

Becket Keys Church of England School

21st June 2024

JACK PETCHEY AWARDS WINNERS!

Mrs Trebess writes......

School trips

We are approaching that exciting time of year when many school trips will be taking place.

In our experience, the benefits that school trips bring to your child's learning journey make them an essential part of education. School excursions enhance the learning experience: from the residential visit to Norfolk Lakes in Year 7 right through to expeditions abroad in your child's GCSE and A Level years.

The benefits that are gained through experiences on a trip are countless. Taking young people out of their comfort zone and exposing them to challenges they might not have faced before has a positive impact on their

confidence and independence.
We often feel that we are
bringing back completely
different students to the ones we
started with!

Trips contribute to a wider world perspective. With each school trip, your child ventures into undiscovered territory and as their life experience grows, so does their perspective on the world we live in.

Our pupils enjoy trips as far afield as Borneo, China and America, but trips nearer to home have just as much potential to teach valuable lessons. This year, students in Year 7 all had the opportunity to walk into Brentwood to visit the public library. Students were taught how to use the Dewey decimal

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system, how to borrow books and were able to see the vast choice of books on offer. Some students were astounded that borrowing books is free of charge!



Mr Hughes and I are just about to embark on a World Challenge trip to Borneo. Students will visit the orangutan sanctuary, live in a local community working on a community building project and will trek into the jungle, sleeping overnight in hammocks. Miss Lin, Miss Zhang and Mrs Martin at the same time will be taking students from the Mandarin Excellence Programme on a trip to China where they will be immersed in the language and culture and spend time with students in a Chinese school.

Another benefit of school trips is that students get to spend valuable time outside of the classroom with their peers and learn to work as a team and to support each other. Students leave with lifelong memories and a stronger sense of belonging within the school community.

There is more information about the trips offered at Becket Keys here Becket Keys

> Mrs Trebess Deputy Headteacher



















Election Day at Becket Keys!

To coincide with the UK General Election on July 4, an election will also be held at Becket Keys.

Students will have the chance to choose the party that they think should govern the UK.

In the week before the election, Year 12 students and I will be delivering Collective Worship explaining the concept of a General Election and the UK's First Past the Post voting system. So that students can make an informed decision, we will also objectively share the manifesto commitments of the five main parties that are standing in English constituencies: The Conservative Party, The Labour Party, The Liberal Democrat Party, The Green Party and Reform UK.



As in the General Election, voting in the Becket Keys Election will not be compulsory. However, democracy is enriched by high



levels of participation. Evidence suggests that if young people have a positive experience of voting at a young age, then they are much more likely to continue to vote in adulthood. I encourage you to discuss the General Election at home.

The BBC has an extensive General Election section on their website, including analysis of the manifesto commitments of the parties. I look forward to sharing results with and you in the newsletter of the 5th July. It will be interesting comparing the

extent to which the Becket Keys vote aligns with the national vote.

Kieran Walker Head of Politics

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topi cs/crggn4j2lmot



Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony – Tuesday 18th June 2024

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme is our flagship programme which recognises outstanding young people aged 11-25 across London and Essex. Groups on the scheme get to celebrate the achievements of young people and apply for a package of grants, worth up to £6,100 per year, to support their activities.

Organisations on the scheme nominate young people they would like to celebrate and acknowledge for an **Achievement Award**. Each award winner then receives a certificate, pin badge and a book. Jack Petchey Achievement Award winners are young people who have gone above and beyond to achieve – perhaps when others thought they might fail.







This year, Mae Blackwell, Poppy Haywood-Biles and Rudy Collier-Brown were our Jack Petchey award winners. All three had a very impressive list of achievements and their awards were well deserved. The students were complimented on how smart they looked in their Becket Keys uniform and were widely praised for their character and conduct throughout the awards ceremony.



There were also several other Becket Keys students who won various other awards.

Antony Georgiou and Olivia Mokrzycka (1483 Brentwood Squadron, RAF cadets) Izzy Slaney (Brentwood Imperial Youth Band) Isabelle Boon (Brentwood Netball Club) Elle Holdcroft (Marine Netball Club) Leo Chapman and Lucas Tjonis

(Hutton FC)



David Petre (Brentwood Swimming Club)

It was a very enjoyable evening at the Towngate Theatre in Basildon, with awards for other schools and organisations in the area also being presented.

