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Becket Keys Church of England School

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Mr Scott-Evans writes

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Please give us some feedback to encourage our staff and help us decide what to prioritise next term:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

We are now over half way through the year and, as in previous years, I am writing today to draw your attention to our 'Parent View' page where it is possible for parents to give feedback to us and OfSTED.

This is quick and easy to do. The first time you use the website, you will need to register, but this does not take long, and you will never receive any junk mail! Once

you have registered, you can then give us your feedback in just a few minutes.

Parents are asked to answer several crucial questions about our school, and this will help us to focus on priority areas in the term ahead. If you have registered before it should remember your details - making it even easier to respond:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

After Easter, we will look at the feedback and it will be used as part of everyone's performance management process.

It would be extremely encouraging to receive a high response to this request. Governors, Senior Leaders and Teachers will all be very interested to see the results. It is

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BECKET KEYS
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Year Group Updates

The Heads of Year and students give us an update on the latest news this term.

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also useful in preparation for future inspections as the results are used by OfSTED to compare our school with others. As the only Outstanding Secondary School in Brentwood, we would hope that OfSTED would see that we have the best parent data!

If you want to give more feedback than the questionnaire allows, please use our school website and send me your comments:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/contact.php>. I appreciate that there may be things that you want to say to me but would not want to tell OfSTED! I trust that you all know that you can write to me or any of your child's teachers via the website, at any time.

By the same token, as we approach another holiday, I would like to encourage you as parents and carers in our school community. The work of a parent is a very difficult one; it can be joyous, but often challenging. No one cares about your child as much as you and each tough day that they have hits you hard. Young people today are under enormous pressure and I think the work of a parent is more difficult than ever. Thank you for the care and love you pour into the students of this school.

I am proud to be the headteacher of Becket Keys and share the joys and trials of adolescence with the students and you as parents. I am privileged to be part of your family in this way.

In recent weeks I have seen a number of significant school highlights:

1. Our Year 8 Boys were runners up in the Essex Basketball Cup – well played!
2. Fourteen Year 12s were interviewed for Head Boy/Girl positions (congratulations to all – you made it a very hard choice!)
3. Yesterday, we had a Spring Concert with many of our talented students performing in ensembles and solo performances.
4. Superb work in practical GCSE subjects (Food, Drama, DT) has been completed over recent weeks - staff have been telling me how delighted they are with our students' effort and commitment.
5. Two wonderful Eucharists yesterday (last one for Year 13 and some Year 11s).

It has been a real pleasure to see the students putting themselves 'out there' and taking risks in these ways. They have clearly been proud of their school and should be rightly proud of themselves.

Before, I finish for this term, I would like to also draw your attention to a couple more items. Firstly, I must write a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Playground Appeal. We have now received

over £30,000 towards new play equipment, benches, trees, shelters and landscaping. The first fruits of this investment (benches, netball posts, table tennis tables and basketball hoops) will be arriving after Easter and the new 'Green' will be open for students. Once we can see how the space is being used, we will then install paths and landscaping features and some sheltered areas.

As you can see in the photo on the Front Page, 'Friends of Becket Keys' have given us half of the money. I must give a huge thank you to Alison Butler as chair of the committee and everyone who has taken part in leading or attending our many events over the past year. Raising £15,000 in a year is no mean feat. This is the most we have ever raised in a year! Thank you!

The rest of the money has come from our 'Just Giving' page. 100 families have donated to this page, raising the rest of the £30,000. It is inspiring to see such commitment. Thank you for your generosity towards our beautiful school.

Similarly, parents have been responding rapidly to our appeal for the new School Fund (see <https://www.parentpay.com>). Just £30 from every family for each student will raise much needed money for our school. In addition to the items I wrote about in the letter, we are also looking to invest in new computers to maintain our extensive four ICT suites at

Becket Keys. Please do give generously to this new fund so that Governors can give our students the superb high standards that we have come to expect.

I trust that the holiday will bring some good quality family time for you to enjoy with your sons and daughters. In the midst of all that excitement, if you could take a few moments to respond to our survey, I would really appreciate it. We have a school here that we can all be rightly very proud of, please help us to tell OfSTED about it!

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Thank you.

Mr. Scott-Evans
Headteacher

Year Group Updates Year 7

This is my third year of being Head of Year 7 at Becket Keys and the students who join our school each year never cease to amaze me. The transition to Secondary school can be daunting with lots of new challenges to face and new routines to become accustomed to. Despite this, the students that arrive at our school are always ready to overcome these new obstacles.

When thinking about what to write in the newsletter for the Year 7 segment I was keen to get the students involved. The

students here are amazing and this has provided a great opportunity to show this off. I asked all Year 7 students to fill in a form telling me about the things they are proud of this year both inside and outside of school. The things I read filled me with pride and we are delighted to have such talented young people at our school. A group of Year 7 students were kind enough to share their achievements below.

