

Becket Keys Church of England School

1st May 2026



MEET THE NEW SENIOR PREFECTS

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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, Joshua and Anna-Kaye, have served the school with care, respect, and unwavering dedication. Alongside their deputies Bella, Ruth, Elizabeth, Amabelle, Azaria and Noah, 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 20 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 2-7). 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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Esme Hodges Head Girl

I am delighted to introduce myself as your new Head Girl. Having been a student at Becket Keys since Year 7, this school has played a significant part in shaping the person I am today. It has provided me with an environment where I have been able to grow both academically and personally, and I am incredibly grateful for the support, friendships, and opportunities it has given me. As Head Girl, I am privileged to be in the position to continue to foster this for all students.

My time in Sixth Form has been such a fabulous experience, and I am continuing to enjoy myself every day. It truly is a lovely place to be! I am currently studying Music, Politics, Maths and EPQ, which are subjects that have allowed me to develop a broad range of skills. Through these, I

have strengthened my creativity, resilience, critical thinking and leadership, all of which I hope to carry forward into my future and into my role as Head Girl. The school has provided me with a wealth of opportunities –from musical performances to helping at open evenings and representing the netball and athletics teams- all of which have encouraged me to challenge myself, take on responsibility and grow in confidence. You may have seen me in many of the musical performances as I can't resist an opportunity to be up on stage!

Outside of school, I enjoy playing netball and tennis, as well as singing and playing the piano. These activities have taught me valuable lessons in teamwork, commitment and perseverance, as well as the importance of maintaining a healthy balance between academic work and personal interests.

As Head Girl, I hope to bring students from all year groups closer together and to continue building a strong, inclusive school community. It is important to me that every student feels supported and valued in their place within the school. I am excited to make the senior prefect team more visible, so that all students feel comfortable reaching out to us.

The year ahead will be exciting and I feel incredibly honoured to take on this role. I look forward to working with such a promising senior prefect team to make a

positive difference within our school community.



Joshua Eida Head Boy

I joined Becket Keys in Year 7 and have had a fantastic time throughout my 6 years at the school. I will always be grateful for the many opportunities that the school has offered. A standout memory of mine is the Sugarloaf ski trip in Year 10, a truly amazing experience.

One of the best attributes of Becket Keys is the support and respect given to all students, helping you grow into the best person you can be. Looking back at my younger self, I know that I would never have had the confidence to apply for Head Boy, let alone stand in front of a crowd and give a presentation.

Currently, I am taking maths, further maths, biology and chemistry and am hoping to study medicine at university.

Sport is a significant part of my life. During my time here at

Becket Keys, I have had many opportunities to represent the school at district and regional events in track and cross country. Outside of school, I run competitively and train frequently. The dedication and self-discipline this requires has allowed me to develop resilience and patience.

I believe that the teamworking and leadership skills I have developed through my Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award will be invaluable to me in the role of Head Boy and when working with the amazing senior prefect team.

Volunteering at a local nursing home has been an inspirational experience, affirming my desire to work in the medical profession and allowing me to develop communication and listening skills which I hope will make me an approachable Head Boy to other students.

The school's Christian values are extremely important to me, and I do my best to reflect them in all aspects of my life. I have thoroughly enjoyed contributing to the school throughout my time here, volunteering at events such as open days where I have led tours with prospective students and helping at running competitions and hockey tournaments for local primary schools. These have been positive and enriching experiences.

I am immensely grateful to have been given these opportunities, and I look forward to representing the school in this role.



Chloe Persad Deputy Head Girl

Hello everyone! My name is Chloe and I am beyond excited to be one of your Deputy Head Girls. I am currently studying Media, Art, and Politics, which I thoroughly enjoy and in the future I hope to build a career in Media, particularly in production for live television.

I applied for this position to give back to the school's community. When I joined Becket Keys in October 2022 after living

in America, I was extremely anxious and apprehensive about fitting in. However, I was immediately welcomed and overwhelmed with kindness and acceptance. Acting as a Deputy Head Girl I promise to be available to any and all students, with any and all concerns. Whether it's giving advice, supporting my peers, or just being on hand for a chat, I'm eager to contribute to our school's positive atmosphere.

I'm someone who brings a positive outlook to each day, and you'll almost always find me with a smile on my face. I believe that a warm, friendly presence can make a real difference, so whether it's through daily interactions or special events, I try to spread positivity and encourage those around me. As Deputy Head Girl, I'm really looking forward to listening to students' voices, working closely with staff, and helping to make

our school community even stronger.

Outside of school, if I'm not spending time with my friends and family, I'll be further exploring my passion for media. From watching new films, to listening to music, or reading through my magazine collection, I always enjoy engaging in conversations about what I love.

