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Becket Keys Church of England School

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Mr Scott-Evans writes...

This week in Collective Worship I have been speaking about Epiphany. This is the time in the Church's year when we remember the Wise Men coming to Jesus bringing their gifts.

Just before Christmas, BBC Essex approached me to ask if I would speak on the Radio about what parents should buy as gifts for teachers. I declined the opportunity, as I was not sure what to say! However, I spent some of the Christmas holiday pondering the question.

The Wise Men brought gifts that meant something. Gold – because Jesus was a King. The King of the World! A King who would reign forever and whose birthday we would continue to celebrate 2020 years later. Myrrh

– because Jesus was going to die. Myrrh is a balm that traditionally was put on dead bodies. It was also a healing ointment of great value. Probably pointing to the incredible healing ministry that Jesus would have not only healing bodies but healing souls. Finally, Frankincense – because Jesus was God. Incense is burned to recognise a 'deity nigh' as the famous Carol goes. Jesus was uniquely the Christ Child himself.

Each gift was precious not because of its monetary value – but because of its symbolism.

That is what I was thinking about in terms of what I should have said to BBC Essex regarding the presents that teachers receive. Each year, I receive gifts of wine and champagne. Sometimes so valuable that I have to declare them! All teachers are very

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grateful for these types of gifts. We appreciate parents giving us such valuable items. Thank you!

However, like with any gift, it is the thought that counts – what does the gift symbolise? Not every family can afford such expensive items, nor should they feel any compulsion to give them. The most valuable gifts are often the handwritten (sometimes even handmade!) cards that we receive. These will often express how much appreciation the student/family has for the teacher and what s/he has done. These days it may be an email that a parent takes time to write after the end of a long hard term. It really means a lot!

The BBC wanted to know the most important/valuable way a parent can give to a teacher? I gave this some serious thought. It occurred to me that the gift that keeps on giving and is of the greatest mutual benefit is one that we are truly blessed with here at Becket Keys. It is one that is highly prevalent because every family has specifically chosen to come here. It is a gift that usually costs nothing, but it can on rare occasions cost a great deal. I have decided to describe it as 'the most expensive free gift you can give'!

If I could go back and accept the offer to go on the radio, I think what I would say is that the best gift a parent can give is their unequivocal support to the school. Whether it is support with homework, discipline, uniform,

attendance, punctuality, responding to communications, paying for things on time, attending events or making sure your child has a fully equipped pencil case! These are the things that teachers need most. Parents who instinctively trust the teacher, support the teacher and 'back them' in all circumstances are the ones who give us the gift that we really need. If we continue to have your support, then there is nothing that we cannot do. It truly is the greatest gift and we are extremely grateful for it.

Happy New Year!

Mr Scott-Evans
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.

Late Gate

*Early is on time
On time is late
And late is unacceptable!*

At Becket Keys, we look to ensure that we are preparing students for life beyond school; this includes encouraging students to attend school regularly, and of course, on time.

Remember that the school gate closes at **8.25am**. This will allow students enough time to be at their first lesson on time. Period 1 begins at 8.30am.

Brentwood is tough to manoeuvre on some occasions so we encourage students and parents to contact the school in the case of **genuine** lateness such as delayed public transport.

Parents can call the main school line or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.



THE ADVENT SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE

As you may remember, during Advent, students from Becket Keys ditched their duvets to sleep on the floor of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. The aim was to raise money for the Together Network and their work with winter night shelters and the homeless. I am pleased to announce that, thanks to your support, they managed to raise **£826.54** for this cause! People



beyond our school community were inspired by their social action and donations were made by the church congregation, as well as anonymous donors, via our fund-raising page. Thank you to the church volunteers who helped throughout the evening and stayed awake throughout the night as well as to Friends of Becket Keys for a superb cooked breakfast on Saturday morning.

Year 5 and 6 students from St Thomas of Canterbury Junior school will be completing the challenge tonight! Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

For those of you who attended one or more of the Christingle services on Christmas Eve, you may have noticed the prayer snowflakes created by Team Becket Keys at this fund raising event decorating the church.

Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher



Student Experience – Brady Doyle Year 9

I have always wanted to experience life in a different country, and to see how different the USA is compared with the UK.