We are very proud of all our students who won awards through the school or through their extra curricular clubs.

Well done Becket Keys!





Tuesday 25th - Sunday 30th June 2024

The Festival originated from the South Weald Church Flower Festival which had been going for several years as had the School Fete.

In 1964 the then Vicar, John Swallow, had the idea of combining the two Events on one weekend. That weekend was to be that closest to the church's Patron St Peter's Day, June 29th. It has since evolved each year to become the South Weald Patronal Festival which was a week-long event for the first time in 2014.

The festival starts with a Joint Music Concert between St Peter's and Becket Keys on Tuesday 25th June, this leads into the main events taking place across 3 days during the last weekend of June, including a Teddy Bears' Picnic, the South Weald Golf Day, School Fayre, Colour Run, Festival BBQ & Patronal Church Festival. Full details of all the events have been sent with this newsletter or you can visit the festival website: South Weald Patronal Festival

(southwealdfestival.co.uk)

BECKET KEYS & ST PETER'S SCHOOL CONCERT

St Peter's Church, 7.00pm

Entry £5 (concessions £3)

Tickets can be purchased from both schools.

Contact reception for tickets.

Celebrating 60 Years of our Patronal Festival



Performance Dates: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th July 2024. Doors open at 6:30pm, curtain up at 7:00pm.

Tickets are now on sale for the spectacular Becket Keys production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.'
All tickets are priced at £10.50 each and are available on Parent Pay. If you do not have a student at the school and therefore do not have a Parent Pay account for Becket Keys, please ask at reception.

Last year, School of Rock was a complete sell out, so get your tickets now!

Lastly, you may be aware that certain characters have been double cast again this year. We found this a successful approach last year when producing School of Rock and have repeated it this year. Double casting enables more students to experience undertaking a larger role. Therefore, students have been grouped into two casts: a purple and gold cast. They are aware of which cast they are a part of. The casts will be called in the following order for the performances:

Monday matinée: GOLD CAST

(Primary School performance, no tickets on sale)

Monday evening: PURPLE CAST

Tuesday evening: PURPLE CAST

Wednesday evening: GOLD CAST

We look forward to seeing you!





Each year, for one of our Enrichment Days, we run a Careers Fair for our students.

The focus is on inspiring future choices and decisions. This year, we will be hosting this again on July 11th and we are in need of volunteers from a range of careers. We would like professionals to talk to our students about their career; the pathway into the job, the opportunities, skills and experiences that are involved.

If you are able to support us in any way please do get in touch via careers@becketkeys.org. Ms North will be able to give you some more information including the timings for the day.

We appreciate your time!

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. We encourage students to attend school regularly and on time.

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

Brentwood can be tough to negotiate during rush hour, 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 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.





If you are a student considering your career options when you finish your studies, then you may be interested in a virtual Career Insights Day. You will gain an insider's perspective on the dynamic and rewarding opportunities available in Financial Services. Featuring experts from the Financial Adviser Academy and Early Careers teams, these expert-led sessions will provide you with valuable insights and connections to navigate and succeed in this exciting sector.

Here's a glimpse of what you can expect:

- Gain insights: Discover the vast range of roles available in financial services as you engage in conversations with real practitioners.
- Dedicated training: Participate in comprehensive training sessions covering personal branding, CV writing and interview skills.
- Q&A sessions: Ask questions you want answered and discover what a day in life is like for a financial adviser.
- **Career development**: Craft your next steps with interactive sessions that help you to select the right career choice for you.
- Certificate of completion: At the end of the programme, you
 will be awarded a Certificate of Completion, validating your
 participation and commitment.