Miss Ellis
Head of Year 7



Recently I have been in a play called The Midnight Gang which was based on a book by David Walliams. I had to go to the Chichester Festival Theatre to perform and even got to meet the author! It was a thrilling experience and I hope to do something similar again.

Fibian McKenzie

Since I have joined Becket Keys there have been many extracurricular activities. One of my favourite being the Friday Eucharist. It has allowed me to explore my faith whilst enjoying a service with friends. I have also

been able to attend services outside of school which I enjoy very much and I was glad to have been picked. Last Sunday I was doing a reading at St. Thomas' church for Mother's day This could not be done without the help of staff. Many thanks to Mrs Sharp and Father Mark.

I also go to Ukulele Club and since joining, I have bought my own instrument to practise at home. Now I can play many songs and this is all down to music lessons and extracurricular activities at Becket Keys.

Jeremiah Ajanlekoko 7EW

I take part in F1 Junior meaning that I get in a smaller version of a F1 car and get trained by a professional. The coach teaches you how to turn it on and off, how to operate the F1 car and use the buttons on the car. My first experience was hard because I had no clue what I was doing. I was taught and got the hang of it. When it was my first race I was so nervous because the other racers were more experienced than me. When I finished the race I came first; I was surprised. I had a passion for F1-ever since I was six. I would always watch it and never miss a single race. I have won 51 races and 40 cups and 60 medals. Because I won the most medals, cups and races I got to meet Lewis Hamilton and his crew and got to drive the number 44 Mercedes F1 car, which was so much fun!

Ashley Before 7FS

Over the past 7 years, I have been doing ballet at the Central School of Dance and Drama. The ballet side of the dancing school is part of the Royal Academy of Dance. I have only done my Grade 1 exam but I am going to be doing my Grade 4 exam after the Easter holidays. I have also done 3 shows at Harlow where I performed in a group in front of hundreds of people. I go to ballet once a week for an hour.

Beatrice Connor 7WW

At the start of the year, I started joining lots of activities, because I didn't have a favourite sport and because I didn't have much to do at home. Eventually I picked a sport which was football and I really enjoyed it. I got better and better each lesson and made it into a match. At first, I was nervous but I was also excited.

Greta Rockute 7HS

We go to drama club on Thursday lunchtime and Friday after school and we are putting on a school play production called JUST. It is about a comical murder that is blamed on the wrong person. It is going to be performed on 3rd May after school.

**Nicola Wierdak 7HS
and Anya Till 7PP**

I go to a musical theatre club on Fridays after school. We have performed lots of shows such as 'Honk' (The Ugly Duckling), 'Hairspray', 'Wind in the Willows', 'Matilda', 'Shrek', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and many

more. We have had the opportunity to go to the West End as a VIP and meet the characters of Matilda! Also lately we have had a new singing teacher who also helps out at the West End. When I am older, I really want to be an actor.

Darcy Moody 7FS



I do competitive swimming. I train at Killerwhales swimming club six times a week. I have competed at Essex Championships every year since I was nine and have earned over forty medals.

Ella Stephenson 7PP

We all do gymnastics in and out of school. In school, we have competed in two competitions. We competed in floor and vault. In school we attend gymnastics club two times per week.

Ella goes to Havering Gymnastics club and Poppy and Lucy go to Gym Rox. Poppy and Lucy have won over 15 medals and train 3 times per week (6 hours)! We also compete in the London Festival every year. Lucy and Poppy participated in the Brentwood Fun Run 2019, this run was over 3 miles. It took us around 30 minutes

to complete the run. For taking part, we received a medal.

**Ella Stephenson 7PP,
Poppy Haywood-Biles
& Lucy Falco 7FS**

At the start of the year I wanted to join extracurricular clubs because it would be fun. Later on in the year I found a club called Eucharist. So I would pick up a pass to go out of lesson to eat and go to Chapel and start the session with Father Mark. He would read the prayers then we would go to the body and the blood of Christ. Most days I would be the person serving the wine.

Hayden Jasper 7EW

On 28th April 2017 I saved an owl. It was laying on the road and it was twitching. I did an hour and a half car journey to the vet. We kept it in our back garden for a couple of days until it was ready to start flying and its mum (or another owl) came and comforted the owl. My mum and dad were so proud of me.

Alfie Clark 7EW



In December last year there was a karate championship with my karate club. There were lots of people going all from the same club but different areas. I train at Grays and Hornchurch as well as a few others. When everyone got there, we got given our groups and I was in my group with people my age but they were a higher belt than me. When I did my first fight I didn't do too well and I lost, although I won all of my other fights so over all in my group I came 1st. So now I am brown belt and I want to get better so in every training session I try my best.

