



Becket Keys Church of England School

22nd November 2019

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Mr Scott-Evans writes...

Jesus will bless your offering.

This week, on one of my regular walk rounds, I was called to the front of a Year 11 class by the teacher who was clearly worried about them. She asked me to try and advise them about keeping on top of their workload at this busy time. As I listened to their troubles, it was clear that they were struggling with stress and a feeling of 'I can't do this!'

After giving some practical advice about using a revision timetable, making sure they were doing what the teachers are asking them to do first, speaking to teachers where they were not sure what to prioritise and, of course, getting rid of the time-wasting on 'phones, I felt a strong urge to pray for them.

We stopped and prayed.

After a few moments, my mind focused on the story of Jesus feeding the 5000. I felt that I should share this story with them. They were familiar with it, of course: Jesus takes a little boy's lunch and shares it miraculously with thousands of people.

However, the application of this for me was two-fold.

Firstly, the miracle of taking the small offering and multiplying it. I reassured students that whatever small thing that they can do each day will be enough for God to do great things with. Certainly, that has been our experience here at Becket Keys over the last few years. Students have been surprised with how well they have done with even what, at times, seems like meagre revision. Do something! Something is better than nothing! God will bless what you do.

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Church of England School

Charity Fundraising

We are holding events to support the charities chosen this year.

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Secondly, it occurred to me that the little boy gave everything he had. He did not keep back a roll and a fish for himself! He gave it all. I advised the Year 11 class to hold nothing back. Have no regrets. Give what you can. You can give no more.

We are told in Philippians (4v13), "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." It is clear that everything is possible to the point that we have the strength to do it. It is not reasonable or sensible to be staying up until midnight working! We need to know when we have done enough and be prepared to stop. God will use what we have done for his purposes. However, we must not be lazy or selfish. We must give everything our best shot. Give it 100%.

So many of us are struggling with mental health problems around anxiety and stress. Hopefully, knowing that we can rely on God to bless our efforts and multiply them and knowing that there is only so much that we can bring, but we must bring it all, is a relief to those of us who always feel guilty that we should be doing more.

As we go into the weekend, let's all take just a little bit of time to plan our next week and think – 'what is reasonable for me to do?' Can I do more? Can I comfort myself, that I can do no more than is already planned for? Let's take a sense of peace knowing that God is on our side and will multiply our offering however meagre it may seem at the time.

May God bless you

Mr Scott-Evans – Headteacher

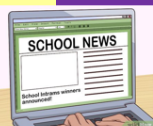
Mathematics Department

Congratulations to the following students for their determination and hard work so far this term! Mrs Blacow has analysed the usage of Mathswatch, and here are the top twenty students in the whole school. This data includes minutes spent, practice questions completed and number of videos watched. Well done to everyone who has been using Mathswatch for his or her own independent learning – keep up the hard work!

Folarin	Olukoya	8M2b	2798
Fahmid	Chowdhury	10 1A	1976
Abigail	Catton	11 1b	1255
Bea	Connor	8 M1a	1216
Rebecca	Lyle	9M1a	1058
Ambrose	Taylor	8 M1a	1038
Oscar	Howse	8M1b	914
William	Charters	8 M1a	855
Josiane	Pouadjeu Kammani	9M1a	852
Max	Barton	8M1b	837
Mio	Ushioda	10 1A	827
Alexia	Sala	11 1a	765
Lucy	O'Hare	9M1a	745
Olivia	Knight	8M2a	742
Lorenzo	Samuel	8M1b	728
Eniola	Olulode	8M1b	727
Joshua	Humphreys	11 1a	711
Anya	Till	8M1b	704
Nicole	Beke	11 1a	688
Maria	Gamble	11 1a	672

English Department

English Clubs



MONDAY

TUESDAY

THURSDAY

Creative Writing
Club
1pm-1:25pm
C26

Book and Film
Club
3:20-4:20pm
C26

School
Newspaper
3:20-4:20pm
C25



Poem of the Week

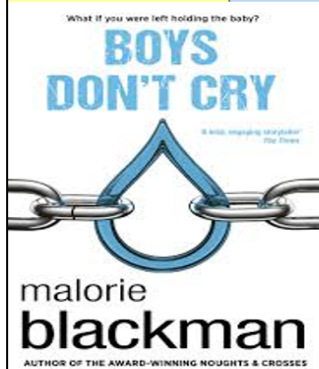
*Caxtons are mechanical birds with many wings
and some are treasured for their markings -
they cause the eyes to melt
or the body to shriek without pain.
I have never seen one fly, but
sometimes they perch on the hand.
Mist is when the sky is tired of flight
and rests its soft machine on ground:*