Words cannot describe how grateful I am to be given this opportunity, and I cannot wait to work with this team. We are all dedicated to supporting every student, so don't be shy, come and say hi!



Theodore Blackwell-Fisher Deputy Head Boy

Hello everybody, my name is Theodore Blackwell Fisher and I'm incredibly proud to be named

one of our school's Deputy Head Boys. I will serve our school positively, through the core values, leadership, and pride. During secondary school, I became incredibly ambitious about guiding younger students through their troubles and issues that they may face. I am determined to carry this positivity throughout my time here at Becket Keys and to help our school to the best of my abilities. The role of Deputy Head Boy means that I will represent our school substantially, I will be committed to making our community greater with togetherness and thoughtfulness, and I will make sure everybody's voice is heard. I have never felt so pleased to have this opportunity to showcase our school and its phenomenal potential. As a part of our school's senior prefect team, I am extremely excited to be working alongside and for this community, to expand our bond between us and to experience new moments together.

Currently, I already express the qualities that our school represents through my volunteering and mentoring contributions, and I will continue to craft an image of our school that mirrors its greatness. Ever since joining Becket Keys in September, it felt like as if I was walking through my own front door, being hit by warm introductions from other students. I am determined to repay that respect back towards our community and new students that may join in the future. I am a

student who believes that our communal bond is essential for a smooth-running school and I, through my contributions and passion, will further enrich the relationships not only between students but staff also. I aim to be approachable and, to support everyone in need. I want to be an aspiring role model that can guide our students towards their academic success.

I am super excited to achieve great success with our school and to represent our community for who we really are and what we stand for. Thank you for reading.



Miriam Ibiayo Deputy Head Girl

My name is Miriam Ibiayo, and I am extremely grateful to be part of the senior prefect team, serving as Deputy Head Girl. I would describe my leadership style as calm, thoughtful, and service-driven, with a focus on listening and ensuring others feel included.

I currently study Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology at A-Level, and aspire to become a pharmacist. Alongside my A-Levels, I am completing an EPQ on the topic of racial microaggressions.

Although I have only been at Becket Keys for a short time, I am already a Reading Mentor to a younger student, and I have been involved in events such as Sixth Form Open Day, Culture Day, and the Collective Worship feedback panel. I also volunteer externally, as a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer.

Externally, I also support younger students through tutoring. I am actively involved in Scouting and have completed my Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. I am currently working towards my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and King's Scout Award. Through volunteering in care homes and foodbanks, being a young carer, as well as my role as an Active Essex Ambassador, I have developed a strong sense of service and commitment to others. I am also a competitive athlete, which has taught me discipline, perseverance.

I would describe myself as a highly hardworking and determined individual, always committed to giving my best in whatever I take on.

As Deputy Head Girl, I aim to be approachable and supportive, guided by the Christian ethos of serving others with care, respect, and integrity. I look forward to

working with the senior prefect team throughout the year and will ensure that God's light will shine through in all that I do.



Nick Earle Deputy Head Boy

Since joining Becket Keys in 2020, I have endured a journey of both academic and personal growth, and recently have been honoured with the role of Deputy Head Boy. I chose to join the school because of its strong academic performance, its core values and the way the school strives to grow you as a person

The environment at Becket Keys is unique in its warm and welcoming sense of community. The school has taught me resilience, respect and hard work, as well as helped me to grow in confidence. The tremendous

support and care shown to me over the last 5 years is the reason I am able to take on this responsibility. I am eager to give back to the school and have a similar impact on other students through my new role. I hope to be an approachable student who can lend a helping hand whenever needed.

Currently, I study maths, further maths and economics. Maths, and especially further maths, have taught me crucial problem solving and analytical skills, transforming the way I approach challenges, whilst economics has sharpened my ability to think critically about real world issues. Whilst these subjects require hard work and diligence, I've grown very passionate about them and hope to study mathematics at university after A Levels.

Outside of school, I have explored my passions surrounding fitness and health. For the last couple of years, I have ensured I am regularly engaging in strength training and staying active through runs, as well as pursuing an interest in nutrition through cooking. This has not only improved my physical wellbeing but has also strengthened my discipline, consistency, and ability to set and achieve long-term goals.

I'm incredibly proud and grateful to be Deputy Head Boy here and working alongside the rest of the senior prefect team. I hope to be a good role model, having a positive impact on the school and

shaping those around me into more complete students.



Ayanna Rayman Deputy Head Girl

Hello everyone, my name is Ayanna, and I joined Becket Keys in September 2025 as an external student. I am beyond grateful to have the opportunity to represent the school through the position of Deputy Head Girl. I aim to fulfil this role with determination, to have a lasting positive impact on our wider school community, and to be a role model for younger students.

