

Becket Keys Church of England School

26th September 2025

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Join the Team!

Thank you to the many parents who have written in offering support for our school – it is always greatly appreciated. Right now, there are several exciting ways you can get involved:

Become a Governor

We are currently recruiting for a new Governor. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference in the life of our school. Please see the separate letter for full details.

Support Our Sports Programme

Do you have a passion for sport? We are looking for parents to help coach rugby, football, netball, basketball, hockey, or any other winter sport. If you'd like to join our extra-curricular sports team, please complete the volunteering form using the link below:

<u>Application form Volunteer</u> (004).doc

Food Technician Vacancy

We are also recruiting for a Food Technician. This is a lovely role, three days a week (8:00am – 4:30pm), supporting a subject that students love!

Working at Becket Keys comes with the added benefit of a guaranteed place for your child (if you work here for 2 years). If this role isn't for you, perhaps you know someone who would be interested? Please direct them to our website for details.

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Volunteer in Other Departments

Could you share your skills in Art, Textiles, Science, or DT? Please indicate your area of interest on the application form.

Many volunteers later move into paid roles, so this could be a great first step. We also regularly need volunteers to help invigilate exams – even just for a day or two. This saves the school money and is a rewarding way to support our students.



A Chance to Serve

Many Christians see volunteering as a way to serve God's kingdom and pray for our students. We welcome this wholeheartedly.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." – Colossians 3:23

Cleaning and Catering Roles

There are often vacancies in our cleaning and catering teams (managed by external companies). Many parents and alumni already serve the school in these roles. If you're interested, please email us at office@becketkeys.org, and we'll connect you.



Have Other Skills to Share?

If you have expertise in an area not listed here, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch with your ideas:

https://becketkeys.org/contactstaff

Thank you for considering how you can support our school community. Every contribution makes a difference!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher





EXAM INVIGILATORS REQUIRED!

We are currently looking for Exam Invigilators and Lead Exam Invigilators to join our team for the 2025/26 academic year.

You can work flexible hours while supporting the school and our students through their GCSE and A Level exams.

Please see the <u>vacancies page</u> of our website for more details and how to apply.

Deadline for applications is Friday 3rd October 2025.

Music Department

Hitting the high notes!

Last night's chamber concert marked the opening to the school's musical calendar, showcasing the talent of our sixth form students. With a diverse programme including piano solos, cello, saxophone, drum, guitar, and vocals, the evening offered something for every listener. We look forward to our next chamber concert in November with some of the students from the lower school. Another event taking place next term will be the eagerly awaited House Music Competition featuring all Year 7 students. Further information to follow.

It was an excellent performace from some of our talented students and they received some great feedback from some of the audience members.

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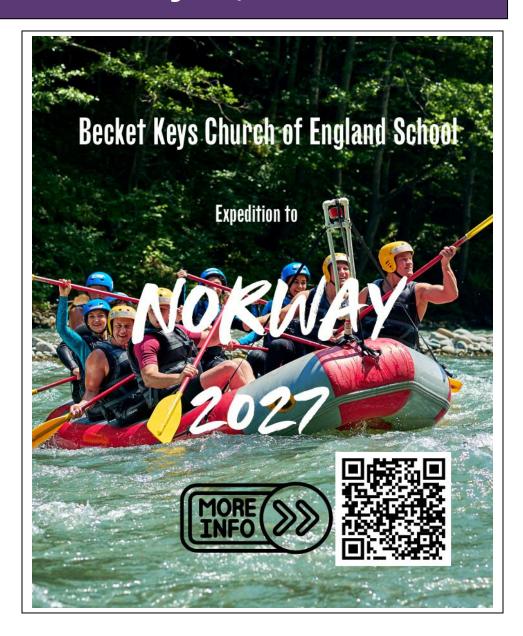
World Challenge 2027



World Challenge Expedition:
Norway Adventure! NO
Calling all Year 10 & Year 12
students at Becket Keys!
Are you ready to step out of your comfort zone and into the wild beauty of Scandinavia? Join us on an unforgettable World Challenge expedition to Norway, where adventure meets personal growth in one of the most stunning countries on Earth.

Why Norway?