*then the world is dim and bookish
like engravings under tissue paper.
Rain is when the earth is television.
It has the property of making colours darker.*

*Model T is a room with the lock inside –
a key is turned to free the world
for movement, so quick there is a film
to watch for anything missed.*

*But time is tied to the wrist
or kept in a box, ticking with impatience.
In homes, a haunted apparatus sleeps,
that snores when you pick it up.
If the ghost cries, they carry it
to their lips and soothe it to sleep
with sounds. And yet, they wake it up
deliberately, by tickling with a finger.
Only the young are allowed to suffer
openly. Adults go to a punishment room with
water but nothing to eat.
They lock the door and suffer the noises
alone. No one is exempt
and everyone's pain has a different smell.
At night, when all the colours die,
they hide in pairs
and read about themselves –
in colour, with their eyelids shut.*

Mrs Russell's Book of the Month - November



WHAT'S THE STORY?

You're about to receive your A-level results and then a future of university and journalism awaits. But the day they're due to arrive your old girlfriend Melanie turns up unexpectedly... with a baby... You assume Melanie's helping a friend, until she nips out to buy some essentials, leaving you literally holding the baby...

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

Mrs Russell's Word of the Week

Connoisseur

In sentences:

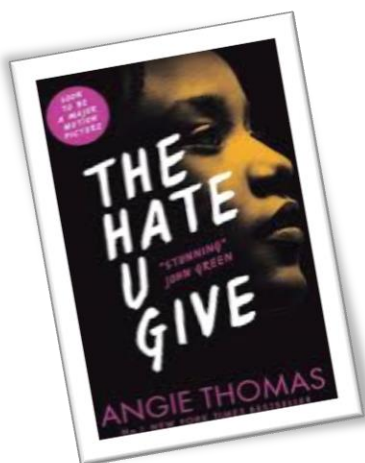
- 1) Fionn was a well-known **connoisseur** of art.
- 2) Israel was a man of wide knowledge, a **connoisseur** in art and music, and the friend of most of the leading authors of his time.
- 3) The armory was not the collection of a wealthy **connoisseur**; this was the personal armory of a man accustomed to killing often.

Definition of connoisseur (noun) in English:

A person with great experience of appreciation of something.

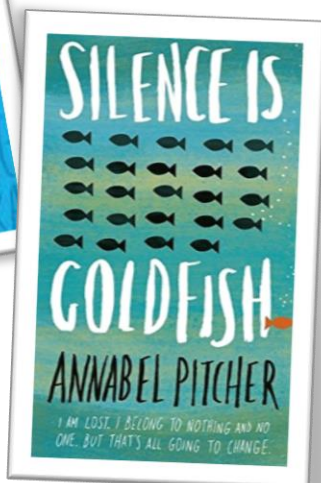
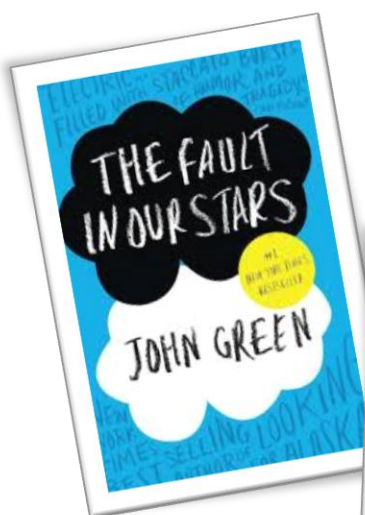
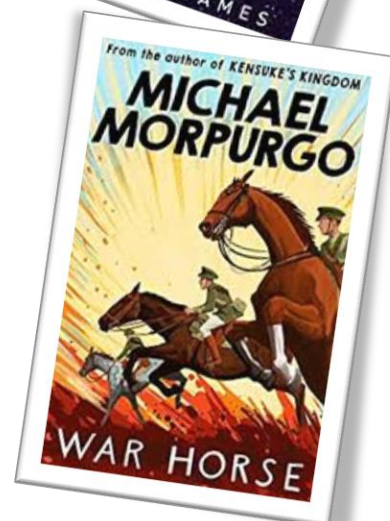
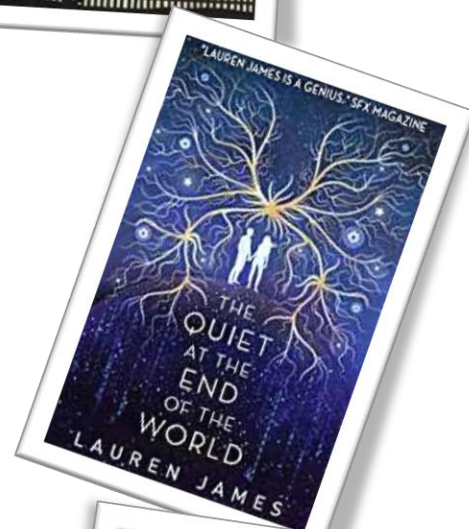
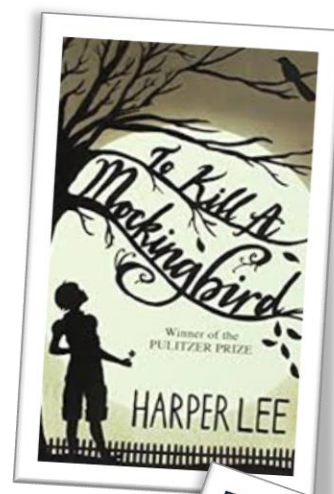
Use the noun **connoisseur** as many times as possible throughout the week! This can be verbally, in your written work or even when messaging friends and family!