Since joining the Becket Keys, I have been able to embody the school's values and apply them to my daily life. Especially through the plethora of exciting opportunities I have been given, from helping in open evenings and concerts to mentoring younger students. These experiences have allowed me to strengthen skills such as leadership and time management. As Deputy Head Girl, I strive to utilise skills

through representing the school community and the voices of students across all year groups.

I currently study Religion and Philosophy, Politics, and Music – subjects that are fairly time-consuming but also truly represent my variety of interests. These subjects have enabled me to study my interests at a greater depth and strengthen my writing skills – can you imagine the number of essays I have written? This is something I hope to pursue at university level through a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Law (PPL).

Outside of school, I participate in extracurricular music. My passion for it is also displayed within school, as you may know, I am heavily involved in the music department, as a member of the Orchestra, Stage Band, and leader of the Gospel Choir. Playing a role in these groups has allowed me to build my confidence, make connections with younger students, and strengthen my ability to work collaboratively. These are skills I aim to utilise as Deputy Head Girl, through bringing both dedication and a unique perspective to the Senior Prefect Team.

For myself, the preparation for this position required reflection on my current role within the school, how I embody its ethos, and how to further exemplify this in order to have a lasting impact on it. After hours of writing, careful proofreading, and countless practice sessions with my peers, I felt confident and ready!

I look forward to working with the senior prefect team, as I know we have all prepared for this role in a multitude of ways, dedicating time and effort. I believe that together we can leave a lasting impact as positive role models for the wider school community! My aim as Deputy Head Girl is to encourage and empower all students to seek opportunities throughout and outside school, as they will help you grow and enrich your academic journey!



Lucian Manghinita Deputy Head Boy

Hello everybody, my name is Lucian and I am proud to be one of the next Deputy Head boys. For those who may not know me, I am currently in Year 12 studying Maths, Physics, and Design and Technology and I am excited to take on the role of a Student Ambassador. I believe that being a part of the role isn't just about holding the title but representing the school positively by supporting the students,

upholding the school values, and bringing in new ideas that will continue to benefit students long after my time here at Becket Keys. I aspire to sustain and build on the positive environment already created by introducing new initiatives for everybody to enjoy.

One of the most crucial skills that I have developed is my communication skills. While I've been developing this skill my whole life, I've particularly made an emphasis on this in preparation for the role since joining Becket Keys. This included helping in open evenings and interview nights where communication was essential for creating a positive impression of the school but also tirelessly practising my speech and mock interviews during my application process. More importantly, it's taught me the impact and importance of my role, what I'm representing and just how influential a group of 8 teenagers can be.

I am very grateful for the opportunity that I have been given to represent the school, and I would like to thank Mr Scott-Evans and Becket Keys staff for trusting me with this role. I look forward to working with the whole school and I hope that I can inspire the future students who will take up my role.



National Theatre Collection for Schools

The National Theatre creates world-class, inspiring theatre for everyone, and brings it into classrooms through the National Theatre Collection. This is a free resource, and the Collection offers access to outstanding UK productions, from Shakespeare to literary adaptations and classic comedies, all performed by some of the most celebrated theatre-makers.

Each play is supported by high-quality teaching resources to deepen students' understanding of themes, performance, and technique.

For English students, the collection brings set texts to life, offering dynamic, modern stagings of Shakespeare and vivid literary adaptations that help deepen understanding of character, theme, and narrative.

For drama and theatre studies, students can explore a rich variety of styles and genres — from Greek tragedy to cutting-edge contemporary work. It's also a chance to study the craft of celebrated theatre-makers and practitioners featured in recent National Theatre productions.

To access this service, follow this link and use the log in details below: [Drama Online - National Theatre Collection for Schools](#)

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For more information about live performance visit their website:

[Welcome to the National Theatre](#)



School Equipment

Essential Equipment List

STATIONERY

- Pencil case (suggested size 35cm by 13cm)
- Pens – black, blue and red – at least two of each
- At least two medium tip dry wipe whiteboard pens
- At least two pencils
- Colouring pencils
- Highlighters
- Rubber
- Clear 30cm ruler
- Glue stick
- Pair of compasses
- Clear protractor
- Pencil sharpener
- Tippex mouse (not liquid)
- Calculator – CASIO FX 85 GT (can be purchased from school)

OTHER

- DT/Art Apron: cream or white
- Food Tech Apron: blue and white striped (purchased from Smarty Pants)
- Spanish Dictionary (pocket size)
- Reading book

OPTIONAL

- Padlock for locker
- Basic mobile phone – we suggest you avoid Smart Phones unless all social media Apps are disabled!



