



Love one another.

Becket Keys Church of England School

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I think Strictly Come Dancing starts this weekend. How long will it be before they say that the celebrities will have to 'Face the Music'? This phrase, which seems to be unique to the English language, is something that I have been talking about in Collective Worship this week.

I have been asking students whether they are ready to 'face the music'. Each year group have their own challenges: Year 7 are settling into a new school, huge

by comparison to their primary school; Year 10 are starting their GCSE courses; Year 11 and 13 are entering examination years with all the pressure that brings.

Others are 'facing the music' in different ways. Selection for school teams, involvement in competitions and so on, all put pressure on our students.

During the times of worship, I have told students a story about how the phrase 'face the music' was once used. No one knows exactly where the phrase comes from, but I like this story. The story goes that a man forced his way into an orchestra using his wealth and influence. Without any ability on the flute, he was given the instrument and pretended to play! He bribed and bullied his way in, only to later be exposed when a new conductor

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joined the orchestra and forced all the musicians to 'face the music' and play a solo piece.

He was a fake. He was exposed.

Many students fear that somehow, they are not good enough. They are concerned that as they start this new year and 'face the music' they will be exposed. With that in mind, I have read them our school Bible verse from the Gospel of St John: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other."

Chapter 15v16-17

These words of Jesus have reassured us all this week that we are chosen and that we are going to be fruitful. It comforts us with the knowledge that we can ask God for his help. It gives us just one simple command: Love one another!

I have concluded our times of worship this week by drawing the students back once again to our seven Christian values: respect, responsibility, forgiveness, be caring, be fair, be honest, be trustworthy. These are the ways we can 'love one another'. They are also wonderfully inclusive and empowering. Everyone is good enough to live these out. It does not matter how clever you are, how much wealth you have or how handsome you are. There is also no limit to how much you do

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John 15:16



them! Everyone can succeed to the *nth* degree!

Please take a moment to discuss with your sons and daughters this weekend the message of the collective worship, and reassure them that they are chosen, they will be fruitful, and that above all else they should focus on these Christian values.

My experience is that those students who focus on our seven values find that everything else also falls into place. Whatever their hopes and aspirations are for the year, they are much more likely to achieve them if they focus on these values. They have nothing to fear as they 'face the music' again this year.

**Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher**



Homework Club is available for all students. Every afternoon after school students can stay until 4.30pm and complete their homework in C11.

If there are a lot of students who wish to make use of this opportunity, we will open other rooms.

Using Homework Club is just one way we provide for students who do not want to leave site at 3.10pm. Avoid the traffic! Stay here for a while!

A-Level & GCSE Exam Results

A level results day was a day of great celebration at Becket Keys Church of England School with over 120 students and almost 30 members of Becket Keys staff in school. There was all the usual excitement as results were given out and next steps were secured.

Mr Scott-Evans said, "It was an emotional day at the end of a very difficult journey for these students. I am incredibly proud of them all and have thoroughly enjoyed seeing them all today and hearing about the next steps of their educational journey. The grades, which are the best Becket Keys has ever achieved, are a firm recognition of how hard the students worked and applied themselves to their studies over the past two years."

As with last year's results, due to disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the grades that students received did not come from end of year exams as would normally be the case. Grades have been awarded through a process of rigorous teacher assessment.

Good weather helped the process today as students, parents and staff were able to talk outside. Some students stayed on site with their friends until almost midday. Others were assisted quickly with University entrance before going off to celebrate their successes.

Mrs Downs (Chair of Governors) said, "It is really pleasing once again to see the overwhelming majority of students gaining their first-choice university - our highest number going to Russell Group Universities so far and another student off to Cambridge again this year."

In common with all schools in Brentwood, Becket Keys are not announcing our A level results. However, there are many students who have exceeded expectations and secured fantastic grades in their A level subjects. We are sharing some of their success stories here.



Head Boy: Louis Stephen: Cambridge University to study Law

Louis said: "Thank you to all the staff at Becket Keys, everyone who has helped me to achieve what seemed the unachievable through the challenging situations we have faced with our A Levels. As head boy at Becket Keys my experience has been highly rewarding and enjoyable."

Louis' A Level Grades: A*A* & A

Head Girl: Lucie Grundy: UEA to study Paramedic Science

Lucie said: "There's nowhere I'd rather have spent the last two years. Thank you!"

Lucie's A Level Grades: ABB

Jessica Shadare-Orugboh: University of Birmingham to study Politics and International Relations (with a year abroad)

Jessica said: "Thank you to all my teachers for their help and support."

Jessica's Grades: AAB

Deputy Head Girl: Katherine Ellery: Anglia Ruskin University to study Primary Education

Katherine said: "I'm really pleased with my results and so thankful to Becket Keys for helping me to achieve these grades!"