Regan Clarke 7FS



This term I have looked after two Mandarin students who visited our school. My first, student was called Ankala. She was very nice, loved learning, and she liked doing maths and sport because we were doing dance. I showed Ankala around the school her favourite building was Runcie. She loved doing music, drama and she learned a new language, Spanish. At the end of her time at Becket Keys Ankala gave me and my friends who helped Ankala a present she was very thoughtful. My second Mandarin student was called Penny she was very nice to everyone. She loved all the lessons and teachers. I showed Penny around the school her favourite

building was the Sports Hall and her favourite subject was English.

Sophie Kelly 7EW

In Becket Keys we have many music related clubs including: Orchestra, Stage Band, Wind Band, Saxophone, Choir, Chamber Choir, Young Voices and Glee Club. We participate in many concerts, competitions and musicals e.g. Christmas and Spring concert.

Beltran Gracia-Martin 7EW

I am part of the Brentwood Imperial Youth Band and play the trumpet there. I recently have my marching pad and I am currently working towards my uniform so I can then perform in gigs and occasions/concerts. I have enjoyed my experience so far as it is a great way to learn pieces and make new friends. I have learnt a lot of pieces and also have had struggles in sight reading a piece I have never done before but the rest of band has.

It was very hard on my first night, as I knew barely anyone there but it was very welcoming and I recommend it to anyone even from people who cannot play an instrument to people who can.

Adam Mahoney 7PP



My name is Frankie and I would love to share with you my achievements through music. Firstly, I did my grade 1 drum exam and got a distinction. I am moving to my grade 3 drums. I am also in the Brentwood Imperial Youth Band where I play the trumpet. I am playing in the band at the Parachute Regiment Concert.

Frankie Peet 7PP



Firstly, I enjoy singing and hope to get into Glee Club, that would be my dream. I always try my best in music lessons. So far this year I have auditioned for glee club and the drama production which is fame. I was on an agency for my singing and acting. I sang in a production of School Of Rock.

Ava-Mae Dolding 7PP

I have been playing guitar for just over 5 years. I enjoy playing the instrument as it helps me to express myself through music. The first exam I took was my prep exam and I passed with a distinction. I had to play three different pieces, take a listening exercise and play scales. This was probably my first big achievement as I had worked so hard to accomplish it. I then went on to do my Grade 1 and 2 exam and I achieved Merits in both of them. I was only 1 point away from getting a Distinction on the Grade

2 exam! Although I have stopped taking guitar lessons inside of school, I have lessons outside but I have stopped taking exams. I do it for fun and try to play my electric guitar as often as possible. I now learn songs that I can sing along to as well as play. My most recent song that I am learning is 'Crazy Little Thing Called Love' by Queen, I am enjoying it very much. I think that music should be about making the people that listen to your music happy as well as yourself.

Isabel Slaney 7PP

My name is Natasha and I have a passion for piano. I started piano when I was 6 and my dad would teach me. Then I started to go to piano lessons and learn more steps. I got given books and piano notes to learn so that I could play lots of different pieces. Playing the piano makes me feel happy. I still play the piano today I even have one at home to practise with.

Becket Keys music opportunities are fantastic and everyone is very welcoming, I definitely recommend to try different things and come out of your comfort zone who knows you could find an amazing talent ready waiting for you!

Natasha Zviko 7PP

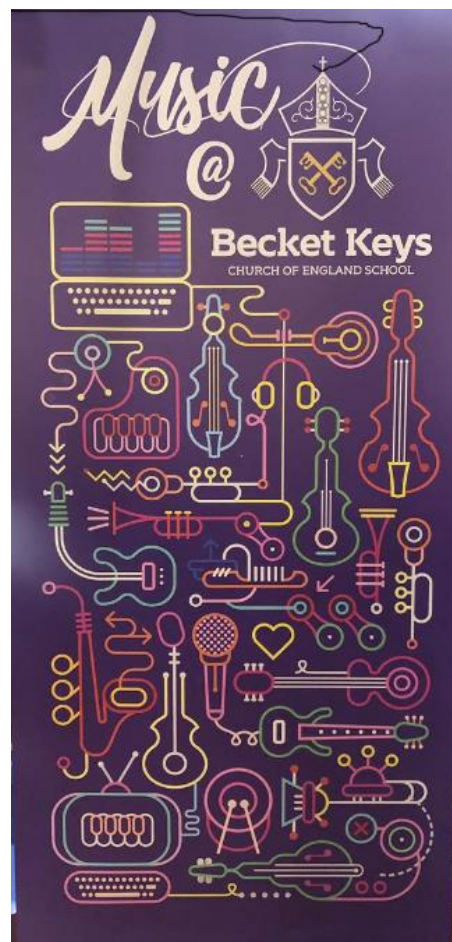
My name is Charlotte Barua and I have Grade 1 violin. I also love to sing. Singing is my passion and when I sing it makes me feel happy. In our Year 6 production I had a role that included singing a song. I have learned the violin for three years and I am Grade 1; it is

very hard and I have to practise a lot.

