



Becket Keys Church of England School

13th September 2019

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Mr Scott Evans writes...

Join the Club

Our extra-curricular programme will start, in earnest, next week. Please look through the list of clubs and societies with your son/daughter and see what they would like to try. Clubs provide a great way to make friends with like-minded students. Whether it is in the gymnastics team, knitting or singing in the choir – students can make friends for life in these clubs.

My advice to students is not to worry about what your friends are doing. Do not wait for them to say that they are going. If you want to go: go! You will probably find some great new friends with similar interests to you in the club. Follow your own passions and desires.

School is also a great time for our students to try new things. This is a special time of year and it will require support from parents and staff for students to make the best choices. We will be putting out lots of reminders and discussing the options with students; I encourage you to do the same at home. Every teacher here is committed to running at least one club and it means that there are about 100 different options. Make the most of it!

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

Taking Responsibility

From the very first day we want our students to learn to take responsibility for their actions and for the school. We want them to do the right thing as the opportunities arise. I was

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BECKET KEYS
Church of England School

Extra-Curricular Clubs

More information for some of the clubs starting this week.

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Year 7

A few of our Year 7 students tell us about their first week at Becket Keys.

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speaking to some Year 7s outside school yesterday and teaching them NOT to walk past pieces of litter on the path, but the pick them up and put them in the bin. If we can get students into these good habits early on – we can teach them the real joy of being responsible and seeing the world as a better place because of what you put in.

Coming up in the next three or four weeks are some of the best opportunities of the year to take responsibility and to help our school community. We will be looking for students to help us with various Open Days and Evenings. Students will act as tour guides and model students for prospective families. It is crucial work, as we are expecting over 2000 people to come and see our school. Students will demonstrate our school's Christian values, answer questions and make sure guests do not get lost in the complexities of the Williams Building!

Please encourage your child to take a letter from their Head of Year and sign up to help.

With several open events for Year 7 and Sixth Form there is a lot to do – again, please speak to your son/daughter about this opportunity and encourage them to get involved. I attach the letter with this newsletter, so you can look at it together.

Mr. Scott-Evans
Headteacher



Becket Keys
MUSIC

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch	Ukulele Club	Junior Wind Band	Chamber Choir	Perfect Pitch/ Saxophone Choir	Worship Band/ Junior Voices
3:30	Stage Band	GCSE Composition	Orchestra		Rock School/ Perfect Pitch

Note: Students who would like to rehearse in a music room at lunchtime need to book the room. This can only be done on the morning of the day you wish to book.

Music tuition is available on the following instruments.

Please contact your music teacher for more information.

- Piano
- Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Drums
- Violin
- Cello
- Trumpet
- Saxophone
- Flute
- Clarinet



Becket Keys
MUSIC



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

REHEARSALS

EVERY WEEK

PERFECT PITCH

THURSDAY 12.50 R02

FRIDAY 3.15-4.30PM

Creative Writing Club

- Monday lunch time, 1:00pm – 1:25pm in room C22/C26 (starting Monday 16th September)
- We will be exploring imaginative writing, poetry, and fun writing games!
- All year groups are welcome.

Hosted by Mrs Russell and Mr Fox.



Film and Book Club

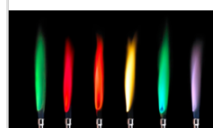
- Tuesday after school, 3:20pm – 4:20pm, in room C26.
- We will be reading extracts from popular books, discussing and comparing our thoughts, and watching the film versions to compare.
- All year groups are welcome.

Hosted by Mrs Russell and Mrs Tagg



Science Club

- WHO: Year 7, 8 and 9
 - WHEN: Monday After School, 3:20 – 4:00pm WHERE: in room W21
 - WHY: Do fun experiments!!!
- Hosted by Miss Major and Mr Hurdle.



Week 1



Years 9-11 Could you stay one step ahead of a cyber criminal?

Think you have what it takes to understand how cyber criminals attack systems, write malicious code and steal personal information? Learn how to stop hackers in their tracks through Cyber Discovery - a fun and interactive learning programme set up by the government to prepare students for a future career and they waiting to find someone like you!

If you aged 13-18 and are interested, look out for an invite on SHOW MY HOMEWORK or use the link below.