Katherine's Grades: BBC

Lola Webb: Exeter University to study Biological Sciences

Lola said: "I am so happy to have achieved the grades to get into my first-choice university! Thank you so much to all my teachers for their support!"

Lola's Grades: A*A*A*A*



Jack Giddings: Looking for a role as a Junior Broker in London

Jack said: *"I am forever thankful for the support Becket Keys have provided across my seven years at the school."*

Jack's Grades: AAB

Saffron Wilson: University of Southampton to study Fashion Marketing with Management

Saffron said: *"I am so pleased that I have achieved the grades to go to my first-choice university. I am so grateful to all the teachers who have supported me every step of the way. Thank you!"*

Saffron's Grades: A*AC



Deputy Head Boy: Andrea Ferranti: Bath University to study Biochemistry (with a Placement)

Andrea's Grades: A*AA

Oliver Wilson: Jaguar Land Rover for a degree level apprenticeship

Oliver said: *"I am really pleased that I achieved what I needed for my apprenticeship, and I am really grateful for all my teachers' advice and support."*

Oliver's Grades: AAB

Mia Broughton: UEA to study History

Mia said: *"I am so happy! I am still in shock actually! I got what I wanted! My hard work paid off and all the tears were worth it!"*

Mia's Grades: ABB

Reece Pardoe: Apprenticeship in Classic Car Restoration

Reece's Grades: ABMerit

Two days later we welcomed our Year 11 students to Becket Keys to collect their GCSE results. As with the recent A level results day, the school ran the event as close to 'business as usual' as possible. A large number of teachers and staff came in to be a part of this special day and in order to congratulate and support students.

Students received the school's best ever GCSE results based on rigorous teacher assessments, using a range of data including mock examinations taken in school.

Mr Scott-Evans, head teacher, said, *"The day went extremely smoothly despite the extraordinarily difficult and challenging background to this*

year's grading. Staff and students have worked tirelessly this year to overcome the problems the pandemic has thrown our way. On-line lessons, extra time after school and on-going assessment over several weeks have all paid off."

Mrs Downs, Chair of Governors, said, *"We have delivered a set of results that the whole school can be incredibly proud of. We know our students have been able to show the world what they can do and despite everything, they have flourished once again. I am so impressed and delighted with these exceptional results. We are looking forward to welcoming most of our students back to our Sixth Form in September and we wish those leaving us well with their next steps."*

There are many students who have secured fantastic grades in their GCSEs and we are able to share some of their success stories here.

Hanna Webb.

Nine Grade 9s, two Grade 8s

Hanna said: *"Thank you to all my teachers. I am looking forward to Sixth Form!"*

Staying on at Becket Keys to study Biology, Mathematics and Psychology

William Endacott

Seven Grade 9s, three Grade 8s
Moving to KEGS to continue his academic journey.

Evelyn Knight.

Six Grade 9s, four Grade 8s

Staying on at Becket Keys to study Spanish, English Literature, Biology and History.



Tobias Hancox

Six Grade 9s, three Grade 8s and one Grade 7

Toby said: *"I am really pleased with my grades and it would not be possible without the many brilliant teachers. Can't wait to come back here next year!"*

Staying on at Becket Keys to study Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics and DT.

David Kirk

Six Grade 9s, three Grade 8s and one Grade 7

Staying on at Becket Keys to study Mathematics, Further Mathematics, English Literature and Physics.

Fahmid Chowdury

Five Grade 9s, four Grade 8s and one Grade 7

Fahmid said: *"It's been a genuine pleasure to be learning at Becket Keys, and I'm eternally grateful to my teachers, friends and family supporting me every step of the way!"*

Staying on at Becket Keys to study Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics.

Ava Broughton

Four Grade 9s, four Grade 8s and two Grade 7s

Ava said: *"I am really grateful to the teachers for all their help. I know Sixth Form here will be a great experience."*

Staying on at Becket Keys to study History, Religion & Philosophy and Mathematics.

Lili Fisher-Hope

Three Grade 9s, four Grade 8s, and three Grade 7s

Lili said: *"Thank you for all the support; I am really happy with my results!"*

Staying on at Becket Keys to study Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Further Mathematics.



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School Transport

Students are strongly encouraged to avoid public transport for their journeys to school wherever possible. As ever, we encourage walking and cycling to school as green modes of travel with clear health benefits. However, we recognise that it will not be feasible for some students to walk/cycle to our site.

If you travel to school by public transport, please make sure that you check the timetable for any changes that have been implemented for the new term.

Remember that you will require a face covering to travel on any public transport.

NIBS Buses

http://www.nibsbuses.com/?page_id=42



First Buses

<https://www.firstgroup.com/essex>

Trains

<https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/>

A-Level Results Day



GCSE Results Day





Face Coverings? Where do we stand?