Charlotte Barua 7EW

Hi, my name is Oliver Selwyn and I have made an album on iTunes. It only has four songs but I am very proud of it as it took me a very long time. I also play the piano which helps me when I am struggling to think of melodies and chords to a song or even a baseline.

Oliver Selwyn 7EW



Holly Roberts has accomplished being in the fastest relay team in Essex over 800 meters (running). Jonathan Esho has accomplished being 1st in regionals 60 metres sprint and 4th in Nationals (running). Alfie Geeves came

fourth in the Becket Keys Cross Country overall and Matthew Tilbrook came eighth in the Becket Keys Cross Country (2.5k). Holly Roberts would one day like to represent a very competitive athletics group. Alfie would like to win one of his runs. Matthew Tilbrook would like to do a 5k run under 15 minutes. We are all in the Becket Keys team.

Holly Roberts 7EW, Jonathan Esho 7EW, Alfie Geeves 7PP, Matthew Tilbrook 7EW

One of my main achievements here at Becket Keys so far would be getting my target grades in some of my subjects that I have struggled in. In Mathematics and Science, my target grade is 2+ and last term in Mathematics I got a 2+, whereas all the other times I got a 2. Also, a couple of terms ago, I managed to get a 2+ in Science.

I have also managed to get some really good scores in both of my Spanish and Mandarin assessments, where I was only a couple of points off of getting full marks. I would not be able to achieve this if it was not for the teachers here at Becket Keys and doing extra revision at home as well.

Emily Worrell 7EW

I started skiing when I was 3, and started ski racing when I was 5 ½. I ski for Essex and have taken part in loads of ski races and won a few medals as well. I train twice a week

and I have many friends there, it is a nice supportive environment.

Eira-Mia Higgs 7HS



Hi, I'm Sam and I swim at Brentwood swimming club. Every year many swimmers compete in many galas across Essex. When in these galas you get different times for different events. These will all usually have a County time for them that you can achieve. Once you get beyond this time you are invited to the Essex County Championships. So far, I have been to the last three doing a variety of events. My first year I was doing: 50 m Freestyle and 50 m Breaststroke. I was also in the relay team where we did 200m x 4 Freestyle relay and a 200m x 4 IM relay. I didn't get an award in my solo event, but in our relay team we came 8th and 4th. The year after I was in the Counties for many other different events. I did: 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke and 200m Freestyle. I was also in the relay team. However, we did not do as well and only got in the top 8 once. This

year I have suffered from a knee injury so I didn't do the solo events however I still did the relays where my team and I came 8th.

Sam Carey 7EW

At Becket Keys School, girls' football is taken very seriously and we have had a range of exciting fixtures and futsal tournaments. In one of the futsal tournaments Millie Latham and Eniola Olulode got to play with the Year 8 girls and we ended up coming 3rd. In the Year 7 girls' Futsal Tournament we placed 4th and managed to work really well together despite it being one of our first football tournaments. Outside of school I play for a team called Tigers JFC U12s. We have been successful in many of our matches and in the summer we are hosting a tournament for many other teams and hope to do well in it.

Eniola Olulode 7EW

Year 8

The role of Head of Year, in my opinion, is an enjoyable, sometimes challenging job, full of reward. It is a great way to work with students on a more personal, pastoral level. Over the course of this year, I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside your sons and daughters, learning about them and supporting them through a particularly interesting part of their development into young adults. As they have become more familiar with their surroundings, their peers and their own personalities, I am proud to have played some part in that.

I have always urged my year group to display respect and responsibility. These are two characteristics vital to success in all areas of life. With so many opportunities to do this on a day-to-day basis, I am proud of what every member of Year 8 has achieved so far.

With two terms still to go, exciting times lay ahead. The opportunity to continue to make excellent progress, setting students up for Year 9 and choosing GCSE options will be one I know the students will relish. Sporting achievements will continue to flood in as winter sports make way for summer. I await undoubted success at District Sports and Sports Day with great anticipation. We have some truly outstanding sports people in Year 8 and it is so pleasing to see them continue to flourish, showcasing their abilities not just within our school, but at a County and National level too.

Particular highlights for the year group were the gymnastics group, with a member of Year 8 winning a Bronze medal at Nationals, and our fantastic basketball squad who earned many plaudits for their amazing run in the County cup, only narrowly missing champion status by a few points in the final!

The trip to Madrid is also a fantastic opportunity for students to test their resolve and independence. An opportunity to trial their character in a completely different setting,

whilst also enjoying invaluable experiences with their peers.

It has been a fantastic year so far, and one I am extremely proud of. Your children are the reason behind these achievements, and I thank you for all of the support that you continue to show.