SCHOOL STATIONERY FOR SALE!

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM RECEPTION:

- BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
- BREAK AND LUNCHTIME

EQUIPMENT	COST
Bic Pen (Blue, Black, Red)	£0.30
Pencil	£0.15
Whiteboard Pen	£0.35
Ruler	£0.30
Eraser	£0.25
Calculator	£15.00
Glue Stick	£1.40
Protractor (semi-circular)	£0.50
A4 Exercise book cover	£0.40

Uniform Reminders

Our uniform policy is detailed on our school website here: [Becket Keys](#)

Remember:

Bags should be plain black or one of the school rucksacks.

Shoes should be traditional, flat, sensible black shoes (no trainers or boots).

Coats need to be plain black with no logo.

Blazers need to be worn.

School Library

Leave a lasting legacy in our library!

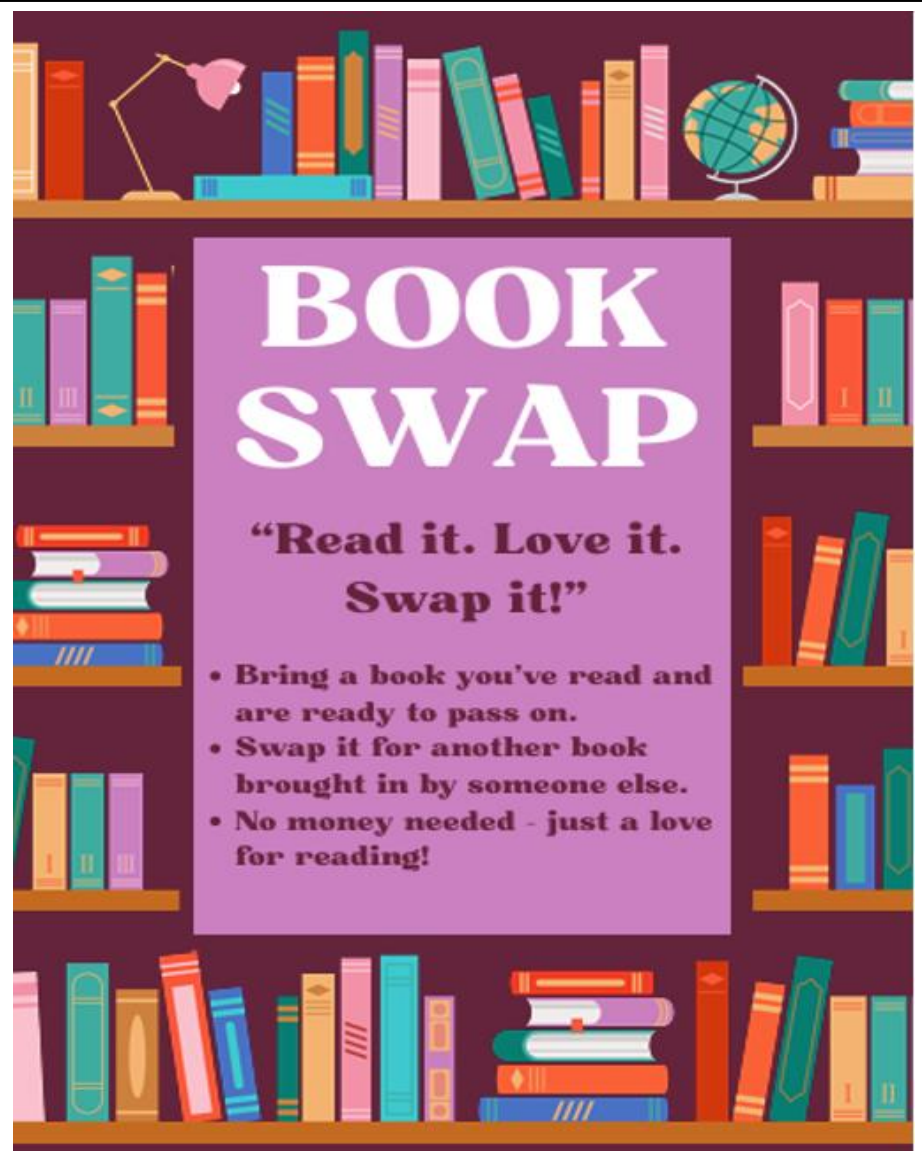
As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a love of reading, we are inviting every student to donate a book to the school as they depart for their next adventures.

Students may bring in any book they wish to contribute — this could be a brand-new book, a much-loved favourite from home, or even a revision guide they have found useful. Every donation will help enrich our school library and provide future students with a wider range of reading and learning materials.