- Epic landscapes: Hike through majestic fjords, explore glacial valleys, and camp under the stars in pristine wilderness.
- Real adventure: Learn survival skills, navigate trails, and take part in team challenges that build resilience and leadership.
- Culture & connection:
 Discover Norwegian
 traditions, meet local
 communities, and
 experience life beyond the classroom.



b What's in it for you?

- Boost your confidence, independence, and teamwork.
- Gain valuable skills for university applications, future careers, and life.
- Make memories that will last a lifetime with friends and fellow explorers.

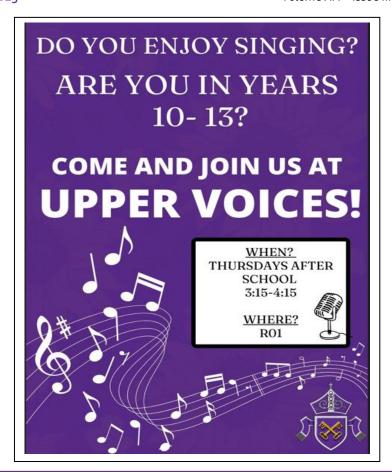
Your journey starts now
This is more than a trip—it's a
challenge. You'll help plan the
expedition, fundraise, and
prepare as a team. Whether
you're in Year 10 looking for your
first big adventure, or in Year 12
ready to push your limits before
sixth form ends, this is your
chance to do something
extraordinary.



The extra-curricular clubs begin next week, we encourage all students to join at least one club and there is something for everyone, whatever your interests.

Music, sports, boardgames, Warhammer, food, drama, crafts, books and subject related clubs are all available.

View the full list here: **Becket Keys**





	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00am			Theory Club		
Lunchtime 1	Year 9 Band Room Year 8 Band	Year 12 Band Room			
Lunchtime 2	Year 10 GCSE Band Room	Year 10 GCSE Band Room			
3:15pm- 4:15pm	Orchestra	BK Choir	Stage Band	Upper Voices Brass Ensemble	Rock Factory

Note: Orchestra – open to all year groups who play and orchestral instrument

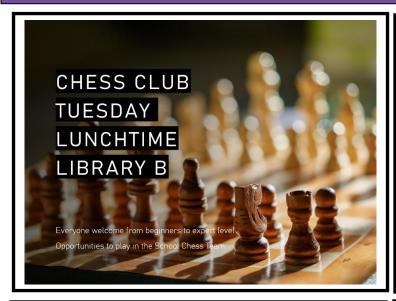
BK Choir -Year 7, 8 and 9 singers

Upper Voices – Year 10,11,12,13 singers

Stage Band – woodwind, brass and rhythm section players

Rock Factory – open to all guitars, bass, drummers and vocalists

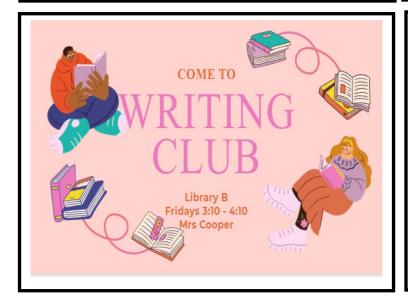
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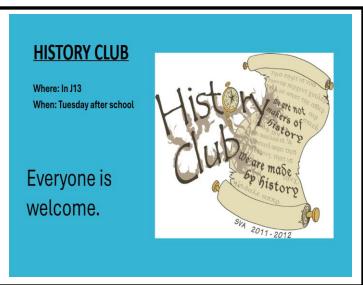








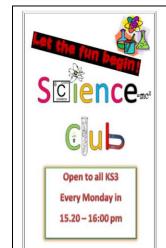




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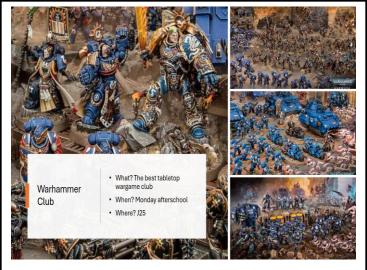




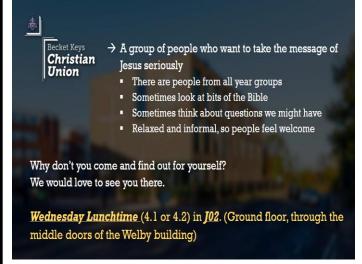
Come along and carry out projects and practicals that we don't do during science lessons!

