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# Becket Keys Church of England School

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### **Celebrating 13 Years of The Friends of Becket Keys Uniform Shop!**

**"Serve one another humbly in  
love." — Galatians 5:13**

Since its first beginnings in 2012 when the school opened, our Second-Hand Uniform Shop has become one of the most highly appreciated, cherished and quietly powerful services within our school community. What started as a simple idea has grown into a living example of Christian service in action. It's good for the environment, it's good for families and it's good for the school.

Over the years, the shop has raised thousands of pounds for the school and, even more

importantly, has helped hundreds of families access high-quality uniform at extremely affordable prices. With shirts and trousers available for just £2, PE kit from £3, blazers and kilts for £7, and 6th Form jackets for £15, the shop offers genuine bargains at a time when the cost of living continues to challenge families. Every item purchased represents a saving for the family, a sustainable choice for the planet and a few extra pounds for the Friends of Becket Keys funds which can be invested in our school.

As I recall, this wonderful initiative was first pioneered and championed by Penny Richardson, whose vision and dedication in the early years built the foundations for everything the shop has since become. More recently, Ann Hillery has carried the baton forward with her

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characteristic commitment, organisation, and kind-heartedness. Alongside Penny and Ann, numerous other parents have given up their time. There's been hours of sorting, washing, folding, organising, selling, and managing donations. Much of their work happens very quietly behind the scenes, but its impact is felt across the school. My deepest thanks go to Penny and Ann for all your leadership!

The shop stands as a testament to what makes Becket Keys special: a community that looks after one another, models stewardship of God's creation, and lives out the Christian principle of loving service to each other. It also means that students can all look smart every day because cost is not a barrier to looking smart in our school.

We are now seeking new parents who might want to take a lead in running the shop moving

forward. It is a wonderful way to serve the school and to get involved with our community. The role simply requires someone who enjoys working with others, can use Facebook, and is willing to offer an occasional afternoon or part of a weekend. It can be shared between several parents and in fact, it works beautifully as a small team effort.

If you feel this could be you, or if you would like more information, please get in touch via [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org). Your help, whether big or small, would be greatly appreciated.

We need to ensure this much-loved Becket Keys tradition continues to thrive for many years to come.

**Mr Scott-Evans  
Headteacher**



## School Uniform

It is important to all of us that every one of the students who attend Becket Keys looks smart in their uniform at all times. All students are required to wear shoes and not trainers.

Girls in Year 7-9, should have their hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up/ half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please. If boys have long hair, they too need to have it tied up.



We know that the weather is changeable at the moment, but please remember that all students will be in need of a **COAT** – Plain **BLACK** without coloured flashes, logos or slogans, no 'fashion items', no 'puffer' jackets. Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.



Science week poster competition!  
All year groups welcome!

Submit your creative poster by **10<sup>th</sup> of April 2026** to have a chance to win a prize!

Rules:

- You can participate individually or as a group (if you participate as a group, you must be from the same year group).
- Only 5 posters will be picked, make sure it is creative and that includes reference to the theme.
- 3D models are not accepted, must be in a format that can be scanned or sent digitally.

What will make a "good/positive" childhood in the future?



## Prayer Group

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](mailto:office@becketkeys.org).



ParentPay<sup>®</sup>

Please make sure that you top-up 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. (You can check out the menu for the next week on the next page).

If you have any queries, please contact the school – [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)

## English Department – World Book Day

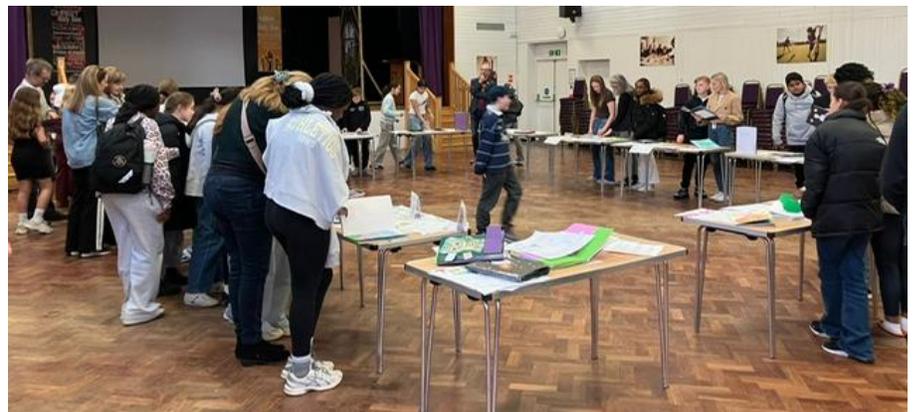
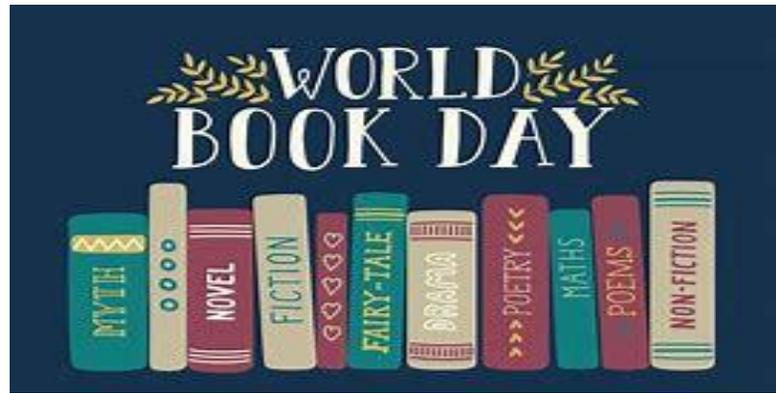
Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day. We had a very exciting day, started by seeing all the wonderful outfits and t-shirts that students and staff chose to wear, to show off some of their favourite books.