<http://cyberdisc.io/joinnow>

See Ms. Rubery for more information or come to Maths Challenge Club Wednesday 1pm C11



School Newspaper



- Thursday after school, 3:20pm – 4:20pm, in room C25.
- We will be reporting on sporting fixtures, drama activities, and school events that happen each week.
- All year groups are welcome.

Hosted by Miss Silman and Miss Romano

Primary Teachers' Tea

There is always great excitement from the Year 7 students to greet their Primary School Teachers and give them a tour of their new school. Many thanks to all the schools who attended and to all the helpers!



Friends of Becket Keys

Welcome back to another year at Becket Keys C of E School and we hope the first couple of days into the new term have been fulfilling. We would like to extend a huge and very warm welcome to all new parents and teaching staff, we are looking forward to working with you all in the coming years.

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and looking forward to another academic year at the School.

Who are The Friends of Becket Keys?

Our “seasoned” parents/staff will already know about the work we do, but for our new parents/staff, FoBK is at the heart of a strong community of parents, students and teachers at Becket Keys. Founded in 2014 we are an elected committee of friendly like-minded parents and staff, whose aim is to support and widen this network, and to raise funds for the school through social events.

The funds we raise go towards projects and learning resources which enhance the students experience here and complement the school’s own provision. The relationship between the School and FoBK is very important and hugely beneficial to all involved, particularly the students.

Our fundraising events are a great way to meet other parents and families and we aim to provide a

range of activities so that there is something that everyone can enjoy. In previous years our events have included themed quiz nights, several highly successful Balls at Stock Brook, A Fireworks Display, A Bollywood Extravaganza, Abba and 80’s Tribute Night, Murder Mystery Evening, Wine Tasting, Family Colour Run and Golf Day. We look forward to welcoming you at our events and working together for the benefit of the school.

We are looking forward to our first event of the year tonight - the Year 7 student disco and we will be starting a full year of new events after the Annual General Meeting which will take place on **Wednesday 9th October at 6.00 pm in the School Library**. As a registered School Charity we hold an AGM every year. Since all parents/staff are automatically members of FoBK you are very welcome to attend, with no obligation to become involved with the committee or organising any events, but do please bring your ideas as to how funds might best be spent and suggestions for future events. At this meeting, we will outline our successes over the course of the past year, highlight how our fundraising has benefited the School and electing a new committee for 2019/20.

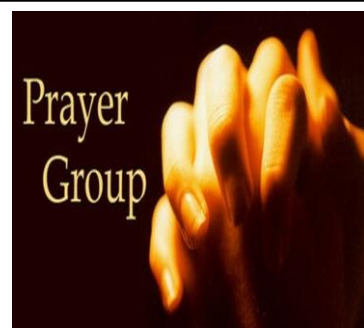
If you would like to be an active committee member, and take part in meetings and events

planning then we would be delighted to hear from you as we are always happy to welcome new members to the committee. We do however recognize that people have very busy lives and cannot always commit their time to get involved.

We will continue to update you all through our Facebook page (*please join if you have not already done so*) and via the School weekly newsletter. You can also contact us on our email address Fobk@becketkeys.org.

We are looking forward to sharing another fun packed, rewarding academic year with you all and Thank You for your support!

Alison Butler
Chair - FoBK



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.

Year 7 Students - First Week



My first week at Becket Keys has been great fun! I made lots of great friends and learned lots of new things. I especially enjoyed Science because we learnt how to use a Bunsen burner. All of the students and teachers have been very kind and are willing to help by telling you where your lesson is if you get lost.

Ella Wallhead
7AC

When I first arrived at Becket Keys, my teacher was very welcoming and made me feel part of the Becket Keys family. My favourite subject is Science and we were able to use the Bunsen burners. I know already that I will enjoy my time at this school.

Harriett Nicholls
7AC

So, how was your first week?' I have been asked that about 500 times! If you have just started at Becket Keys, you have probably been asked that loads too! So, where to begin...