Current guidance states that students are not required to wear face coverings in school. This will only come “into force” if an area is on a local lockdown. At Becket Keys, we are going above the guidance to ensure we are doing everything we can to reduce the possible transmission of COVID-19.

So, we are actively encouraging our students to wear masks in the following areas:

- Corridors
- Communal toilets
- Bistro/Orangery/Deli queue

The reason we are encouraging this is because our corridors are not well ventilated compared to our classrooms, this means “germs” can linger for longer. Wearing a face covering stops the transmission of saliva droplets given off by us when we

speak and breathe. We are also asking our students to be silent whilst inside buildings. This, coupled with the use of face coverings, will significantly reduce the spread of saliva droplets being dispersed.

So, please provide your son/daughter with a face covering (where possible in school colours: black, purple, gold, grey or white). If we all do our bit between lessons as well as following all of our other guidance, we can slow the spread of this virus that has significantly affected our lives so far and therefore keep our school open!

If you are unsure about anything we have in place, please do not hesitate to contact any member of staff in school.

Mr. Shields
Assistant Headteacher

Friends of Becket Keys Pre-loved Uniform

Volunteers from Friends of Becket Keys will be holding a uniform sale

SATURDAY

11th SEPTEMBER

12.00pm – 2.00pm

Due to the restrictions that are still in place, there is no access to the storeroom during school hours to fill individual orders so there will be regular sales held.

We are urgently in need of donations especially shorts, skorts and tops, and jumpers. Blazers and kilts and Sixth Form uniform would also be gratefully received.

We would appreciate it if all the uniform that is donated in good, clean condition and not ripped, dirty or in need of repair, thank you.

Any donations can be sent into school with your son/daughter and dropped at reception.

Please address any enquiries to uniform.becketkeys@gmail.com

Once again thank you all for your support. Selling the pre-loved uniform assists families within the school community and all the money raised is donated back to the school and invested in equipment for the students.

General Information & Notices from the Head Teacher

School Run

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

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



Bikes

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

Holidays & Appointments

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

Uniform

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

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

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

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



Gaming



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



Please make sure that EVERY item 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.

New Staff – Welcome to Becket Keys!



Ms Pogoda Head of Computer Science

I grew up on the shores of Lake Ontario in upstate New York, moving to England at age 22, the summer after I finished my first degree. I started my professional career as a computer journalist – which was a good match for my BA English and my lifelong passion for technology. In 1995 I decided to make the move from writer to maker and enrolled on the MA Design for Interactive Media course at Middlesex University. From there I worked as a developer and designer with a focus on internet-based applications for a range of companies. In 1999 I was approached by staff at Middlesex about doing some part-time lecturing on the MA, and there discovered my passion for teaching. I found a full-time undergraduate teaching position in 2002, initially teaching IT/Multimedia/Programming,

before going on to write and then lead and teach two courses in computer games design and development.

When my son started school in 2012, I became interested in whether children could be taught coding (spoiler alert: yes they can!). I approached a local primary school about running a coding club. The next six years as a volunteer running coding clubs in both the infants and juniors raised even more important questions for me. The children in my clubs were refreshingly fearless learners and eager problem solvers. I found that some important qualities for success the children displayed, such as passion for experimentation and openness to learning from failure, were lacking in even some of my best undergraduates. How might these foundational skills be nurtured in secondary school? Another reflection was about gender. In the clubs I had always had an equal mix of girls and boys, equally interested and capable. However, this balance was not mirrored in my undergraduate classroom. I have always been aware of the disproportionate level of male to female students taking up computing or technology-based degrees and jobs. I became increasingly curious about why this is and how it might be addressed in secondary school.

For over 20 years there has been no doubt in my mind that I want to be in a classroom sharing my experience of, and passion for, coding and technology, to nurture the next generation of system designers, developers and engineers, but my work with the school children shifted the focus of my interest. So, after two decades of teaching in higher education, I decided to follow my curiosity and passion and applied to train as a secondary Computer Science teacher. I did my teacher training in Havering, and had settled into a job at St Martin's, when I saw my dream job advertised at Becket Keys – building a Computer Science department from the ground up!

In my spare time, I am an avid reader (sci-fi and fantasy); attentive cat butler (Dora and Edmund); keen game player (digital and board); enthusiastic singer (wherever and whenever the spirit moves me). I am incredibly excited to be joining you all and very much looking forward to meeting and working with both staff and students as we embark on this exciting new journey to bring Computer Science to Becket Keys.