Give the Gift of Reading this Christmas



As Christmas Day draws nearer and excitement levels inevitably rise, it is worth taking time to pause and reflect on the true meaning of the season. In an increasingly commercialised and materialistic world, it is often easy to forget the notion of charity and altruism; giving to others in need is far more rewarding than receiving presents oneself, and giving the gift of reading can impact individuals and the community on so many levels.

I would like to appeal to parents, students and staff alike, to donate a book this Christmas. With three Christmas trees located around the school building, this is the perfect opportunity for people to wrap up a favourite or inspirational read, and allow others to enjoy the gift of reading. Whether your chosen read is a work of fiction or non-fiction, intended for enjoyment and escapism or to enhance subject knowledge and academia, all types of literary gifts are much welcomed. There will be a separate Christmas tree in the Sixth Form area for people to donate more challenging and thought-provoking books – perhaps directly related to one of the many A-level courses being studied. It would be so rewarding and beneficial if we could continue to foster the love for reading in the Becket Keys community, and what better time to ignite the flame of literacy than during the Advent season? So, please, consider donating a book this Christmas; the gift of reading is one that we should all be able to enjoy.



Mr A. Fox
Head of English

Mrs Russell
Director of Literacy



THE ADVENT SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE

Want to give someone the gift of warmth, comfort, food and hope this Advent? Prepared to ditch your duvet and sleepout in St. Thomas of Canterbury Church?

This year, St Thomas of Canterbury Church would like to make the Advent Sleepout Challenge a new tradition for its associated Church Schools. The aim is to raise money for the Together Network (a key programme of the Church Urban Fund – the social action of the Church of England) and their work with winter night shelters and the homeless. **All you have to do is get as many sponsors as you can, for you to give up your comfy beds for a night, in one of the coldest months of the year, and sleep on the floor at St Thomas' Church.** This event is open to students of all ages (from Year 7-Year 13).

This Church run event for Becket Keys students will be on the night of the 13th December. Please be reassured that this event is not attempting to recreate the sense of danger and deprivation faced by many homeless people. It will be a fun event to raise funds that will help those who need it most. There will be a rota of DBS checked adults on duty all night to ensure safety and security. The key details of the event are below:

LOCATION: St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church, St. Thomas Road, Brentwood, CM14 4DF

BED: The floor

DATE: Night of the 13th December

TIME: 8.30pm until 9.00am

PROVIDED: Evening hot drinks and snacks, breakfast and fun!

BRING: Sleeping bag, favourite pyjamas or onesie, layers (wooly jumper, hat and gloves), cosy blanket, a torch and wash bag.

