



Becket Keys Church of England School

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A LEVEL & GCSE RESULTS

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Mr Scott Evans writes...

We have had another exciting summer at the school as during August, Becket Keys Church of England School celebrated its very first set of A-Level examination results.

A number of students achieved truly outstanding grades. One student, Bethany, achieved three A grades and one B grade (in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology) and she is going on to study Pharmacy at Cardiff University. Joshua achieved one A* grade and two A grades in Geography, Maths and Economics, and will be going on to a 'flying start' degree in Accountancy and Business at Reading University sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers. Three A grades in English Literature,

History and Politics has secured a place for Annie to read English Literature at Durham University. An offer from Loughborough University to study Aerospace Engineering for achieving two A grades and a B grade in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry was delightedly received by Elliot.

Other exciting courses that students are choosing to follow include Korean and Asia Pacific Studies (Roisin), and Law with Spanish (Emily).

Our Head Boy, Alex, is going to Newcastle to study Chemistry with Biomedical Chemistry. Alex secured two A Grades and a B (Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry).

Our Head Girl, Claire, is looking forward to reading Philosophy at

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Church of England School

A-Level & GCSE Results

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Canterbury Kent University. Her journey has been an interesting one. When looking for a secondary school, and not living in Brentwood, she hadn't even heard of 'this new Church of England school' until a friend phoned her. She immediately called Mr. Scott-Evans and secured her place. Since then, she has gone from strength to strength and she has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Becket Keys. The family believe that coming to Becket Keys was a 'gift from God'.

This is another important milestone for our school; our very first set of A-Level results. When we opened the school in 2012, of course, we had our eyes fixed on this point and had high expectations for what our students would go on and achieve. We have seen our vision come to reality. We are delighted that our founding students have so many exciting plans for the future in the world of work, apprenticeships and university. I am thrilled for them. We are now able to further expand our Sixth Form provision, are offering new subjects next year and we are welcoming more students from other schools to join us here. This year we have 126 students joining us for A-Levels in the Sixth Form, more than 30 of these are external students.

The following week we also celebrated another set of excellent GCSE results. For the third year running, the school is

pleased to see that results have improved. The school was one of the top ten performing schools in the county last year (9th) and has seen an improved position (7th) this year. The top four schools are Grammars, which means we are the third best comprehensive in our County.

There are a number of individual success stories that result from notably high performance in the subjects within the English Baccalaureate. One in six students in the school gained at least one of the most prestigious Grade 9s. This new "rare grade" demonstrates performance above that of the old A*.

Two girls, Millie and Lola were the joint highest attaining students in the school with ten Grade 9s and a Grade 8 each. This should place them comfortably within the top few hundred highest performing students in the whole country. Both are looking forward to staying at Becket Keys for their Sixth Form.

Andrea, who speaks English as a second language had the highest progress of any student in the school. He achieved two Grade 9s, five Grade 8s, two Grade 7s and three Grade 6s and will stay at Becket Keys for the Sixth Form.

We have 25 students who study Chinese Mandarin at Becket Keys. Once again, all of the students passed Mandarin, no one has ever failed this language at GCSE or A-Level. 19 of the 25 students got a 7, 8 or 9.

A particularly good set of results were for Serena who joined the school in Year 10, she has worked hard to develop her skills in Music and she gained a Grade 9 in this subject alongside a 9 in Religion and Philosophy. Like many students, she prepared for her exams with a prayer each time and she gave glory to God for her results saying: *"It is only since I joined Becket Keys that my grades have improved to this level. I want to thank my teachers and all the staff at this school for their help and support"*. She also gained six Grade 8s, two Grade 7s and a Grade 5. She intends to continue her time at Becket Keys by studying Psychology, Politics and Business.

