



Becket Keys Church of England School

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ARMISTICE DAY – 100 YEARS

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Mr. Peggs writes...

It has been a great couple of months enjoying a full Sixth Form for the first time, with the students in Year 12 and Year 13 integrating fluidly and plenty of new opportunities being taken advantage of. Here, I have tried to summarise some of the highlights so far. No doubt I have forgotten a great deal and the Sixth Form students will point this out to me with enthusiasm – so please expect another update soon!

Both year groups are to be commended for how they have interacted with each other. Clearly, there were many close friendships formed between students of different ages already, but seeing new ones grow every week has been gratifying to witness. We also welcomed a number of students from other schools and, as was

the case last year, they were welcomed into the Sixth Form by all of their peers.

There has been a clear focus on the academic with Year 12 relishing the chance to focus on three or four subjects that they are passionate about and Year 13 building on their successes of last year. The older students have mock examinations coming up and these will provide the firmest indication yet of how close they are to fulfilling their potential, as well as allowing them to streamline their plans for the future. Meanwhile, Year 12 students have found the different rooms they use during their study periods of great benefit: many are appreciating the silent study area in order to get on with their essays and research independently, the group work

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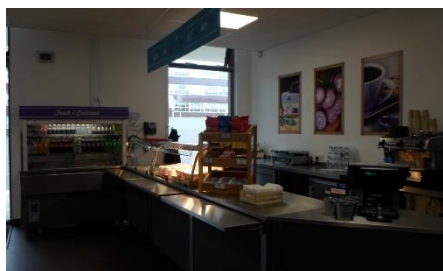
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area has been utilised exceptionally well for collaborative learning and, of course, the Deli has been extremely popular with even more impressive food than last year available all day.



This year will be both equally exciting and sad as those who remain from our founding cohort in 2012 prepare to move on in life. There is a great deal of anticipation surrounding this and it has been thrilling to hear about – and support – the students who have already organised degree level apprenticeships or who are going directly into employment in varied industries. Our first applications for university courses have been sent, with these being as diverse as Classical Singing at different conservatoires, Theology at Oxford, Medicine at several prestigious institutions and Business Management at Florida State!



At the same time as Year 13 are finalising their next steps, Year 12 are beginning to understand what it is they need to start to put in place for these. The Scholars are looking forward to organising their own trips, speakers and events in order to ensure that they have this wider enrichment to enjoy now and show off in the future and many Year 12 students have already signed up to apprenticeship schemes or have visited universities.

Of course, our Sixth Form students are role models to younger students and they fulfil this value of responsibility with great pride. Year 12 have been outstanding in their volunteering and are supporting younger students in lessons through the second expert in the room, by mentoring students who need this extra guidance and by taking the lead in extra-curricular clubs such as sports coaching and music tuition. They are also heading up all the great charity work we do as a school.



We now have a team of over sixty Prefects who are undertaking duties each lunchtime in order to assist other students in different ways. They have also been extremely effective in the ways in which they have supported events like the different open evenings and the fireworks night

– at this time of year the social calendar is full and so their support is hugely appreciated. This has all been organised by the team of the Head Girl, Head Boy and the four Deputies who are also putting together plans for the Year 13 Prom – an event that, to use an oxymoron, will be one of the last firsts we have at Becket Keys!



Having a larger Sixth Form means that we can now play more sports fixtures against other schools and this has been the case with football and netball so far. We have had some excellent results in both sports and look forward to continuing, as well as broadening our teams to include rugby, rounders and athletics – as well as anything else that the students wish to participate in. Like at university, the idea is that the students take responsibility for forming clubs and organising fixtures, something that they do with relish.



This year has also seen the creation of the Sixth Form House

Cup. There are five Houses, each consisting of one form group from each year, and these are competing across a variety of events. The winners of the quiz for Term 1 were PP, closely followed by AC and WW, and FS won the football and netball competition, with HS second. As you can infer, this means that the scores are close going into the next events. First up is a combination of Countdown and University Challenge, followed by a Sixth Form revue and then a basketball competition.