Mr. Pethers
Head of Year 8



During Year 8, I have enjoyed most, if not all of my lessons. In particular (outside of PE!) I have enjoyed Design Technology and Mandarin the most. In DT, the project this year was to design a working clock and then go onto making it. I really like all of the processes involved in the task, especially the design part because when the design looks good, I cannot wait to see the finished item! I also like DT because it is not like any other lesson where you are writing all of the time; it is more practical and hands on.

I really enjoy Mandarin lessons and relish the opportunity to continue to learn more about the language and the culture. My knowledge of the language has really taken off this year. I personally think it is great to be able to speak another language.

In Year 8, I began the year in different classes for Mathematics and English, and so far, I am achieving well and on target to reach my end of year target grades. My academic success this year has also been mirrored in sports – we made it to the Essex Schools' cup final for basketball.

For me, my end of year goal is to continue to make excellent progress across all subjects, but particularly humanities, and to reach my end of year targets (or higher), in all of my subjects. I also want to continue to represent Becket Keys in as many sports events as possible.

Callum Hayes 8WW



So many sports are on offer at Becket Keys and we are provided with so many chances to have fun and develop our skills. I was lucky enough to make it into the Nationals with my trio in Gymnastics... not only that, but we also won Bronze for the Eastern region! I have also had the opportunity to compete in netball, basketball, swimming and much more. The sports department make all of this far too difficult not to be involved in – they are all so nice and provide fun and engaging lessons for us all to enjoy! Year 8 students have enjoyed great success this year already! Some of my friends made it to the County

Cup Final in Basketball, losing narrowly to Westcliff. We are all so proud of them. This team, along with our other sports teams, have provided our year group with lots to get excited about!

Lucy Gunn 8WW



What had you heard about the Year 8 trip to Madrid, prior to signing up?

As my sister went on the Madrid trip two years ago, she told me about all of the exciting visits and activities as soon as I got the letter. I really hoped that I would be successful in making it on to the trip!

What are you looking forward to most on the trip and why?

I am most looking forward to going to the hotel as it looks really nice. The opportunity to spend time with my friends in a different place is great. I am also excited to spend some time in the sun!

How do you think the trip will help you to develop as a person?

I think it will help me to develop, as I will be away from my parents so I will have to look after myself a lot more. In addition, I think I will get over my fear of flying.

Lily Brooks 8AC

Year 9:

Year 9 have had a busy term looking at and choosing their different options for next year. From Year 9 options evening, to a careers workshop, to a parents evening, students have had many conversations to ensure that they are choosing the right subjects for next year and beyond.

There have been many sporting events over the last six weeks and many students that have been successful in the Maths challenge. The Year 9s are now getting ready for the Bude trip with lots of excited students (and staff!).

Mrs Noble
Head of Year 9

Here are some reports from a few Year 9 students:

Volunteering is a very important part to life, volunteers are people who give up their time for free to help people. I am very proud to say I volunteer at the SNAP centre. I chose SNAP for my Duke of Edinburgh because I am very interested in helping those with special needs. SNAP stands for Special Needs and Parents and the organisation helps Parents understand their children's disabilities and helps them as it provides a place of comfort. When I volunteer I help set up and get involved. I join in on the games, I make sure everyone is okay and I help out on anything that needs doing. Many people mistake volunteering to be boring and uninteresting, I thought that



myself! However; being at SNAP is more than a Duke of Edinburgh course; it is a time to give up my time to help others that need it more. I have learnt how to be caring and thoughtful of what I say and I have learnt how to attend other's needs. I fully recommend volunteering as it is a fun way to help others and get involved. In conclusion, volunteering can take many shapes and forms, and it's easy to get involved! Find something you care about and help out by raising money or being there. Make posters and make sure everyone is aware.

Courtney Kambasha 9WW

My cousin, Alfie, suffers a severe level of cerebral palsy, an incurable disease, meaning he can't walk, talk or communicate like we can. It is almost like he is trapped inside a body that doesn't want to do what he wants to do. He does understand conversations but his body does not allow him to respond. He also cannot control his emotions; sometimes he laughs so much that he cries. He is 13 and

wants to do normal things that we all take for granted. He enjoys going on the swings at parks, playing with his dog, going to bowling alleys with his group and playing with people like him.

Therefore, I am raising money to buy him a swing alongside other great things. I have set up a just giving page, and have already raised £400. We are also doing a raffle in our form to raise money for him. I cannot cure him but I can give him happiness.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ellie-raises-money-for-alfie>

Ellie Hulse 9PP



On Friday 22nd March a wonderful group of creative students showed off their performing arts skills at the 'Fame!' musical production auditions. Over fifty students demonstrated an array of talent with dance, singing and acting criteria being judged. It was a fun, enjoyable time full of laughs and wows. The cast list has just been announced and we are all so excited to start rehearsals next term!

