



Becket Keys Church of England School

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VISITING US MINISTRY TEAM VISIT

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Grateful Hearts, Lasting Connections: Reflections on Our Week at Becket Keys

As our time in Brentwood comes to a close, we wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible week we have spent at Becket Keys. We are a team of 12 individuals from a church in the United States, and it has been a true privilege to spend this past week serving, learning, and connecting with your school community.

From the moment we arrived, we were warmly welcomed—not just by the staff and students, but by the spirit of the school itself. Though we came from across the ocean and brought with us different voices and backgrounds, we quickly felt at home among you. Our primary goal in coming

to Becket Keys was simple: to serve. We had the joy of assisting in classrooms, joining in on lunchtime conversations, participating in activities, and simply being available to listen and encourage. We did not come to fix or change anything—we came to walk alongside your students, staff and families, and to contribute to the good work already happening here.

As followers of Jesus Christ, our faith inspires us to love and serve others, and that shaped everything we did this week. We hope that our presence, conversations, and small acts of kindness reflected the heart of the Gospel: that every person is loved, valued, and made with purpose by God. We hope our visit served as a reminder to live out your faith boldly and compassionately.



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We also learned a lot—from British school life to your favourite snacks. Most importantly, we witnessed the strength of a school community that cares deeply for its students and strives to create a space where everyone can grow.



As we head back to the U.S., we leave with full hearts and deep gratitude. Thank you to the staff for welcoming us to your school and to the students for engaging with us so openly, and to the entire school community for letting us be a small part of your story this week. We will carry these memories with us for a long time, and we hope the relationships built and seeds planted during our time together will continue to grow.

With love and appreciation,

**The U.S. Mission Team from
Lowcountry Community Church**



Volunteers for Year 10 Mock Interviews 10th July 2025

As part of our 10th July Enrichment Day, we are excited to be running a Mock Interview Day for our Year 10 students. 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**

Year 12 Biology Practical Fieldwork Trip to Epping Forest



Student Achievement – Ben Shelton Year 13

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a youth achievement award that encourages young people to challenge themselves and develop new skills. It is available at three levels: (Bronze, Silver, and Gold), each with increasing commitment and difficulty.

Ben Shelton has been going through this programme and tells us about his experience here, including a recent visit to Buckingham Palace!

Ben writes: The Duke of Edinburgh Award can be started from age 14 with the Bronze Award, 15 with the Silver Award and 16 with the Gold Award. You can start at any of the awards (age appropriate) however, as the awards progress they are more challenging therefore personally I would recommend moving through all stages.

There are 4 sections to complete for bronze and silver and 5 for the gold award. All of them resulting in an expedition as part of the stage.

For the Bronze and Silver Award, I achieved this with Essex Youth Group based at the Hermit Club in Brentwood. However, for the Gold Award I was a member of my local air cadets and completed this with them. Some local Scout groups and other uniformed organisations offer the Duke of Edinburgh scheme too.

As part of my Gold Award for the physical element my goal was to complete a half marathon. I trained for this for 12 months and, in 2024, participated in the Brentwood half marathon achieving a time of 1 hour 50 minutes.

For the skills section I learnt guitar and obtained a grade 5 music grade for electric guitar.

For the volunteering section, I helped my local church and community with regular events.

For my residential which is only required for the Gold Award, this was achieved with Becket Keys help by assisting with a school residential trip.

During my time completing all of the different levels I made lots of friends, learned life skills and faced a lot of challenges.

If you are interested in this award then you can find more details here: [DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)



Student Achievement



Last week Oliver Poulteney and Jake Allan represented Becket Keys in the *Mid Essex Football Squad* at both the National District Elite Final and Southern Districts Final.

Mid Essex were Winners of the Southern District and runners up in the National Final to a strong Liverpool side.

Well done to Oliver and Jake!



Music Department



Becket Keys enjoyed a great concert at the Hermit Club in Brentwood last Friday, some amazing performances from our talented musical students.





