calculator lids (from exam students)

Please come and collect any items from reception this week, as all will be disposed of during the Whitsun break.



School Production

This is a contemporary musical comedy, a popular high school basketball star and a shy, academically gifted newcomer discover they share a secret passion for singing. The two must struggle to make it to auditions, while also meeting their existing obligations to the basketball team and the academic decathlon.

Tickets are now on sale! Book via ScoPay.

£6.00 for adults

£4.00 for children

Sports News

Year 7 Girls' Cricket

The Year 7 Girls' Cricket team embarked on their first tournament on Tuesday at the Chance to Shine – Essex Cricket Tournament. The excitement for this competition has been mounting for weeks and the selected few were elated to be given the opportunity to compete in their new sport.

The tournament was held over an entire day and allowed all students to have a chance at batting and fielding throughout the competition. Miss Schafer was extremely proud of the teams bowling and fielding performance She highlighted Lucy Gunn as most improved bowler and would also like to congratulate Isabella Haywood Biles on scoring the most runs throughout the day!

'The girls have great potential in this technical sport, their team ethic and determination to do well them improve. The girls have only been playing cricket for three months and were playing against well-seasoned cricketers who are a whole year above them! I am truly impressed with the girls' performance and look forward to seeing even more progress going into our summer season.'

Miss Schafer



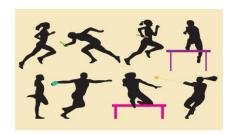
Athletics

District Athletics is on **Wednesday June 13**th – less than a month away!

We **<u>DEFINITELY</u>** want to see you attend training if you were in the district team last year.

There have been lots of new faces this year at training, which has been great, but we would like to see more. So if you want to be selected for the districts, please attend training after school every Tuesday.

All jumpers, throwers and runners are welcome.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HPV 2 IMMUNISATIONS YEARS 8 & 9

MONDAY 21ST MAY

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MADRID TRIP

24TH - 27TH MAY

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ENRICHMENT DAY

25TH 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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INFLATABLES FUNDAY!

THURSDAY 21ST JUNE

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NEW YEAR 7 INDUCTION DAY

FRIDAY 29TH JUNE

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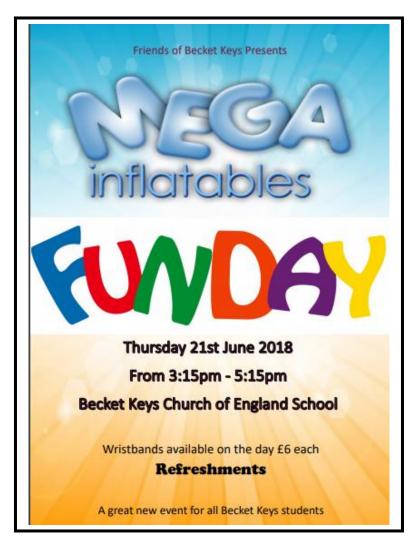
SIXTH FORM BRIDGING WEEK

MONDAY 25TH – WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE

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SATURDAY 1ST JULY



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