



Becket Keys Church of England School

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MEET THE NEW SENIOR PREFECT TEAM

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Mrs Course, Head of Sixth Form writes.....

It's incredible to think that a year has passed since we appointed our outgoing prefect team. Our Head Boy and Head Girl, Matthew and Naima, have served the school with kindness, respect, and unwavering dedication. Alongside their deputies Rosetta, Connie, Isabel, Lowri, Vivek, and Max, they have provided exceptional support to the school. As they embark on new adventures in exciting destinations, we wholeheartedly wish them the best of luck. Their contributions have been invaluable, and while we will miss them, we look forward to staying connected through our Alumni network.

As we bid a fond farewell to this cohort, we faced the incredibly

difficult task of selecting our next senior prefect team. Once again, we appointed six deputies to support the new head boy and girl. The selection process was rigorous: students submitted a written application, presented to a room full of staff and governors, and underwent interviews with two different panels. With over 25 talented applicants vying for just eight positions, the competition was fierce, making the final decision a challenge. Throughout the interviews and presentations, students shared inspiring ideas they hope to implement. After successfully completing this process, we are delighted to introduce our new team, who you can read about inside this week's newsletter (pages 2-6). Mrs. Knowles and I are excited to work alongside them and look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the year ahead.



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Anna-Kaye Fullerton Head Girl

I've been a student at Becket Keys since 2019, and over the years, it's become a place where I've truly grown, both academically and personally. The school has given me the space to develop confidence, resilience, and strong values, shaping me into the person I am today. Now, as Head Girl, I feel incredibly honoured to be in a position where I can help make a lasting impact and show future students that Becket Keys is a place where they too can thrive, no matter their background.

I am currently studying History, Business Studies, and Fine Art, a bit of an unusual mix, I know! But each subject has taught me skills that I'll carry with me into my future, like analytical thinking, strong writing, and creativity. As I prepare to study Law at university, I'm especially grateful for the way History has deepened my knowledge of past events, developing my understanding of the world we live in today. It has



especially highlighted the importance of justice and human rights, something I hope to champion in my career. Sixth Form has given me so many opportunities to get involved in and make a difference to, whether it's setting up and running the hockey club (bringing together students from all years through a shared passion), volunteering at school events, or leading tours for prospective students and teachers. These experiences have strengthened my leadership and communication skills, helping me connect with people from all walks of life.

Outside of school, I play hockey, which has taught me the importance of teamwork, something that's essential for a senior prefect role. Plus, after taking a few hits from hockey balls, I like to think my resilience is at an all-time high! I also love to play the piano and exhibit artwork in galleries and art shops.

As Head Girl, I want to inspire my fellow students to go after their goals with confidence. Through Jesus Christ, nothing is out of reach. Put yourself out there, embrace every opportunity, and believe in your ability to achieve great things.



Joshua Witchalls Head Boy

I chose to join Becket Keys in 2019 because of its focus on Christianity, and how it encouraged and built up the student's character alongside their academic ability. The staff

have helped me in developing, correcting, and growing my character and approach to life. I know that I would not be the person I am today without their input. This is one of the things that makes Becket Keys so special, so it is my privilege to now represent and uphold our school values as Head Boy.

I hope to give back to the place I have grown up in by contributing directly to the life and activity of the school. I want to develop the community feel and build up the Christ-centric ethos that has served me so well – fully integrating the 6th form into the wider school as role models and ambassadors. I look to follow Jesus' example of humility and sacrifice and serve the school by pointing people to Jesus and contributing to the excellent school we have.

Currently, I am studying English, History and Drama at A Level, alongside an EPQ which I look to finish by the end of this year – so my pencil case is full of black biro's and one lone highlighter! I thoroughly enjoy all of my subjects, and hope to continue this enthusiasm at university, looking to take an International Relations degree, hopefully with a year in China. Outside of school, I love playing the bass guitar and painting miniatures – neither particularly well, but I enjoy them nonetheless!

I look forward to working with the rest of the senior prefect team, who all absolutely deserve this

role; helping serve this wonderful school we have!

Deputy Head Girls



Bella Allan

My name is Bella Allan, and I have achieved the position of Deputy Head Girl. I am currently studying English Literature, Spanish and Politics, with a view of studying Law at university. Whilst these subjects require lots of hard-work and dedication, I am very passionate about them and thoroughly enjoy the challenge that each of them brings.

After joining Becket Keys in Year 7, I have been lucky enough to continue my Becket Keys journey into the Sixth Form. My favourite memory has to be the World Challenge trip to Borneo last summer, which offered an incredible opportunity to experience a whole new culture and has inspired me to travel as I start to think about my future.