The main event of the day was for Year 7 who have been building up to World Book Day for the last five weeks. They have been creating their very own children's pop-up books and worked very hard in their groups to plan, write, illustrate and start making these books. On this special day, one student from each group spent the day putting their final touches on their book and creating some promotional material to help promote their new story. Each book helped to teach a small child an important life lesson, and students embraced the opportunity to write about positive outlooks on appearance, friendships and when things do not go to plan.

These books were showcased in a book fair after school, where students, parents and staff could look at these very successful books and celebrate the exciting day.

Finally, every year World Book Day provide £1.00 book tokens which can be used to exchange for a book. Students were provided these by their tutors. This means students can keep enjoying lots of fantastic books.

**Miss White – English Teacher**



## Student Achievement – Zak Amachree

Zak Amachree in Year 13, recently took part in a showcase at the Southbank Centre with other members of the LPO Junior Artists.



LPO Junior Artists is a year-long programme for eight talented young musicians from backgrounds that are currently under-represented in professional UK orchestras. Through this initiative, the LPO are working to ensure that the orchestral industry of the future reflects the wide diversity of the society in which we live. Junior Artists become part of the LPO family for a year, getting to know other musicians, staff and artists, as well as other members of the Rising Talent schemes. The participants are offered training, advice and professional insights, and take part in events to inspire younger generations of musicians. Many alumni have gone on to study music at conservatoire or university, and this showcase saw some young artists begin to emerge into the profession.

## London Philharmonic Orchestra JUNIOR ARTISTS

### LPO Showcase free performance

Wednesday 18 February 2026 | 6.00pm  
Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall



## Sixth Form Updates



### Oxford Student Conference:

16 to 19 March 2026

Becket Keys students may be interested in the student online [Oxford Student Conference](#). We can [watch a YouTube video](#) featuring staff and current students describing the top reasons to register to attend.

The live sessions will:

- give students up-to-date information about courses, colleges and the Oxford undergraduate admissions process
- explain how Oxford can support students with their applications
- give an insight into what living in Oxford and studying here is like
- give students a chance to speak to both tutors and current student ambassadors.

The sessions are running in the evenings, across four days,



from **Monday 16 March to Thursday 19 March**. Hear academics talk about the courses they teach and hear from current student ambassadors as they share their experiences of studying and living in Oxford.

Each session will last 60 minutes and will include a live Q&A with a panel of University staff, academics or current students.

There is also a live [Q&A session](#) for UK teachers on **Thursday 19 March at 19:00**.

[Sign up for the Oxford Student Conference](#)

### 2026 Undergraduate Open Days

Colleges and departments will be open all day and families will have the chance to meet tutors and current students and enjoy getting to know our beautiful city. Admissions staff and student services will be available at the Open Day Information Centre to answer any questions that may not be covered by colleges and departments.

We do recommend that families [register in advance](#) so that you can be sure to receive all the latest Open Day information and advice on planning their day.



# ETON COLLEGE



## Eton Summer University Preparation Courses (ESUPC) 2026

Are you in Year 12 and keen to attend a leading university?

Do you want to boost your skills beyond the curriculum and enhance your UCAS application?

If so, you may want to find out more about the Eton Summer University Preparation Courses.

ESUPC are a combination of non-residential subject based courses, with academic sessions taught by committed teachers, the majority of whom teach at Eton College,

and a range of academic enrichment sessions aimed to assist the students with their imminent university applications.

The subject programmes are enriching, intellectual, exciting and full of opportunities to gain new skills and exchange ideas together with like-minded young people.