We are now in a new academic year and looking forward to being part of the education journey for our new students in Year 7 and those who have joined us in Year 12. The school has a growing reputation for academic excellence which has been demonstrated again this year. However, it is the progress that students make here which really makes us proud. For three years, our school has shown that students make much better progress here than they do nationally it was wonderful to see so many happy faces when the students opened their envelopes on results day, it was a wonderful occasion for the students, parents and staff who had all worked extremely hard to achieve these results.

Mr. Scott-Evans
Headteacher

A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY 2019



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GCSE RESULTS DAY 2019



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Meet Some Of Our New Staff



Mr Sedgley Mathematics Teacher

Originally from Staffordshire, I graduated with degrees in mathematical economics from the University of Bath and University of Warwick. After 25 years working as a financial analyst in the City, I have enjoyed started my new career teaching secondary school mathematics which is already proving to be stimulating and rewarding. I am relishing the new challenge. Why the career change? I was fortunate enough to receive an excellent education in mathematics and have used this during my career in quantitative finance. I think it's under-appreciated what a vital skill mathematics is, giving people confidence to make better choices in both their personal lives (e.g. shopping, money and health), and in their working lives, being the foundation of many subjects and careers. I believe that the skills I have gained in the business world also help me to teach engaging lessons, motivate

students, and my extensive experience presenting to clients of varying abilities and enthusiasm certainly helps me to think on my feet in the classroom.

I trained at a secondary school in Enfield, and am affiliated with Now Teach (www.nowteach.org.uk), an organisation set up to find experienced career changers. The opportunity to work one day a week at Becket Keys during the spring term last year allowed me to get to know staff and some of the pupils. I am grateful for the time the staff have spent with me, making me feel welcome, and have been impressed by the collegiate atmosphere between the staff, the overall ethos of the school, and the students I taught also made me feel welcome. Becket Keys is much closer to home (I have lived in Essex for the last 10 years), so the shorter commute will be more beneficial in terms of spending more time with my family. I have two boys aged 14 and 12, who keep us very busy with lots of sport, music and drama productions. My hobbies include cycling, skiing, piano, music and pretty much any team sport (I still playing the occasional game of cricket).

Much as I was inspired by my Mathematics and Economics teachers, I want to encourage pupils to believe in what they can achieve and stretch their goals. And in a broader sense, I'd like to

be able to look back and say I played a small part in raising standards in mathematics. I am very excited to be joining Becket Keys, not only as a maths teacher, but also as a member of the wider school community.



Miss Tanner Geography Teacher

I am very excited to be starting my teaching career with Becket Keys this year! I'm originally from Brentwood and went to secondary school in Chelmsford where I studied Geography, History and English Literature as A-Levels. As Geography was my favourite subject at school, I decided to continue my studies at the University of Leeds. During the final year of my degree, I took part in a module where I was placed into a school in Wakefield as a teaching assistant, which sparked my aspiration to become a Geography teacher. The following year, I began my PGCE at Leeds Trinity University.

During my placement I worked in two schools in Bradford and was given an outstanding placement review. I have now moved back to Essex to begin my teaching journey as an NQT at Becket Keys!

Outside of the classroom, I am passionate about sport – I'm a keen runner and have completed 2 half marathons (no, I will not be doing another!) and have played netball since I was in primary school. Also, like all Geography teachers, I love travelling to countries around the world and most recently visited Vietnam and Singapore over the Summer holidays.

I am extremely grateful to be joining such an outstanding Geography department and am very much looking forward to the year ahead!



Mrs Walton Spanish Teacher

My name is Amanda Walton and I feel very fortunate to be starting my teaching career in the fantastic Spanish department at Becket Keys! Growing up in rural Suffolk, I was always interested to

widen my horizons and I developed a passion for Spanish when I arrived at secondary school. This led me through A Level languages and on to study Spanish and Linguistics at the University of Durham. During this time, I spent a year living and working in Peru, working in a church-based community project. This time not only fulfilled its purpose to increase my language skills but also developed a love for all things Hispanic which has enriched my life hugely over the years.

