

Becket Keys Church of England School

13th October 2023

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Mr Scott-Evans writes....

As we struggle to comprehend the horror unleashed by the terrorists on the border of Gaza and the dreadful consequences for innocent civilians, it is important, I think, to pray. I include below a prayer that could be used if you wish. Members of the school community are also welcome to join us in prayer times on Wednesdays at 7:50am and 8:45am and our Eucharist on Fridays at 1pm.

We should also remember the words of St Paul to the Galatians:

'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' Galatians 3:28

People of faith, all over the world, pray for a peaceful resolution that seems vanishingly far away right now, we are reminded of St Paul's message that emphasises our common humanity and that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, can empower all people through faith to live as Jesus did.

An understanding that we are all made in the image of God is a powerful reminder of the sanctity of all human life and a rebuke to those who would seek to cause harm or spread hatred against their fellow human beings.

As responsible parents and teachers, we need to be particularly aware of the dangers of social media, where those who want to spread division and hatred will be eager to post the most shocking and harrowing videos of the victims of conflict and terrorism. Several schools in

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North London have urged parents to persuade their children to delete Tiktok, in particular. Anything that threatens to contaminate young minds with images of shocking violence, or which seeks to undermine our common humanity is profoundly dangerous and unholy. As you know, I am very concerned about TikTok generally and so endorse this idea, but I will leave it to parents to decide on the best course of action. At least talking about the issues openly and looking at phones together would be helpful.

Let us continue to pray for peace.

Best regards

Mr Scott-Evans Head Teacher



Chamber Concert Runcie Hall TONIGHT! Friday 13th October from 6pm.

This concert features students from various year groups, some of whom are preparing for performance exams. The concert is free of charge and no tickets are required.



Prince of Peace, we cry out to You today for the people of Israel and Gaza; these very lands You know so well.

First, we pray with all our hearts for those grieving the sudden loss of loved ones, those who've been captured, and those whose homes have suddenly been destroyed.

Lord, we also pray for a miraculous de-escalation of this dangerous conflict. Terrible things are being done, many hundreds have died, hospitals are overflowing, many are suddenly grieving. Violence is provoking violence, but we pray for reason to prevail over rage and revenge. May those with a vested interest in escalating this crisis somehow be restrained.

Finally, Lord, we pray for active and effective peace making at an international political level wherever there is conflict in the world today.

May the measured voices of diplomacy constrain violence on every side.

Amen

Becket Keys Open Event

Yesterday we held our school Open Event, we were delighted to be able to welcome over 1700 visitors into the school.

We love showing new people our school, as these events are the best way for students and their families to find out what Becket Keys is like. This school is a distinctive choice. No one is here just because it is their catchment school; everyone has specifically chosen to come here. That gives it a particular feel. Most importantly, our Christian ethos sets us apart. Not everyone knows how a Church School operates; these events give them a chance to find out.

As always, it was pleasure to take prospective parents and students on tours of the school. The politeness of students, professionalism of our staff and standard of our facilities is something that we are very proud of.

We are extremely grateful to all the teachers, student tour guides and department helpers. We are also grateful for the commitment of our school families in supporting these events with late school pickups etc. These events are important for the wider community and help families reach important decisions about the future for their sons and daughters. Thank you for your continuing support of our school.



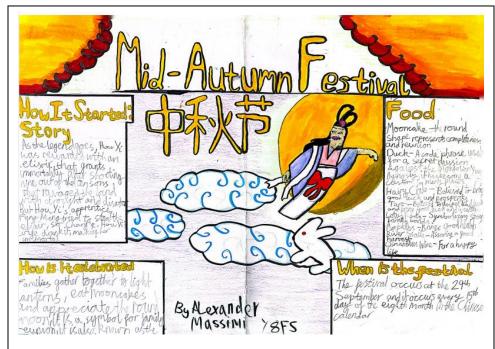
Mandarin Department - Mid-autumn Festival

The Mid–Autumn Festival, also known as Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival, is a traditional festival celebrated in China. It is the second-most important holiday after the Chinese New Year with a history dating back 3,000 years.

The Mid-Autumn is on 15th August lunar month each year. This year it was on 29th of September. On this day, the Chinese believe that the moon is at its brightest and fullest size, coinciding with harvest time in the middle of Autumn.

In our Mandarin lessons with Year 7,8 and 9 MEP classes, Miss Lin and Mrs Zhang shared the legendary story of the Mid-Autumn Festival and explained to the students that Chinese families normally get together on this day to have a feast, followed by moongazing and eating the festival snack, mooncakes, a rich pastry typically filled with sweetbean or lotus-seed paste or other savoury filling. The round shape of the mooncake symbolises the full moon and the family reunion.