Just yesterday was the highlight of the House Cup, though, with all students taking part in the London Challenge. Although there are some photos in this newsletter, I am not in a position to reveal the winners yet because it has not been announced to the students – the anticipation is building ahead of this on Monday! During the day, students explored London in small groups and competed against each other in different events. They had a series of cryptic clues to solve in different areas of the city, visit as



many areas of the Monopoly board as possible, travel on all the different modes of transport they could and work out unique landmarks to be pictured near. Of course, they also had to buy the tackiest souvenir that they could – the results of which have provided some excellent laughs!

As you can tell, it has been a brilliant couple of months and this is set to continue as the Sixth Form becomes more established and we put more in place that will form the basis of traditions for years to come.

Mr Peggs
Assistant
Headteacher



Year 12 – London Challenge





Enrichment Day



Becket Keys Church of England School has three Enrichment Days over the course of an academic year. Enrichment days, where we collapse the traditional timetable, encourage our students to thrive on challenge and respond positively to different situations. The experience of each Enrichment Day is designed to augment the current classroom curriculum and extra-curricular provision. The Enrichment Days include school-based events with visits or the involvement of local employers and volunteers. Occasionally, there are also visits or trips scheduled for these days. All activities are animated by a desire to offer students further opportunities to not only acquire new knowledge and understanding, but also, significantly, to develop skills and habits, which help broaden horizons and strengthen character. We desire our students to be responsible citizens and enthusiastic lifelong learners. The days provide an opportunity for students to study a subject in

more detail, develop additional skills such as teamwork, and to take part in activities and challenges that are different to their normal everyday lessons. Timely delivery of elements of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE) programmes of study and Careers Education are also facilitated by these days.



Our first Enrichment Day was yesterday. A great deal of creativity and industry is evident in the Enrichment Day programme. We would like to thank all staff for this and congratulate them on ensuring a productive and enjoyable day. **Year 7** journeyed back to Medieval England to solve a mystery, report the news and be creative. **Year 8** focused on developing a growth mindset and the day included a visit from the Fire Service. **Year 9** student activities were based around the NHS. They participated in a First Aid workshop, discussed mental health, as well as relevant interests and skills for a career in the NHS.



The vital topics of relationships and study techniques were covered in the **Year 10** workshops. Several Christian couples (and a baby) visited our school to explore healthy, long lasting relationship and marriage with students! Revision and stress management tips were shared in order to help students prepare for future exams. **Year 11s** were involved in their GCSE Spoken English exams. In addition, they explored 'Unifrog', considered careers and had an opportunity to discuss their revision timetables with teachers and, importantly, revise! All whilst Year 12 and 13s took part in the 'London Challenge'! These days definitely prove that learning is what you make it!

Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher
Mr. Shields
Assistant Headteacher
Miss North
Head of PSHEE

Remembrance Service



This morning, all members of our school community gathered on the playground for an Armistice Day Memorial Service led by Mr. Scott-Evans and Mr. Silver. Evan Inverarity sounded the beginning of the two minute silence with The Last Post and signaled the end with The Reveille. Reverend Michael Child, Essex Wing Padre for the Royal Air Force Cadets, concluded the Act of Remembrance with a prayer and blessing.

In addition, Becket Keys was invited by the Royal British Legion to be represented at a remembrance service for schools at Brentwood War Memorial. Beltran Gracia-Martin, Saskia Bashford, Samuel Smith, William Sainsbury, Bethany Hancox and Evie Walker, accompanied by Mrs. Sharp, attended the service and laid a wreath on behalf of the school community. At the service, a memorial stone was

also dedicated to William Merrifield, who was awarded the Victoria Cross in World War I.



Sergeant William Merrifield of 4th Battalion, 1st Central Ontario Regiment, was awarded the Victoria Cross for acts of bravery and devotion to duty in 1918. He was born in Brentwood in 1890. He later moved to Canada to work and enlisted with the 4th Battalion when the war broke out. The commemorative VC paving stone is to honour him, his bravery and dedication to duty and to mark the 100th anniversary for when he was awarded the Victoria Cross. Evie Skinner sounded the two minutes silence with other members of the Brentwood Imperial Youth Band.





