



Becket Keys Church of England School

1st February 2019

JACK PETCHEY GLEE CLUB REGIONAL FINAL

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Links with China

Becket Keys has enjoyed a fabulous week of Chinese culture. On Wednesday, we held our annual 'Mandarin Day' with Year 7 students. The day was organised by our own Head of Mandarin, Mrs Zhao.

Students enjoyed a range of activities both with their usual teachers and with outside visitors. Mr. Shapland, our new Head of Food, taught students to cook Chinese vegetable fried rice. Students then received a recipe book, apron and authentic sauce to take home with them.

Other activities on offer included Chinese Art and calligraphy, as well as a chemistry exhibition lesson that investigated the science of fireworks (which were, of course, invented in China!)

Students had a fabulous day, and the icing on the cake was the breath-taking lion dance, which we enjoyed at lunchtime, whilst eating delicious Chinese food created by our head chef. You can read more about Mandarin Day from some Year 7 students on page 9.

Coincidentally, on Wednesday we were joined by thirty one Chinese students from Tongzhou Campus High School in China. They have enjoyed three days at Becket Keys; getting to know our school, our teachers and our students and truly immersing themselves in British culture.

Firm friendships have been made in a very short time, and there has certainly been a good deal of uniform envy going on in both directions!

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Our young Chinese visitors are the leaders of the future, as are our own students at Becket Keys.

It is hoped that both sets of students will have learned valuable lessons about acceptance, about embracing diversity and about celebrating different cultures. The future is bright for international relations!.

Mrs Trebess
Deputy Head Teacher



GCSE Certificates

If you were unable to attend the GCSE Presentation Evening last week, please remember to collect your certificates from reception.

Thank you!

Year 9 - Bude



Please note the final Bude trip payment is due on Tuesday 5th February - £180. Kindly make this payment via ParentPay.



MyBand is a fantastic Song Writing, Playing, Performing, and Recording Holiday Course for 11 to 18 year olds.

Essex Music Education Hub has again collaborated with Bassistry to offer a fantastic two-day holiday course where 11 – 18 year olds can try out song writing, performing, forming a band and recording. The two-day workshop, called My Band, takes place in Becket Keys School, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on 20 and 21 February 2019 for only £30!

The course is open to all young musicians playing any instruments! It offers the unique chance to explore different music genres, Rock, Pop R&B, Soul, Jazz, Hip Hop, there are no boundaries. Ability is not the criteria, but imagination and a passion for music are!

The course culminates with a performance to friends and family on the final day.

This course is being specially supported by the **Essex Music Education Hub**.

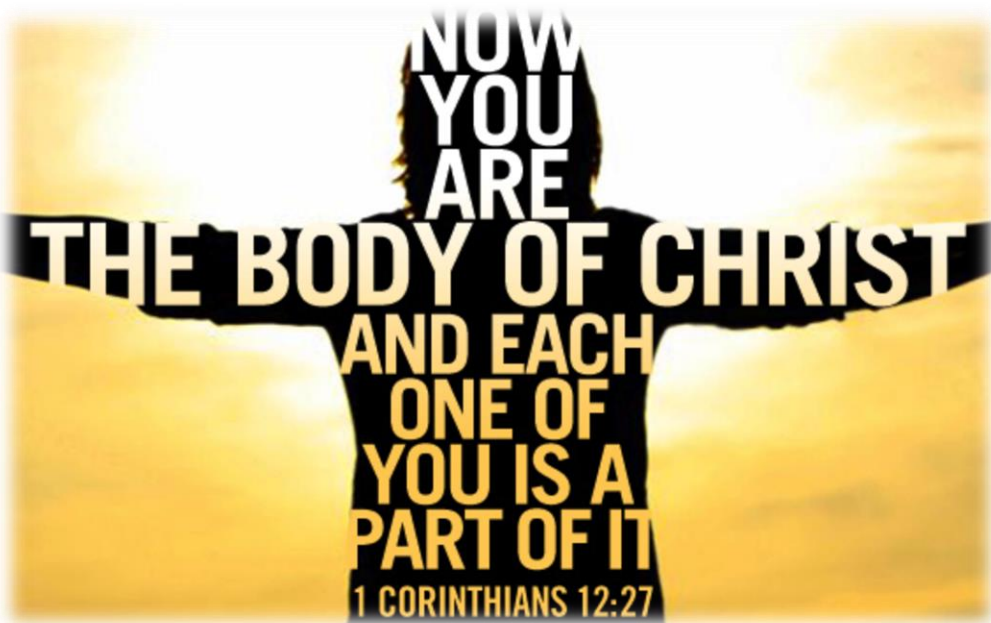
BIBLICAL PAUSES

The Body of Christ

At Education Sunday, two of our students read 1 Corinthians 12-31. This is one of my favourite readings. The analogy presented is extremely useful in understanding the body of Christ as the Church (in its widest context), made up of all those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Each Christian, then, is a part of the body of Christ.