Our Year 7 and 8 Mandarin Excellence Programme students were given the task to design a poster about the traditional Chinese festival for the poster competition. The work submitted showed the students had done lots of research into the festival. We are amazed by the high standard of the work that our



Alexander Massimi - Year 8



Benjamin Wood - Year 8

students produced! The posters are not only informative, but also visually appealing, and they showcase the artistic skills our students have.

We are incredibly proud of our students!

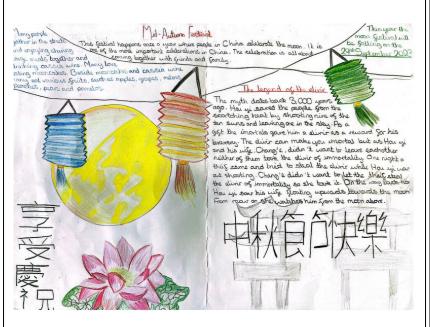
Here are a few of the fantastic posters that were submitted.

Mrs Zhang MEP Co-ordinator

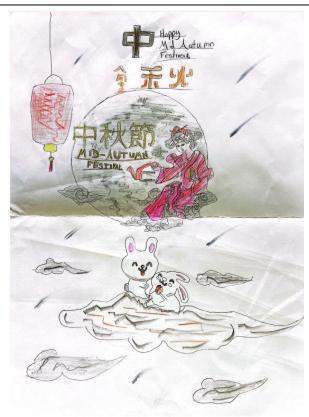


Bhavana Chatti - Year 8





Emily Edwards - Year 7



David Petre - Year 8



Tim Perry – Year 7



- · Do you need help with homework?
- · Would you like to speak to a science teacher?
- Do you need somewhere quiet to do some science work?

Science Drop – In Session

Thursday Mornings 7:45-8:15AM W13 & W12









Homework Club is available for all students. Every afternoon after school students can stay until 4.20pm and complete their homework in C11.

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!



Please make sure that you topup your son or daughter's account each week so that he/she is able to access all the delicious meals in the Bistro.

There is a small overdraft facility on the ParentPay accounts of £2 for emergency situations, which covers the cost of a roll. 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.

If you have any queries, please contact the school – office@becketkeys.org





If you are doing shopping online. Why not see if you can help raise some funds for FoBK through your online purchases in a few easy steps?

Click here, then:

- Click 'Sign up and 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!

If already a member, then why not refer a friend? FoBK will get a bonus when each person you refer makes a purchase.

Parent/Teacher Subject Consultation Evenings

These online events are a chance for parents to speak with individual teachers about the progress their son/daughter is making in each subject. However, if you ever have any concerns please contact the school via office@becketkeys.org or via the contact page on the school website.

Year 13 Thursday 2nd November 2023

Year 8 Thursday 9th November2023

Year 12 Thursday 16th November 2023

Year 11 Thursday 11th January 2024

Year 9
Thursday

1st February 2024
Followed by a Year 9 — Options Evening
Thursday
15th February 2024

Year 7 Thursday 29th February 2023

Year 10 Thursday 13th June 2024





www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk

I believe in restoring dignity reviving hope

The Brentwood Foodbank has stated that the following items are most needed at this time:

Tinned goods: potatoes, spaghetti, soap, tomatoes, meat, fish, custard, rice pudding, ravioli, All Day Breakfast

Packets/bags of rice, pasta, noodles, instant mash, cereal, biscuits

Tea bags (40s and 80s)

Washing powder/liquids, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet rolls
Nappies (size 4, 5 and 6)

Our Foodbank collection will be commencing on **Monday 9**th **October**. Students can bring donations to Reception before school and add items to our harvest display. Staff, visitors and friends of Becket Keys can place any donations in Reception at their convenience. The final date for donations is **Thursday 19th October**. If you are able, please add some of the items listed above to your shopping list. Thank you.

Sixth Form Open Event Thursday 19th October 2023 4.30pm- 8.00pm

We are delighted to announce our Open Evening for parents and students where families can find out about our distinctive Sixth Form. This Open Evening is ideal for families with students in Year 11, but also suitable if your son/daughter is in Year 10. It is open to families from other schools. Feel free to invite friends to come.

Kindly book your tickets via Ticket Tailor:

Becket Keys Sixth Form Event

Free School Meal Vouchers

For those entitled to free school meals, please note that there will be **no** vouchers issued over the All-Saints break.

Under the current Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Household Support Fund grant of 2022 to 2023 the next vouchers will be distributed in December which will be for a total of £60 per eligible child.