Congratulations to the following students for their determination and hard work so far this term! Miss Barnes has analysed the usage of Mathswatch, and here are the top 20 students in the whole school. This data includes minutes spent, practise questions completed and number of videos watched. Well done to everyone who has been using Mathswatch for his or her own independent learning. Keep up the hard work!

First Name	Surname	Class	Mathswatch Points
Rachel	Lyle	7T1	3432
Rebecca	Lyle	8P/Ma1	2684
Erin	Delea	7T1	2361
Zara	Shepherd	7P1	2083
Samuel	Cohen	7T1	2065
Ambrose	Taylor	7T1	2009
Chidu	Uche-Igbokwe	10 2a	1820
Lucy	O'Hare	8P/Ma1	1813
William	Charters	7P1	1709
Grace	Bennett	7P2	1682
Abbie	Hollington	9t/Ma1	1612
Josh	Musk	7P1	1326
Reuben	Selwood-Fry	7T1	1317
Harry	Adams	7T1	1144
Reece	Pardoe	11 1b	1106
Alex	Palmer	7P1	1064
Hannah	Thomas	8P/Ma1	950
Jeremiah	Ajanlekoko	7P1	948
Orla	Clarke	7T1	905
George	Francis	11 1a	897



Tickets to watch the Becket Keys Glee Club at the regional finals are now on sale!

CIVIC THEATRE CHELMSFORD Sat 26 January 2019

Tickets £10
(£1.50 booking fee per booking)

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres/

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Date Change

**Y12 UCAS HIGHER EDUCATION
EXHIBITION EXCEL** – Moved from Tuesday
26th March to MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2019.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT is now on
WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Late Gate - 8.25am

Stuck in Traffic? Please ensure that if you and your son/daughter gets stuck in traffic and will be late, you contact the school to inform us. If we do not hear from you and your son/daughter is late, they will receive a lunchtime detention.

Friends of Becket Keys



Last Thursday, the first Fireworks Spectacular organised by FoBK went off with a bang!!

After a morning of fairly heavy showers, the weather cleared up nicely in the afternoon and it was all hands on deck for the Fireworks Team and volunteers to get set up on time. Unfortunately, the pathway to the sports field had become extremely muddy due to the earlier weather, but thanks to the use of Penny and Pete Todd's transit van, the job of transporting generators, lighting, gazebo's, tables, chairs, tea urns, food and drink supplies was made much easier.

From 6.30 pm families from the school and local area began to arrive in huge numbers to enjoy the occasion. Younger visitors were treated to glow in the dark sabres and people could enjoy hot snacks before the show and be entertained by FoBK Resident DJ Steve Savill. At 7.30 pm the 400+ crowd was treated to a very

impressive 20 minute fireworks display.

FoBK could not hold this event without the support of the following people:- The committee and their partners who helped with set up and marshalling, The Site Team, Staff Mrs Ahlner and Mrs English for their help with refreshments, 6th Form student volunteers and Year 8 student, Daniel Todd. A special thank- you goes out to Colin Tilbrook whose help was especially invaluable on the night, having had many years' experience organising fireworks for the scouts and also to Great Danes volunteer Steve Hull who provided First Aider cover.

Congratulations go to Jenny Downs, Catherine Cooper and Vicky Davis for their super organisation! The feedback has been very positive, with many commenting on the convivial atmosphere, organisation and the awe inspiring fireworks. Staging an event like this takes an incredible amount of planning and teamwork and is a great example of the community feeling our events are so lucky to have – thank you once again to everyone involved for making it a night to remember.

