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My thanks to:

All of the above volunteers are carrying on in their role. I would also like to give a special welcome to a new trustee, Jo Taylor who has volunteered to take on the role of Vice Treasurer.

It is always heart-warming to meet parents who are willing to help and serve in these ways and, on behalf of all of us, I would like to thank these parents and teachers for being willing to do their bit!

The Friends of Becket Keys raise significant additional funds for the school whilst organising social and fun occasions that help build the community spirit that we all appreciate so much. Quizzes, Y7 Discos, Wine Tasting, Golf Days and so on are all popular ways to bring the school community together and raise precious

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Church of England School

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additional funds.

Through the year, please keep an eye on the pages of the newsletter where you will find details about the events that they are putting on.

There was a particularly encouraging report from the Treasurer this year as we celebrated our most successful year of fundraising. Over £25,000 had been donated to the school! £15,000 had been donated towards the new 'Green' next to the playground. New pods and a pavilion have been installed. Numerous new benches and table tennis tables have also been purchased. Some funds remain unused and we are looking to buy new Basketball hoops and Netball Goals. We also hope to plant some new trees and purchase additional benches.

Everyone wants to help the school, but it is not always easy. There is however one thing that most parents can do quite easily. If you would like to raise money for the school without leaving the comfort of your home and not spending a single penny of your own money, read on!

All you need to do is make purchases on-line. If you shop on-line and would like to see the companies you shop with sharing their profits with our school – it can be done – very easily!

For a few years now I have had Easyfundraising set up on my home computer. And when I shop for anything online I raise a little bit of money for Becket Keys. I do not need to do much, the way I have it set up, it just does its thing in the

background, flagging up to me whenever I can claim a donation. Most of the time the shops that I use DO give a donation and it is very pleasing to click a single button and then see a small donation being clocked. It all adds up over time. I've now raised nearly £140 doing this. The school, in total has raised £1600. However, there are only 73 of us doing it! Imagine if everyone signed up! It is very simple – watch this 1 minute video to see what I mean:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeysschoolbrentwood/>

Once you are ready to get started, just click this link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeysschoolbrentwood/?invite=2DUHC5&referral-campaign=s2s>

It is coming up to a time of year when many of us will undoubtedly be spending money shopping online. Do not let those companies just keep all those profits! Go to this Easyfundraising Page and start doing your bit today!

Whilst on the subject of fundraising, I would like to thank all the families who have given to our School Fund already. If you have not already done so, please do donate next time you are on Parent Pay. These funds are making a critical difference to our school in these challenging financial times.

Thank you all.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr. Scott-Evans
Headteacher

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shop online

Find us on easyfundraising to start:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeysschoolbrentwood/>

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DEBENHAMS GAP Viking Sainsbury's
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discover fashion online

easyfundraising
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£27 Million raised 1.6 Million users 130,000 causes

Confirmation



The sacrament of confirmation completes our initiation into the Christian faith as we 'confirm' with our own hearts and lips the promises made on our behalf at baptism. Once we are confirmed we are able to take communion at Mass and receive those sacred mysteries that sustain our journey through life. Because confirmation is an important step in our pilgrimage of faith, those wishing to be confirmed are required to be part of a study group finding out more about the Christian faith and practice.

If your son or daughter is interested in being confirmed, **please contact me**. Father Mark North is offering to come in on a Tuesday lunchtime from 1pm to 1.30pm from 15th October through to the 26th

November (excluding the All Saints' Holiday) to prepare students from Becket Keys who wished to be confirmed. If there are any adults within our school community (both parents and staff) who would be interested in being confirmed. I am also happy to guide on next steps.

Bishop Norman, will be at **St Thomas of Canterbury** Church on **Friday 6th December** at **7pm** to confirm.

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.



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.

Becket Keys Charity Fundraising

New Hope Children's Centre

What an amazing place! New Hope Children's Centre Kenya creating new hope for 108 young people.

I have been privileged to visit New Hope Children's centre twice now; my last visit was at the end of the summer holidays just gone. The centre is based about an hour from Nairobi in a rural part of Kenya.



A typical day for me as a visitor starts by hearing most of the children at prayers at about 6am. Following a very simple breakfast of porridge, prepared for by one adult and the older children, they get ready to leave for school. The older teenagers have already left – they have an hour's journey to school and they have to be in by 7am to do private study. Whilst the older children are at school, I am taken to look around the area: I visit the local health centre, the 'Grandmothers' Village' – a whole community created when New Hope built two room houses for grandparents to move into, or to



provide a home for those young adults who have left New Hope.

I spend time at the baby unit, where babies and toddlers are cared for so that their young mothers can go back to school and finish their education.



I socialise with the young children as they return from Primary school at the end of the afternoon.