How did our love for musical productions start? For me I had the awesome experience of participating in the Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge. We all had one thing in common: we loved the stage. We had a fabulous array of talent, from Katherine Ellery who excels at operatic singing, Serena Grant with a powerhouse vocal belt and Mwaka Chiwi whose expressive tone shook all of our hearts. Our members were all unique and we used that to our advantage. We didn't make it further than the regional final but we did have a huge amount of fun and an excellent theatre experience!

At the end of the day, we don't do this for bragging rights or qualifications. We do it for our love of the craft and when audiences see us they are able to see that shining through!

Harrison Oxley 9AC

Year 10

The Year 10s are working very hard in lessons to progress in all of their GCSE courses. Feedback from parents' evening was excellent and students have clear targets for improvement!

Many Year 10 students continue to mentor Year 7s in a very positive way on a Wednesday morning and students, parents and teachers are very grateful for their hard work!

Sara Norris, Abbie Catton, Nicole Beke, Alexia Sala and Amelia Pearson represented the school in

March, at the Anti-Bullying Ambassador' training day.



The students were full of ideas in a very thought-provoking day and it is hoped that the students will have the opportunity to act upon some of their ideas through the student council meetings coming up later in the year.

Many Year 10 students are experiencing the challenges of GCSE coursework at the moment. In Music, students have to create an individual composition; in PE, students are required to analyse their own performance in an assessed sport and in Food Technology students are required to evidence a meal they have cooked at home using their key skills – which must have been a lot of fun for their families too!

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who have auditioned for the musical and/ or are involved in the Spring Concert! It is great to see so many of you involved.

10HS and 10AC have created and presented their form collective worships in recent weeks and have done a fantastic job! Form collective worships are a great way for students to experience standing up and presenting in front of a large group of people.

The Year 10 Boys' Football team were involved in an epic game against St John Payne this term. The boys were not able to get a result, but represented the school with character and responsibility. In a makeshift team missing many players through injury, unavailability and illness, Becket Keys battled hard for the team and each other. Senior players really stepped up to support the less experienced amongst them and lead them through the game, which was great to hear. The match really showed the character, pride and determination of the students involved – well done!

**Mr Wray
Head of Year 10**

Year 11

Year 11 – with only fewer than 3 school weeks left until your exams start I would like to open with a quote from one of the greatest basketball players of all time, Michael Jordan

"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."

This quote is more pertinent now than ever before. We are human; we make mistakes, we get things wrong, we succeed, we fail and this will be the norm going through the rest of your life. However, now more than ever we need to put as much effort in as possible. Imagine this as a marathon, we are 25 miles in, we have one mile left, we see the finish line but we are exhausted, drained, ready to give up. These

are feelings you may be experiencing now, but like in a marathon, 1 mile from the end giving up would be ridiculous. To put in all the hard work you have over the past five years to give up now would be the worst thing you could do. To be successful, it requires hard work and even if you work hard, you may still “fail” but accepting that and working hard anyway will increase your chances of success, as we achieve nothing from not trying in the first place.

This Easter break is the last mile of a marathon, fight through the fatigue and the stress and push through with all of your energy and throw everything at your final few weeks. Enter your exams with no regrets and reap the success in August!

Finally, you are not an island you have such a huge support network around you, talk to us, revise with us, work with us and together we will ensure the success you deserve come August!

Miss Gill Head of Year 11
Mr. Shields
Assistant Headteacher



REVISION – Making it effective

Revising is key, now you have set the scene and are *relentlessly* sticking to your plan you need to create the most awesome revision session:

STEP 1:

Identify your topic; pick an area of weakness, *NOT* an area you are confident in, use a PLC you have developed from the subject you are revising



STEP 2:

Use revision strategies to make notes and interesting revision material

Good Revision	Bad Revision
Cue Cards Thinking maps Post it notes Paired revision Teaching others Repetitive learning	Reading notes Highlighting Copying large sections of text