After graduating, I was able to work for the same organization that had sent me to Peru, setting up placements and preparing individuals for their cross-cultural experiences in Latin America. Fast forward a few years and I have married, had three children and settled in Essex where I completed a PGCE in Spanish and French last year at a school in Grays with the TES Institute.

I am very much looking forward to sharing my love of Spanish while teaching it. Doing that in a school community where the Christian faith underpins everything that goes on, and where character is valued just as highly as academic progress, is a wonderful bonus for me.

Mr Lane PE Teacher

I have always wanted to become a PE teacher ever since I was at middle school (Year 5 to Year 8).

Like most PE teachers, this career path stemmed from a passion for sport combined with an excellent PE teacher who taught me more than games and exercise. Sports I played as a kid were football, basketball and athletics. I used to play youth football for Stevenage Town and played basketball for Essex and Herts Leopards.

I grew up in a small town in North Hertfordshire and have lived there all of my life. As I have mentioned the school system is different there and I went through the primary, middle and upper school system. From school I went to college in Cambridge and then studied Sports Development & Management at the University of Portsmouth.

Last year, I completed my teacher training where I taught in two different schools. The first was a small village school in Cambridgeshire and the second a much larger high school in Essex. I am excited to be starting my teaching career at an outstanding school and I look forward to delivering excellent PE lessons and also taking on a new role as a Year 7 tutor.





Back to School – Be encouraged by faith

September is an exciting time of year. There is an energy that runs through the school as staff and students return for a new academic year and a new start. However, going back to school can raise a mixture of emotions in us. In addition, for those students new to Becket Keys or moving into the Sixth Form, these feelings are intensified. Students and their families may feel caught up in a whirlwind of change. Whatever situations we find ourselves in life, and however we feel about them, as long as we hold on to God and His Word, we can be reassured that everything will be fine. Below are eight Bible verses to draw upon, and find comfort in, when you need encouragement on life's journey:

1. Philippians 4:13 "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
2. Isaiah 48:17 "This is what the Lord says - your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for
3. Isaiah 30:21 "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."
4. Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
5. Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."



6. Psalm 20:4 "May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."
7. James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."
8. Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Always know that you are not alone. God is always with you and has great plans for you! May we all simply do our very best, for the glory of God. May we trust in Him

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

and pursue Him in all we do. May we also encourage those around us and build each other up.

In addition, it is also important to remember that, whilst summer holidays are over, we must still take time to rest and be still. In Psalm 46:10, God calls us to be still:

'Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth.'

Being still is worthwhile because in the stillness we meet our God, the God of restoration, renewal and transformation. In that place, we find ourselves being drawn away from the frantic pace of life to what is really important.

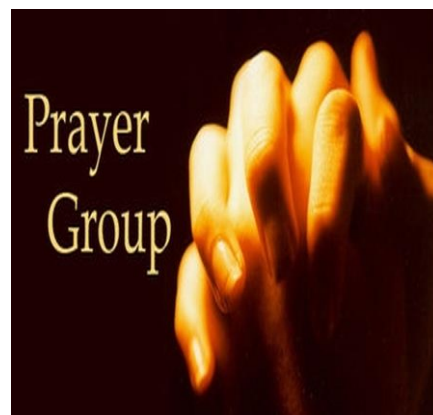
Can you make changes to your weekly routine to make space to be still before God? What do you think will be the benefit to you personally?

Let us pray:

A back to school prayer

Gracious God, as the summer begins to fade, new possibilities lie on the horizon. Bless all those who are beginning or returning to schools. May this school year be a time of grace and potential. Let us help each other to grow in faith, knowledge and wisdom. When challenges come our way, may we all learn to place every concern and anxiety into your loving hands. In all our busyness, remind us to find spaces of stillness and prayer to meet with you and rest awhile.

Mrs Sharp
Deputy 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.

7.50am and 11.15am

every Wednesday.

All are welcome.

