



Becket Keys Church of England School

24TH May 2019

YEAR 10 CAREERS NETWORKING EVENT

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Mr. Scott-Evans writes...

Whitsun

As we approach the Whitsun Holiday, I have been reading about the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the church, from Acts 2.

"42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.

45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to

their fellowship those who were being saved."

As you can see, I have underlined a number of sections which I felt also describe, at least in part, our school community.

My hope is that our school will be a Christian community that reflects the good practices of the early church.

With some of the students this week, I spent time listening to their ideas about how we could become even more like the Christian community described here. We talked about a number of creative ideas. These included:

- Enjoying the goodwill of the local community by being more outwardly generous and ensuring our reputation is excellent

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- Improvements to our 'place' in terms of the new green next to the playground.
- New ideas for enhancing our Patronal Festival Charities week

I would like to address each point in turn.

Green Space:

We have purchased some new table tennis tables, which arrived this week. There seems to be a fairly insatiable appetite for outdoor table tennis and so we may even purchase some more of these, using the funds we were so kindly given. We are also looking at some new covered seating areas to complement the already popular new wooden benches. We are working with two different companies looking at installing pathways, but we are trying to get the price down as if we are not careful this will use up a lot of the money we were given and it will not enhance students' experience very much.

Local community

I was stopped outside of school recently by a member of the public who wanted to point out how fantastic our students were. She said that they were always polite and respectful, apologising for taking up space on the paths. She had a very young child with her, and it was clear that she hoped that one day he would be a Becket Keys boy!

As we all know, it is very busy out in Sawyers Hall Lane and it is

somewhat of a miracle that our students behave as well as they do and that we have not suffered an accident out there. I have been pleased to see new 'enforcement' officers out there trying to tackle the illegal parking and dangerous driving. This will help.

We are regularly asking that some additional investment from Highways will be forthcoming and some improvements to the width of the path may be possible. In the meantime, it is up to our students to do everything they can to enjoy the 'goodwill of all the people'!

Patronal Festival Charities Week

When we return after Whitsun there will only be a couple of weeks left of June and then in July, we celebrate our Patronal Festival. As usual, this will include, Sports Day, Music Concerts, Governors' Speech and Awards Evening and a good number of fundraising activities for our school charities. More details about these events will be forthcoming in the next few newsletters. However, remember the most important dates are always available on our website:

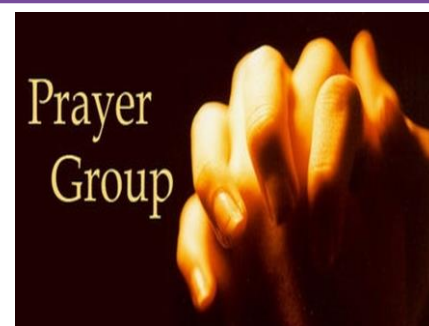
https://www.becketkeys.org/documents/Parents_Calendar_18to19_May.pdf

Whitsun is an annual celebration where Christians remember the coming of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit is mysterious but powerful. We have seen it at work in school this week in a variety of other ways in addition to the above:

- Supporting a family through a time of bereavement
- Helping students in their exams
- Bringing peace and calm in a tiring and busy week.

Whatever you are doing over the Whitsun break, I pray that you will have a restful and enjoyable week. I pray that it would be one where you truly know the presence of the Holy Spirit with you.

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher



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.

Tuesday 11.15am
Wednesday 7.50am

All are welcome!

Enrichment Day

At Becket Keys we have three enrichment days over the school year. This involves students coming off timetable for the day and participating in a number of educational activities. Each subject area organises events and workshops to enhance the learning of students in the school. There is a planned programme of visits to the school by specialists to inspire and inform our students.



Today we have had a number of workshops for the students. Year 7, were saving the Earth from attack! Year 8 were using their business and building skills. Year 9 were taking part in a Murder Mystery and quiz. Year 10 were 'Planning for the Future' with careers talks from a wide range of businesses and companies. Year 11 & 13 were continuing to study for their exams and Year 12 were visiting Anglia Ruskin University.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BRENTWOOD 

**CELEBRATING THE COMING OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

Come Holy Spirit



We welcome you!

SATURDAY 8th JUNE 2019

Service at the Chapel Ruins 12.00 noon
led by Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Diocese of Chelmsford

Pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit

COME AND WITNESS TO THE *RISEN* LORD
as the disciples did at Pentecost

Let the people of Brentwood know
It didn't end on Good Friday
THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN!