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Miss Graves PE Teacher

PE played an integral role during my own schooling, with the passion I harboured for sport and physical activity carrying through into adulthood. I played both hockey and football competitively for many years, whilst continuing to explore a variety of other sports along the way. This, combined with extensive industry experience, training and coaching a huge array of people from elite performers to those who innately shied away from sport, fueled my desire to teach the subject in Secondary School. I have a drive to foster positive PE experiences akin to my own. I endeavour to promote physical activity for all and observe the benefits of transferable skills such as teamwork, resilience, and communication. My enthusiasm for health and fitness is as strong as ever and I strive to help students develop positive lifestyle habits and promote well-being.

Outside of sport / physical activity I have also a great passion for food and love discovering new restaurants and eateries. To relax (after I've been to the gym 😊) I

enjoy catching up with friends, reading, currently particularly about neuroplasticity, and getting lost in a movie. The recent global situation has required a delay in overseas trips, but I have been fortunate enough to travel reasonably widely prior to that. I went travelling for two years between graduating in 2006 and starting my own London based Personal Training business in 2009. I gained my BSc Hons from the University of Exeter in Sport and Exercise Sciences, and subsequently completed my PGCE in Essex.

I'm looking forward to embarking on the next step in my journey here at Becket Keys.



Miss Condon SEN Teacher

I am so excited to be able to begin my teaching career at Becket Keys! From my recent visits to the school, I can see that everyone—staff and students are so polite and friendly and I feel so grateful to be able to begin my career in such a welcoming environment.

I began my career in education a few years ago when I worked at a special needs school in Benfleet as an LSA. I loved my job and was quickly promoted to PPA cover which made me realise how much I wanted to be a teacher. From there, I undertook a degree in primary education at London Metropolitan University and then completed my PGCE last year at a mainstream primary school. I had hopes of working within an SEN role after I graduated, but I knew that I would miss teaching in a mainstream setting, and so I feel very privileged to have fallen into a role that incorporates both supporting the SEN team whilst teaching the subjects I am most passionate about.

Although I will be teaching a variety of subjects at Becket Keys (mathematics, English, geography and drama!), my passion outside of work is theatre, and I hope this shows in my drama lessons! I regularly attend local theatre productions whenever I can and am always on the lookout for cheap tickets to fabulous shows in London or nearby!

Lastly, I would just like to say how grateful I am for all the support and well wishes I have received so far from everyone in the school, and I cannot wait to get started!



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Mrs Walker Head of Religion & Philosophy

I am looking forward to joining the Becket Keys community as Head of Religion and Philosophy. I have been teaching Religious Studies KS3-4 and Ethics at A level for fourteen years, mainly in Catholic boys' schools. I was KS3 Co-Ordinator at St Bonaventure's School in Forest Gate and then moved to the Champion School in 2012. During my time at Champion, I have been a Professional Tutor; leading the training and mentoring of NQTs and trainee teachers. Alongside my role as Assistant Subject Leader of RE, I was also the Lead Co-Ordinator of PSHE/RSE.

In my youth, I attended the Brentwood Ursuline and after my A levels I volunteered for a month on a missionary in Kenya run by the Consolata fathers. This was a life changing experience, which I hold dear in my heart. After this, I decided to take a year out before going to university. During this time, I worked for CAFOD in their regional offices. After which, I

spent six months working in Disneyland Paris in a shop on Main Street as I had an A level in French and Spanish and could speak Italian so would be good at communicating with guests or staff. After returning home, I went on to read BA Philosophy, Religion and Ethics at Heythrop College, University of London.

Outside of school, I enjoy playing tennis and getting involved with sports, I am also passionate about finding ways to improve the mental health of young adults and have completed different courses on this and support the charity Young Minds.

I look forward to inspiring students to dream big, have faith in themselves and to never give up!



Ms Lin Head of Mandarin

My name is 林嘉瑜 (lín jiā yú). It means "beautiful jade" in Chinese. Born into a Christian family, I also grew up with the name *Rebecca*. I am from a metropolitan city in the south of China called *Shenzhen*; it is known as the *Silicon Valley in*

Asia. All taxis and buses are electrical in my hometown. There are many shops without shop assistants that run entirely by AI!

My undergraduate degree is in Bioscience. I had enjoyed being a scientist and written a thesis looking into the connection between prenatal stress and autistic behaviour. But after working at a secondary school briefly in Hungary, I fell in love with teaching. I taught English as a second language in China for over 4 years; my students ranged from 3 to 80 years old. I completed a Master's degree in Applied Linguistics in 2018.

Before moving to the UK, I was a course assessor for 3 years working with Trinity College London to grant teachers ESL teaching qualifications. In terms of Mandarin teaching, I did my teacher training with University College London. Before Becket Keys, I taught in an academy in south London. I uprooted my life from China because I wanted to experience living in a different culture. So far, I have loved it. I thoroughly enjoy being in the classroom. It is extremely rewarding to see students making progress in Mandarin, a language that most would deem difficult. My passion dwells in creating appealing, practical and relevant resources so students can learn to use language in authentic situations.