One day I woke up and thought, today is the day that I pluck up the courage to ask my dad if I can attend school in America for a few months. I had it all planned out, I was going to be confident and brave when proposing this crazy idea, at least I thought it was a pretty crazy idea.



The conversation went like this: "Hey Dad, you're looking good! Have you done something different with your hair?". My Dad is pretty much bald! He replied with amusement, "Ha ha very funny, what do you want?" "I was wondering, and I think I probably know the answer already, but I might as well ask..... Can I spend some time with my cousins in America and go to school there?" I asked. He looked at me with an odd

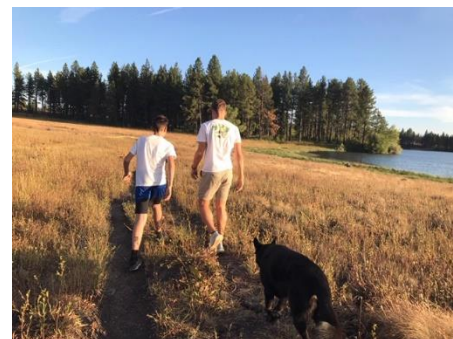
expression, "You were thinking what?!" I shuffled uncomfortably, feeling a little embarrassed: "I was wondering if, you know, maybe if I can..."

My Dad smiled back with a twinkle in his eye "I heard you the first time. That's a cracking idea, we will talk about it later today".

Later that day we called my Aunt and Uncle to discuss this crazy idea and they were possibly more excited than we were. Our next step was to tackle the schools. I expected to run into obstacles here and was surprised when both schools seemed to think that this was not mission impossible. There was quite a bit of planning required, lots of communication between the schools, and a few legal things that had to be done. Thanks to Mr Shields, Mr Scott Evans, Mr Baxter, Mr Smith and of course my family, eventually everything was in place for my adventure to begin.

Pretty soon we had a date that I would fly to Vancouver, Canada. I remember flying over Vancouver and feeling speechless at how beautiful Vancouver is. I was met at Vancouver airport by my Grandmother and my Canadian cousins. I spent a few days in Vancouver and then we drove down to LA Grande, Oregon, seeing a few beautiful spots along the way. La Grande is a very small town with a population of 11,000, snuggled in a beautiful valley in

North East Oregon. It is very rural and surrounded by mountains, lakes and forests. It is very different to living in Brentwood.



I had a few days to settle in and recover from the trip and then I had to start soccer practice. There is only one school in La Grande, so everyone is encouraged to play all sports. Soccer practice started even before the school term. Luckily, my cousin also plays soccer and he is very popular, so he was able to introduce me to everyone. It was there that I met two of my best friends.

So, what's so different about the USA?

Firstly, sport is mainly school based so, in order to succeed in



the sporting world, you do it in school. Colleges (universities) will give you scholarships depending on how good they think you are. There are also different levels of colleges (such as D1 or D2 colleges). Division 1 colleges have more athletic scholarships because they have bigger budgets and better facilities. From there you can get drafted to the big leagues like the NBA. Certain sports like American football and basketball are massive. Most people in the school attend the games. There are chants and the school band plays at half time, it is truly like the movies.



Secondly, Americans love America and are very patriotic. Most houses will have an

American flag outside their house. Before every sporting event, they will sing the national anthem. Every week at school, students say the "Pledge of allegiance" In their classes. There are no school uniforms so you can wear your own clothes to school, but clothes with political slogans are not allowed.



Thirdly school. School is very different; it is much freer in the sense that you take responsibility for your own grades. If you choose not to do your homework, that's up to you. No one will tell you off, but your grade will go down, and if you fail your class, you will have to retake it. The subjects are also very different. You choose what you want to do for a semester and then at the end you take a final test. If you fail that class, you have to retake it. My subjects were Algebra, Earth Science, Art, Woodwork, Culinary arts, an introduction to business and English 9. Although I was a full year younger than anyone else in the school (high

school starts at 14, before that it is middle school), I found some subjects, like algebra, very easy. In subjects like woodwork and culinary arts, we were given a lot of freedom. You are given your materials and shown how to use the equipment and then you're free to do your own thing, under the teacher's guidance. Because we do each subject every day, we make good progress in practical subjects.