The course is completely free and in exceptional circumstances, financial assistance may be provided to assist with the cost of travel.

The subject courses have different durations, ranging from 3–5 days and students will be

able to attend one subject course at a time.



To apply to ESUPC, please complete the online application form. The deadline for applications is 16 March 2026. Please note, only students in maintained schools are eligible.  
<https://www.etoncollege.com/esupc/>

Application Form - [ETON SUMMER UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSES 2026 APPLICATION FORM](#) – Fill in form

### ESUPC Key information

Date: The courses will run from Monday 29th June – Friday 10th July 2026

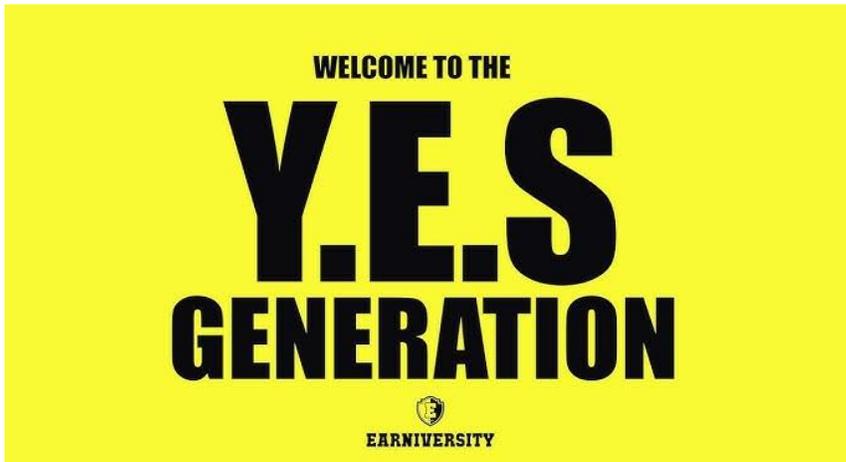
Times: 08.30 – 15.30 daily

Attendees: Maximum class capacity of 14 students, with up to 20 classes running simultaneously

Catering: A light breakfast, morning snack and lunch will be provided

Teaching: The majority of the teachers on the course teach at Eton College

# EARNIVERSITY



There is an opportunity open to all students, a fully funded Earniversity course, you can look at the website [For Students: Information about Earniversity.](#)

It is great for young people thinking about making some extra money or trying to gain some transferable skills that employers are looking for, this is a good opportunity to do that. The course starts this month Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and runs for 5 weeks over a couple of evenings a week, it is all online and many young people involved have made a few hundred pounds and some in the thousands, but it will help build confidence and gain skills such as marketing, confidence in presenting and employability. The course will also help young people build their CVS. The course is open to 13-25 year olds.

We had the results in for from the last course and one of the young people made over £1600 on the course over the 5 weeks, a great success.

There will be another course starting soon for students with additional needs, but many young people have thrived with the fast paced fast track challenge.

Students can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/xZaSzQW DpJHYvX8r5>



## 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; this includes encouraging students to attend school regularly, and of course, on time.

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

Brentwood can be tough to manoeuvre 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.



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## Drama Department – Time to Shine

Last Friday evening our 'Time To Shine' KS3 Drama club showcased their work to an invited audience.

Since, September approximately 30 students have attended club every Wednesday after school and created their own version of Frankenstein from the famous story by Mary Shelley.

*"Frankenstein tells the story of gifted scientist Victor Frankenstein who succeeds in giving life to a being of his own creation. However, this is not the perfect specimen he imagines that it will be, but rather a hideous creature who is rejected by Victor and mankind in general. The Monster seeks its revenge through murder and terror."*

A special thank you needs to go to Chloe Dyson and Oliver Atkinson in Yr12 who have volunteered to lead this each week.

Time to Shine will commence again in September, we are now full steam ahead with the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang rehearsals.

**Mrs Barr**  
Head of Drama





## Foodbank Shopping List

### March 2026

- **Coffee (small jars)**
- **Cornbeef (tinned)**
- **Ham small (tinned)**
- **Washing Powders**
- **Multi Purpose Sprays**
- **Shaving Gels**
- **Deodorants**

Find us at 56-60 Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood CM15 9EH  
Doddinghurst Road Church. Tel 01277224528



Please remember that all correspondence to the school must come through the school office email:

[office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org).

Your message will be forwarded to the member of staff concerned.

Students can contact their teachers via Satchel One, if they have any queries regarding their lessons.

Please do not email staff directly, as any message received in this way will not receive a response.

You can also reply directly to any message you receive from the school via Bromcom, just hit the reply button and it will go to the office.