The Body of Christ, like all bodies, is comprised of many parts. There are limbs, organs and various members that, when left alone, are useless, but when assembled make up the entire body. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 describe it like this: *"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many."* This means each Christian is an equal part of the body of Christ!

1 Corinthians 12:27-28 also says, *"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers,*



then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues." Every Christian possesses a gift and is called to use it in service within the body to build up the body of Christ, to strengthen the body and to carry out its purpose within the world. Each member of the body of Christ is also called to serve the church through his or her natural gifts and abilities. This service is offered out of devotion to Christ for the sacrifice He made on the cross, providing them with eternal life in heaven. The diversity of gifts, each supporting the other, makes the body strong!

I find these verses reassuring, God uses every little thing we have to offer. Nothing is insignificant when you serve God. Nothing is in vain. This is confirmed in the words of 1 Corinthians 15:58, *"Keep busy always in your work for the Lord,*

since you know that nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever useless". In our daily lives, we are all called to proclaim truth and unity, to serve, to share the message of salvation, to worship and the love one another. Indeed, these are the principles by which we should all evaluate our lives. We should ask ourselves the following questions:

- Am I a contributing member of the body of Christ?
- Am I actively serving God and sharing Him with others?
- Am I contributing to peace and unity within the body?
- Do I worship regularly?

Saint Teresa of Avila words come to mind, **"Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with**

Education Sunday at St Thomas of Canterbury Church



which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people”.

You might like to say the following prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for making me part of Your body. It is my desire to be an active part of Your church by serving, promoting unity, and sharing my faith with others. Give me opportunities to accomplish these things for Your glory! Use me Lord. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen."



It was a wonderful service on Sunday. Thank you to all the families and teachers who attended from Becket Keys. Our school was well represented. All had a special part to play. Becket Keys contributed to the service through readings, leading intercessions, singing in the choir and assisting at the Eucharist. The distinctiveness of church schools was clear. The celebration of educational experiences from pre-school to Sixth Form had Christian values at its centre. Learning rooted in Christ has clear purpose, direction and meaning.

In addition, thank you to all who baked or provided cakes for St Thomas' 'Great British Bake Off' and cake sale for church funds. I

enjoyed judging the Infant School entries. It was definitely a difficult, but tasty job judging the competition! All entries were of a very high standard. I would also like to thank Mr. Hillery for once again being involved in the judging of entries and inspiring young bakers.

Mrs. Sharp
Deputy Headteacher





On Saturday 26th January, Becket Keys Glee Club performed at Chelmsford Civic Theatre after qualifying for 'The Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge – Regional Final'. Our school competed against 12 other Glee clubs from the region that comprised of some of the most elite theatre schools in the area. Becket Keys placed 7th overall and did the school extremely proud in their very first year in the competition. Whilst they did not place in the top 4 to make it through to the grand final, they did stand their own ground and have certainly made a name for themselves!



Our Glee Club presented two contrasting performances including a Pop Medley by the Pentatonix and an acapella



arrangement of "Chandelier" by Sia.

"The best part was the buzz that the students came off stage with each time; it took us all a little while to even remember that there would be judging at the end! The students almost forgot that it was a competition because they were having so much fun. It made me so happy to see this team supporting each other and having a blast!"

Miss Abdilla
Vocal Coach

"The students proved to themselves just how amazing they are. They bonded so well as a team and gave a wonderful performance. It was great to see them develop as performers and to show real fun and joy throughout the day. We are so proud of all them and are excited for next year's competition!"

Mrs Butcher
Choreographer

"The competition was a fun and exciting day where we didn't care if we got through. We went home having had fun and made new friends and had new experiences. I will remember it forever."

Harrison Oxley – 9AC

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"Competing in the regional finals was a brilliant experience."

Everyone backstage from all the teams were so supportive and the atmosphere was amazing. We all gave it 110% on stage and did our best performance yet!"