I will miss the freedom of living in a small town where you know everyone. I will miss the crisp, cold but sunny days of an Oregon winter and the wonderful outdoor opportunities. I will miss living in a house full of boy cousins and the banter that goes with that, but I am happy to be back with my family and looking forward to playing hockey and rugby again even in the rain and mud! I hope I am able to catch up on work that I have missed but I'm sure this experience has been worth any extra hard work that is needed.

Brady Doyle
Year 9

New Hope Children's Centre - Kenya

It has been lovely to receive photos and video clips of the children from New Hope Children's centre in Kenya enjoying the gifts that Becket Keys sent them for Christmas. The video clips will be shown to the students during Collective Worship.

Working with Hand in Hand, a local charity, we were able to transfer £700 to the orphanage. The money was raised in school through cake sales, a sweet jar competition and half of the non uniform payments. Anne Cheng, in charge of the orphanage, was able to buy every one of the 108 teenagers, children and babies a new item of clothing each, sweets, cakes and fizzy drinks for Christmas Day and a Christmas gift. For many of the children, this would have been the first new item of clothing that they have owned.

In addition, our students sent over enough Christmas cards for every child in the orphanage - form groups signed, and in some cases, created these cards - so that every single child knew that we care about them.

The remainder of the money raised up to Christmas term will be donated to our other nominated charity - Cancer Research. More information about the total raised for this worthwhile charity will follow shortly.



afford this. Each year group is being challenged to raise money to provide specific items for the school and orphanage, such as 1500 pencils or 100 calculators.

New Hope asked me to pass on their thanks to all those who have supported them so far and to wish you all a (belated!) Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Mrs Ahlner

This term, we are raising money in particular to help buy educational supplies, such as paper and pens, for New Hope Children's Centre and for the local school - Kibagare Primary school. Based in rural Kenya, the school receives minimal funding from the Government and children have to provide their own stationery, paper, books and uniform. Quite simply, many parents cannot



Extra-Curricular Clubs

REHEARSALS

EVERY WEEK

PERFECT PITCH

THURSDAY 12.50 R02

FRIDAY 3.15-4.30PM

Calling all Year 7 and 8!

New club alert
"Stitch and Mix"

Make New Friends... While you sew and chat

- Would you like to meet new friends?
- Would you like to chat and sew at lunch?
- Make friends (and a bookmark!) in a calm and relaxed environment.
- Student led club.
- Where: J22
- When Monday: 12.55-1.30
- Who with: Mrs Musharbash



Drama Clubs



MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS3 'TIME TO SHINE' 3.15pm-4.15pm RUNCIE HALL	KS3 TECHNICAL CREW 1pm-1.30pm RUNCIE HALL	KS3 'TIME TO SHINE' 1pm-1.30pm RUNCIE HALL	KS4 & KS5 Applause Co. 1pm-1.30pm RUNCIE HALL

JUNIOR VOICES

@ 12.50pm in R02

Did you know?

Singing is a natural anti-depressant
Singing lowers stress levels
Singing improves mental alertness

- Singing can widen your circle of friends
- Singing boosts your confidence
- Singing broadens communication skills



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

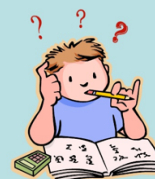
Note: Students who would like to rehearse in a music room at lunchtime need to book the room. This can only be done on the morning of the day you wish to book.

Homework Club

Where? C11

When? 3:30PM-4:30PM, Monday to Friday

Homework Help!



If you would like extra help with your homework, we recommend that you attend homework club where you will benefit from:

1. A teacher available to help you
2. Older students to help you (they will have done the work at some point already!)

GCSE Awards Evening Thursday 23rd January 2020

We have invited families from GCSE Cohort 2019 to celebrate their achievement at GCSE and witness the distribution of GCSE certificates.

Our presentation evening will last approximately ninety minutes, with highlights from the year group and musical interludes and prior to the ceremony light refreshments served in the Bistro.

Every student will receive their Examination Certificates and those who gained the English Baccalaureate will receive the RET EBacc Certificate. There will be three awards for each subject: 'Attainment', 'Progress' and 'Character'.

This will be a formal event and celebration. Gentlemen should wear a shirt and tie. Ladies should wear formal attire. Light refreshments will be served from 6.45 pm in the Bistro, doors to the Main Hall will open at 7.15pm so we can begin the ceremony promptly at 7.30pm.

There is no charge for a ticket, however, please only order the number you need because if all 500 tickets are 'sold' we will have people standing.