Spaces are limited, so come along to avoid missing out.

Join Mr Achillea in W21.









Is Your Child Eligible for Free School Meals?

Your son/daughter may be eligible for **free school meals** if **you receive any of the following benefits**:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

How to Apply

If you believe you qualify, **you need to apply** using the link below provided by Essex County Council:

<u>Free school meals: Apply for free school meals | Essex</u> <u>County Council</u>



Would you like a locker?

If you would like a locker then please go to reception to arrange to hire one.

Lockers need to be re-hired each year. You therefore cannot simply use the locker you had last term.

If you have been given a locker, please make sure you are using the correct one.

Thank you, Reception.

Becket Keys Catering

We are sorry to report that the dishwasher in the school kitchen has still not been fixed. However, we hope it will be repaired next week so that we can move back to proper plates and cutlery again!

Charity Event – Cultural Day



Woelcome



Mrs Komath Science Teacher

I am Mrs. Komath, and I recently joined the Science Department after completing my training here at Becket Keys. From the very beginning, I have felt encouraged by the supportive staff and inspired by the positive environment the school provides.

I am passionate about science and aim to create that same interest in my students. After teaching engineering graduates at university, I realised that my true love lies in working with younger learners, which led me to secondary education. I am excited to share my enthusiasm for science and to contribute to this vibrant school community.



Our School Library (Lib A)

- · Your school library is open:
 - Tuesday Before School 8-8.25
 - Thursday Lunch (4.1) 11.50-12.15
 - Thursday Lunch (4.2) 12.40-1.05
- If Miss White is in the library after school, you can come and use it then as well.
- The library is open for you to:
 - · Come and borrow or return books,
 - · Get help on finding a book you might enjoy reading,
 - · Sit and read.
 - · Discuss books with other students.



Miss White is looking for a team of students who would like to support with the school library.

If you think this is something you would be interested in, please see Miss White in LibA on Thursday lunchtime (either first or second).

School Bags

- Year 7 and 8 must use the school bags purchased from SmartyPants.
- Year 9 and above Rucksack and/or messenger bag: Plain black - no commercial logos bigger than 7cm width; prefer Becket Keys logo.
- Sports Bag: Becket Keys logo bag available from SmartyPants.



School Shoes

- Boys Traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes – lace up shoes to have black laces. No trainers or boots, no white or coloured laces. Lace up shoes preferable to Velcro. No sandals.
- Girls Traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes – lace up shoes to have black laces, no trainers or boots. Lace up shoes preferable to Velcro. No kitten heels, sandals, platform shoes, ballet pumps, white or coloured laces.



Previously Looked After Children



If your child has previously been in the care of a Local Authority in England or Wales and has an adoption, Special Guardianship or Child Arrangements Order, they are entitled to extra support through Pupil Premium Plus funding. Currently, the amount is £2,630 per student and it must be spent to improve outcomes for previously looked after children. It is important to note that the funding is not ring-fenced for the individual child, which allows the school flexibility to ensure it has maximum impact. As the parent or carer, you must declare your child's status and provide evidence of the legal order to us in order for us to claim the funding. You and your child are also entitled to support from our Designated Teacher (Mrs Claire Dowsett), and from the Essex Virtual School. If you wish to have a conversation about your child, we will treat the information with the strictest confidence. Please contact the school by Friday 24th October to confirm your child's status by phone on 01277 286600 or by email office@becketkeys.org.