After the combined service at 12.00 noon, each Church will have a slot in the afternoon to continue praise and worship at the Chapel Ruins in their own style and tradition; showing our unity and diversity.

"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation."
Mk.16:15 NJB

Residential Trips



80 students from Year 8 are away this weekend in Madrid. We hope that they are having a wonderful time. The news from Spain is that the weather is very hot and that

the students are behaving impeccably. WE look forward to seeing some photos over the weekend on our Twitter Account: @BecketKeysTrips .

Meanwhile, we have sent home news of a our trip to Berlin for GCSE History Students in Year 11. We were both pleased and surprised to have all 45 spaces sold out within two hours of the listing going live on ParentPay. We have a waiting list of around 18 students and we are working hard to see if we can get them places.

BIBLICAL PAUSE

True Colours

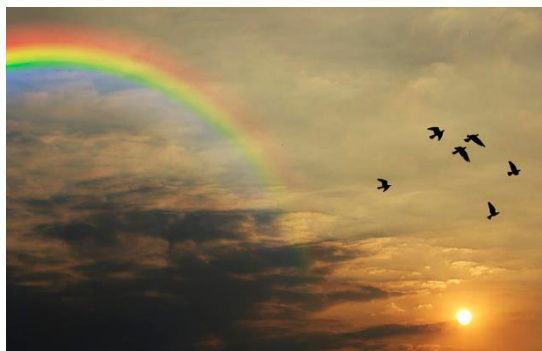
*He has made everything
beautiful in its time.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11a

This is what God the Lord says (the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it): 'I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand' (Isaiah 42:5-6).

This year the colours of the blossoms and flowers have been and still are so beautiful, spectacular even. Have you ever tried to visualise a world without colour? The beauty of the rose; the thrill of a breath-taking sunset; the unfolding of carpets of green; a charm of goldfinches. Consider the rainbow, skilfully painted from the spectrum of colours, contained in God's glorious palette. Warm colours encircling us, embracing this earth, with a promise, a reminder of His covenant with all of creation. Such love, eternal and everlasting.

Have you ever reflected upon the fact that from early childhood, God



indelibly impresses colour on our mind? Through these windows, we believe there is a purpose. In fact, God has given it to us so, if we should wish it, we have a foundation to grow upon. We know that a rainbow is a promise and can be a prayer. We know that The Bible begins with a rainbow and ends with a rainbow. In the Book of Genesis, it says: The Rainbow of God's Promise shines across the world. In the Book of Revelation, it says: The Emerald Rainbow shines around the Throne of God in heaven.

We all love that story - the one I remember as being the very first meaningful story for me when I was a child. A very long time ago (I am talking about God now, not me being a child!) God could find only one honourable person, Noah. So God asked him to build a large boat and to load it with his family and pairs of every kind of

bird and animal on earth. Then the earth was covered with water in a great flood. After the water dried up, Noah built an altar and worshiped God, and

God spoke to Noah. He promised that the earth and everything living on it would never again be destroyed by a flood and He gave us something to remind us of that solemn promise and as we observe the rainbow and the colours of our world we have a whole life time of prayers ready to go!

Take time this Whitsun holiday to rest in the Lord's presence, reassured by His promises and love for us all.

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your rainbow and the promises you make with each colour. Help us to remember that you love us and will see us through each storm. Help us to also remember that you are with us in times of joy and thanks giving too.

Thank you, creating God, for the beauty of the rainbow and the beauty of your love. For all that you have made and are going to make. Amen.

Mrs Sharp - Deputy Headteacher

Revision Tips

► Get started!

► There are lots of revision guides available.

► Practice questions not just reading through materials

► **Don't spend ages making your notes look pretty**

► Get up early and get on with it

► You will be at your best in the morning

► You can then look forward to some relaxing time later on

► Start as early as possible

► **Sit at a proper desk**

► Drink sips of water

► Eat as you revise, then you don't have excuses to keep getting up

► Eat fruit, nuts and healthy choices – it is better food for the brain

► Take a 10 minute break every hour – not every 10 minutes!

► Switch your phone off

► Switch TV off

► Get some peace and quiet

► Close your door

► Music can sometimes be OK – if it is just 'there'. But not something that you get distracted by. Music without singing is best

► Take your shoes off

► Wear something relaxing and comfortable



Jack Petchey winners for April and May. Isabel Slaney, Year 7 and Aneshka Carroll, Year 8 were nominated for their character, commitment and charitable work. Congratulations!

Lunchtime Eucharist



Father Mark North comes in to school 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 12.50pm for a 1pm start.

**Do you like to read?
Or would you like to
start?**

Our student library captains write.....