Becket Keys Pre-Loved Uniform Price List £15.00 6th Form Suit Jacket £7.00 6th Form Skirt / Trousers Blazer £7.00 £7.00 Kilt £4.00 **Trousers** £2.00 Blouse / Shirt Jumper / Tank Top £5.00 £2.00 Tie £5.00 PE Hoodie £5.00 PE Rugby Top £3.00 PE Top PE Shorts / Skort £3.00 PE Track Pants / Leggings £4.00 **GCSE PE Top** £4.00 £3.00 Aprons Drama T-Shirt £3.00 **Chef Jacket** £5.00 Coat £7.00 Rucksack £5.00

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2023 SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

11.00am - 12.30pm

Many thanks for all the uniform donations.

The nearly new uniform sale is on 14th October 2023 and will be held in the school playground (weather permitting). The price list is noted here, and we would appreciate the correct cash if possible!

Many thanks!



If your son/daughter has misplaced anything at school, then kindly inform him/her that all lost property is taken to reception for collection.

Please make sure that all items, especially uniform are named, this will ensure that items can be returned to the student easily.

Prayer Group

Hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans every Wednesday during term time at 8.45am. This is a short meeting where we pray together for local and national events and for any intentions of those in our school family. **All are welcome**.

If you have any prayer intentions, please send them into the school via the office email: office@becketkeys.org



Kindly do not use the Brentwood Cricket Club as a drop off for students. This club is private property, and the parking spaces are all allocated to local businesses and health care providers. Students should also not use these grounds as a cut through when walking to school. Thank you.



The School Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that Becket Keys Church of England School will be a blessing to the people of Brentwood.

Encouraged by the example of Peter, Thomas of Canterbury and all your saints, may its students know the beauty of your truth;

May its staff know the joy of your service;

May its headteacher and governors be led by a vision of your kingdom;

And together may the school community know your Holy Spirit in its midst.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Book of the Month -October



At an elite boarding school in the English countryside, Nigerian cousins Iyanu and Kitan are thrown into the middle of a schoolwide conspiracy when everyone's juicy secrets are released "Burn Book style" the week before the annual Valentine's Day Ball...

Within the walls of Wodebury Hall, reputation is everything. But aspiring photographer Iyanu is more comfortable observing things safely from behind her camera.

For Iyanu's estranged cousin Kitan, life seems perfect. She has money, beauty and friends like queen bee Heather. But as a Nigerian girl in a school as white and insular as Wodebury, Kitan struggles with the personal sacrifices needed to keep her place - and the protection she gets - within the exclusive popular crowd.

Then, photos from lyanu's camera are stolen and splashed across the schooleach with a juicy secret written on it. With everyone's dirty laundry suddenly out in the open, the school explodes in chaos, and the whispers accusing lyanu of being the one behind it all start to feel like déjà vu.

Each girl is desperate to unravel the mystery of who stole the photos and why. But exposing the truth will change them all forever.

A whip-smart, highly entertaining novel bursting with drama, gossip and romance, placing two black girls at the heart of a mystery in a prestigious English boarding school



Sports News

Year 9 Girls' Football Essex Cup

The Year 9 girls left it all out on the pitch with a 7-0 win against Ursuline in their first round of the Essex Cup! An early goal from Maddie Moon followed by another from Izzy Collins put us in a 2-0 head start. Ffrom then onward we pressed their backline and never gave up when battling for the ball.

A great start to the Essex Cup.

Goal scorers:

Maddison Moon x2

Izzy Collins x2

Lily Oliver x2

Abi Fisher x1

Year 8 Girls' Football Essex Cup



The Year 8 girls' football team won the first round of their Essex Cup fixture. The team won 11-1 and did not stop pressuring their opponents all match. They were very happy with their win and cannot wait for the next round!

Year 7 Girls' Football Essex Cup



The Year 7 girls' football team won 14-0 against Marshalls Park in the first round of the Essex Cup!

It was a brilliant game of football from our girls, and they were unstoppable in all areas of the pitch.

> Miss Plunkett PE Teacher

Sixth Form Football Essex Cup

The first Sixth Form fixture saw Becket Keys travel to Davenant Foundation. With two strong year groups the combined outfit was entered into the Essex Cup for the school's first try at senior cup football.

The squad was made up of Harry Adams, Callum Goodey, Jake Burke, Henry Wainwright, Harry Buckland, Joe Thomas, Frankie Clark, Archie Winney, Callum Bendelow, William Charters, Max Parry, Gerrard Ohene-Duah, Nathan Donovan, Micah Agu and Jacob Lawrence.