We are the Mental Health **Support Team! Dealing with** anxiety and low mood Overcoming anxiety and low mood can be hard. But taking time to stop and learn how to manage anxious feelings, challenge unhelpful thinking and improve your mood can enhance your emotional wellbeing. Talking to us can help stop difficulties from spiralling so you can enjoy school, time at home and time with Its ok to not be ok. The MHST friends and family. are specially-trained to help you with your emotional wellbeing. It is helpful to share your worries with someone you trust so you can work through your difficulties together, Accepting that challenges are a part of life Most people experience emotional difficulties at some point so it's important for you to acknowledge when this is happening and talk about it. This can help you understand how it affects your life. Remember, these feelings will pass. The Mental Health Support Team are here to provide support to all children, young people and their families with emotional wellbeing in schools and colleges. To find out more about the service, scan the QR code to visit our website or talk to school staff. www.nelft.nhs.uk/essex-mental-health-support-teams Mid and South Essex NELFT NHS Health and Care **NHS Foundation Trust** Portnership

Prayer Group

We are pleased to announce that the Parent & School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans will be 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



SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2025 11.00AM – 12.30PM

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

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.

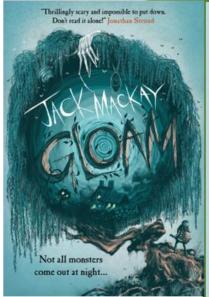
Parents can call the main school line 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.





Book of the Month -September



Not all monsters come out at night

In a creaky old house on a small, damp island, someone – or something – is waiting...

A grieving family. A decaying house. A babysitter with a monstrous secret. Nothing on Gloam Island is quite what it seems...

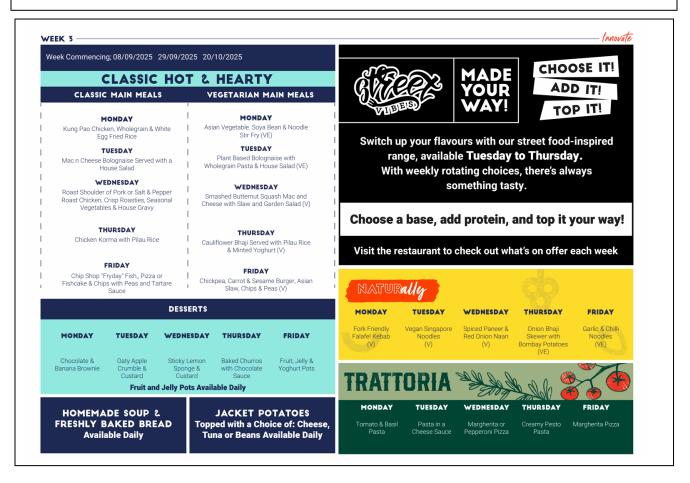
Gwen's used to looking after her younger siblings – so when they move to their grandmother's old house after their mother's death, she's confident that they don't need Esme Laverne, the beautiful new babysitter with the hungry eyes and sharp teeth. But if Gwen wants Esme gone, she'll have to handle it herself.

As Esme's powers slowly reveal themselves, the children must face their own fears to have any hope of banishing the monstrous intruder ...

Because as everyone knows, it's impossible to be brave unless you're already afraid.

A spine-chilling story for fans of Stranger Things and A Monster Calls.

Remember that the Book of the Month is available to borrow from the school library.



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LOST PROPERTY

Please make sure that **EVERY** item of uniform, PE Kit and equipment is named. There are over a thousand students at the school all wearing the same uniform.

There are many items that we are unable to return as we do not know to whom they belong.

Lost Property can be collected from Reception.

Year 7 Eucharists

Friday Eucharists

- Friday 19th September 7AC
- Friday 26th September INSET day
- Friday 3rd October 7FS
- Friday 10th October 7PP
- Friday 17th October 7WW & 7HS
- Friday 24th October INSET day

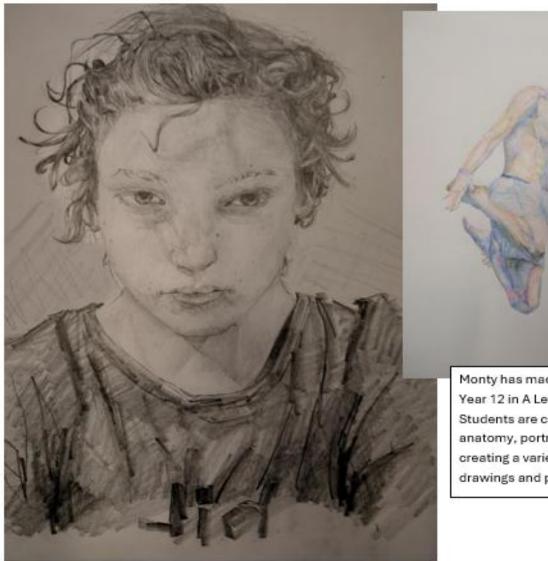


If you wish to play football on the Astroturf at lunchtime you will need to bring in your trainers. The surface has been recently replaced and so only trainers are allowed on there and no food is to be consumed. Students are not permitted to play in their socks.