Upcoming Concerts – Dates for your Diary

Date	Concert	Groups
18th June Concert from 6:30pm-7:30 pm Chelmsford Cathedral	Secondary School's Concert	Stage Band Choir
TBC	Orchestra at St Helen's Infant School	Orchestra
24th June St Peter's Church South Weald 7pm start	Patronal Festival with St Peter's School	Stage Band Buggy Cast Soloists Year 12 Jazz Band Orchestra
26th June Main Hall 7pm start	Governors' Speech and Awards Evening	Stage Band Buggy Cast Soloist
2 nd July 1pm onwards Brentwood Centre	Brentwood Vocal Festival	House Band (students from Stage Band will form this group)

Computer Science Department

National Coding Competition Results

Before Easter, 19 students from Year 7-Year 11 took part in a national coding competition run by the Raspberry Pi Foundation at Cambridge University. This is the first year the competition, has run in this format, previously running under the title Oxford University Computing Challenge (OUCC).

Like the OUCC, the competition was open to students who scored in the top 10% of the country in the Bebras computational thinking competition which ran near the beginning of the school year. For this competition, students were entered into one of four categories: Novices, Explorers, Navigators and Pathfinders.



Raspberry Pi
Foundation

Students had 45 minutes to come up with coded solution for 10 different challenges. Of those that participated, ten students achieved scores that put them in the top 10% of the country for their category (indicated in gold) and of those, five students achieved a perfect score of 48 points.

Ms Pogoda
Head of Computer Science

Novices

Sam	Anderson	Distinction
Bhavana	Chatti	Best in school
Luke	Dennis	Distinction
Cleo	Grimshaw	Best in school
Ollie	Pring	Best in school
Daniel	Retief	Best in school
Harry	Shorter	Distinction
Marnie	Smith	Best in school
Theo	Smith-Tun	Participation
Harry	Strack	Distinction

Explorers

Jack	Attwood	Best in school
Nathan	Giles	Distinction
Rory	Newman	Distinction
Jacob	Shaw	Merit
Charlie	Tasker	Merit
Samuel	Walton	Distinction

Navigators

Jude	Lines	Best in school
Nathan	Tilden	Participation

Pathfinders

Ethan	Hale	Best in school
Luke	Mayo	Distinction

Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

UPDATE: Kaylin Nanchwa Muwenda Shines at the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge!

We are thrilled to share some incredible news about one of our outstanding students, **Kaylin Nanchwa Muwenda**.

After competing against nearly **35,000 young people** across the country, Kaylin has earned a coveted spot as one of the **top 15 finalists** in the prestigious **2025 Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge!**

We are delighted to announce that Kaylin will be speaking at the **Grand Final**, which will take place on **Monday, 7th July 2025**, at the iconic **Cambridge Theatre** in **London's West End**.

This is a phenomenal achievement and a testament to Kaylin's confidence, eloquence, and passion for public speaking. We are incredibly proud and can't wait to see Kaylin take the stage and inspire the audience with her voice.

Please join us in congratulating Kaylin on this remarkable success!



Courageous Advocacy

Share with us what
your child does!

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

What is a courageous advocate?

Someone who bravely, supports, champions and speaks out for something that is important to them. Examples: volunteering at a food bank, working as a guide/brownie/scout leader, setting up a group/club in the community.

Courageous advocates need to be identified throughout Becket Keys, however, our students are not very good at coming forward and telling us about the good they do outside the school gates. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please email:

courageousadvocacy@becketkeys.org and tell us all the good things your child is doing in their free time. We want to know and celebrate their courageous advocacy.



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Summer Reading Challenge Volunteering

Are you age 14 or over? Are you looking for something to do during the summer holidays? Why not become a Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer?

What is the role about?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national programme that runs during the school summer holiday. Children of all ages are encouraged to read six library books. All children taking part receive a certificate and a medal when they complete the challenge. You will be working with children and their parents or carers, encouraging them to join the challenge and talking to them about the books they have been reading.

What will it involve?

Duties include:

Talking with children about the books they have been reading and encouraging them to share their views and ideas

Handing out reading rewards including stickers and medals

Helping children to have fun and enjoy the Summer Reading Challenge

Encouraging children to read for pleasure

Assisting with administration, eg membership, filing and assisting



with other library duties when time allows

What will you get from volunteering?