In addition to this, I have had the opportunity to represent Becket Keys at many other events, from open evenings to sporting events like District Athletics. I am

looking forward to getting involved in upcoming events like these.

I have grown academically and personally at Becket Keys and am excited at the chance to give back to the school community that has supported me so much, encouraging students to make the most of their time here.

Outside of school, I am involved in scouting, volunteering every week with my local Beaver troupe. This has taught me invaluable skills like patience, teamwork and communication which will be essential in fulfilling this role. I am also currently working towards obtaining my Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

I am incredibly proud to be Deputy Head Girl and am excited to start working with this amazing team over the next year. My aim in this position is to act as a good role model to all students, reflecting the school values whilst being a welcoming presence around our school.



Ruth Pennant

Since I joined the school at the start of year 11, right in the middle of my GCSEs, I have been grateful for the constant support and welcome that I received here at Becket Keys, even in the midst of challenging circumstances. For me, being part of the senior leadership team is an amazing opportunity to give back to the school and show my gratitude for the people and environment which have helped me grow so much, both personally and academically. So, I am very excited to be taking on the role of deputy head girl.

I am currently studying Spanish, Maths and History, as well as doing an EPQ about the Chilean coup d'état of 1973. I really enjoy both history and Spanish, as you can see, so I'm hoping to go on to study them both at university, with the hope of working in the diplomatic service when I'm older.

Outside of my schoolwork, I really enjoy music and have enjoyed being involved in the termly Chamber concerts since coming here. I help to lead the music at my church on a weekly basis and am looking forward to running upper voices this year alongside Noah Gray. I hope to see some of you there!



Elizabeth Thompson

Having joined Becket Keys in Year 7, I feel a deep connection to our community and a desire to give back to the school. I am currently studying Biology, Chemistry, and Maths at A Level. I enjoy the sciences, particularly the life sciences and I am still considering my options for study at university.

I am deeply involved in sport, and I am proud to have represented Becket Keys in many different sports, including netball, tennis, and football. Outside of school, I play cricket for Brentwood and Hutton cricket clubs and represent Essex at Under 18 level. I also enjoy running as a way to keep fit and can often be found at Brentwood Parkrun on Saturday mornings. Music is also a significant part of my school life, and I enjoy playing the clarinet in both the school orchestra and the stage band.

This year, I am working towards my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and am eagerly anticipating two expeditions in

the Lake District and Brecon Beacons. Through my sporting activities and DofE experiences, I have learned the invaluable lessons of teamwork and developed leadership skills. I hope these qualities will serve me well as Deputy Head Girl.

Beyond school activities, I am committed to helping others, working as a lifeguard and providing maths tutoring to other students to assist them with their GCSE exams. As Deputy Head Girl, I aim to be approachable and offer support and advice to any fellow student who needs it. I was inspired by the kindness of a previous head girl when I first joined the school, and that lasting impression motivates me to give back to our Becket Keys family.



Amabelle Trinder

Having been at Becket Keys since Year 7, I am deeply grateful for the continual support and care shown by teachers, along with the values of our school, which have helped shape who I am. I am excited to be one of the Deputy Head Girls, helping out behind the scenes, and representing the school at events. I am really



looking forward to working with the other senior prefects on projects, particularly increasing the Sixth Form's involvement in younger years.

Currently, I am studying Mandarin, psychology and history, as well as an EPQ looking at Sino-Soviet relations, and I hope to study international relations at university.

Outside of school, I am completing my Gold Duke of Edinburgh with my Explorer scout group, which has definitely grown my teamwork and conflict resolution skills!

I am eager to be a more visible Christian role model, encouraging others to live out their faith, and building the school's Christian community feel.



Azaria Williams-Carnegie

Hello everyone! My name is Azaria, and I'm thrilled to be part of this vibrant school community. Originally from Redden Court School in Harold Wood, I'm

excited to share my experiences and perspectives with you all. Whether it's through participating in school events, or simply connecting with new faces, I'm eager to contribute to our school's positive atmosphere.

One important thing about me is that I believe consistent hard work will always reward you with amazing results, if you see me around school doing revision or any form of work for my A-Level subjects which are mathematics, biology and psychology is it because I endeavour to embody these words through my academics.

In the future, I would like to study clinical neuropsychology. I know it sounds quite complicated but getting the opportunity to investigate the structures of the brain and how they function to trigger our behaviours sounds absolutely fascinating to me. I cannot wait to study this at university, next year (hopefully!).

I picked these particular A-levels because at GCSEs I had a natural affinity for them. In addition, I put a lot of work into those subjects so I could take them at Sixth Form.