When the older children return around 5.30 or 6pm, I talk with them as they prepare the evening meal for the 100 or so children. I watch as they clear up afterwards, and then settle to their homework for perhaps 2 hours.

At the weekend, I talk with Sara as she washes her clothing, go to the local church service, spend more time with these incredible young people.

Set up in 2000 by Anne and Tyras Cheng, the centre has offered a home and a future to hundreds of young people. Some are street children, others are orphans, some have been rejected by their extended families. Some are in imminent physical danger.

Working with Hand in Hand, a local charity based in Witham, Becket Keys will be raising money to help New Hope and the local



Primary school provide basic support for food and clothing , but also resources such as school stationery equipment, play equipment and Christmas 'boxes' for each and every child.



Below we see students modelling the uniform donated by St Thomas of Canterbury Junior School.



The school will be supporting two charities this year: Cancer Research and New Hope Children's Centre

Cancer Research

- Is the world's largest charity dedicated to saving lives through research.
- Their vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.
- They receive no government funding, so they rely on our generosity to support their work.

Why was this chosen?

Approximately 38.4% of men and women will be diagnosed with **cancer** at some point during their lifetimes.

In 2017, an estimated 15,270 children and adolescents from birth to to 19 were diagnosed with **cancer**.

1,790 died of the disease.

Survival rates are now better than they have ever been – but they are just that – survival for a number of years not cure.

To beat cancer we have to research ways to both prevent it and cure it.

The four houses in the school will have a representative from each form in that house and will be led by a sixth form prefect to run

charity events throughout the year for Cancer Research.

To start with, the forms have been set the following challenge:

Can your form fill a **can** with loose change before the All Saints holiday?

What your form needs to do:

- Someone bring in a cleaned **can** (baked bean or soup size).
- Everybody brings in some loose change whenever they **CAN**
- Your form fills the **can** with change before the holiday.

The maths: if every form raises £10 in their can then this equals £400 across the school. This is less than 50p per person in the form.

If every form raises £15 then it is £600!

The day after I introduced this to a year group, a student came to see me with £17.00 in change: he had gone around the house, emptied his own savings and persuaded his parents to donate their spare change.

Thank you Sam !!

**Mrs Ahlner
English Teacher
Charities Co-ordinator**



youth

Meet in main reception of the Brentwood Centre for all sessions

TUESDAY 5.30-6.15pm YOUTH GLOW STICK DANCE Year 7 - Year 11 Easy to follow dance workout with glow sticks Studio £2 per Session	WEDNESDAY 7-8pm BOXING CLUB Ages 14-19 (ages up to 25 with additional needs also welcome) Activity Room £2 per Session	THURSDAY 5.30-6.30pm YOGA Year 7 - Year 13 Teen yoga and mindfulness Holistic Hub £2 per Session
FRIDAY 5-7pm FRIDAY NIGHT TAKEOVER Ages 11-19 years old Enjoy a whole host of activities including mixed martial arts, volleyball, football, basketball, tag rugby, netball, parkour, dance classes, swimming, chill out zone and more £2 per Session	SATURDAY 1-2pm FOOTBALL Outdoor 3G Pitch £2 per Session 4-5pm AUTISM & ADDITIONAL NEEDS GYM* Ages 12-19 years old *These sessions are open to anyone showing any autistic traits and do not require a diagnosis of autism. Gym £2 per session	

All sessions are FREE for those on means tested benefits.

Find Out More:
 #BLTChat1stYouth

Reception: Ask for the Chat 1st team
 Online: www.brentwood-centre.co.uk/wellbeing
 Email: youth@brentwoodleisure.co.uk
 Tel: 01277 215151
 Brentwood Centre, Doddington Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9NN



Friends of Becket Keys are pleased to announce the sale of tickets for the Prince of Egypt, which is coming to the Dominion Theatre for a limited run next year.

This extraordinary new musical is from three-time Academy Award-winner Stephen Schwartz (Wicked). 'There can be miracles when you believe...'

Journey through the wonders of Ancient Egypt as two young men, raised together as brothers in a kingdom of privilege, find themselves suddenly divided by a secret past. One must rule as Pharaoh, the other must rise up and free his true people; both face a destiny that will change history forever.

Based on the acclaimed DreamWorks Animation film, and featuring the Academy Award-winning, chart-topping song, When You Believe, THE PRINCE OF EGYPT is an exhilarating, powerful and joyous celebration of belief and the human spirit.

7.30PM

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2020

STALLS TICKETS - £27.50

To book this and other events go to:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk>

Friends of Becket Keys

CASH 4 COINS

Remember we are still collecting your unwanted foreign currency from around the world! We can take ANY coins or banknotes, regardless of currency or denomination.

(We even accept old pound coins and pre-Euro currency).