Chances were created in the first half with Henry and Jake working hard to allow Micah the freedom to drive forwards to support Cal and Harry up top. The defensive 5 ahead of Will in goal did not for a moment look like conceding with JT and Bendelow driving out from wing back and Buckland, Archie and Frankie locked down the centre of defence. Chances squandered early on from the forwards eventually came back to bite us when after a second half of backs against the wall defending saw it go to penalties. Will continued his final Year 11 success of saving in the shootout but we bowed out 4-3 from the spot. Friendly fixtures are certainly in the works for this great bunch who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Brentwood District Cross Country at Becket Keys

Girls – 10th October Boys – 11th October

Team Selection:



Year 7 Girls: Allegra Sawkins, Pollyanna Featherson, Harper Lee Loughnane, Isla Coombs, Kessiah Kinghorn, Ama Constaniou, Ava Shorter, Lily Ballayntne, Madeleine Prent, Lois Watson, Ella Thompson, Anna Benns, Sienna Kinnear.



Year 7 Boys: Alex Pearson, Ollie Everitt, Sonny Perea, Mason Demetriou, Oscar Daly, Adam Huntingford, Archie Ellmore, Ethan Hart, Luke Donovan, James Sibbald, Jacobus Van De Lith, Adam Robinson.



Year 8 Girls: Charlotte Hodgson, Harriet Garlick, Ruby Watson, Abbie Snow, Betsy Winney, Imogen Warn, Helet Van De Lith, Erin O'Reilly, Millie Messenger.



Year 8 Boys: Joshua McCann, Alfie Kinnear, Oliver. Poultney, Louis Hayes, James Stevens, Jake Allan, Jack Laycock.



Year 9 Girls: Isabel Collins, Alana Lewis, Imogen Hutton, Isabella Hutton, Amy Maher, Scarlett Sawkins, Lola Wright .



Year 9 Boys: Matthew Delea, Jake Adams, James Cross, Hayden Herbert, Jacob McEwan, Patrick Quy, Alex Kerry, Felix Featherston.

Senior Girls: Evie Warn, Ruby Appleton, Elizabeth Thompson, Alisa Borman.





Senior Boys: Max Sanderson, George Ashton, Samuel Carey, Joe Thomas, Joshua Hall, Callum Hayes, Archie Winney





Successes:

Max Sanderson: Senior Boys – 1st

Place – Course Record

Evie Warn: Senior Girls – 1st Place

Course Record
Mason Delea:

Year 9 Boys - 2nd Place

Senior Boys – 1st Place Overall

Year 8 Boys – 2nd Place Overall

Year 9 Boys – 3rd Overall

Year 7 Girls – 3rd Overall

Year 9 Girls – 3rd Overall

Honourable Mentions:

George Ashton: outstanding finish to take 3rd place in a neckand-neck sprint finish.

Allegra Sawkins: 6/80 students – a fantastic first race. We look forward to seeing this girl's future achievements!

Alisa Borman: Powerful race from a strong runner, overtaking many en route and positioning well in a tough race.

Louis Hayes: Despite becoming ill during the race Louis powered on and gained a respectable position. Resilience is engrained in this boy!



X Country Results:

Year 7 Girls

Becket Keys A

Name	Place
Allegra Sawkins	6
Kessiah Kinghorn	10
Ama Constantino	12
Pollyana Fetherston	27
Sienna Kinnear	33
Harper Lee Loughanne	30

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Year 8 Girls Becket Keys

Name	Place	
Charlotte Hodgson	11	
Harriet Garlick	12	
Helet Van Der Lith	23	
Betsy Winney	28	
Ruby Watson	33	
Abbey Snow	43	

Year 9 Girls

Becket Keys

Name	Place
Izzy Collins	10
Alana Lewis	15
Imogen Hutton	17
Isabella Hutton	20
Amy Maher	21
Lola Wright	22

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Year 7 Boys

Becket Keys A

Name	Place
Alex Pearson	8
Sonny Perera	15
Ollie Everitt	22
Adam Huntingford	27
Oscar Daly	28
Ethan Hart	34



Year 8 Boys

Becket Keys

Name	Place
Joshua McCann	5
James Stevens	7
Louis Hayes	11
Oliver Pallet	14
Alfie Kinnear	16
Jake Allan	17

Year 9 Boys Becket Keys

Name	Place
Mason Delea	2
Patrick Quy	6
Jake Adams	11
James Cross	24
Hayden Herbert	26
Alex Kerry	28

Senior Boys Becket Keys

Name	Place
Max Sanderson	1
George Ashton	3
Joshua Hall	5
Samuel Carey	6
Joe Thomas	12
Callum Hayes	19



Upcoming Fixtures

<u>Monday 16th October</u> Year 9 & Year 11 Girls' Netball v St Martin's High School

> <u>Tuesday 17th October</u> Boys' & Girls' Football v St Cleres

<u>Wednesday 18th October</u> Year 11 Girls Netball v Great Baddow

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT
THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2023
EARLY FINISH FOR STUDENTS 2.40pm

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2023

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY
YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS
MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER –
FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2023

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LAST DAY OF TERM
STUDENT HALF DAY
WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2023

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2023 –
TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023

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