When a book is donated, the student will receive a special sticker to place inside the front cover. This will include their name, allowing them to leave a small but meaningful legacy at Becket Keys long after they have moved on. We hope this will be a source of pride for our students and a reminder of the positive impact they can have on others.

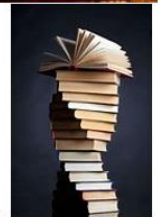
Thank you in advance for your support. Your generosity helps us continue to build a vibrant reading culture and a school environment where students learn from — and inspire — one another.

Miss White
Literacy Coordinator



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.

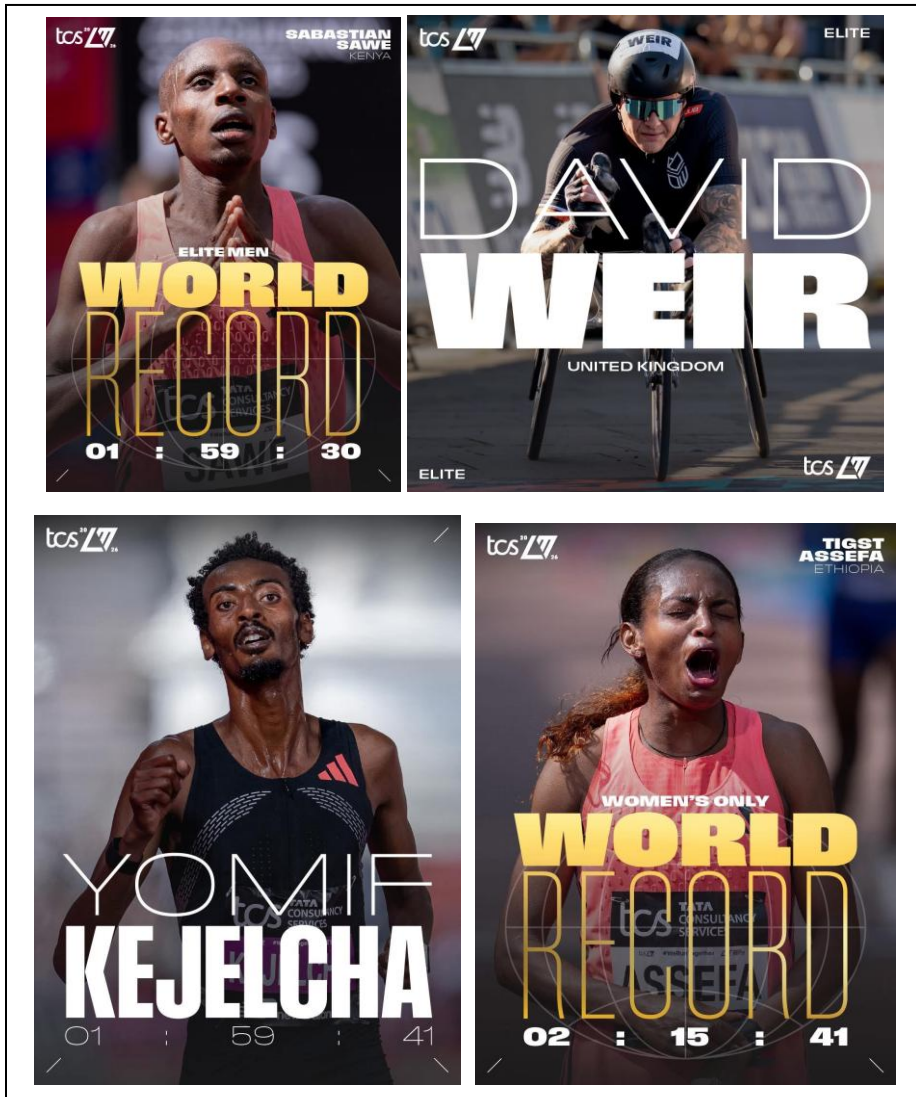


The London Marathon



Sunday 26th April saw a record-breaking London Marathon, with 59,830 people taking to the streets to raise money for their chosen charities, collectively bringing in millions of pounds.

An incredible 39 world records were broken on the day. Alongside London TCS reclaiming the Guinness World Records title for the largest number of finishers in a single marathon. The men’s race also saw a remarkable sub-two-hour marathon performance, with Sebastian Sawa finishing in 1:59:30, closely followed by Yomif Kejelcha in 1:59:41. The women’s title was also beaten by Tigst Assefa beating her own world record finishing in 02:15:41.



Millions of spectators lined the streets, cheering on friends and family and adding to the already electric atmosphere. Alongside them were hundreds of volunteers, working hard to ensure the event ran smoothly and, most importantly,

supporting every runner—whether running, walking, or using a wheelchair.