I speak some Japanese and Spanish. I am an avid traveller; at least I was before this unusual

time. My favourite place is Zadar in Croatia. They have an architectural musical instrument called *Sea Organ* – the sea waves hit the marble shores with gaps under and create music. I am passionate about recycling; I would travel over an hour to a recycling centre just to recycle certain items!

I am also good at making things such as building Lego, putting up puzzles and making origami. I once finished a 2000-piece puzzle in 5 days (5 working days with a full-time job)! My current arts and crafts project is Marvel 3D origami: as of August 2021, I made 25 Marvel characters out of coloured paper. Friends of mine have urged me to open up an online shop; I plan to see that through in the near future. I'm ecstatic to start working at Becket Keys, grow and develop alongside everyone else. I look forward to meeting you soon.

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Please note!

In order to keep the students and staff safe, we are limiting visitors to the school site. If you wish to see a teacher please make an appointment.

You can contact staff via the staff contacts page on the website:

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

Food Department

Welcome back everybody! It has been so lovely to have students back in school and to be teaching face to face again. Next week in the food department we will be starting practical lessons.

This week we have been recapping and preparing students with how a practical lesson works, while working in the kitchen side of the classroom. For my Year 9 students we went through how to use the hob and oven, they learnt how to boil a pan of water and control the temperature. One student said to me "I know we only boiled water, but that was so much fun". We are all really looking forward to getting back to cooking again.

Next week, Year 7s will be making a couscous salad, please find the recipe below if you would like to try it at home.

Have a great weekend,

**Mrs English
Head of Food**



Recipe of the Week Couscous salad

- 50g Couscous
- 100g Boiling Water
- Vegetables: peppers, spring onion, cherry tomatoes, cucumber
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon wine Vinegar
- Few drops lemon juice
- ¼ tsp salt and a few grinds of pepper
- Herbs – 1 sprig fresh mint & 1 sprig fresh parsley plus ½ tsp dried mint
- 30g Feta Cheese – crumbled

Method

Measure out the couscous into a container, pour over the boiling water, then place a lid or cling film on the container put to one side and leave it to soak.

Finely dice the pepper, cucumber and quarter the cherry tomatoes.

Finely shred the herbs and slice the spring onion.

Mix all the liquids in a bowl together. Once the couscous is cooked, (usually ten minutes) combine all ingredients together and sprinkle with feta cheese, serve and enjoy.

Jack Petchey Awards – Sixth Form Donation

Nifemi Makinwa, who has just left Year 13, made a kind donation when she won a Jack Petchey Award recently - and we would like more help with this.

When a student wins a Jack Petchey Award, part of this includes being given some money to spend within the school community. As a dedicated reader of a wide variety of literature, Nifemi chose to start a collection of fiction and non-fiction texts so that students in the Sixth Form would always have access to stimulating and enriching texts. When she did this, she took the time to explain some of these choices:

"Many of them have been recommended to me by friends, family and people who have been influential in my life. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading them and think that the messages they hold, and their elaborate stories should be shared with as many people as possible. I hope that other members of the Sixth Form - and anyone else who chooses to read them - experience the comfort and joy that these books have brought me.

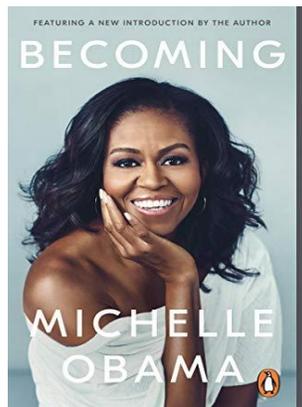
Others are books written by women who I look up to. Once again, I think that their knowledge and insight is so inspirational, and I truly think that as many people as possible should get to experience it.

Finally, I have picked books that deal with topics that are considered taboos or awkward conversation topics. This is because I feel like it would be a missed opportunity if I didn't create a space for these topics to be discussed - especially as the people who I care about most and I are affected by some of these issues daily. I think by reading books, especially those written by people who are most deeply affected by these issues, is one of the best and easiest ways to stay educated.

As much as I enjoy all the books that I have chosen, I thought that I would also highlight two that are personal favourites:

From the first page of 'The Girl on the Train' by Paula Watkins, I was absolutely obsessed!

I cannot explain what Michelle Obama means to me! 'Becoming' was a Christmas present from my mother as she knows how much I love her. I was - and still am - completely in awe of her story and everything she has done up to date."



Nifemi also purchased a bookcase for these to be kept in. You can see all of this in the pictures below - and you will also see that support is needed as we look to grow this collection.