This should be a wonderful celebration. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible coming back for one more celebration of our 2019 GCSE cohort!

Please book the tickets under the name of the student.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/class-of-2019-gcse-awards-evening-tickets-85223109615?ref=estw>

Chinese New Year Celebration Year 7



The Mandarin department is busy organising a celebration of the Chinese New Year for Year 7 students, when we welcome the Year of the Rat!

THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2020

We have provisionally invited Mr James Trapp, from the British Museum, to start the day with an inspiring assembly. The students will then participate in different workshops, some run by external specialists. Students will gain a better understanding of Chinese culture and also experience Chinese cooking, food tasting, writing with Chinese calligraphy pens and learn to create their own artwork. There will be a lion dance and Chinese drumming performance on the playground at lunchtime and the Bistro are providing a Chinese themed lunch on that day.

So that we can give the students an experience to remember, we require a voluntary contribution of £11.25 from each Year 7 student in order to fund the day.

If you wish your child to be able to experience this fantastic day, please make your donation via ParentPay as soon as possible, so that we know the day can go ahead.

General Information and Reminders



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health

See what illnesses are going around

Secure system, all communications encrypted



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A Message from the Mathematics Department



We have been checking equipment during Mathematics lessons this week. Where possible we would encourage students to upgrade to the new Casio fx-83GTX calculator (which can be purchased from the school reception for £11.00). This is an upgrade to the old Casio calculator which most of our students currently use. Although the new Casio is not essential, it is important that all students have access to a scientific calculator during all of their mathematics lessons.

All students should also be attending lessons with the correct maths equipment, including a pencil, ruler, protractor and set of compass.

Mrs Blacow
Head of Mathematics

School Meals

Parent Pay

Please make sure that you top-up your son or daughter's account each week so that they are able to access all the delicious snacks and meals available in the Bistro.

There is only a small overdraft facility on their ParentPay account of £2 for emergency situations which covers the cost of a sandwich. Due to the cashless system in place at school there is no other back up.

We do not want any student to miss lunch or the great choice of food available every day in our restaurants so please keep the balance topped up!

If you have any queries please contact the school.



ParentPay

Friends of Becket Keys

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 January 2020 FLASH will run over ten consecutive Mondays. Each session is designed to build on the previous sessions.

Places are limited so if you are interested, contact Lesley for more information.
lesleybentley2019@outlook.com

Main programme starts on Monday 13th January 2020 Time: 6-8pm

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.



ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL



Friends of Becket Keys Presents GIN TASTING NIGHT

Calling all Gin Lovers!

Join us in celebrating the fabulous world of gin as John Kernaghan, local Gin Buff, will be helping guests understand what gin actually is, its history, how it's made and the key botanicals.



Friday 7th February 2020

(7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start)

Welcome Drink on Arrival

Enjoy a selection of Artisan Gins paired with premium tonic/garnishes
 Delicious canapés/nibbles served throughout the evening.

TICKETS: £20

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

Tickets are selling fast for this event please visit
www.pta-events.co.uk/fobk to purchase. Last order date 30th
 January 2020.

FoBK

Nearly New Uniform Sale

THURSDAY 16TH January 2020

3.15pm – 4.15pm

Friends of Becket Keys will be holding a nearly new uniform Sale next week, after school in the Bistro.
 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Come along and grab a bargain!



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.



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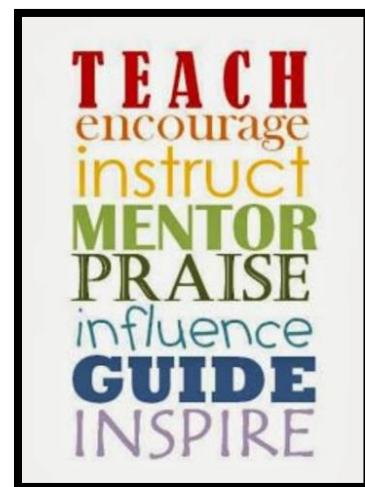
School Centred Initial Teacher Training

INTERESTED IN TEACHING?

The school is always interested to hear from those who wish to consider teaching as a career. Readers may well be aware of the current difficulties all schools face in recruiting high quality staff. Becket Keys Church of England School has an advantage given its reputation and being an outstanding church school, but we cannot be complacent. The school would welcome expressions of interest from qualified teachers, those looking to return to the profession or those wishing to enter the profession.