Valuable work experience and new skills, good for the CV

Confidence in talking to children and adults and the chance to meet new people.

Pleasure of encouraging children to enjoy reading and the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the community.

What skills and experience do you need?

A good team worker, able to work with library staff and other volunteers and be reliable, well organised and calm under pressure.

Be friendly and approachable and be enthusiastic about encouraging children to read and to be able to communicate with customers of all ages including parents.

How much time would you be asked to contribute?

To be agreed, but a minimum of 18 hours (approximately 6

sessions of 3 hours each). You are welcome to complete more hours, and it may also be possible to volunteer for the Summer Reading Challenge at other libraries, by arrangement with the relevant libraries.

What training and support will you receive?

Your placement library will invite you to a training session where you'll be given a tour of the library and the opportunity to meet library staff. We will send you a number of email updates during the summer with information about your role, details about the Summer Reading Challenge and links to training and resources. There will also be ongoing support from local library staff.

How do you apply?

[Apply online.](#)

The closing date is **Sunday 22 June.**

Volunteers must be 14 and over by 31 August this year.

Find Your Healthcare CAREER PATH >>>


Thinking about your next steps after college and interested in exploring opportunities in the NHS or Social Care?

Join us at our Mid and South Essex Health & Care Academy Recruitment Event!



WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Meet recruitment teams from the NHS and Social Care.
- ✓ Learn about diverse roles and career pathways.
- ✓ Interview on the day for available roles.
- ✓ Explore apprenticeship opportunities.

Register to attend using the QR Codes Below

25 JUN 2025  **10AM 4PM**

Brentwood Community Hospital
CM15 8DR

  **NHS** **CARE**

 **Sustainable Growth**

Find an apprenticeship

Free webinar for students & parents:

- learn how and where to find apprenticeships
- get expert tips on how to stand out and succeed at assessment centres
- get help with applications and interview prep



Online
Wednesday, 28 May
17.00pm to 17.45pm [Find out more](#)

 Apprenticeship.hub@essex.gov.uk **The Apprenticeship Hub**

Virtual Careers Day

29.05.25



St James's Place
Financial Adviser Academy

Agenda



Thursday 29th May

09:30-09:45	Welcome
09:45-10:15	Demystifying financial services
10:15-10:45	Financial advice: Who does what?
10:45-11:15	How to manage your money
11:15-12:15	Project
12:15- 1:15	Lunch Break
1:15-1:45	Submit or present your project
1:45-2:15	'How to win on LinkedIn'
2:15-2:45	CV, interview & personal brand
2:45-3:15	Career opportunities
3:15-3:30	Closing of event

St James's Place Financial Adviser Academy

Sports News

Goals for Girls Tournament

What a day to remember! I had the absolute privilege of taking 8 incredibly talented footballers to the Goals 4 Girls tournament, and they truly rose to the occasion. Across six intense group games and a knockout stage full of high-pressure moments, the team gave everything and came away as champions, lifting a well-deserved trophy and proudly wearing their medals.

From the very first whistle, the girls showed determination, skill, and real team spirit. We only conceded one goal throughout the entire tournament, a testament to our rock-solid defence and the outstanding performance of our goalkeeper, Erin, who was unbeatable between the posts.

Every player got on the scoresheet, showing just how balanced and dangerous this squad is. Imogen scored an unforgettable explosive goal from the back, a goal that had everyone on the sidelines talking. Edee was on fire, netting an incredible 11 goals across the tournament. Lily also put in a top performance, scoring a few fantastic goals that lifted the team in crucial moments. Scarlett kicked things off with a brilliant goal in the very first game, setting the tone for what was to come. In the final, Ama coolly

slotted home the opener, followed by clinical finishes from Charlotte and Benns to seal a dominant 3-0 win.

But the day was not just about football! The event was packed with amazing energy and activities, (from face painting to yoga workshops), creating an unforgettable atmosphere for everyone. We even had some luck off the pitch, winning a football and a shirt in the raffle!