Mrs Russell's

Book of the Month - September

WHAT'S THE STORY?

We're waiting for you to come and play. Dunvegan School for Girls has been closed for many years. Converted into a family home, the teachers and students are long gone. But they left something behind...Sophie arrives at the old schoolhouse to spend the summer with her cousins. Brooding Cameron with his scarred hand, strange Lillas with a fear of bones and Piper, who seems just a bit too good to be true. And then there's her other cousin. The girl with a room full of antique dolls. The girl that shouldn't be there. The girl that died.

Warning: This story is creepy!

Your own copy can be purchased online, checked out from the local library or from our school library (best be quick!).

FLASH

Families Learning About Self-Harm

Do you have a young person aged 11- 17 who is self-harming? Do you want more information on self-harm and how to manage the concerns within your home? Do you feel alone and would like the opportunity to discuss the problem with people who will understand?



Then this FLASH course may be what you're looking for:

FLASH is a group programme, free for parents/carers whose young person is exhibiting self-harming behaviour and how this may impact on the whole family.

In September 2019 FLASH will run over ten consecutive Tuesdays. Each session is designed to build on the previous sessions.

If you are interested book your place on the INFORMATION SESSION on Tuesday 17th September 2019 Time 9-10am

Main programme starts on Tuesday 24th September 2019 Time: 9-11am

These are the topics we will cover:

1. Introduction
2. Teen development
3. Self-harm reality and fears
4. Listening skills
5. Raising self-esteem
6. Walking on eggshells
7. Consequences
8. Managing difficult times
9. The others - other family members
10. Putting it together

Venue: St Martin's School, Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton, Brentwood, CM13 2HG

This programme is run in partnership with Brentwood Borough Council and St Martin's School, Hutton.

Places are limited. Please contact lesleybentley2019@outlook.com to book a place.



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STOP is an effective parenting course for parents and/or carers of young people aged 11 – 16. This will give parents a greater understanding of their young person and strategies to help manage situations which often occur during the 'teens'

It is a 10-week step-by-step programme that runs for 2 hours per week.

STOP covers a range of topics including:

- how to make changes
- teen development
- using praise and encouragement
- problem solving
- setting limits



Information session Monday 16th September 2019 6:00pm-7:00pm

Programme starting on 23th September 2019, 6:00pm -8:00pm

Venue: St Martin's School, Hanging Hill Lane, Shenfield, Brentwood, CM13 2HG

This course has been sponsored by Brentwood Borough Council working in partnership with St Martin's School, this means we can offer places free of charge.

If you have any further questions about the programme please book your place on the information session.

Please email lesleybentley2019@outlook.com to book a place.



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General Information & Notices from the Head Teacher

School Run

Please do not drive into Sawyers Hall Lane! I am sure a few of you have made that decision for yourselves already, but in case any of you are still driving in, please refrain from doing so. The road is dangerous and busy outside the school. Please drop your children off elsewhere and ask them to walk the last bit. Similarly, when picking up, perhaps ask them to walk to a local car park (Brentwood Centre or Sainsbury's) or Doddinghurst Road or Shenfield Road where there are plenty of places to park with no restrictions.

If you really do have to drive into Sawyers Hall Lane, please at least avoid the final part of the road and drop off further up beyond Burland Road. Even the laziest teenager can walk from there!



Bikes

Students riding bikes should wear a helmet and we recommend a bright yellow vest or jacket too. Students will need a padlock to secure their bike in our special area. It is great to see so many students cycling at the moment. Remember! No scooters or skateboards please.

Holidays & Appointments

Please make every effort to avoid unnecessary holidays and appointments during term time. Holidays will not be authorised and all absence **must** be authorised. Parents have been fined by the courts for not following this advice. Your son/daughter will get higher grades, if they attend well!

Uniform

The students look excellent in their new uniform; thank you for supporting our school policies so closely. We know it is important to all of us to see our students looking smart in their uniform at all times.