We offer School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) as a route into teaching. We work closely with the Billericay Education Consortium who have connections to a large network of partnership schools in Essex and Havering. They provide bespoke training of the highest quality and over the last five years 100% of their trainees have passed the course with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and gained a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with 60 Master credits. The programme offers a real balance between hands on classroom experiences and the theory underpinning educational practice.

Please contact **Mrs. Sharp (Professional Mentor for Billericay Education Consortium at Becket Keys)** or go direct to <https://www.billericayscitt.com/> for further details.



TASTER EVENTS

Mrs. Sharp will be organising taster events for Thursday 30th January 2020 and Thursday 14th May 2020 from 9.30 - 12.30am at Becket Keys. Attending one of these events will give you a chance to experience life in school and discover whether teaching may be the career for you. During your visit, you will observe lessons and meet with mentors and staff who work in partnership with the Billericay Educational Consortium. You will get the chance to have a chat with ex-trainees who have been employed by the school, and current trainees who are placed there for their training year. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have, either about the course or teaching in general.

If you are interested in attending either of these events, please complete the form found on line at <https://www.billericayscitt.com/information-events/> or, alternatively, contact becky@billericayscitt.com to reserve a place.

PAUSE

The greatest gift

Welcome back! The presents have been opened, the puddings eaten and lots of carols sung. For many, the New Year signals that Christmas has been and gone for another year. But wait, the feast of Epiphany is too significant to rush back to normality without reflecting on the significance of the incarnation. The word 'Epiphany' comes from Greek and means 'manifestation'. It celebrates the revelation of God in his Son as human in Jesus Christ.

We all enjoy giving and receiving gifts at Christmas, but let us not forget the greatest gift of all. The birth of Jesus. God with us. Emmanuel. At Becket Keys, we are constantly trying to encourage our students to make



their thinking 'visible' both in subjects and through our character education approach. A typical question is; 'What made you say that?' In a grand and wonderful way, God made His thinking visible in Jesus Christ. The mind of God became visible in Jesus; the Word of God became flesh and blood.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth".

(John 1:14).

When you want to know what God is thinking, all you have to do is look at the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you want to know God's plans and purpose, look at the compassion and determination of Jesus. Jesus is the grace of God in flesh. Jesus is the truth of God in human skin. You may wonder at the ways of God and ask, "Where did that come from?" The answer is in Jesus Christ. You may question God, "What made you do that?" Look to Jesus. Jesus is the thinking, the heartbeat, and the essence of God. May His wisdom make a home in our lives. He came that we might personally know Him. The gifts of Jesus are love, peace, hope and joy. His gift gives us a deeper and more authentic relationship with one another as well as a more genuine understanding of ourselves.

The gifts of the Magi were quite strange for giving to a baby, but they were the gifts which foretold the significance of this child. Gold for a King, frankincense for worship and myrrh to show that Jesus would suffer and die.





I enjoy listening to Pentatonix, an American acappella group. For me, the lyrics of "Mary, did you know?" encapsulate the true gift of Christmas that is not put away with the Christmas decorations, but will last eternity. Listen to the song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifCWN5pJGIE> or read the lyrics below:

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God.*

*The blind will see, the deaf will hear,
the dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak,
the praises of the lamb!*

Mary, did you know that your baby

*boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
That sleeping child you're holding is the great I am.*

The prophet Isaiah foretold that Jesus would do great things and die for us. The Bible has many amazing stories to tell. The question is, what can we give back for this ultimate sacrifice and the gift of eternal life? Our gift to God is to live by Christian values and be God's kingdom on earth.

Decide on three gifts you would offer baby Jesus. I am not talking about possessions here, I am talking about giving of yourself. Ask yourself, how can I use the gifts and talents I have been given to serve God, not myself? How can you use your musical talent, patience, ability to forgive someone and move on, actions in the community . . .