Star Artist of the Week! Monty Selwood-Fry Year 12



Monty has made a great start to Year 12 in A Level Fine Art. Students are currently exploring anatomy, portraits and flesh, creating a variety of observational drawings and paintings.







Year 7 Colour Wheels





Sports News

Year 7 Girls' Football



The Year 7 girls played their first game against Brentwood School and showed fantastic spirit throughout. It was a very close and competitive match, with both teams working hard. After finishing level at full time, the game went into extra time where the girls showed great determination to score the winning goal, securing a 2–1 victory.

This brilliant result means the Year 7 girls are through to the next round of the cup — an excellent achievement in their very first match!

The following students represented the school in this game:

Hattie Rickets Evan Withers Erin Stanford Isla Shand
Amelie Borg
Abisola David
Faith Sarkodie
Isabelle Nobel
Isabelle Carter
Jessica Southgate

Well done to the player of the match Jessica who gave an outstanding performance and encouraged everyone from start to finish.



Under 16 Boys' Rugby



The U16 rugby team took part in the Essex Schools' Rugby Festival this week, competing in a pool with four other schools. It was their first set of games this year, and the team worked hard throughout the day.
Out of the four matches played, the team came away with two wins and two losses. Each game was competitive, and the team showed real effort and teamwork, improving as the day went on. The following students represented the school in this festival:

Year 10:

Harrison Blake Ethan Deluxson Rupert Thomas

Year 11:

Joshua Batchelor
Joshua Driver
Demi Fadayomi
Ethan Hillery
Caleb Kinghorn
Nicolas Moses
Dan-Luka Nitisor
Oscar Savery
Arthur Whitaker
David Wilson
Donnie Yeaman
Edward Chapman
Jake Adams
TJ Sarapoj
Matthew Delea

It was a good start to the season, with plenty to build on in the coming weeks. Well done to everyone who took part.

Mr Woods PE Teacher

PE Extra Curricular - Sept to Oct

Day	Lunchtime (12:40-1:20)	After-School (3:20-4:20)
Monday	TUP Badminton	Year 9 Rugby
Tuesday	TUP Futsal	All Years' Mixed Recreational Football Year 7 Netball Year 9 Boys' Basketball
Wednesday	Year 7 Invite Only Netball GCSETheory Intervention	Year 10 & 11 Rugby Year 8,9,10&11 Netball
Thursday	TUP Basketball	Year 7&8 Rugby
Friday		All Years' Running Club



Keys:

- Astro
- Sports hall
- Main Hall
- Drama Hall
- Field

Becket Keys CofE School

Open Event

Our Open Events are coming up soon. If you wish to visit our school, you need to book a free ticket on EventBrite. This event will provide a lively and engaging insight into life at Becket Keys Church of England School. We partner families up with existing students from the school who will show you around and answer your questions. Many of the tour guides will be Year 7s who can tell you from their recent experience what it has been like to transfer to our school.

This open event runs from 4.00pm to 8.30pm. The Headteacher talks will be at 5.15pm, 6.15pm and 7.15pm in the Main Hall. (Please note, you may attend any of these talks, but please register for your preferred time - entrance will be by ticket only).

Guided tours with our student tour guides will leave from the front of the school in a constant stream between 4.30pm and 7.00pm. The event will finish at 8.30pm so please plan your visit accordingly. Alternatively, families can make their own way round the school and find their own route.

Our morning tours (7, 8,9 October) give parents the chance to see the school running normally (no children allowed at this time) Book your tickets <u>here</u>.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN EVENT FOR PROSPECTIVE
YEAR 7 STUDENTS
THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

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INSET DAYS
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY
YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS
MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER –
FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT
WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2025

LAST DAY OF TERM

STUDENT HALF DAY

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025 –
FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026

INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026

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