Ms Tait (Receptionist) and Ms Taylor (HR Assistant) were among those volunteers. Stationed at the mile 6 water station, they handed out much needed water on what was another warm marathon day. Volunteering through Brentwood Running Club, they boarded a coach at 5:30am and travelled into London with over 100 fellow volunteers.



After helping to set up the station, they eagerly awaited the elite wheelchair race. Among the competitors was David Weir. A familiar name to many students, as one of our school houses is named after him. It was an exciting moment, particularly for Ms Tait, who quickly spotted him as he powered past.



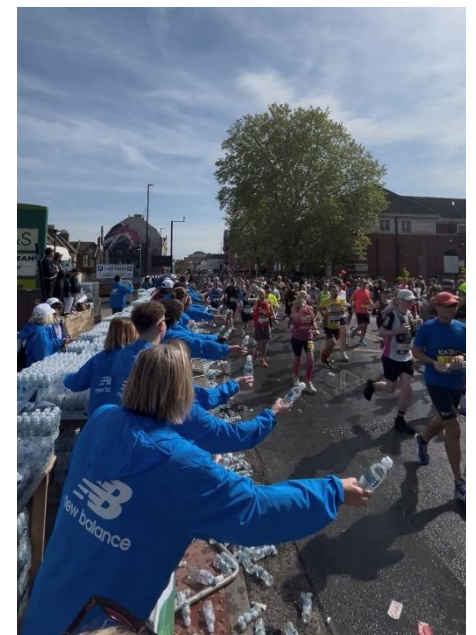
Throughout the rest of the morning and afternoon, Ms Tait and Ms Taylor handed out hundreds of bottles of water and cheered on the participants. The atmosphere was incredible and truly inspiring, showcasing people from all walks of life taking on this challenge. The event also featured well-known figures such as Joe Wicks.

It was a truly memorable experience, one that both Ms Tait and Ms Taylor hope to repeat in the future. We are also hopeful that other members of staff will be inspired to get involved next year.



Brentwood Running Club is a diverse community of runners of all ages, abilities, and interests. Through weekly training, group runs, and charitable events, the club encourages members to achieve their goals, build community spirit, and experience the joy of running.

Ms Taylor
HR Assistant





Foodbank Shopping List

May 2026

- **Spaghetti & Sausage (tinned)**
- **Corned Beef (tinned)**
- **Custard (tinned)**
- **Fruit (tinned)**
- **Squash (drink)**
- **Jams**
- **Washing powders/gels**
- **Toilet Roll**

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

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale Saturday 16th May 2026 School Playground 11.00am – 12.30pm

If you have any uniform you would like to donate, please send it to the Main Reception with your son/daughter. We are always happy to receive donations. Thank you!

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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Student Achievement



On Tuesday evening, Oliver Poulteney and Jake Allan represented Becket Keys in the *Mid Essex District Football Final* and won the competition! This was the third final win in a row for Mid Essex in a completion that reaches back to 1908.

Oliver and Jake have now been selected for the National Final and will travel to Stoke (Britannia Stadium) on Monday 4th May to play Lancashire & Hydburn for a chance of being crowned National Champions



Please make sure that your son/daughter has a reuseable water bottle to make sure that they have adequate drinking water for the day.


Even when the weather is not hot it is important to keep hydrated during the day, especially on days when students are taking part in PE.

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 lunchtime.

WATER IS NOT JUST FOR QUENCHING THIRST.



HYDRATION IS VITAL TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS. TO PREVENT DEHYDRATION AND LOW LEVELS OF ELECTROLYTES, YOU NEED TO STAY HYDRATED!

Free May half term Clubs with Essex ActivAte for all schools

May half term clubs will be live to book across Essex and Thurrock from **Monday 27 April**, with free activity spaces available for school-aged children and young people. Families can choose from local clubs, offering a fantastic mix of fun activities, movement opportunities, and a free, nutritious meal each day. The programme also provides reliable and supportive holiday childcare supporting children’s wellbeing throughout the school break.

No voucher or referral needed, [access booking via the Active Essex website](#).


SPANISH SPEAKING CLINIC 2025 - 2026

Thursdays 3.20 - 4.00 in the Spanish Dept
For any Year 11 Spanish students
A chance to work on your speaking and get to grips with the tasks that you'll encounter in the GCSE Spanish speaking exam
Bring your Language Guides and speaking booklets with you

HISTORY CLUB

Where: In J13
When: Tuesday after school

Everyone is welcome.



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.

Lost Property can be collected from Reception.



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Enrichment Day on Thursday 9th July, we are excited to be running our Mock Interview Day for Year 10 students once again, and we would be incredibly grateful for your support as a volunteer interviewer.