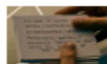

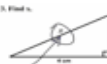


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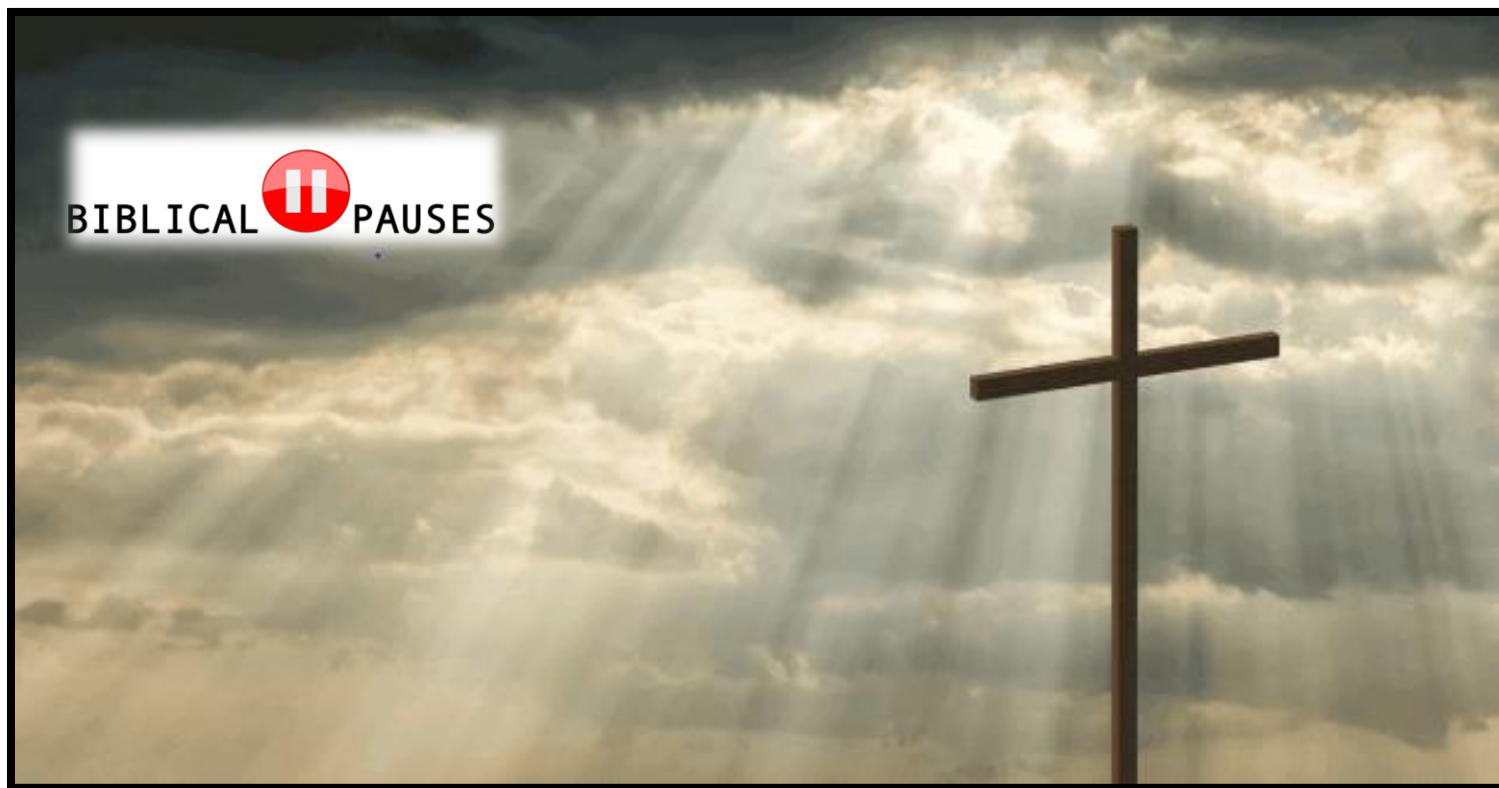
Use exam questions to apply your previously learned knowledge. REVIEW and repeat some learning a few days later to see if it has stuck!

STEP 4: Reward yourself for hard work!



Revision – A summary guide!

- 30-45mins at any one time! 
- No phones or music, they are distracting! 
- Reading and highlighting does not work! 
- Post it notes and cue cards work as they provide short bursts of information! 
- Test yourself with the cue cards, get a friend or family member to test you 
- Always follow up with an exam questions to practise applying your knowledge 
- Revise areas of weakness!! Do not revise topics you know, it's a waste of time! 
- Reward yourself for hard work; this could be a takeaway, a new item of clothing. Reward positive behaviour! 



For God so loved the world

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

We remember the supreme sacrifice of our King, the Lord Jesus Christ. Led like a lamb to the slaughter, clothed in humility and grace, he willingly offered himself to death so that we might live forever. We are truly thankful for the extent of his love, stretched out on a cruel wooden cross. We dwell on the pain he bore for us and are truly grateful for the forgiveness that he offers. May we be with Jesus in thought and prayer throughout the

remaining days of Lent and into Holy Week, as he demonstrates again His total love for us. Help us to live in the wonder of this goodness and marvel at his endless grace.

May you and your family be blessed as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life. Amen.

Emma-Jane Sharp
Deputy Headteacher

Easter Services

Please find attached a leaflet informing you of the Easter Services in the local Churches in the Brentwood area.

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

Easter Raffle

Many thanks to all those who bought a ticket to this raffle. The winners are:

1st Prize – Emily Moore

2nd Prize – Suzanne Thomas

3rd Prize – Charlotte Barua

4th Prize – Sam Carey



Easter Card Competition

Winner!