Remember that all main school girls should have a reversed collar on their blouse and not wear other types of shirt.

Please see the website if you need more details about the school dress code.

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



Gaming



Help your son/daughter do better at school by managing their use of social media and gaming. There is a clear link between success at school and a limited amount of time wasted on these addictive time zappers.



Please make sure that ALL items of uniform, PE Kit and equipment is named.

There are many items that we are unable to return as we do not know whom they belong to.

Lost Property can be collected from Reception.



Remember to book tickets for the Year 7 school disco! Great fun and a chance for all the new students to make new friends and socialise together

All tickets to be booked through PTA Events: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk/>

REHEARSALS
EVERY WEEK

PERFECT PITCH

THURSDAY 12.50 R02
FRIDAY 3.15-4.30PM

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come through. I can even make appointments
for parents' evening. Fantastic!"
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 **ParentMail** 

Please note: If you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message

Upcoming Fixtures

September 2019

Monday 9th September

Year 7 Boys' Football Tournament

@ Shenfield High School (A)

Tuesday 10th September

Sixth Form Football v St Martin's (A)

Wednesday 18th September

Year 9 Netball v St Martin's (H)

Year 10 Football v St Martin's (A)

Thursday 19th September

Year 9 Rugby v Anglo European School (A)

Tuesday 24th September

Year 9 Girls' Basketball v St Martin's (A)

Year 8 Girls' Basketball v St Martin's (H)

Wednesday 25th September

Year 9 Boys' Football v Hylands (A)

Year 7 Girls' Basketball v St Martin's (H)

Thursday 26th September

Year 9 Rugby v Plume (A)

Monday 30th September

Year 9 Netball (Essex Cup) v City Academy

(H – 2:45 start)

PE Autumn Extra Curricular 19/20

Day	Lunchtime	After-School
Monday	Year 8 & 9 Boys' Basketball	Year 7&8 Boys' Football Year 7,8 & 9 Girls' Rugby
Tuesday	Year 7 Boys' Basketball	Year 7 & 8 Netball
Wednesday	All Years Girls' Basketball	Year 9, 10 & 11 Netball Year 9, 10 & 11 Boys' Football Year 7,8 & 9 Boys' Rugby
Thursday	Gymnastics Squad (Invite Only) All Years Badminton Club	All Years Girls' Football Satellite Running Club
Friday	Gymnastics Squad (Invite Only) Turn Up and Play Basketball	PE Intervention

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

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Girls' Rugby 7, 8 and 9

Girls' rugby will take place on the astro turf from 3:20-4:20pm every Monday!



Starting from the Monday 9th September

Boys' Rugby 7, 8 and 9

Boys' rugby will take place on the astroturf from 3:20-4:20pm every Wednesday!



Starting from the Wednesday 11th September

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PRIMARY TEACHERS' TEA

THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
(YEAR 7 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

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YEAR 7 DISCO

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

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YEAR 8 GIRLS & BOYS

HPV VACCINATION

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

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OPEN EVENTS FOR NEW STUDENTS

MORNING 9.00am – 11.15am

EVENING 5.00pm – 8.00pm

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2019

(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT

TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2019

(SIXTH FORMERS NEEDED)

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

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Becket Keys School Satellite Running Club

Please book now for a place in the Autumn Term after school running club.

Organised by Brentwood Running Club the training sessions take place from 3.30 to 4.30 pm after school each Thursday afternoon starting on **12th September**.

There is a small fee of £2 per session to cover the time given by qualified Club coaches.

That is £26 for the 13 weeks of Autumn Term.

Please make payment by bank transfer to Brentwood Running Club, sort code 09-01-51, a/c no. 73777309 using BK followed by the student's name as reference.

Please direct any questions to the Youth Section of the Brentwood Running Club web site.

Thank you.

<https://thriftgreentrotters.co.uk/juniors/>

Melvyn Cooper - Brentwood Running Club Youth Coach

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