WEEK 2
Innovate

Week Commencing; 03/11/2025 24/11/2025 15/12/2025 05/01/2026  
26/01/2026 16/02/2026 09/03/2026 30/03/2026 20/04/2026

### CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS £2.85	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS £2.85
<p><b>MONDAY</b> Pork &amp; Beef Sausage or Chicken &amp; Beef Sausage, Served with Mash with Onion Gravy</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Beef Lasagne with Homemade Garlic Bread &amp; Garden Peas</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Hand Carved Roast British Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables, &amp; House Gravy</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Sweet &amp; Sour Chicken, Served with Fried Rice</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake &amp; Chips with Peas &amp; Tartare Sauce</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b> Vegan Sausage Casserole with Gravy (VE)</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Cheese, Onion &amp; Leek Pie, Served with Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Gravy (V)</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Sweet &amp; Sour Tofu with Fried Rice (V)</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Jamaican Squash Pasty with Chips &amp; Peas (V)</p>

**DESSERTS** Free with the main meal or £1.65 if purchased individually

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Pear & Ginger Crumble with Cinnamon Custard	Jam Sponge with Custard	Baked Churros	Hot Chocolate Rocky Road

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily - Price £1.00

**HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD**  
Available Daily £1.85

**JACKET POTATOES**  
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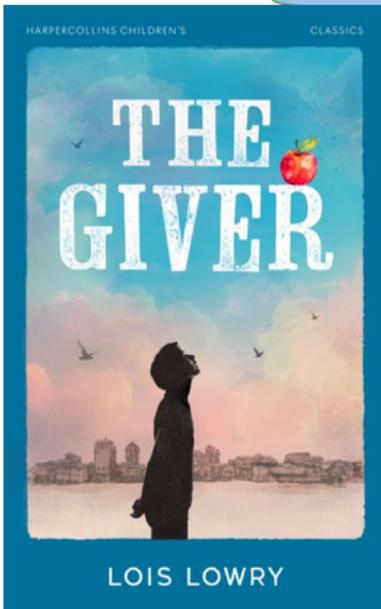
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fork Friendly Falafel Kebab (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	Singapore Fried Rice (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA Pizza from £1.60, Pasta 12oz £2.25

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Pasta in a Cheese Sauce	Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza	Creamy Pesto Pasta	Margherita Pizza



## Book of the Month - March



Jonas who lives in a society free of crime and sadness. At the age of 12, children are assigned their jobs, which they will train for and do for the rest of their lives. Everything is chosen; from your parents to your partner. Jonas stands apart from the community when he is chosen to become the new "Memory Keeper". Society has been kept free of all the negative aspects of life because for as long as it has been formed, there has been someone who holds all memories of the past within them to protect society from harm.

This book shows the path of growing up; at first, we are scared to accept that there are new responsibilities, but as we get used to it, we want to move more and more away from childhood. Jonas must make choices for himself; as will you at the end of the book.

I would recommend this book to anyone who loves dystopian worlds, and well as people who like a book to let them think for themselves! (The Giver is the first in a series of four, which is available as a boxset).

Remember you can find 'The Book of the Month' in the school library



This week the students have been getting tips on how to look after their Mental Health. It is important to spend time outdoors in nature and to be active. Spending time in nature has been found to assist with anxiety and depression and there are also links between nature and relaxation and being outside gives our bodies much needed vitamin D from sunlight. Being active is good for both your mind and body and every minute of activity counts; the more you do the more you will benefit. Exercise can improve your sleep, clear your mind, boost your energy and help with back or joint pain.

In order to combine nature and exercise why not join the Parkrun? Parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Parkrun is 5k and takes place every Saturday morning. Junior Parkrun is 2k, dedicated to 4-14 year olds, and their families, every Sunday morning.

Parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit and no one finishes last!



Everyone is welcome to come along.

Parkrun is free and you only need to register once whether walking, jogging, running, volunteering or a combination.

There are currently 1,163 parkrun events around the country taking place every weekend, with more locations being added all the time.

You can go along to any event, any weekend. Find out more here:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/>



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
YEAR 11 GCSE SHOWCASE  
6.00pm RUNCIE HALL

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THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
GCSE AWARDS EVENING

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FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
YEAR 10 HISTORY TRIP  
YPRES - FRANCE

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TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
LENT EUCHARIST

YEAR 12 TRIP  
UCAS FAIR EXCEL CENTRE

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
LAST DAY OF TERM  
STUDENT HALF DAY

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FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2026  
SCHOOL SKI TRIP

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FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
EASTER HOLIDAY

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MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
INSET DAY  
NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL

TERM DATES CAN BE FOUND ON THE  
SCHOOL WEBSITE HERE: [Becket Keys](https://www.becketkeys.org)

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