You can register for this event here: <u>Personal Information - St.</u> <u>James's Place Financial Adviser Academy Careers Insights Day (cvent.com)</u>



Speakers

<u>Take a look at some of the</u> <u>speakers scheduled for this event</u>



Matt Cordas Senior Marketing Manager



Scott Stevens
Establishment
Commercial Director



Hannah Steiner Consultant - Social Media & Content



Sophia Lerche-Thomsen Chartered Financial Planner





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yr9 &Yr10 'Creative Space' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	Yr9 &Yr10 'Creative Space' 11.50-12.30 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	GCSE 'Theory Workshop' 15.15-16.15	Invitation only and bookable space.	Yr7-Yr13 'Time to Shine' 15.15-16.25 RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr & Mrs Palmer)
	'Practical Showcase Rehearsals' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr)	RH1 (Mrs Barr)		



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

FROM 2.30PM

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024

We will be holding another pre-loved uniform sale this term and are in need of donations. All items will be welcomed however we are in particular need of the following:

> Blazers, Kilts, Jumpers PE tops, Shorts & Skorts Ties, Aprons,

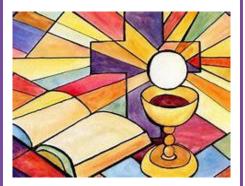
We would also welcome donations of school shoes.



The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is every Wednesday 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



Members of the school community are also welcome to join the Eucharist which is held every Friday at 1.00pm in the John Wraw chapel.

Sign in at reception and someone will guide you to the chapel.







The Coronation garden is looking lovely in the sunshine. The weather has improved (finally!) and the students are able to enjoy the outdoor spaces around the school.

Please make sure that your son/daughter has adequate drinking water for the day. This is especially important during this spell of warm weather on the days they have PE. Students can wear a plain hat during their outdoor sessions and of course sun cream is a must!



Remember that drinks are available for purchase from the Bistro at break and lunch.

Water fountains are available in the Bistro and Orangery for students to use at the beginning of the day and during break and lunchtimes

Essex Partnership University

VACCINE CATCH-UP CLINICS

For more information or to book an appointment please call 0300 790 0597

Has your child missed their routine school vaccinations?

We are running catch-up clinics in your area. Find your nearest clinic

- Braintree Clinic, CM7 3HP Saturday 15 June, 10.30am - 3pm Saturday 13 July, 10.30am - 3pm
- Crouch Vale Medical Centre, CM3 50P Saturday 13 July, 10am – 3pm
- Dunmow Clinic, CM6 1BH Monday 24 June, 3pm 4.30pm
- Hermit Youth Centre, CM15 8AG Saturday 22 June, 10am - 3pm
- Leigh Primary Care Centre, SS9 3NG Saturday 22 June, 10am – 2pm Saturday 13 July, 10am – 2pm

- Rochford drive through, SS4 1RB Saturday 8 June, 10am - 2pm
- Springfield Green, CM1 7HZ Saturday 8 June, 10am - 3pm
- St Peters Hospital, CM9 6EG Saturday 22 June, 10am - 3pm
- Thameside House, RM16 2PX Saturday 13 July, 10am - 3pm
- Saturday 8 June, 10am 2pm



Do you have questions about these vaccinations?

Visit the NHS website vaccination page: www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-andwhen-to-have-them/

HPV** (from Year 8) DTP & Meningitis ACWY (from Year 9)

**Eligible boys born after 01/09/2006





Queen of crime Holly Jackson returns with a blisteringly good standalone thriller!

When she was a toddler, Bel's mother disappeared without a trace and young Bel was the only witness.

Rachel is gone, presumed dead. The case is dragged up from the past when the Price family agree to a true crime documentary. Bel can't wait for filming to end, for life to go back to normal.

But then, 16 years later, Rachel Price reappears. Bel suspects the truth is more complicated than it first appears and takes it upon herself to investigate. Life will never be normal again ..

Jackson is brilliant on the quiet menace of domestic drama and family secrets, ramping up the tension with expert plotting.



Homework Club is available for all students.

Every afternoon after school students can stay for a supervised session 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.

There are a large number of extracurricular clubs that your son/daughter can attend at Becket Keys. Full details are available on the school website here:

https://www.becketkeys.org/extra -curricular

Avoid the traffic! Stay here for a while!



Becket Keys Chair of Governors - Retirement Collection

Our Chair of Governors, Jenny Downs, will be stepping down at the end of this summer term. Jenny has been a cornerstone of our school community, and her contributions are very difficult to summarise.

Jenny was part of the founding group, sharing the original vision for the school with Mr Scott-Evans when the campaign first began in 2010.