Therefore, I write to inform you of three ways in which you could help us to build on Nifemi's generous and thoughtful idea:

- By donating a small amount of money via ParentPay so that further books can be purchased by the school. If we received just £1 on behalf of each student in the school, we would be able to fill the bookcase! If you can contribute in this way, please do so by using the '2021 22 Donations for Sixth Form Library' option on ParentPay.
- By donating a new copy of a book you wish our Sixth Form students to share your love of. You can see the texts that Nifemi has bought below. The fiction ranges from classic 19th century novels to excellent modern ones and the non-fiction includes inspirational autobiographies and thought-provoking discussions and reflections on important contemporary topics. No doubt, you will have an idea for a text that means a great deal to you and wish others to enjoy too. It might even be the one

that ignited your love of reading! For this reason, I will be donating a new copy of Graham Greene's 'Brighton Rock'. If you can do similar, your son/daughter can get your contribution to me by leaving it a reception.

- By donating good quality used copies of appropriate texts from your own collection. We want to be eco-friendly and there is something special about having an already cherished book in your hands! You might even wish to write a brief note on the inside of the front cover for students to see over the year to come. Again, these can be left at reception.

Thank you in advance for any help that you can offer with building on Nifemi's kindness. We all know that - despite an all too commonly stated misconception - everyone loves reading. Sometimes, though, individuals just need some guidance in the right direction so that they can discover what suits them. Nifemi has been proactive in supporting future Sixth Form students with this guidance and I look forward to seeing the Becket Keys community join her in this.

Ross Peggs
Assistant Headteacher and
Head of Sixth Form



The Jack Petchev Foundation was set up by Sir Jack Petchev CBE to inspire and celebrate young people.

Sir Jack is an incredible inspiration to everyone who works at the Foundation. At 95, not only does he come to the office every day, but he does so with positivity and determination to work hard.

He was born into a working-class family in the East End in 1925, left school at 13 and then joined the Navy in 1943. After leaving the Navy, he began working as a clerk for a solicitor's firm. He applied for management training but was told he would never make a businessman.

Sir Jack always says:
 'If you think you can, you can!'

Instead of giving up, Sir Jack used the £39 he was given from the Navy to buy a secondhand car and started a taxi business. Through hard work, he proved them wrong and built a multi-million-pound empire. In 2016 Sir Jack received a knighthood in recognition of his years of charity work.



Home Testing



Covid-19 Home Test Kits

All students have now been offered home test kits. If your child has not received a kit and wants to test, please ask them to collect from reception. More tests will be made available via form tutors towards the end of September to ensure they have enough for continuous testing.

As a reminder, if your son or daughter is taking part in the Covid-19 home testing, please remember to conduct your tests on a **Wednesday and Sunday**.

[Please find here a step-by-step guide to COVID-19 self-testing.](#)

You must upload your results to: <https://testregister.co.uk/login> and then follow the steps to the Government website.

Test Register has been updated, if you need to change any details or if you have any queries regarding this process please contact: office@becketkeys.org



Word of the Week

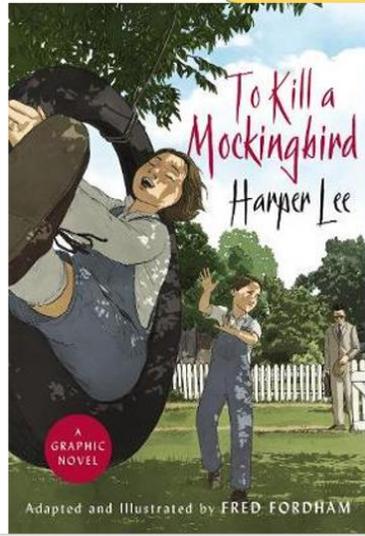
celestial

- In sentences:**
1. Ever since she was a young child, the astronaut was interested in outer space and celestial objects.
 2. Many people believe in a celestial afterlife.
 3. It's soft harmonies layered on top of tinkling bells, xylophones and other gentle, celestial sounds.

Meaning: positioned in or relating to the sky, or outer space as observed in astronomy.

Etymology: from Latin *caelestis*, meaning 'belonging to heaven'.

Book of the Month - September



Harper Lee's beloved American classic has been voted the Number One Great American Read.

Now there is a beautifully crafted graphic novel adaptation.

'Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird.'

A haunting portrait of race and class, innocence and injustice, hypocrisy and heroism, tradition and transformation in the Deep South of the 1930s, Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* remains as important today as it was upon its initial publication in 1960, during the turbulent years of the Civil Rights movement.

Now, Scout, Jem, Boo Radley, Atticus Finch and the small town of Maycomb, Alabama, are all captured in vivid and moving illustrations by artist Fred Fordham.