Millie Double – 11HS



"Glee was an amazing and fun experience that I will not forget. It was a great way to show our talents and skills. We made new friends that will last forever."

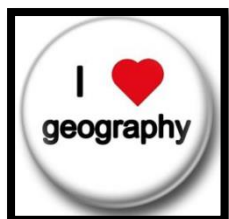
Nicole Sala – 8PP

We are looking forward to entering our Glee Club into next Year's Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge and will be auditioning for new club participants from Year 7-13 on **Friday 1st March at 3.15pm** in the Runcie Hall.

Interested students may visit the Music/Drama Office to sign up and receive an info pack.

Student Report - Geography

How are our lives connected to Africa?



The first three units in Year 8 geography are 'Into

Africa', 'Development' and 'Paradise Lost' (focusing on tourism). Samantha Pain wanted to share her connections to Africa with me and wrote this fascinating account, which we decided would be good to share with our wider school community. Geography is more than simply knowing where places are and colouring in maps! Geography is rich in materials that relate to international understanding, multi-cultural concerns and environmental education. As shown through this account, geography clearly helps provide conceptual links for students between home, school and the wider world.

Mrs. Sharp



One of my mum's friends is called Zandilla, which is his English name, but his real name is Ntobeko Ndosi Ka Magaye, he is from Durban,



Kwazulu – Natal. Another friend also comes from the same place. His name is Charlie, which is his English name, but his real name is Mpilwenhle Magubane. The third one also comes from Durban. His name is Siya, but his real name is Skyper Mqa Gwale. Durban is the third most popular city in South Africa after Johannesburg and Cape Town but is the biggest in South Africa. Located on the east coast of South Africa, Durban is famous for being the busiest port in the country. It is also seen as one of the major centres of tourism because of the city's warm subtropical climate and extensive beaches. Durban forms part of the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, which includes neighbouring towns and has a population of about 3.44 million, making the combined municipality one of the biggest cities on the Indian Ocean coast of the African continent.

Another Zulu friend is called Craig

Nihong Storey. He lives in Cape Town. Cape town is a coastal city in South Africa. The city is known for its harbour, for its natural setting in the Cape Floristic Region, and for landmarks as Table Mountain and Cape Point. As of 2014, it is the 10th most populous city in Africa and home to 64% of the Western Cape's population. It is one of the most multicultural cities in the world.

All my mum's friends from Africa are part of a traditional dance group called The Mighty Zulu Nation. Over the past 28 years this company has afforded opportunities for young South Africans to follow creative pursuits ranging from grass roots to professional excellence.



The cast of professional performers are all multi-talented and originate from the city of Durban, in the kingdom of Kwa-Zulu Natal. Our first tour undertaken to the UK was in 1997, since then they have toured extensively to theatres, festivals, and educational institutions throughout the UK.

The Mighty Zulu Nation Theatre Company were invited on two occasions to perform before HRH Queen Elizabeth II on Common Wealth Day at Westminster Abby. There were also three performances for Nelson Mandela and Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu.



Samantha Pain- 8AC

Every week we allocate time to pray for the school and the wider community. Parents, carers, teachers and friends are invited to take time and pray with Mr. Scott-Evans.

Please come to reception five minutes prior to the beginning of the prayer meeting

**Tuesday 11.15am
Wednesday 7.50am**

All are welcome!

EASTER CARD COMPETITION

COMPETITION
-TIME-



Want to see your design in print and used for the Becket Keys Church of England School Easter Cards 2019?

Fancy winning a £20 book token and 20 cards to use for your own purposes? This competition is open to all year groups. Templates are on SMHW and printed versions are available from your form tutor.

- ✓ DO: A5 portrait or landscape designs.
- ✓ DO: Colour or black and white. You can use pencils, pen or paint
- ✓ DO: Stay within the guidelines of the template.
- ✗ DON'T: Include any text
- ✗ DON'T Use computers.
- ✗ DON'T: Use glitter or stickers

**Designs for the Becket Keys Church of England School Easter card 2019
must be returned to reception by Friday 1st March**

ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT

Designs that reflect our Christian ethos are particularly encouraged.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of our Lord.

Please speak to Mrs. Sharp if you have any questions.



Year 7 Mandarin Day



I really enjoyed Mandarin day because I got to do fun and exciting workshops such as calligraphy, cooking delicious egg-fried rice, learning about Chinese culture, learning how to make Chinese fireworks in Science, watching the amazing lion dancing and in Art we did a design brief of what is worn in China. My favourite workshop was cooking because it was my first time cooking at school and I got to work with a partner using a wok to make egg-fried rice. I got to test taste it and it was delicious. I like this sort of enrichment day because instead of sitting in a classroom, we got to learn and do things relating to the Chinese culture. Maybe we could do more enrichment days like this such as Spanish day, Geography day and Science day?