Alison Butler
Chair FoBK



BIBLICAL PAUSES

FROM TRAGEDY TO HOPE



What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

In the face of tragedy, neglect and disaster - whether through war or terror - it is right to lament the destruction of lives and communities. In doing so we can be brought from a realm dominated by individual pain to a shared resolve for a better world. In reading the scriptures (especially psalms of lament) we can become more sensitive to the sufferings of others whose experiences may be very different, and begin to hope. Our



increased understanding helps us to see what justice, peace and reconciliation might look like, and how they might be accomplished. This will take not only courage and vision, but also the humility to listen and be changed.

Poppies growing in battle-scarred fields were the symbol of remembrance and hope adopted by the Royal British Legion; flowers which, whilst delicate, were resilient and grow in their thousands, flourishing even in the mist of chaos and destruction. Bright red Flanders' poppies (*Papaver rhoeas*) were the inspiration of Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's now famous poem 'In Flanders' Field'.

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields. Take up our
quarrel with the foe;*

To you from failing hands we throw

*The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.*

As we mark the centenary of the First World War Armistice, may we remember with gratitude all those who served, sacrificed and changed our world during the First World War. May we also look forward and strive 'to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God'. The torch is ours to hold high.

Let us pray:

God of infinite compassion, give us the strength to seek healing, justice and peace for all; the humility to listen to the voices of the marginalised and those who feel excluded; the ability to pursue tolerance amid difference, yet be intolerant towards evil and injustice; for the sake of your kingdom, demonstrated in Christ.

Amen.

**Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher**

Sports Fixtures

Monday 12th November

Year 7 Basketball v GBHS (h)
Year 8 Basketball v Woodlands (a)
(Essex Cup)

Tuesday 13th November

Year 7 Netball v HRS (h)
(Essex Cup)

Wednesday 14th November

Year 7-13 Boys' Swimming Gala
@Brentwood School
Year 11 Girls' Football
v Philip Morant (h)

Thursday 15th November

Year 7 Football v Sandon (a)
Year 8 Football v Sandon (a)
Year 8 Girls' Basketball v SJP (a)
Year 11 Basketball v GBHS (h)

Monday 19th November

Year 7, 8 and 9
Boys' Badminton
@ St Martin's School
Year 8 Netball v Anglo European(a)
Year 9 Netball v Anglo European
(a)

Tuesday 20th November

Year 9 Football v Plume (a)
Year 10 and 11 Boys' Badminton
@ St Martin's School



Parkrun organise free, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world. They are open to everyone, free, and are safe and easy to take part in.

These events take place in pleasant parkland surroundings and they encourage people of every ability to take part; from those taking their first steps in running to Olympians; from juniors to experienced runners. All are welcome!

Our local Parkrun takes place every **Saturday at 9.00am**. The event takes place at Weald Country Park, South Weald, Brentwood, CM14 5QS.

It is free to take part but please register, prior to attending. For more information:

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/brentwood/>

Becket Keys have a number of Cross Country events coming up. If you have been chosen for any of these, then participation in the Park Run each week will give you an excellent opportunity to continue your training. If you are a member of any of the school sports teams then joining the Park Run each week will be great way to improve your overall fitness.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 8 CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

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YEAR 12 CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

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SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM EVENING

TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

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CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

NEW DATE

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

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SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

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CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

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LAST DAY OF TERM

(HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS)

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Anti-Bullying Day Fundraiser 2018

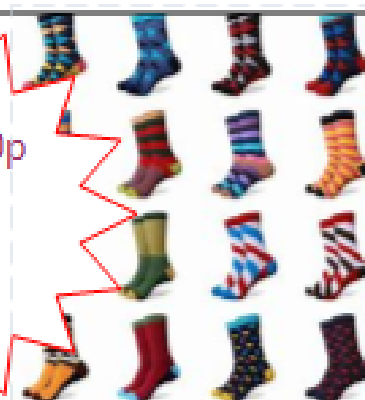
Friday
16th
November

To raise awareness
and money for
Anti-bullying day!

Rules: - Only
change your
socks, keep the
rest of your
uniform as normal

Wear odd and colourful
socks and tights to school

Bring in 50p
to take
part!



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