It has been great. I love the change from primary to secondary, a big move which seemed daunting but has been lots of fun. I am enjoying getting the bus and feeling the freedom and independence of travelling by myself. What else? Nicer food, more choices and amazing desserts, in the Bistro and Orangery. All the different clubs and activities. So far, I have done netball, debate club, rugby. I like the Library that you can just pop along to at lunch or get out a book. Hanging out at break or (when it is a bit colder) sitting in the Carey building, chatting to my friends. Helpful Sixth Formers that give directions or tell you the time. I really enjoy being taught by many different teachers, who have different styles and strengths. Learning about different subjects in greater depth. Food tech – today, I made a couscous salad and it was delicious! Also, I'm enjoying doing my work even though there is more of it. Even enjoying checking my timetable and getting my books ready for the day. Makes me feel more grown up. More responsible. And the uniform is neat and smart.

I feel proud to wear it.

*School is **massive** compared to my primary and I am still adjusting to that. However the separate blocks help - so it isn't just a jumble of corridors; a maze that you must navigate.*

Downsides... well, I can't really think of any. I am glad God has given me this opportunity to study at Becket Keys, and I can't wait to see what is to come!

Amabelle Trinder
7WW



My first two weeks at Becket Keys have been amazing – the lessons have been fun, the lunch has been delicious and the teachers have been inspirational. I really enjoy science with Mr Shields, maths with Mr Sedgley, English and food lessons with Mr Scott-Evans and Geography with Miss Tanner. I have loved having food in the Bistro or the Orangery every day, especially the pasta pots from the Orangery. My favourite lesson so far was when we tested how long biscuits can survive in hot tea!

Alex Chapman
7PP



On my first day, I was really nervous and excited; I did not know what to do. I was scared I was going to get lost or not have any friends. As I entered the gates, I saw two of my friends and that calmed me down a bit. I ran up to them and we talked about how big the buildings were. Our form tutor came out holding a sign and told us what form class we were going to be in – 7WW. We were led up to our class and my form tutor explained what happens in Becket Keys and the character values were explained.

On my second day, I was still nervous, as the whole school would now be back. As I arrived, the playground was covered with huge people! I was so small compared to all these strangers. The hallways were crowded and the lunch lines were longer. On the third day, I was getting used to all the people being in the school and my lessons. By the fourth day, I was feeling much better and was getting used to seeing all the other tall children and I was enjoying my lessons and love the lunches here! I am still exploring the school and trying not to get lost, but I am very happy here!

Aanya Moules
7WW

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 Liliias 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!).

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£27 Million raised

1.6 Million users

130,000 causes

Meet Some More Of Our New Staff



Miss Silman English Teacher

I was born in Essex, studied in Essex and East London and have taught in a variety of schools in Essex and the London Borough of Havering. I have always worked with young people since the age of 13 in various settings.

I took my degree at the University of East London, which was and is always popular when undertaking qualifications in teaching and education. My degree is in Language and Education which covered the study of language acquisition, dyslexia, learning difficulties, working with students of EAL and development in Education as a whole.

I have a hunger for learning and enjoy developing my knowledge; teaching and adding strings to my bow. Over the past 10 years, I have had lead roles in areas of English departments in both primary and secondary schools. In the summer, I had the privilege of

working with a student with severe cerebral palsy where I learnt how to use a system called 'Eye Gaze'. Education is truly rewarding and something I am extremely passionate about. This year I take on a new challenge of teaching Drama. However, I think this may have always been a silent skill as I was once a carnival queen for a charity event! I only went to take photographs. Honest!

Miss Romano English Teacher

My A-Levels were in English Literature, Biology and Chemistry and although I have always loved the sciences, English has always been my passion! After leaving school, I went on to study Comparative Literature at Queen Mary University of London where I got the opportunity to study different literatures from around the globe! This links in quite nicely with my second passion:

travel. During my summers at University, I taught English in Thailand for six weeks and spent time exploring Vietnam and Cambodia. I think it is so important to travel and experience different cultures and so it has been my goal to try and travel to a different country every year- so far so good but we will see if I can keep it up!

I am very excited to be joining the English department at Becket Keys and look forward to the year ahead!