I am full to the brim with gratitude for receiving the role of deputy head girl, I cannot wait to aid the school towards an even higher pinnacle of greatness. Looking forward to a fantastic year together.

Deputy Head Boy Noah Gray



It was only last September I walked through the gates of Becket Keys as a student for the very first time. And not just as a Becket Keys student – but as a student, full stop. I had been homeschooled my entire life up until this point – I had absolutely no social experience, no confidence, and no idea what to expect.

Fast forward a mere eight months, and I am not the same person that walked through those gates. Becket Keys has completely changed my life, and yes, that sounds dramatic, but it is unequivocally true. I could probably be here all day talking about the specifics, but what I will tell you is that I am now a very happy person – and that, at the end of the day, is what really matters.

And so, after the remarkably warm and loving welcome I received from my wonderful teachers, the school staff, and all my fellow students, I believed it

to be only fitting to give back everything I could to the people that turned me into the person I am now. I therefore applied to join the Senior Prefect team and am incredibly honoured to have been given the role of Deputy Head Boy.

As a Deputy, I intend to diligently maintain and perhaps even improve upon our school's inclusive and welcoming environment and constantly strive to be an excellent role model for other students to follow, faithfully upholding our school's wonderful Christian values in everything I do and, of course, volunteering for absolutely everything. And furthermore, I intend to inspire the younger generation to realise that really, impossible isn't a word that should be in the English dictionary. The Sanskrit word *sankalpa* is perhaps a better alternative – a word that portrays the concept of impossibility as simply the absence of belief.

At the moment, I am studying Economics, Maths and Music – three subjects I thoroughly enjoy, with the first two tying into my ambitions to eventually study Economics at a top London university. Music, on the other hand, is something I simply love. If you cannot find me pouring over a maths textbook or binge-reading Wikipedia, I will be sitting at my piano either working on my latest composition or practising for whatever performance Mr. Romhany has secretly signed me up for!



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale School Playground Saturday 17th May 2025

11.00am – 12.30pm

Please bring cash if you can!

Becket Keys Pre-Loved Uniform Price List

6th Form Suit Jacket	£15.00
6th Form Skirt / Trousers	£7.00
Blazer	£7.00
Kilt	£7.00
Trousers	£4.00
Blouse / Shirt	£2.00
Jumper / Tank Top	£5.00
Tie	£2.00
PE Hoodie	£5.00
PE Rugby Top	£5.00
PE Top	£3.00
PE Shorts / Skort	£3.00
PE Track Pants / Leggings	£4.00
GCSE PE Top	£4.00
Aprons	£3.00
Drama T-Shirt	£3.00
Chef Jacket	£5.00
Rucksack / PE Bag	£5.00

Uniform donations are always welcome, please drop any items to reception.

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK
**HELPING LOCAL
 PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

May Shortages

Tinned Items:

Chilli Con Carne

Meatballs

Peas

Carrots

Hot Dogs

Potatoes

Ravioli

Custard

Also required:

Bags of rice

Laundry Gels

Shampoo

Shower Gel

Toothpaste



Volunteers for Year 10 Mock Interviews 10th July 2025

This year, part of our Enrichment Day on Thursday, 10th July, we are excited to be running a Mock Interview Day for our Year 10 students, and we would be incredibly grateful for your support as a volunteer interviewer.

The day is designed to give students a real taste of what to expect in a professional interview setting. Each student will arrive with a CV and a generalised job application, which you will have the opportunity to discuss with them. You will also be provided with feedback forms and guidance materials in advance to support your conversations with the students.

There will be three sessions throughout the day:

- Session 1: 8:45am – 10:25am
- Session 2: 10:50am – 12:30pm
- Session 3: 1:30pm – 3:10pm

In each session, you will meet two students, spending approximately 20 minutes with each.

We would be delighted if you are able to join us for the full day – lunch and refreshments will be provided – but even if you can attend just one session, your support will be greatly appreciated.

This is a fantastic opportunity to help prepare our students for life beyond the classroom, and your time and expertise can have a real impact on their confidence and future success.

If you are available to help or have any questions, please e-mail careers@becketkeys.org. Thank you so much for considering supporting our students as part of this important day.

Ms North
Head of Careers

Sports News

Girls' Cricket Year 7 & 8

A fabulously sunny day at Springfield Cricket Club on Wednesday saw our Year 7 and 8 students had their first tournament of the year and what an enjoyable day for them!

'Chance to Compete' is a cricket tournament run by Essex Cricket to encourage girls into cricket. The festival is about participation, enjoyment and playing the game.