Harper Lee's timeless novel illuminates the complexities of human nature and the depths of the human heart with humour, unwavering honesty and a tender, nostalgic beauty. Lifetime admirers and new readers alike will be touched by this special visual edition.

Geography Department

Digimap for Schools

The Geography Department would like to welcome you and introduce you to Digimap for Schools; an excellent mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) which we use in school.

This excellent resource is available to use on any web enabled device and we would like you to explore your local area and wider world with your son/daughter.

Website:
<https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/login>

Username: CM159DA

Password: lathed1328



Help and Guides:

- Quick Guides: <https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/help/quick-guides/mapsplaces/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/digimapforschools>
- Help pages: <https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/help/key-areas/>
- Map Zone: <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>



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KITCHEN

W/c 13.09.21, 04.10.21, 01.11.21, 22.11.21

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WEEK THREE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TRADITIONAL DISH	Butcher's Park Cumberland Sausages with Creamy Mash and Red Onion Gravy	Spicy Beef Enchiladas with Rice and Re-fried Beans	Peppered Roast Beef with Crisp Roasties Sautéed Leeks and Lashings of Gravy	Indonesian Spicy Nasi Goreng Chicken Fried Rice	Lemonade Battered Fish Fillet with Skinny Fries Peas and Homemade Tartare Sauce
GLOBAL GUEST	Lebanese Falafels Jewelled Cous cous and Flat Breads	Tortilla Wrapped Mexican Vegetable Enchilada	Crispy Butternut Squash and Spinach Filo Pie, Bubble and Squeak	Chana Masala Vegetable Curry with White Rice and Naan Bread	Feta and Beetroot Burger with Skinny Fries and Celeriac Slaw
 	Sweet Chilli Chicken or Margherita Pizza Slices	All Day Breakfast Bap loaded with Bacon, Cheese and Hash Brown	Veggie Noodle pots with a Honey and Ginger Broth	Chicken Tikka and Pilau Rice Wraps	Sancho Palla Marinated Chicken Sub Roll
Hot·DELI·DELICIOUS DESSERTS	Mexican Bean Soup with Baked Tortilla Strips	Split Pea Soup with Herby Croutons	Chicken Noodle Soup	Curried Sweet Potato Soup with Carrot Crisps	Thai Chicken Soup and Prawn Crackers
	Peach Melba Traybake	Eton Mess with Caramel Drizzle	Chocolate Cornflake Tart	Sticky Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Lemon and Berry Muffin

MAIN COURSES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES



Student Achievement

Josh Webb – Year 10

Josh Webb (year 10) passed his Senior Karate black belt grading (1st Dan) at the very end of the last school term.

Josh has been studying Karate since he was 5 years old. Pre-covid he competed regularly at county and national level in the UK and also represented England in the European open and world championships. Josh continued to train throughout 2020-21 at home and in the garden via Zoom with his club Kazen Kai (based in Hutton), leading him to this latest milestone, his 17th Karate belt!

Congratulations to Josh!

School Photographs – now live!

If you have pre-registered you should now have an email with your unique access link. If not or you did not pre-register, please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link: <https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>

All photographs will be sent straight to your home address with free postage and time limited discounts available for the first 14 days.

Email: info@carmeljane.co.uk or call Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-2pm)



School Communications

From the start of this term, you will have noticed that we have changed the system from which you receive school communications.

We will no longer be using the system ParentMail and you will notice that all emails you receive will have the address 'bromcomcloud' contained within it.

Parents do not need to take any action as you will automatically receive emails addressed from Becket Keys CofE School directly into your mailbox.

If you require any additional assistance please contact the school – office@becketkeys.org



ParentPay[®]

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 meals in the Bistro. There is 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 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. The chefs work hard each day especially when they have themed events such as the Spanish event next week.