In December 2018, 83,700 households' experiences homelessness (up 5% from 2017) in the UK. Last Year, the Church Urban Fund via the Together Network, were able to provide over 4,300 winter night shelter spaces, offering individuals food, a safe space to sleep and much needed friendship. Thanks to fundraising events, such as taking part in the Advent Sleepout Challenge, one of their night shelters was able to open permanently throughout the winter period. So let's gather together, have some fun and raise as much sponsorship money as possible, to help transform as many lives as possible.

To take part, complete the consent form accompanying this newsletter and visit the fundraising page for this event (below) to get started on collecting sponsorships. You can also set up your own fundraising page as a tab and still add to 'Team St. Thomas' total. A printed sponsorship has been provided, in case you prefer this method.

<https://adventsleepoutchallenge2019.everydayhero.com/uk/team-becket-keys-st-thomas-of-canterbury>

Let's make a difference!

PAUSE

Don't worry, I have got this!

Next week, the first series of mocks begin. This can be a challenging and stressful time for students. The pressure mounts as the exams approach and schedules fill up, and the to-do lists are never-ending. It can seem daunting and overwhelming, or even impossible to get through. It is natural to feel anxious, and in some students, the adrenaline can actually boost performance. However, it is essential that students do not begin to place their value on an exam grade. The truth is, God is always with us, always fighting for us, and is always faithful to us. In our success and our struggles at school, the Lord never fails us and



never gives up on us. We can put our trust in him.

Remember the words of James 1:12 says, "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." We are called to persevere in the hardships and challenges in our lives as a form of obedience to God. Let us focus on these words: "... the testing of your faith produces perseverance." Students need to first have faith that God is big enough, strong enough, and loves them enough to bring them through any difficulties they are facing. Then that faith is able to produce perseverance in them. When they established that strong faith in God's power and control in whatever trial they are facing, they are able to face any kind of hardship because they know that God will always sustain them.

Please, pray for our Year 11 and 13 students, but also encourage them to pray too (perhaps using the prayer below). Encourage

them to pray, work hard and trust God! Praying and having faith that God will give them the energy, wisdom, strength, and endurance to study for and take their exams. It will calm them down because they will know that He is in control of all things. This is the peace that surpasses all understanding that the Bible talks about in Philippians. They need to know that God has got them in His hands and He will never let them go. He as plans for them. Plans that will prosper them and not to harm them, plans to give them hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Teach them not to worry. God has got this! All they need to do is come to Him in prayer.

A Prayer for Year 11 and 13 students to use:

Jesus,

This mock season is challenging, and I have mountains of work ahead of me, yet I trust in you. I know that when I put my faith in you, even when it is as small as a mustard seed (Luke 17:6), miracles can be accomplished. I

In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

And the

PEACE OF GOD

which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in

Christ Jesus

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

pray that as I study in these coming weeks, as I soak up knowledge and memorise facts, as I read and process and write, that you would be renewing my mind and strengthening my spirit. Help me to persevere through the massive the busy schedules, and help me to keep my eyes fixed on you throughout it all.

As I enter my classrooms and exam rooms, I pray you would blanket me in your peace. Ease any anxieties, calm my restless mind, and give me focus on the task at hand. I pray that I would know my worth is in you alone, not in any grade I do or do not make. I pray that I would feel your presence during my exams, and that I would be comforted by your nearness.

Thank you for the gift of this education, Jesus. I pray that these exams would be a celebration of all I have been learning, and that I would be grateful for all that I have experienced and for all the ways I have grown.

Amen.

Mrs. Sharp
Deputy Headteacher



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Year 9 - Bude Trip **8th - 12th May 2020**

Would your Year 9 son or daughter like to attend the Bude trip next year? We have been able to secure additional places so please contact the school if you are interested.

£250 will be required to secure your place with the final payment due in February. All payments are made via ParentPay.

Please contact finance@becketkeys.org if you have any issues.