Thank you for such a brilliant day, I really want to visit China now!

Sheridan Mathews
7AC



I was very excited for Mandarin day as I was grouped with a different form, so this meant I had an opportunity to meet new people.

The workshops were enjoyable, but I also learnt new things about Chinese culture. Did you know that the Chinese were the first to discover gunpowder? My favourite one was cooking because we got to be independent and cook a traditional Chinese meal to take home.

I enjoy enrichment days like this because it is a break from lessons, but we are still learning school related things. It was also nice to have Chinese students and teachers taking part and leading the lessons as it makes the day feel special.

In conclusion, I would love to take part in this day again and I look forward to having more enrichment days!

Pearl Turner
7FS

Mandarin day was great fun as we got to try lots of different activities.

We took part in different workshops such as calligraphy, art, cooking, culture and science. My favourite workshops were cooking and art. I enjoyed cooking as we got to make vegetable egg fried rice, which tasted amazing! I also enjoyed art

as we got to design our own Chinese dress, hand bag or hat. As well as cooking and dress designing, we practised writing Chinese characters and numbers. We also learnt many interesting things about Chinese culture.

At lunch the bistro served all sorts of Chinese food which everyone enjoyed. There were even people who danced as a Chinese Dragon whilst two others played music.



I think that all schools should have days like this as it is nice to learn about the history of China, their language and much more. I feel very lucky to go to a school which puts on events like this!

Olivia Wildman
7AC

On Wednesday, myself and my fellow Year 7 pupils participated in a Mandarin Day. There were several workshops throughout the day which included: Chinese Culture, Calligraphy, Art, Science and Cooking. I started my day off with culture which was taught by Mr. James Trapp. It was very interesting learning about the history of the Chinese objects that he brought in such as pottery from a Chinese shipwreck and old

Chinese dictionaries. After break time I then went to Science where we learnt how the different colours in a firework were made. Next I had Calligraphy where we learnt how to write characters (Chinese writing) and how to hold a calligraphy paint brush properly. Then at lunch time we had a lion dancing display which was very exciting, enjoyable and colourful I loved watching it with my friends.

In the afternoon I did art which was where we did different Chinese designs on some items of clothing templates. At the end of the day I did cooking which was very exciting,! We learnt how to make Chinese rice stir fry which was quite simple but tasted delicious. I even went home and cooked it for my family that evening! My favourite workshop of the day was cooking as I found it fun to learn how to cook rice stir fry. Overall I enjoyed this enrichment day as I loved learning about China and its interesting culture. This was certainly a very exciting day for Year 7s at Becket Keys!

Sophie Booth
7WW



Firstly, I want to say thank you so much to all the staff and parents for making Mandarin Day happen because it was amazing!

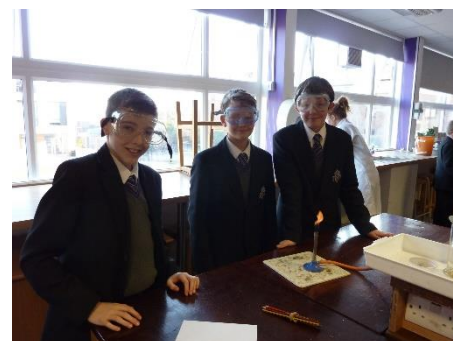
The day consisted of five lessons. For me my day went: Mandarin Assembly, Culture, Science, Calligraphy, Art and Cooking. My favourite lesson was cooking because we made a delicious vegetable egg fried rice.

In culture I learnt that Chinese people used to read from right to left. In science I learnt that iron is used in fireworks to produce an orange or yellow flame. I learnt in calligraphy that it is really hard to do and if you press too hard with the brush the ink goes too thick. In art I learnt that a pheasant means smartness. In cooking I learnt how to cook something that actually tasted good.

At lunchtime, there was a really good lion dance that was really funny and entertaining.

I really hope we get to have another mandarin day or something similar because it was the best!

Teigan Partis-Ford
7WW



Friends of Becket Keys

Friends of Becket Keys have secured top priced tickets for Wicked during the Lent holiday on Wednesday 20th Feb at 7:30pm at the Apollo Theatre London. Tickets are £30 each - please see www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk and register on the site to secure your tickets - limited quantity available and there is only a short time to purchase.