Our girls did all the above whilst showcasing the Becket Keys values of respect and care. Some games were tougher than others and time and again the team stepped up to the plate and demonstrated their outstanding skills.

We had a great day, and I look forward to next year when our girls combine again.

Miss Schafer
PE Teacher

Players:

Erin Hayward
Ella Thompson
Anna Bennett
Arya Patel
Melody Shanley
Immy Ellis
Lucia Collins
Hollie Wylie



Game 1 - St Martins

BK 60 - 77 St Martins
Batting Hero - Erin
Bowling Champion - Anna

Game 4 – King John

BK 74 - 104 King John
Batting Hero - Hollie
Bowling Champion - Ella

Game 2 - Hylands

BK 112 - 65 Hylands
Batting Hero - Immy
Bowling Champions - Lucia
and Hollie

Game 5 - ChristChurch

BK 94 - 41 - ChristChurch
Batting Heroes - Erin & Hollie
Bowling Champion - Lucia, Ella

Game 3 - Boswells

BK 64 - 112 Boswells
Batting Hero – Melody
Bowling Champion - Hollie

Game 6 - Beauchamps

BK 61 - 74 Beauchamps
Batting Hero - Arya
Bowling Champion - Erin

Boys' Cricket Year 7

The Year 7 boys started their Becket Keys cricket journey off in style. Plume elected to bowl first so Teddy and Henry padded up. Teddy was first to fall after his luck was tested after the Plume fielder dropped him, but a few deliveries later he found the same fielder who didn't make the same mistake! His two excellent boundaries had allowed him to rack up 16 runs. Henry continued to tick off the singles with the pacey Max. Henry picked up 8 runs before unfortunately edging onto his own stumps but this allowed for the partnership of Max and Charles to really get firing. It didn't take Max long to retire after picking up 25 runs with two boundaries. Dylan came in late picking up two singles before the 16 overs were reached. Charles found the boundary rope once and totalled 16. The impressive start to the season saw us set a target of 125.

Time to bowl. Teddy took just 5 balls to claim the first wicket with an excellent delivery. Henry confidently wanted to better this, taking just 4 balls to claim the second wicket. This ignited the fire in Teddy to proceed to take wickets on his 2nd 5th and 6th deliveries for a triple wicket maiden! The sporting side of Mr Lane sidelined Henry's second over for later on. Fin stepped up next and dialled in. Sam A and Toby bowled 5 dots impressively. Ethan and Dylan both limited



Plume to 5 runs. Max took just two deliveries for his wicket as his inviting delivery was carved straight into Teddy who wasn't going to drop. Sam A decided that this tactic was a good idea, and his inviting delivery was again caught well by Teddy who made no mistake for his 6th contribution. Just three batsmen left and Toby's second over took one. Max took the penultimate with a wicket maiden before Fin claimed the last! Plume valiantly ticked off 51 runs however the boys were too dominant. Sam T gets a special mention for playing through an injury and helping out in the field well.

Player of the match – Teddy Stevens

Mr Lane
PE Teacher



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National Athletics Competition Thursday 15th May

Yesterday, we had the pleasure of taking a fantastic group of athletes from Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 to the National Athletics Competition at Melbourne Park. All students performed brilliantly and represented the school with outstanding effort, determination, and conduct throughout the day.

We saw a number of **personal bests** across both track and field events, which is a testament to the hard work and talent within our athletics squads.

Some standout performances included:

- **Pat** (Year 10) with a new PB of **12.47 seconds** in the 100m
- **Will** (Year 10) also achieving a PB of **12.95 seconds** in the 100m
- **Felix** (Year 10) storming the 200m with a time of **25.60 seconds**
- Both **Junior Girls (Year 8) Esme and Jess** running incredible sub-3-minute times in the 800m
- **James Stevens** (Year 9) running a superb **2:17** in the 800m

Every athlete should be proud of their achievements and the way they represented the school. It

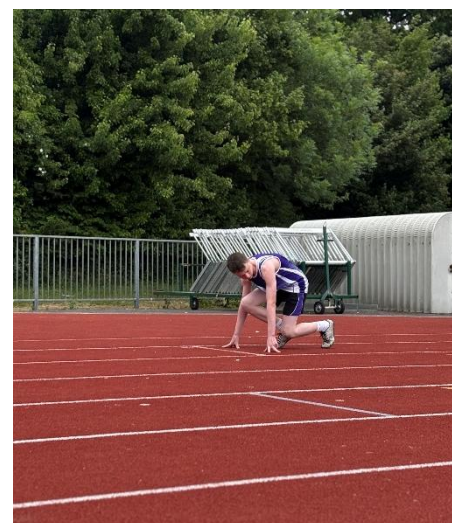


was a brilliant day of sport, full of energy, resilience, and team spirit.