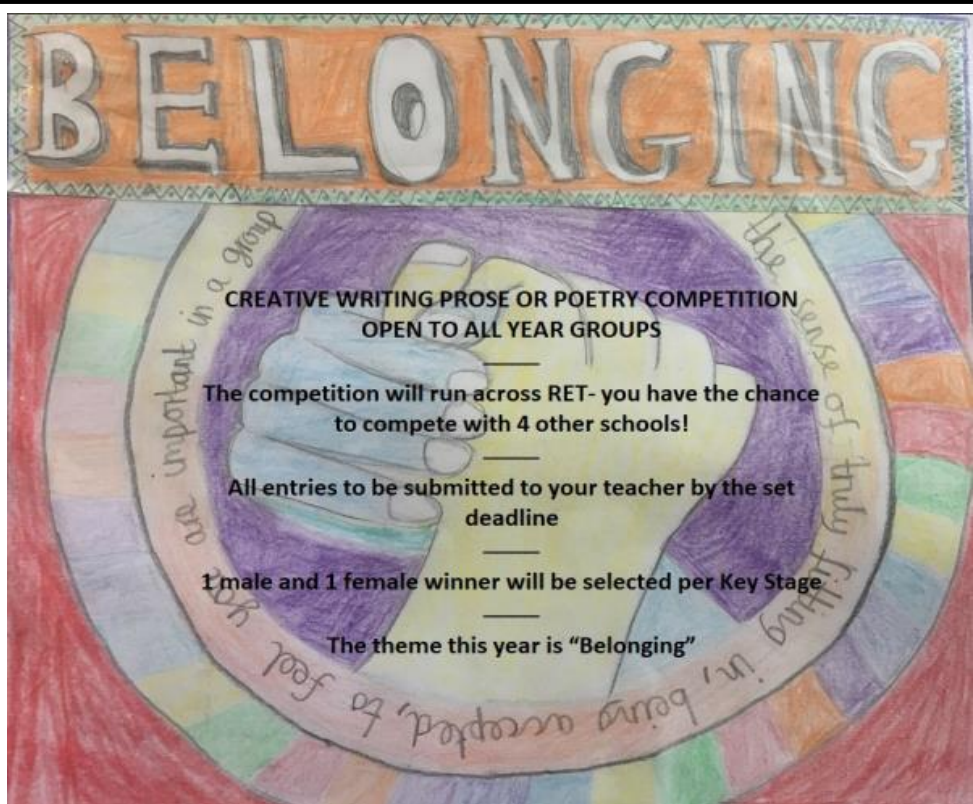
Local Governing Body of (RET) Becket Keys School Parent Governor Election, Autumn 2019

We recently went through the process of appointing a new Parent Governor. There were two nominations for this vacancy, Joy Sajuwa and Fiona Benson, which meant we needed to hold a parent ballot election for the vacancy with a deadline of Friday 15 November.

Fiona Benson was elected by Parents following this ballot.

Fiona currently works for Essex County Council, managing a Countywide team who work with 16-18 year olds who are not in education, employment and training (NEET) to support them to progress in to a positive outcome. Fiona has been an active member of the Congregation at Christchurch Warley for 40 years and is an elected member of the PCC and a Sunday School leader.

Many thanks to both candidates for standing and the parents who returned their ballot papers. We welcome Fiona to the Governing Body and look forward to working with her in the future.



The RET Creative Writing/Poetry competition is your opportunity to exhibit your English skills. ALL students from across ALL Key Stages are welcomed to enter – regardless of whether you study English or not. Your writing can take the form of prose or poetry but must link to **the theme of BELONGING**. (word limit of **1,000 words**) Entries should be submitted to **Miss Romano (C25)** by no later than **Thursday 28th November**.

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.

A friendly ear.....

- Do you need someone to talk to?
- Someone close to your age?
- Do you need some help with homework?
- Support with GCSEs?
- Struggling to know where to start with revision?



We have something for you

- Every **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY**
- We have 6th form prefects ready to help you.
- From talking about something that is on your mind or help with your homework, our 6th form prefects can help.
- They will be in the small meeting room in reception ready to lend a hand.



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.

Raise funds for The Friends of Becket Keys every time you shop online

Find us on easyfundraising to start:

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



Shop with over 3,300 online stores



£27 Million raised

1.6 Million users

130,000 causes

Christmas Shopping? Why not see if you can help raise some funds for FoBK through your online purchases in a few easy steps:

Follow this link:

- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeysschoolbrentwood/?invite=24A809&referral-campaign=s2s>
- Click 'Support this Cause'.
- If new to Easyfundraising then set up an account.
- Browse the hundreds of online shops who participate in the scheme and go shopping! As long as you go into the online sites through the Easyfundraising site, you will register a donation to FoBK. You can even get an App for your phone! It will not cost you a penny!