Please bring your coins/notes into school and leave at Reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Do not forget to ask your family, friends and colleagues at work!

Sixth Form Information Evening

We are delighted to announce that we are holding our annual Sixth Form Information Evening for students in Year 10 and 11. It will take place on **Tuesday 15th October**. It will start at 5.30pm and finish at 8.30pm. If you would like to attend, please register at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sixth-form-information-evening-tickets-72495434797?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

During the evening, you will hear from Mr Scott-Evans, Headteacher, and Mr Peggs, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form. They will inform you about:

- What the Sixth Form is like and our vision for the future.
- How to apply for a place in the Sixth Form and key steps and dates along the way.
- Which subjects will suit your skills and interests.
- Which combination of subjects will be possible.
- The entry requirements.
- How we will advise you when making difficult choices.
- The different ways in which you can discover more about the subjects you want to take.
- What an 'ordinary' day, week, term and year are like in the Sixth Form at Becket Keys.
- Extra-curricular opportunities in the Sixth Form.

- How we will support your preparation for the next steps after being in the Sixth Form.

The Sixth Form Prospectus and the Sixth Form Course Guide will be available for you to take home. You can then discuss the different options available with your son/daughter. There will also be an opportunity to take a tour of the Sixth Form area in the Justin Welby building.

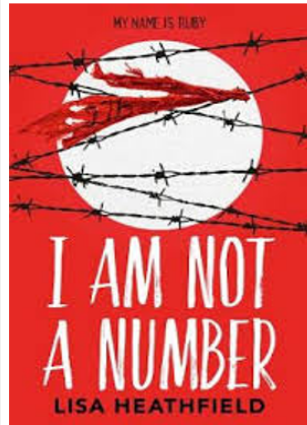
We have limited space so kindly book a ticket for each person attending.

Any questions please email: sixthform@becketkeys.org



We look forward to welcoming you that evening!

Mrs Russell's
Book of the Month -
October



WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Traditionals have been voted to lead the country, winning people over with talks of healing a broken society, of stronger families and safer streets. They promised a happier future for everyone. They didn't promise this.

When Ruby is swept up with protesters from the opposition, her life is changed forever. Locked in a prison camp far from home and with her belongings taken from her, she's now known by the number 276. With horror escalating in the camp, Ruby knows that she has to get her family out - and let the world know what's happening.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

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

Fancy winning a £20 book token and 20 cards to use for your own purposes? This competition is open to all year groups. Template on SMHW.



Designs for the Becket Keys
Church of England School
Christmas Cards 2019
must be returned to
Reception by
Tuesday 5th November.

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

ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT



Designs which reflect our Christian Ethos
are particularly encouraged.

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



Uniform

It is important to all of us that every one of the students who attend Becket Keys looks smart in their uniform at all times.

All students are required to wear shoes and not trainers.

Girls in Year 7-9, should have their hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up/ half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please.

Now that the weather is getting colder please remember that all students will be in need of a **COAT** – Plain **BLACK** without coloured flashes, logos or slogans, no 'fashion items', no 'puffer' jackets.



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

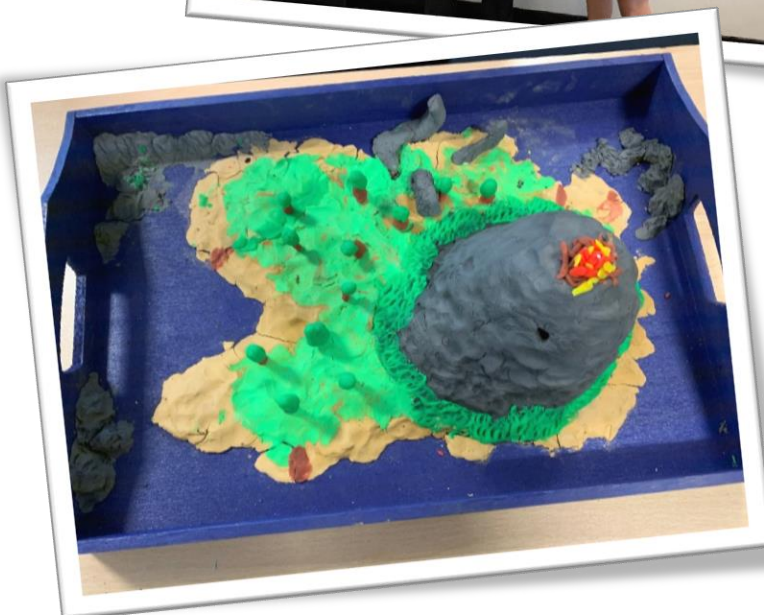
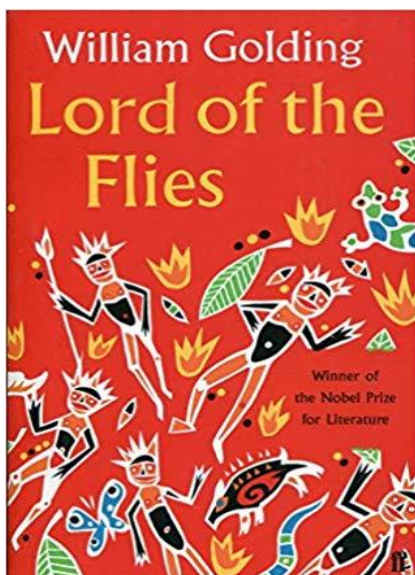
English Literature