Congratulations to Frankie Peet for winning our Easter card design competition and all those who took part in the competition. The winning design was beautiful and effective. It will be used by the school to send messages of hope and love to others in our local community and beyond this Easter.

Can you help the Food Department?

Do you have some kitchen equipment that you no longer have use for? Something at the back of the cupboard you no longer need? Then please consider donating it to our food department.

We would be particularly interested in the following, however any donations will be welcomed:

- Pasta Machines
- Stick Blenders
- Deep Fat Fryer
- Plates for Presentation of food during assessments
- Tea Towels

Volunteer

We are also seeking volunteers to help set up the food rooms. You will be needed for 15 to 20 minutes each morning, from 7:45. You will need to be happy to roll your sleeves up and do things like carry ingredients out, do some chopping and general tidying. In exchange we will provide tea and toast! If you are interested, please come and see Mr. Shapland in W31.



BISTRO/ORANGERY NEWS

If you know your thumbprint does not work please come to reception at the end of break time so that it can be redone



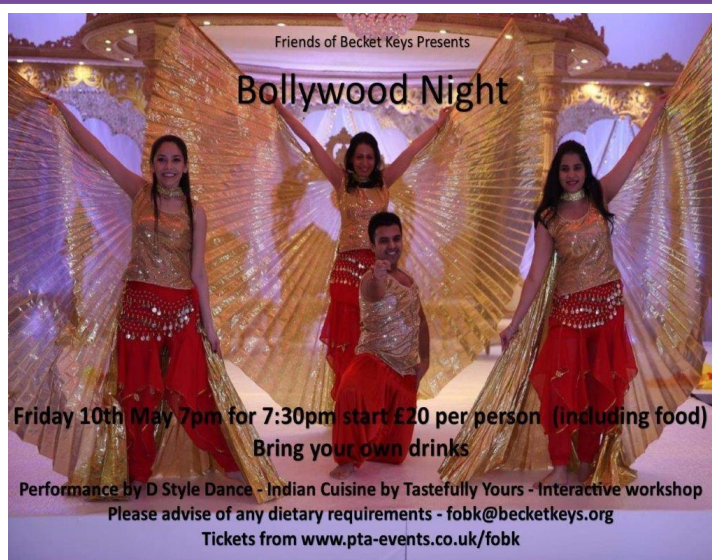
Spring Concert

We had a wonderful evening at the Spring Concert last night. Performances from the Stage band, choir and orchestra showed a variety of different genres and styles from the very talented students being nurtured by our Music Department.

Well done to all those who performed solo at this special event.



Friends of Becket Keys



We have pleasure in inviting you and your friends to our first Bollywood Night.

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2019

We have an amazing group of dancers coming to perform called D Style Dance. They will be performing for us and then later in the evening doing an interactive master class you can either join in or watch.

During this event you will be served Authentic Indian Cuisine homemade by 'Tastefully Yours', a company run by one of our committee parents, Vidushi Uppal. If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know no later than 3rd May so that we can accommodate you.

We will have an Indian themed raffle and will be decorating the hall. If you have any items you would like to donate please contact us through

fobk@becketkeys.org

Tickets are available through:

www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk

We look forward to seeing you there!

**FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS
ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
MAMMA MIA THE MUSICAL
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2019
@ 7:45PM - £30 EACH**

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BENNY ANDERSSON & BJÖRN ULVAELUS'
MAMMA MIA!
THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL BASED ON THE SONGS OF ABBA

**GREAT EARLY
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IDEA**

Nearly New Uniform Sale



Thank you to all those who supported the nearly new uniform sale on Wednesday this week.

£175.00 was raised for the school.

If any families have any uniform that is now surplus to requirement then please bring it into reception at your earliest convenience.

Many thanks!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET DAY

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019

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EASTER HOLIDAY

MONDAY 8TH APRIL – FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 19

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INSET DAY

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2019

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YEAR 7 PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL

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MADRID TRIP MEETING

5.00pm FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

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YEAR 12 - VISIT TO OLD BAILEY

TUESDAY 30TH APRIL

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YEAR 9 BUDE TRIP

FRIDAY 3RD – WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY

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YEAR 11 LEAVING DAY

THURSDAY 9TH MAY

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YEAR 13 LEAVING DAY

FRIDAY 10TH MAY

Year 7 Girls' Basketball



On Tuesday 3rd April the Year 7 basketball team played a match against Southend High School for Girls.

This match was a great learning experience. We discovered there were ways in which we could improve our playing as at the time we were not getting any rebounds or taking chances and driving towards the basket. We also needed to stick with the players we were marking and try to pass more around the key.

We will take these lessons into our training next term and will improve as we play more matches.

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