Mock Interviews



We ran this event last year and students absolutely loved the experience, thanks to the time and effort of our volunteers. We are delighted to be able to offer this opportunity again.

The day is designed to give students a realistic experience of 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.

There will be three sessions throughout the day:

- **Session 1:** 8:45am – 10:25am
- **Session 2:** 10:50am – 12:30pm
- **Session 3:** 1:30pm – 3:05pm

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. Full-day volunteers are especially helpful, as this greatly supports our timetabling and safeguarding procedures, including the safe signing in and out of visitors. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

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 email careers@becketkeys.org. Thank you very much for considering supporting our students as part of this important day.

Kind regards,

Katie North
PE & PSHE Teacher
Head of PSHE and Careers



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TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

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NAEE South London - Lambeth invites you to an inspiring, face-to-face event that connects employers, universities, colleges, and training providers in a welcoming and interactive setting.

Discover expert advice on apprenticeships, career options, and educational pathways, plus hands-on experiences from leading UK businesses.

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Create positive steps towards your future by registering your free places today and connect with employers, and educators, at NAEE South London.

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Register your FREE place today at:
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Nikki Topper MBE
Ambassador for APPRENTICESHIP & EDUCATION EVENTS

WHERE TALENT MEETS OPPORTUNITY

There's a lot to discover at this event and all visitors are able to attend **FREE** and will have the chance to meet both national and regional businesses to explore a wide range of career options and pathways.

The event includes:

- Talks from businesses
- Interactive activities including competitions, virtual reality, and "have-a-go" sessions
- Opportunities to discover career options with Colleges, Universities, Employers, and Training Providers from across the region

Book you place here: Home - National Apprenticeship & Education Events

Two Simple Questions for Two Unforgettable Weeks

INVESTIN

COMPETITION TIME: WIN 2 WEEKS OF WORK EXPERIENCE

InvestIN's new competition offers you the chance to win a fully funded place on a Summer Experience Programme of your choice, giving you two weeks of hands-on work experience led by industry professionals in one of the world's most competitive careers. Partially funded places are also available for runners-up.

HOW TO APPLY

Simply answer the two questions below to be in with a chance of joining us for two weeks this summer.

- ✓ Why do you want to attend this programme?
- ✓ Imagine your chosen career 10 years from now. What do you think it will look like, and what role would you like to play in it?

The best part? You choose how to answer: write it, film it or get creative with a presentation or poster!

Hurry! Applications close at midnight on Monday 11th May.

FIND OUT MORE

ENTER NOW

GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN YOUR DREAM CAREER

Choose from 15 careers

Art & Design	Entrepreneurship	Media
Architecture	Forensic Science	Medicine
Computer Science	International Politics	Psychology
Dentistry	Investment Banking	TV & Film
Engineering	Law	Veterinary Science

ENGINEERING

Visit a working airfield and learn from aeronautical engineers about mechanics

BANKING

Trade the stock market with the London Academy of Trading

MEDIA

Visit a TV studio and deliver a simulated broadcast

MEDICINE

Shadow doctors on a simulated ward round at a London training hospital

EXPLORE PROGRAMME TIMETABLES

Ages 12-18

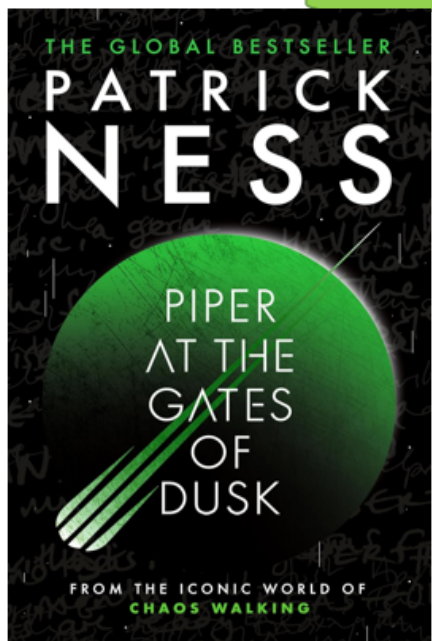
"Now I've been on an InvestIN programme, I know what I want to do forever"

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Book of the Month - May



In New World, there were no secrets. Everyone could hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise. Then a cure came – one that the second generation took from birth. Peace descended, wars ended, communication was silenced. Until now.

Brothers Ben and Max have never really gotten on, each being more like one of their parents – Todd and Viola. But when something is spotted in the night sky - something that's bringing back dreams of Noise, dreams of terror - the brothers will have to come together. Danger is coming and the family will be tested like never before.