A special mention to the Sixth Form students who helped throughout the day.

Well done to all involved!

The PE Team



PE Extra Curricular - Term 5

Day	Lunchtime	After-School (3:20-4:20)
Monday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	Year 7&8 Boys' Cricket
Tuesday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	All Years Girls' Cricket Year 9&10 Boys' Cricket
Wednesday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	All Years Athletics
Thursday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	Year 7,8&9 Rounders
Friday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	

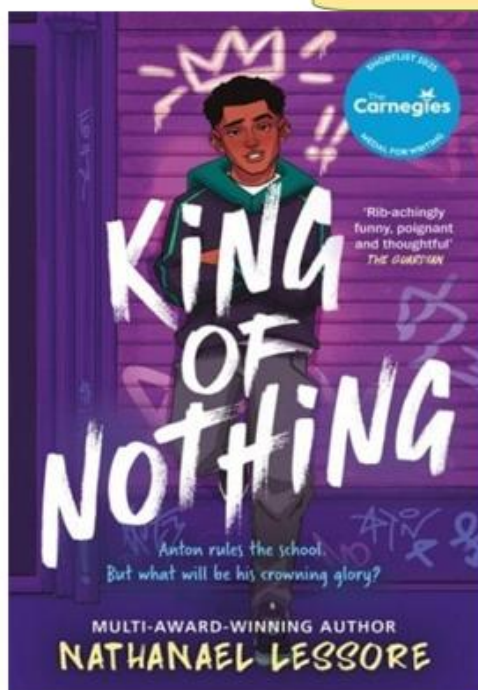


Keys:

- Astro
- Sports hall
- Main Hall
- Field
- Playground



Book of the Month - May



ANTON AND HIS FRIENDS ARE THE KINGS OF YEAR 9.

They're used to ruling the school and Anton wears the crown. The other kids run away when he's about but that's the way he wants it - he's got a reputation to live up to after all. He's the bad boy of his South London secondary school, feared and respected partly because his dad is in prison.

So, when he gets into serious trouble at school, he doesn't really care, but his mum most definitely does. She decides it's time for Anton to make some new friends and blocks the Wi-Fi until he joins the Happy Campers, a local activity group. Anton would quite literally rather do anything else, especially when he finds out Matthew, the biggest loser in school, is also a member.

But after Matthew, a somewhat quirky boy, unexpectedly saves Anton's life, Anton figures maybe this kid is worth a shot. Teaching him some game is the least Anton can do to repay the debt.

As the boys strike up an unlikely friendship, Anton starts to question his life, not least the misogynist banter of his best friend who is obsessed with a particularly sexist podcast. Does he want ruling the school to be his crowning glory or should he set his sights on better things?

Content advice: references to crime and violence, misogyny, arson, death, anaphylaxis, vandalism



WOMEN & GIRLS

CRICKET TRAINING
YR 6 AND ABOVE

EVERY MONDAY 6-8PM
FUN SOFTBALL AND HARBALL COACHING

At Shenfield Cricket Club
22A Chelmsford Road, Shenfield, Essex, CM15 8RQ

A Prayer for Exams

Lord, save me from the art of doing nothing;

Distract me from distraction;

Focus me on what's important.

Keep me from doodling;

Unplug me from social networking;

Turn my eyes back to the books.

May the phone nor ring;

May the doorbell stay silent.

I want to revise; God help my natural aversion to it!

Amen



ESSEX COMMUNITY GOALS

CHARITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2025
Community Goals 7-Aside-Football Tournament
For 12-13 Year Olds

PFCC
POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME
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ActiveEssex

ESSEX POLICE
Protecting and serving Essex

The event will be held at Essex Police College, St Margarets Road, Chelmsford, CM26DT

To Register Email: Essex.police.uk/Communitygoals

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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MADRID TRIP – YEAR 9

THURSDAY 22ND MAY – SUNDAY 25TH MAY

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WHITSUN BREAK

MONDAY 26TH MAY – FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025

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YEAR 7 & YEAR 12 EXAMS BEGIN

MONDAY 2ND JUNE 2025

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YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025

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INSET DAYS

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 13TH & MONDAY 16TH JUNE 2025

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SIXTH FORM BRIDGING EVENT

MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025

TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2025

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CHINA TRIP PARENT MEETING

5.00PM TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2025

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YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL

MANOR ADVENTURE – NORFOLK

FRIDAY 3RD – SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025

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