What New Year's resolutions have you made? Perhaps we can encourage each other to eat healthily etc. What about our spirituality? That never needs a diet! Can we add time to read His

Word, to meditate, to pray?
Perhaps download an App with daily Bible verses, reflection and prayer or simply give extra time to sowing the seeds of faith.
Pledge to know him more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly, day by day.
Create a life that feels good on the inside, not just one that looks good on the outside.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, We thank you for the joy of Christmas. For good gifts given and received; for laughter and quality time with friends and family; for feasting, festivities and fun. But, we ask you to come now and remind us why you came and how we can prepare for you to come still more to transform our hearts, our lives and our world. We thank you for the many gifts in our lives and pray that we may use them to serve you. May we hear and see you more clearly as you are – Christ our King – the true gift of this time. May we continue our journey with you. Amen.

**Mrs Sharp
Deputy Head Teacher**





World Challenge builds the life skills young people need to live a life of courage, kindness and adventure. They travel to over 40 destinations with over 8,000 students each year.

Becket Keys students have in the past travelled to Costa Rica, Tanzania and Mozambique and there are trips planned to India and Nepal. The students have had to attend planning meetings, take part in team building exercises and they have to make sure that they are fit for their trip with exercise and training. Fundraising is an important part of the preparation, as the students are required to raise money for their own expedition. Please support Henry with his goal.

STOP

STOP is an effective parenting course for parents and/or carers of young people aged 11 – 18. 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 Tuesday 7th January 2020 10.10am-11.00am

Programme starting on Tuesday 14th January 2020, 9.00-11.00am

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.



ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

School Nurse

Information to parents

A reminder that School Nurses will not send text messages as their first contact with parents. If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please **DO NOT** engage.

To check authenticity of the text message received, please contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Single Point of Access on:

Mid Essex 0300 247 0014 (option 2)

North Essex 0300 247 0015

South Essex 0300 247 0013

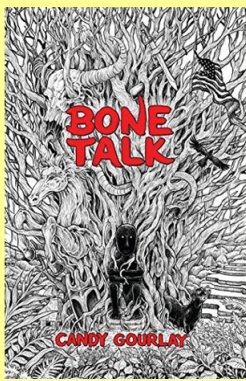
West Essex 0300 247 0122

To see examples of suspicious text messages, click the link below:

<https://who-called.co.uk/Number/07562068525>



Mrs Russell's
Book of the Month - January



WHAT'S THE STORY?

Samkad dreams of becoming a mighty head-hunter like his father, carrying his own weapons and etching tattoos across his chest to proclaim his greatness as a warrior. His best friend is a girl his age, Little Luki and Little Luki wants to become a mighty warrior too... Except in their culture, girls don't grow up to become warriors.

The two friends have no idea about the world outside their isolated mountain village until a boy from the Lowlands turns up ... a boy who can speak many tongues and who tells stories about the world outside that seem ridiculous and unbelievable especially the part about invaders called 'Americans' who are coming to take over the village.

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

Ethereal

In sentences:

- 1) Her **ethereal** beauty.
- 2) Her hair fell softly around her face and she had an **ethereal** glow about her.
- 3) It was the most **ethereal** flight I had ever witnessed.

Definition of ethereal in English:

Extremely delicate and light in a way that seems not to be of this world.

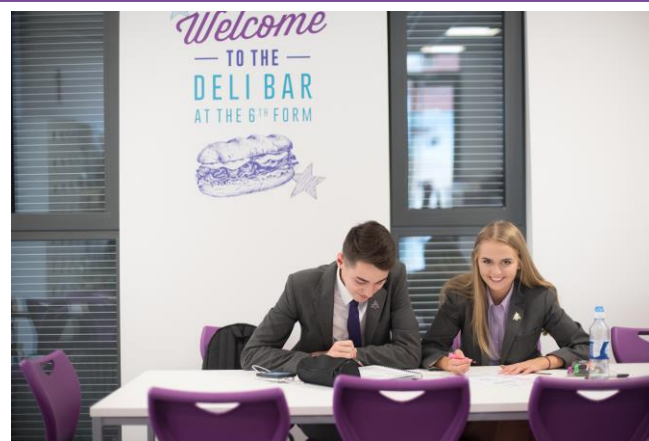
Use the adjective **ethereal** as many times as possible throughout the week! This can be verbally, in your written work or even when messaging friends and family!



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.



Sixth Former for a Day

This exciting day will be held on Friday 17th January 2020. It is designed to ensure that students have a good idea of what their next steps after Year 11 will be like.