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY PARISH CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FAIR

30TH NOV 12PM - 4PM

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

GREAT STOCKING FILLERS & GIFTS FOR ALL

MULLED WINE + BAR + REFRESHMENTS

FATHER CHRISTMAS

JEWELLERY, FOREVER LIVING, SCENTSV, TOMBOLA, SWEETS, CHEESE, JAMS, GAMES, OILS & CANDLES, RUSTIC REINDEERS, CAKES, BOWS, ALLERGY FREE BAKERY, TOYS, FACE PAINTING, CARDS, CROCHETED ITEMS, TEMPLE SPA LIFESTYLE CONSULTANT, WOODEN GIFTS, AVON FOOD & DRINK & LOTS MORE!

RAFFLE

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Phoenix Youth Orchestra
present a screening of Raymond Briggs

The Snowman

with live orchestral music by Howard Blake
conducted by Stephen Rumsey

Saturday 7th December, 3.30pm
Bishop's Hill, Poplar Drive, Brentwood, CM13 1BD
All tickets £6
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/boym>

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8th 2019

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Stunning Nordman Fir Variety

5-6 ft £30 6-7 ft £37.50 7-8 ft £45

Local Delivery Service Available

Order via www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk

Remember to pre-order your Christmas Tree from Friends of Becket Keys this year.

These premium grade Nordman Fir trees are perfect for Christmas, with lovely symmetrical shape, attractive foliage and slow drop needle.

Collection from school or why not contact us about our local delivery service.

Please place your order via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk/index.cfm?event=products#.XbK8NCXTUIQ>

Last Order date:
27th November 2019.

FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS HAVE THE FOLLOWING HIGHLY DISCOUNTED THEATRE SHOWS AVAILABLE

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www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk



Tuesday 28th January 2020
7:30pm
Sondheim Theatre, London
W1V 8BA
£32.50 EACH



Thursday 20th Feb 2020
7:30pm
Duchess Theatre
London
WC2B 5LA
£26.00 EACH



Thursday 7th May 2020
7:00pm
Cambridge Theatre
London
WC2H 9HU
£30.00 EACH



Thursday 25th June 2020
7:30pm
Coliseum Theatre
London
WC2N 4ES
£30.00 EACH

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE
FoBK@becketkeys.org

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 accept old £1 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!



Parkrun organise free, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world. They are open to everyone, free, and are safe and easy to take part in.

These events take place in pleasant parkland surroundings and they encourage people of every ability to take part; from those taking their first steps in running to Olympians; from juniors to experienced runners. All are welcome!

Parkrun takes place every **Saturday at 9.00am**. The event takes place at Weald Country Park, South Weald, Brentwood, CM14 5QS.

It is free to take part but please register prior to attending. For more information:

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/brentwood/>

Becket Keys have a number of Cross Country events coming up. If you have been chosen for any of these, then participation in the Park Run each week will give you an excellent opportunity to continue your training. If you are a member of any of the school sports teams then joining the Park Run each week will be great way to improve your overall fitness.



Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Monday 25th November

Year 7 Essex Plate Netball v
Shoeburyness High School (A)
Year 9 Essex Cup Basketball v Harris
Academy (H)

Tuesday 26th November

Year 7 & 8 Boys' Football v Moulsham
High School (A)

Thursday 28th November

Year 7 Essex Plate Netball v Emerson
Park Academy (H)
Year 7 & 8 Girls' Football v CVHS (H)
Indoor Athletics Trials (Year 7 & 8)

Friday 29th November

Year 9 Essex Cup Basketball V
Mayflower (A)

Monday 2nd December

Year 7 Essex Cup Netball v St Angela's
School (H)

Tuesday 3rd December

Year 9 Football v Moulsham (H)

Wednesday 4th December

Year 7 Basketball v Anglo (A)

Thursday 5th December

Year 11 Basketball v Moulsham (A)
Year 8 Netball v Brentwood County
High School (H)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS

25TH NOVEMBER – 6TH DECEMBER

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WORLD CHALLENGE PARENT MEETING

6pm TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

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CAROLS AT THE BAYTREE CENTRE

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

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CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

10TH DECEMBER

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STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

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KEY STAGE 5

AWARDS & PRESENTATION EVENING

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

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LAST DAY OF TERM

STUDENT HALF DAY

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER



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