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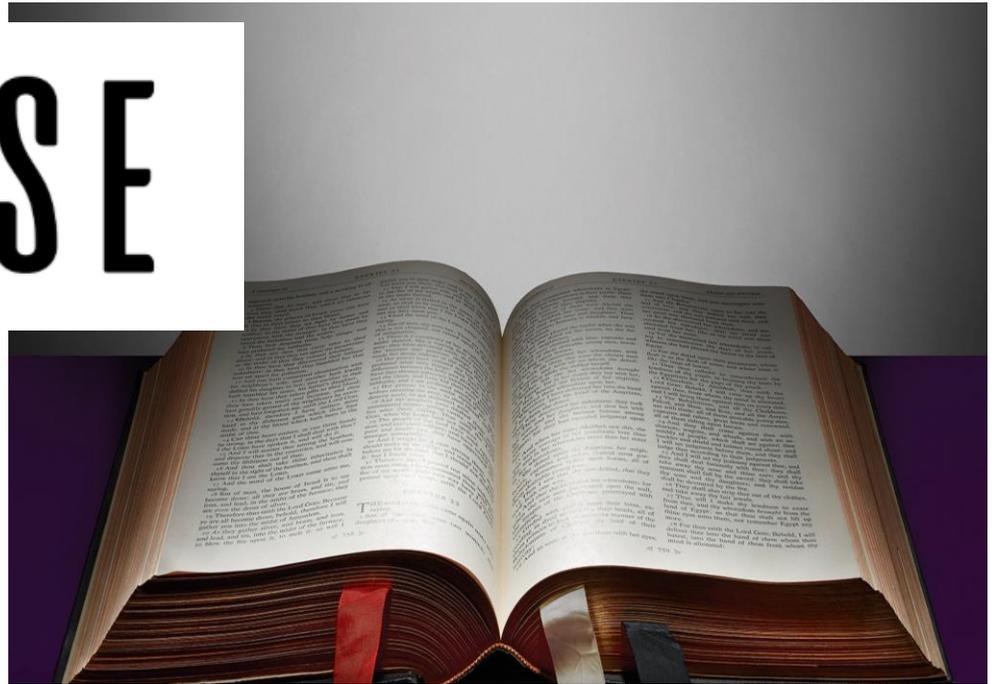
PAUSE



Back to School encouragement

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

1. Philippians 4:13 "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
2. Isaiah 48:17 "This is what the Lord says—your



3. Isaiah 30:21 "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."
4. Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
5. Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
6. Psalm 20:4 "May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."
7. James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."
8. Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."



Always know that you are not alone. God is always with you and has great plans for you!

In addition, whilst Summer holidays are over, still take time to rest and be still. In Psalm 46:10, God calls us to be still:

“Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth.”

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

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



Let us pray:

Gracious God, as the summer begins to fade, new possibilities lie on the horizon. Bless all those who are beginning or returning to their roles as teachers, as well as those who lead and support them in their efforts. May this school year be a time of grace and potential, as we teach and challenge others to grow in faith, knowledge and wisdom.

Bless our students, along with their parents, as they settle into a new school year. We particularly remember those students who are joining our school community for the first time. May their minds be open to learning and to the wonders of discovery and insight.

Gracious God, be with us all, and, accepting our emotions, make us aware of your presence as we embark upon this new academic year together. **Amen.**

**Mrs Sharp
Deputy Head Teacher**



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Student Contact Information

As we are sure you will all appreciate, it is vitally important that we hold accurate records, addresses and contact numbers. We need at least 2 contact names/numbers in case of an issue with your son/daughter at school. It is also vital that we hold necessary health information about all our students in the event of a medical emergency.

Sometimes parents may not receive vital school information if we have not been advised of any change in data. Therefore, if you have changed any of your contact details (phone, email address or home address), please make sure you let us know immediately so we can update our systems.

Please email through any changes to office@becketkeys.org

Many thanks for your co-operation.

A blue advertisement for the Studybugs app. At the top, a white bird icon is surrounded by clouds. Below it, the text reads: 'Please get the free Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence due to illness.' The URL 'https://studybugs.com' is displayed, followed by logos for the App Store, Google Play, and Microsoft. At the bottom, it lists features: 'Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health', 'See what illnesses are going around', and 'Secure system, all communications encrypted'. The Studybugs logo is in the bottom right corner.

A yellow advertisement for the School Nurse. The text reads: 'THE SCHOOL NURSE IS AVAILABLE – JUST NOT ON SITE!' followed by a graphic listing topics: 'RELATIONSHIPS', 'MENTAL BULLYING', 'SELF HEALTH', 'ALCOHOL HARM', 'HEALTHY EATING', and 'DRUGS SMOKING'. Below this, it says 'Help and advice in relation to:' and 'How can you make contact? Use 'CHAT Health''. It then states: 'This is manned by a School Nurse between the hours of 9-5pm Monday to Friday, and they will respond to all messages within 24 hours Monday – Friday. The aim is to provide a timely, and convenient access to confidential health advice for every young person in Essex. Phone or text: 07520 615732'. At the bottom, it says 'No parental consent required for students aged 13 and over.'

PE Extra-Curricular Clubs

Year 7 Girls' Netball
6th September

Year 9 Boys' Football
8th September

Year 10 Boys' Football
8th September

Year 11 Girls' Netball
16th September

ALL OTHER CLUBS WILL BEGIN WEEK COMMENCING 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 7 & NEW YEAR 12 PARENTS

MEET THE TUTOR

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021

(AFTER SCHOOL)

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2021

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS

MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER

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STUDENT HALF DAY

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2021

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021 –

MONDAY 3RD JANUARY 2022

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021

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