WICKED has won more than 100 major international awards and tells the incredible untold story of an unlikely but profound friendship between two young women who first meet as sorcery students at University: the blonde and very popular Glinda and a misunderstood green girl named Elphaba. Following an encounter with The Wonderful Wizard, their friendship reaches a crossroads and their lives take very different paths.

Their extraordinary adventures in Oz will ultimately see them fulfil their destinies as Glinda The Good and the Wicked Witch of the West.

"Packed with wit, storming songs and beautiful costumes"

(The Guardian)



Tickets now on sale for our FoBK 80's Tribute Night

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2019

Tickets from www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk

Available to all over 18's £10 each.

If you are part of a company or organisation that would like to advertise your business on our Friends of Becket Keys web portal – www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk. This is a fantastic opportunity to reach a wide range and number of people and help the school.

Large company sponsorship is £150 p/a

Other smaller sponsorships are available £90 p/a



Lunchtime Eucharist

Father Mark North (our new Parish Priest at St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church) will be coming in every Friday lunchtime to celebrate communion in the John Wraw Chapel (Justin Welby building).

All members of the local community and parents are also invited to these short twenty minute services. Please arrive in reception at 12.45pm for a 1pm start.

Parent Governor Elections

We are pleased to announce that we have two new Parent Governors! David Brook and Amelia Mauger were the only nominees so are appointed without the need for an election.

Mr. Brook has two children at the school in Year 8 and 10. Mrs Mauger has a child in Year 7.

Mr. Brook is passionate about developing STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics), sport, Health & Safety and links with local businesses. He has been a Governor at St. Peter's School for over 5 years. As a manager at a local large organisation, he has brought aspects of business & project management to the governing board & school leadership team. He also regularly runs and supports business workshops at schools from Year 1 to 13

Mrs Mauger has only recently joined the Becket Keys school community but enjoyed being a Governor at her daughter's primary school. She is interested in strong, collaborative governance and making sure the impact on students is at the forefront of the governors' minds, as well as delivering value for money.

We wish them all the best with their new role and look forward to working with them later in the year.

Nearly New Uniform Sale



FoBK will be holding a nearly new uniform sale in reception, after school on **Wednesday 13th February**. There are many items available in all sizes.

PRICE LIST

BLAZER	£5.00
KILT	£5.00
COAT	£5.00
TROUSERS	£3.00
JUMPERS	£3.00
SHIRTS & BLOUSES	£1.00
TIES	£1.00
PE HOODIE	£3.00
PE TOPS	£1.00
SHORTS	£1.00
SKORTS	£1.00



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Sports News

Year 7 Rugby



This was the first outing for our Year 7 Boys' Rugby team and they made a commendable effort throughout. They finished their day with two losses and a win in their first ever waterfall competition. Great job boys!

Year 8 Basketball



We are through to the semifinals! Fantastic team performance from this talented team

Year 8 Boys' Football

Year 8 boys drew 2-2 with William DeFerrers on Wednesday. They

went 2-0 down in the game and so showed great character to come back in the game – scoring TWO goals in the last five minutes of the game! Goals were scored by Harry Giddings and Jude Carolan. The boys played really well and are working hard in training to defend as a team.



Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 5th February

Year 7 Football
v Chelmer Valley High School (h)

Year 7 and 8 Boys' Indoor Athletics
@ Shenfield High School

Wednesday 5th February

Year 7 and 8 Boys' & Girls' Cross Country
@ Stubbers

Thursday 7th February

Year 9 Basketball v St. John Payne (a)

Monday 11th February

Year 10 Basketball v Great Baddow High School (h)

Tuesday 12th February

Year 7 Basketball v St Martin's School (h)

Year 8 Football v Boswells (h)

Year 10 Netball v Brentwood School (h)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 9 CURRICULUM EVENING

TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2019

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DEADLINE FOR SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2019

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LENT HOLIDAY

18TH FEBRUARY – 22ND FEBRUARY 2019

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INSET DAY

MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2019

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YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS

NEW DATES

26TH FEBRUARY - 8TH MARCH 2019

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FOBK 80'S TRIBUTE NIGHT

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2019

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YEAR 10 CURRICULUM EVENING

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2019

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EASTER HOLIDAY

MONDAY 6TH APRIL – FRIDAY 17TH APRIL
2019




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