There were photographers and videographers everywhere. By the end of the day, the girls felt like celebrities, and rightfully so. When the final whistle blew and they lifted the trophy, I celebrated by spraying them with water... but they were very quick to get their revenge. Within seconds, I was drenched head to toe by every water bottle they could find ten times over! We

were all laughing, soaked, and completely buzzing.

I'm so, so proud of them! they deserved this trophy for the incredible football they play every single game.

Well done, girls you made magic happen! 🏆

Miss Plunkett
PE Teacher



Girls Football

QUARTER FINAL WIN!!

We continued with the starting line-up that has been so successful and the hard work in training quickly showed as the super Charlotte let strike from 30 yards to give us an early lead. It did not take long for the ball to fall at the feet of the Clinical Edee whose strike caught the Soham keeper off guard as it was fumbled into her own net! Before celebrations could die down Ama delivered an inviting cross to find her sister, Gabriella, whose adaptive finish shared the same fortune and another goal was deservingly on the score sheet! Some tenacious defending from Immy and Imogen FB ensured we came into the half three goals ahead.

The second half started in the same vein as Scarlett and Anna linked up well before the Soham keeper made up for her previous error with two-point blank saves from Edee and Gabriella! These saves turned the tides in the favour of the away side and a dubious free kick allowed them a strike at the goal. The quiet Erin was forced into a solid save but the Soham forward stabbed home the rebound. This put a spring in their step and with 15 minutes left on the clock and moment of hesitation at the back enabled the other team to push forward and cut the ball back to the powerful midfield, whose strike found the top corner. The



girls for the first time in this cup run found themselves in an awful position which just required the game being seen out. Lily, Imogen and Immy continued to clear their lines as the pace of Kessiah posed a threat on the break! We were now in the final minute, and the Soham side had a corner. They flooded the box, and it was hearts in mouth time as they had lots of height on their side. As the ball came in it was only fitting that the purple shirt to clear our lines was the relentless Gabbie Constantinou! Edee went towards the corner flag, but before she could get there the final whistle blew and both Miss Plunkett and Mr Lane let out a sigh of relief! So so proud of the girls!

BRING ON THE SEMI FINALS 🏆

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Players POTM - Gabbie

Constantinou ✨

Coaches POTM - Immy Ellis ✨

Miss Plunkett
PE Teacher



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	

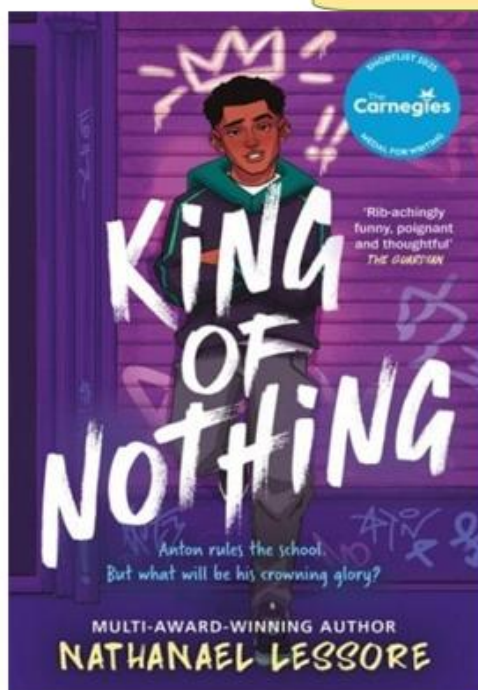


Keys:

- 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

WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY

BKS FUN RUN/WALK FUNDRAISING!

STAFF & STUDENTS

COLLECT FUNDRAISING FORM

TALK TO PE FOR MORE INFO

FANCY DRESS WELCOME!
PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO CHEER ON STAFF
AND STUDENTS AS THEY COMPLETE THIS 5K!
The event will be held afterschool on the field.

SPORTS MARATHON 2025

BECKET KEYS SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY

7:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BEFORE TUESDAY 3RD JUNE
FOR MORE INFORMATION SPEAK TO THE PE DEPARTMENT






ESSEX COMMUNITY GOALS

CHARITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

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








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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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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