Why read? People read to let their imaginations run wild into trips and adventures. However, if you do not read, why not start? In order to help get you started, Becket Keys could get the chance to win a £5,000 book token to get all the fantastic books you like!

This book token would be amazing for our school! This £5,000 would make a world of difference to our library: as a school we would be



able to buy hundreds of new fantastic books. You will also have a chance to win £100 of National Book Tokens, just for you.


You have to be in it to win it!

If you would like the idea of winning one of these tokens for your school, all you have to do is go to the website

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools> for more information.




Remember, you will also be in with the chance of winning a £100 book token to take home just for you. Enter by 31st July 2019.

WIN £5,000 for your school's library

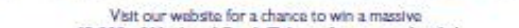


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Food Department

This week the Food Department has received a very generous donation of equipment from the Friends of Becket Keys. Mr. Shapland said 'The Friends of Becket Keys have donated a wide range of specialist equipment that will allow the students to prepare and present dishes that are much more advanced than was previously possible. This donation will not only increase the students' progress at GCSE, but will also make possible more complicated practical lessons for every student who is taught food at Becket Keys. To say we are delighted is an understatement! We would like to thank all of the Friends of Becket Keys, particularly Alison Butler and Vicky Davis who visited the department to see the students in their GCSE practical lessons and took such an interest in the department'.

Becket Keys Charities



Thanks to all the staff who contributed to the 'chocolate fund' in order to raise £140 to send old books which are surplus to our library requirements to Africa.

Charities Week will be held during the summer term. The students have an opportunity to raise money for the charities that have been chosen this year.

Apprenticeship Opportunity

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

As an apprentice, you will work alongside experienced staff, gain job-specific skills, earn a wage and get time for study related to your role.

If you, or someone you know, is looking for a practical apprenticeship in the Brentwood Area. We have the perfect job opportunity. Plenty of training and practical work in our Site Team. Join our superb team and earn whilst you learn!

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-418269>

GCSE EXAMS

AFTER WHITSUN

Week commencing

3rd June 2019

Monday:

History

Tuesday

English Language

Paper 1

Wednesday

Spanish

(Foundation & Higher)

Thursday

Mathematics

Friday

English Language

Please pray for all students who are taking exams.

See website for more details.

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

A-level Biology



On Monday, the Year 12 Biology class headed off to Epping Forest for a three-day field trip, where we completed a series of practical assessments for our exams.

On day one, we became familiar with our surroundings by collecting data and taking surveys around the forest. Our team leader Kate taught us many new techniques and skills as we investigated the biodiversity of the surrounding area. The following day consisted of exploring the life of woodlice and having the opportunity to conduct our own ecological experiments. We were able to work with new equipment and examined further the different species within the forest.

On our final day, we applied the skills we had learnt on our last activity of pond dipping, finding even more species within an aquatic environment. Some of us were even lucky enough to capture a couple of newts!

Alice Keeley
Head Girl

Mathematics Challenge Answers

How did you fare in this challenge? Here are the answers from last week.

1. How many minutes is it from 23:35 today to 01.15 tomorrow?

a) 100

2. On Aoife's 16th birthday, Buster was three times her age. On Aoife's 21st birthday, how old was Buster?

c) 53

3. What is 50% of 18.3 plus 18.3% of 50?

b) 18.3

4. How many different ways can you spell JMC, starting at the centre and moving on to the next letter in a neighbouring square – horizontally, vertically or diagonally each time?

C	C	C	C	C
C	M	M	M	C
C	M	J	M	C
C	M	M	M	C
C	C	C	C	C

e) 32

5. What is the last digit of the smallest positive integer whose digits add to 2019?

e) 9

6. Sam has eaten three-quarters of the grapes.

What is the ratio of the number of grapes that remain to the number that Sam has eaten?

a) 1:3

Friends of Becket Keys

Glamour, Glitz, Sparkle & Sarees - What a Night!



Last Friday evening, over 80 people were transported thousands of miles away to another continent, when FoBK offered a hint of Asian culture in a rich fusion of contemporary and Bollywood-styled music, dancing and fabulous food!

The flyer had suggested dressing in a Bollywood theme and we were delighted to see that a lot of our guests had embraced this – there were many colourful patterned tops and beautiful sarees and salwar kameez, hip scarfs, chiffon, beads and sequins - with a prize being awarded to the best dressed guest.



The Evening's entertainment was provided by *D Style Dance Company*, a multi award winning

Dance Academy from East London, who showcased a number of colourful and enthusiastic Bollywood Dance sets - alternating graceful traditional Indian moves with unabashedly dramatic, lively and boisterous dance beats.