Year 7

Over this term, Year 7 students have been reading and studying William Golding's 'Lord of the Flies'. Students' imagination has been captured by Golding's craft, and this has been displayed through students' interpretation of the island where the novel is set.

Leo and Poppy were so engrossed in the exciting world that is created, that they have gone away and created their own version of the scene – completing their project two week early!

In order to do this, the students have read through Golding's descriptions, selected key quotations, and used these to label and explain the image that has been generated from this. The rest of 7AC are also currently working hard on their islands and Mrs Russell looks forward to seeing them all at the end of this month!



Keep up the wonderful effort Year 7!

Apprentice Assistant Caretaker Start ASAP Full time 37 hours a week, 5 days per week

We are looking for a professional and well-organised apprentice to support the site team in providing a safe, secure and well-maintained site. This role will be for 52 weeks. This opportunity may lead to a full time position thereafter.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please direct them to our website www.becketkeys.org or please email us at vacancies@becketkeys.org if you would like to discuss this role further.

Hire of School Facilities

Are you, or any groups or organisations you know looking to hire some of the amazing facilities at Becket Keys School?

We have some availability for our fabulous new Sports Hall, classrooms, cookery rooms, The John Wraw Chapel and Sixth Form areas in our new Justin Welby building!

Please email:

lettings@becketkeys.org or call 01277 286649 or visit

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

Lego & Board Games Club

- WHO: All years
- WHEN: Friday 12:50 – 1:20
(please eat lunch first)

- WHERE: R14 – 1st floor Runcie

Hosted by Mrs Cavalier /Mr Thorpe



Gospel Choir

- WHO: Singers and musicians from all years
- WHEN: Tuesday 1:00-1:30pm
- WHERE: Dance Hall (Runcie)
- WHY: For people who love and have a passion for music and want to use their talents.

Hosted by Zoe, Malachia, Lucy, and Jay (6th Formers)



SPANISH CLUBS AND INTERVENTIONS 2019/20

- **Interventions** :Purple and Gold Wednesdays at 15:20 in C35 with Mrs Martin, invitation only
- **Clubs for Years 9,10 and 11:**
 - Gold and Purple Mondays** after school at 15:25 until 4:00 pm. Grammar and Speaking Skills with Mrs Walton
 - Gold and Purple Thursdays** lunchtime (at 13:05) Translation and tenses revision with Mrs Bolaños.

Sports News



Swimming Trials

To all Year 7 students.



The swimming gala is fast approaching and we need to get a Year 7 team together. In order to do this we need to ensure that all swimmers in Year 7 register their interest to Miss Schafer.

Trials will be invite only and the date for this will be published later in the term.



Previous swim team representatives will be contacted shortly.

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Monday 14th October

Year 9 Netball v Shenfield High School (H)

Tuesday 15th October

Year 7 Rugby Festival @ St Martin's

Wednesday 16th October

Year 8 Rugby Festival @ St Martin's

Primary School Badminton
(Volunteers required)

Year 7B Netball Rally @ WDF (leave at 2:50)

Thursday 17th October

Year 7, 8 & 10 Netball v Plume (H)

Year 9 Essex Cup Basketball v Shenfield High School (H)

Year 8B Netball Rally @ William de Ferrers

Monday 21st October

Year 8 Girls' Football v Chelmsford County High School

Tuesday 22nd October

Year 9 Rugby v Plume (H)

13th October – Tamsin Greenway
Masterclass – 4-6pm – St. John Payne
Chelmsford – £30
This class is for ages 10-16

NGN
NEXT GENERATION NETBALL

TAM SIN GREENWAY MASTERCLASS

VENUE: ST JOHN PAYNE CHELMSFORD
DATE: 13TH OCTOBER TIME: 4-6PM
PRICE: £30

TO BOOK- WWW.NGNETBALL.CO.UK

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT

TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2019

(SIXTH FORMERS NEEDED)

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INSET DAY

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

(NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL)

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6.00PM SKI TRIP 2021

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

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PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

SKI TRIP 2020

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

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YEAR 12

SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER



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