Jenny's tireless support has been pivotal. She has been involved in appointing many of the staff members you know today, ensuring that our school is staffed with dedicated and talented individuals. Her advocacy for safe travel in Sawyers Hall Lane led to significant improvements, including path widening, new road markings, and an upcoming raised table to slow traffic and enhance safety.

Over the years, Jenny must have chaired over a hundred meetings, and she has participated in every inspection the school has ever had. Her commitment and contributions to the opening and ongoing success of Becket Keys cannot be overstated. It is no exaggeration to say that without Jenny's dedication and hard work, our school would not be what it is today.

In recognition of Jenny's incredible service, we are inviting everyone to contribute to a gift for her. A donation opportunity will be available on ParentPay,



and we encourage every family who has benefitted from Becket Keys to contribute. You can contribute as much or as little as you wish. Alternatively, supporters can bring donations directly to the school. Donations need to be made by **9pm Friday 28**th **June.** Presentations will be made at the Governors' Speech and Awards Evening on 4th July. We hope that many of you will attend this to say goodbye to Jenny.

Additionally, we are creating a commemorative book that will be signed by all students and staff. Anyone who wishes to sign the book is welcome to come into school to do so. This will be a wonderful way to show our appreciation and to honour Jenny's legacy. If you cannot come into school, you can email the school office to send a

message that we can print and paste into the book.

We are profoundly grateful to Jenny for her vision, leadership, and unwavering dedication. Her legacy will continue to inspire us all, and her impact on Becket Keys will be felt for many years to come.

I know you will all join me in thanking Jenny for everything she has done for our school.

> Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher



Job Opportunity

At Becket Keys Church of England School

Working for the Sawyers Hall Community Sports Trust



GROUNDSKEEPER required by the Sports

Trust who operate and maintain the
Astroturf sports pitch facility at Becket Keys
Church of England School, Sawyers Hall Lane,
Brentwood, Essex.

To maintain the high standards shared by the School and the Sports Trust there is a requirement for a grounds person to carry out weekly maintenance on the Astroturf pitch and surrounding area.

The Astroturf is going to be re-laid this summer so future regular maintenance is essential.

These duties will include: -

- 1) Weekly brushing using the onsite machinery
- 2) Site maintenance and upkeep, including weed clearing and removing debris
- 3) Site safety checks
- 4) Minor repairs and upkeep of facilities when required



5) Liaising with a Sports Trust contact and the School Site team to ensure the smooth running of the facility

Ideally this work will be carried out before school hours as this avoids school activities and the pitch hire period later in the day. Other times could be available. This paid role would suit a self-motivated and practical person who can identify issues and resolve them and who wishes to earn some additional income working for a few hours per week.

The person appointed will need to be in possession of a basic DBS certificate.

Interested applicants should email mikespinks@hotmail.com indicating their suitability for the post. Please indicate the number of hours per week you would be available to undertake this role. Please include a mobile contact number if you have specific questions, you would like answered or if you would like more information.

District Sports June 2024

Many thanks to all the students who took part in the recent District Sports event on Wednesday. Full details will be shared in the newsletter next week.



Becket Keys Sports Day

FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2024

ON THE
SPORTS FIELD
(Across the road)

Parents & Carers are welcome to attend from 12.40pm







Please make sure that all your uniform items including coats and PE kit are named. We have over 1,000 students at Becket Keys all wearing the same items and so it is really important that you name every item.

If there is a name on any item, we are able to return it to the student, if not it heads to lost property and is passed on to Friends of Becket Keys for their pre-loved uniform sale or recycled.

Thank you for your assistance!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024

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YEAR 13 PROM
THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2024

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YEAR 11 PROM
MONDAY 1ST JULY 2024

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GOVERNORS' SPEECH & AWARDS

EVENING

THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2024

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WORLD CHALLENGE TRIP TO BORNEO
THURSDAY 4TH JULY – FRIDAY 18TH JULY
2024

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SPORTS DAY
FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2024

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ENRICHMENT DAY
(STUDENTS ARE OFF TIMETABLE)
THURSDAY 11TH JULY

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YEAR 7 MANOR ADVENTURE

RESIDENTIAL

FRIDAY 12TH – SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024

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SCHOOL PRODUCTION

CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

MONDAY 15TH – WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY

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