Year 11 students will get an opportunity to attend four lessons of their choice, spend one period in the Sixth Form Subject Fair finding out more about the lessons they want to study by speaking to teachers and Sixth Form students and experience a Sixth Form tutorial period.

Lunch and breakfast will be provided for you, but students should bring their own snacks and drink for break.

Year 11 students will be at school for SFFAD, along with up to 50 students from other schools who will be your peers in Years 12 and 13! A letter was emailed home to parents prior to the Christmas break. Please read it carefully and reply as requested in the letter.

If you have any questions about anything to do with this day, please see Mr. Peggs in the Sixth Form office at break or lunch.

If your parents have any questions, please let them know they can email Mr. Peggs using this address: sixthform@becketkeys.org

School Uniform



A letter was sent to parents last year with reminders about uniform and the high standards we have at Becket Keys.

Feedback from our families is crucial to our development; parents have mentioned to us that they appreciate consistency and firmness with regards to uniform, and so, with this in mind, we want to have a perfect start in 2020.

Make-up

Students in Years 7-9 are not permitted to wear any make up. The only make up allowed is concealer to cover up spots and blemishes. Students who do wear make up to school will be asked to remove it.

For our older students, if false eyelashes and/or nails were part of your festive season, please

ensure such items are removed before you start the new term.

Bags & Coats

Please ensure, in all cases, that these items are **black**.

Year 7 & 8 students must have Becket Keys' bags from SmartyPants.

Older students are allowed to choose their own bags, but no large logos please.

Coats must be plain black for all year groups.

Shoes

Please ensure all students have returned to school in January with the correct footwear, trainers should only be worn, if there is a medical issue (a note must be supplied and kept in the student's blazer).

Equipment

Please ensure you check your son/daughter's stationery. The January sales are a good time to top up pencil cases! Please check for red/black/blue pens, whiteboard markers, pencils, rulers, rubbers and calculators. These are all basic requirements at Becket Keys.



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01277 363275

Visit the website here:

<http://www.smartypantsschoolwear.com/>

Please make sure you check the Christmas opening times before you visit the shop.

Sports News

Monday 13th January

Year 7 & 8 Netball v William de Ferrers School
(A)

Year 8 Boys' Basketball v The Boswells School
(H)

Tuesday 14th January

Year 8 Boys' Football v William de Ferrers
School (H)

Year 9 Rugby v Plume High School (H)

Wednesday 15th January

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

Year 10 Netball v Moulsham High School (A)

Thursday 16th January

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

Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 Swimming Relays @
William de Ferrers School

Year 11 Boys' Basketball v Great Baddow
High School (A)

Monday 20th January

Year 7 Boys' Basketball v The Boswells School
(H)

Year 9 Girls' Basketball v Brentwood County
High School (A)

Tuesday 21st January

Year 7 Girls' Football v Brentwood County
High School (H)

Park Run

Parkrun takes place every **Saturday at 9.00am** 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 School Satellite Running Club

Brentwood Running Club have training sessions from 3.30 to 4.30 pm after school each Thursday afternoon, this term from 16th January 2020.

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

That is £22 for the 11 weeks of Spring 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE

3.15PM THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2020

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YEAR 13 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2020

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SIXTH FORMER FOR A DAY

FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2020

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YEAR 7 CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

GCSE AWARDS EVENING

THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2020

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YEAR 9 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2020

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YEAR 9 CURRICULUM EVENING

TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

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YEAR 8 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

HAVERING ADULT COLLEGE

Keeping Children Safe Online

This free three-week course aims to give you an insight into what children are exposed to online and provide you with strategies to use with your child to encourage e-safety and be able to communicate effectively in relation to their online activity.

You will develop an understanding of e-safety to safeguard children, families and yourself when using online technologies such as websites, games, social media and apps and learn more about cyberbullying and the risks to children.

By completing this course, you will receive a nationally recognised certificate.



Course Details

Course Code	Course Title	Venue	Day	Start Date	Times
FLA236	Keeping Children Safe Online	Bower Park	Mon	09/03/2020	10:00 – 12:00
FLA237	Keeping Children Safe Online	Bower Park	Tue	05/05/2020	13:00 – 15:00
FLA238	Keeping Children Safe Online	Bower Park	Wed	03/06/2020	19:00 – 21:00

For more information about these and other courses please contact our Centre Support team on 01708 434955

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