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God's Blessings

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. - Ephesians 1:3

This is a wonderful truth. We are blessed with every spiritual blessing. But, what does that mean to you? Are God's blessings just in the financial area of our lives, or are His blessings for every area of our lives: spiritual, emotional and physical? God's blessings are so much more than what we can ever imagine. He has completely filled us to the full with Himself. We have been blessed with the fullness of heaven to fulfil our purpose and destiny here on earth. We are fully equipped and lack nothing!

I like the message of Ephesians 3:19 from the Amplified Bible:

'...And [that you may come] to know [practically, through personal experience] the love of Christ which far surpasses [mere] knowledge [without experience], that you may be filled up [throughout your being] to all the

fullness of God [so that you may have the richest experience of God's presence in your lives, completely filled and flooded with God Himself]...'

In hearing these Word's and reflecting on their meaning, remember why we are blessed. We are blessed, to be a blessing to others! God's blessings flow to us, which can then flow out to others. How will you share these blessings? How can you help others feel God's presence in their lives? Meditate and bring these Words to God in prayer.

Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher



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.

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 revered 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>



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

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Friends of Becket Keys

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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

Pick up your copy at the PE office

PE CLUB INFORMATION

Clubs are open to all, unless specified on the timetable

- Lunchtime clubs DO NOT require you to be changed. You must, however, have trainers if you are entering the sports hall.
- Trials are not on the dates on this timetable, please look out for specific 'Trial Dates'.
- Sports clubs start from Monday 11th September (except for those stated otherwise).
- If you want your own copy of the PE Timetable, please see the PE team in the Sports Hall Office.

SELECTION OF TEAMS & SQUADS

Teams at Becket Keys are selected on a range of factors; as much as ability is a fantastic attribute, we promote all of the Becket Keys values within our team selection.

What we look for in a good team player:

Leadership, Maturity, Coachable, Enthusiasm and Dedication to training and matches alike.

Year 7 Boys' Football Tournament

Becket Keys show a dominant performance at Shenfield.

This was the Year 7's first match together and the turnaround from trials to fixtures was a quick process and the boys' ability to gel into three teams was very impressive and highlighted the great character these young footballers have.

All of the students played very well. However, the following students showed excellent skills.

Taylor Jamison
(Defender) – Team X
Josh McDonald
(Forward) – Team Y
Oscar Finch
(Goalkeeper) – Team Z

Team X won their group with a dominant performance and defeated three very strong sides. The highlight from this team and their performance was not the number of goals they managed to score, it was that they did not concede a single goal throughout the tournament!

Played	3
Won	3
Drew	0
Lost	0

Players: George Collins, George Thompson, Albie Lombard, Taylor Jamieson, Daniel Boateng, Archie Jerome, Alfie Warren, Sid Eldred, Lewis Horne and Reece James.



Team Y showed excellent teamwork to finish second place in a tough league and managed to score some well worked goals. Team Y also had the largest squad which meant that they had to rotate subs more frequently and they managed to work this fairly and without any issues.

Played	3
Won	1
Drew	2
Lost	0

Players: Danny Wilkinson, George Ashton, Jamie Hancox, Max Sanderson, Josh McDonald, Luke Coombs, Joshua Kirk, Levi Pearce, Thomas Lewis, Alex Keefe and Cameron Malyon.

Team Z were pressured into difficult situations against skillful sides and they managed to see out matches and get the victories they deserved and in the final game saw a flurry of opposition attacks stopped.

Played	3
Won	2
Drew	1
Lost	0

Players: Oscar Finch, Thomas Hart, Rifat Ahmed, Dylan Waller, Oliver Turner, Lashe Edun, Zak Amachree, Ashton Hilton, Jack Rank, Thomas Hegarty and Thomas Lewis.

Mr Lane
PE Teacher

Netball

Any Year 8, 9 or 10 netballers who wish to go to the netball residential on the 27th - 29th September, please make your payment by **Friday 13th September** to guarantee your place.

Any issues please call the PE team.

Upcoming Fixtures

September 2019

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)



Becket Keys School Satellite Running Club

Organised by Brentwood Running Club the training sessions take place from 3.30 to 4.30 pm after school each Thursday afternoon.

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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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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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FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS

AGM (ALL WELCOME)

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT

TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2019

(SIXTH FORMERS NEEDED)

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

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INSET DAY

MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER



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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