Between the Dance Sets, guests tucked into some delicious authentic home cooked Indian Food – *Mathi with Mango chutney, Bombay mixtures, Samosa Chana Chaat, Alloo Pyaaz Bhaji, Garlic Chicken with plain flour wrap, Chilli Paneer and Chilli Gobhi*, - all beautifully prepared from scratch by Vidushi Uppal – parent/committee member and owner of local catering company www.tastfully-yours.co.uk.



After a spectacular and colourful second half performance from the professionals it was time to invite the audience to shake those hips Bollywood Style! Virtually everyone took to the dance floor in a lively, energetic and fun interactive dance lesson led by *D Style Dance*, who had choreographed a routine leaving you feeling like a Bollywood Star! It was wonderful to see everyone

take part with such great enthusiasm as they got into the Bollywood spirit and showcased their moves. The workshop was the perfect way to end the evening!



Special thanks to Organisers Penny Richardson and Vidushi Uppal and everyone who helped out during the evening - in particular Sixth Form Helpers Kayleigh O'Brien, Astrid Mullan and Nicole Lastauskas, who took a break away from their A level revision to assist with catering and food serving. Huge thanks also to those parents and friends who came along to support this event, where over £750 was raised for the school!

Alison Butler
FoBK Chair





Tuesday 2nd July 2019
Registration 8.30 am

The Friends of Becket Keys Charity Golf Tournament

We may be able to accommodate smaller teams – please contact fobk@becketkeys.org

£50 per person - Teams of 4

- Welcome Pack
- Bacon Rolls, Tea & Coffee
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- Light Lunch
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We will be having a Cash 4 Clothes collection at the school on Sunday 9th June 2019

10.30am – 1.00pm.

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We have to confirm our order on Monday, if you want any tickets please following the link: www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk

Nearly New Uniform



We always welcome any donations of uniform. If you have any uniform to donate, please drop into reception. We would particularly welcome Sixth Form uniform for sale to new students, especially those from low-income families

Date of next sale to be announced soon.

Sports News

Year 7 & 8 Cricket



On Tuesday, last week the Year 7 & 8 combined cricket team went out on their first venture as a team. We attended the Chance to Shine U13 Girls Cricket event hosted by Essex Cricket to encourage participation of the sport within female students. The Year 8 girls have benefited from this event before and were very keen to return with the help of their new teammates from Year 7. The team consisted of:

- Lucy Gunn
- Millie Cordwell
- Saskia Bashford
- Amy Benson
- Caitlin Murphy
- Erin Delea
- Poppy Haywood Biles
- Lowri Cole
- Regan Clarke
- Phillippa Burrell

The Year 7 girls really did step up to the standard of cricket we enjoy at Becket Keys and made a fantastic contribution to the success of our games. Special mention to Lucy Gunn who earnt

herself 2 wickets. Outstanding performances go to Saskia Bashford (bowling), Amy Benson (batting in the final game), Erin Delea (all round performer) and Phillippa Burrell (wicket keeper). Miss Schafer looks forward to the season ahead as the talent within the team is continually growing!

Well done all!!

Athletics Hurdles Training

Students from all years are practising their athletics events for the upcoming summer fixtures. Here we see the excellent technique for those practising hurdles.



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PE Summer Extra Curricular

Day	Lunchtime	After-School
Monday	All Years Cricket Nets	Year 7 & 8 Girls' Cricket All Years Hurdles
Tuesday		All Years Athletics
Wednesday	All Years Girls Basketball	All Years Indoor High Jump
Thursday	Gymnastics Squad (Invite Only)	All Years Girls' Rounders All Years Boys' Cricket
Friday	Gymnastics Squad (Invite Only) Turn Up and Play Basketball	GCSE Assessment Evening PE Interventions



Keys:
 - Astro
 - Sports hall
 - Main Hall
 - Drama Hall
 - Field

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WHITSUN HOLIDAY

MONDAY 27TH MAY – FRIDAY 31ST MAY

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INSET DAYS

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE & MONDAY 17TH JUNE

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SIXTH FORM BRIDGING EVENT

TUESDAY 18TH & WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

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CHAMBER CONCERT

TUESDAY 18TH JUNE

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DISTRICT SPORTS

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

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YEAR 11 PROM

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

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YEAR 13 PROM

MONDAY 1ST JULY

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SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 5TH JULY

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GOVERNORS' SPEECH & AWARDS EVENING

THURSDAY 11TH JULY



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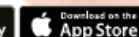
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