This is the first in a new trilogy set in the world of the groundbreaking *Chaos Walking* series, which has sold over 3.5 million copies worldwide. The first in the series, *The Knife of Never Letting Go*, was published in 2008. If you haven't read it, you should!

WEEK 1

Week Commencing: 13/04/26 04/05/26 25/05/26 15/06/26 06/07/26 27/07/26

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

£2.85 CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	£2.85 VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
MONDAY Beef & Lentil Bolognese with Pasta & House Salad	MONDAY Plant Based Bolognese with Pasta & House Salad (V)
TUESDAY Bang Bang Chicken with Soy & Mixed Rice	TUESDAY Bang Bang Eat Culous with Soy & Mixed Rice (V)
WEDNESDAY Glazed Gammon or Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy	WEDNESDAY Vegetable 'Squashage' Roll with Crispy Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy (V)
THURSDAY Chicken Tikka & Chickpea Masala, Braised Rice & Kachumber Salad	THURSDAY Cauliflower, Courgette & Chickpea Rosti with Braised Rice, Kachumber Salad & Minted Yoghurt Dressing (V)
FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Salmon Fishcake or Pizza with Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce	FRIDAY Vegan Chickpea & Coriander Burger with Fries (VE)

DESSERTS Free with the main meal or £1.85 if purchased individually

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spiced Pineapple Cake	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Sticky Ginger Cake	Gaty Apple Crumble	Hot Chocolate Rocky Road & Custard

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily - Price: £1.00

JACKET POTATOES

Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

Prices from £2.15

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£2.85

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Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

NATURALLY

Hot Bowls Prices £2.65

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Roasted Butternut, Sweetcorn & Chipotle Pasta (VE)	Maple & Chilli Cauliflower Wings with Cajun Wedges (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA
Pizza from £1.60, Pasta 12oz £2.25

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



SEND Travel Training 2026.

As the academic year moves forward, many students with additional needs begin thinking about travelling independently whether that's getting to and from school on their own or preparing for a new college placement in September. This service is designed to support young people through this important stage, helping them build confidence, skills, and independence at a pace that feels right for them.

What is Travel Training?

A practical, personalised programme that helps students build the skills and confidence to travel safely and independently using walking routes and public transport.

How It Works: We break each journey into small, manageable steps so the trainee can build confidence gradually. Most trainees complete their training in 6–8 sessions, but we always adapt the pace to suit individual needs.

For more information visit:
www.traveltraining.co.uk

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service



The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service helps families access local health services in the community. You can access the service from family hubs and family hub delivery sites across Essex.

The service offers:

- Health visiting including pre-birth contact, helping you as a parent, new baby review
- Parenting support including help with breastfeeding and help with choosing childcare
- School nursing support for young people in schools and their families
- Family health advice including substance misuse, nutrition, and maternal and infant mental health
- Resilience and development support including helping parents get their child ready to start school, domestic violence and returning to work.
- Support for children and young people aged 5 to 19 including help with dental care, and physical, emotional or developmental problems
- Support for young people up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities

Please do not hesitate to contact our team for more information 0300 247 0013

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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 All Years Girls' Cricket
Tuesday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	
Wednesday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	All Years Athletics GCSE Intervention
Thursday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	Year 9&10 Boys' Cricket A-Level Intervention
Friday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	GCSE Intervention

- Keys:
- Astro
 - Sports hall
 - Main Hall
 - Field
 - W04



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR ALL GET TOGETHER

- Try adapted sports seen at the Paralympics, including Power Chair Football and Boccia!
- Discuss inclusivity in sports with Ellie Challis and small changes you can use to help make a difference!
- Take part in a social media workshop, to help share your top tips for creating inclusive activity opportunities.

Tuesday 26th May 2026 9:30am - 2:30pm

Witham (more details provided upon registration) Lunch will be provided

This event is first come, first served. To secure your place, please register using the link in the email by the 8th May. We may also be able to cover public transport costs, so please get in touch with us about this.

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
ELLIE CHALLIS



Ellie is a Paralympic champion para swimmer from Essex, winning gold at Paris 2024 and silver at Tokyo 2020 in the S3 50m backstroke.

She's also a multiple-time world champion and world-record holder, cementing her place among Britain's leading para swimmers.

Please note you must be registered as an Ambassador to attend!

www.activeessex.org/move-with-us/



It is always 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.

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BOOKING FOR BRENTWOOD IS NOW OPEN!

Use the link, scan the QR code or go to the website to book

<https://bookwhen.com/backsidetotracksidebrentwood>

Programme starts W/C May 11th with a 5k fun run finale on Sunday July 12th. Go to the website for more information.

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Backside to Trackside is a FREE 9 week progressive running and walking programme presented by a professional coach and supported by England Athletics. Designed for beginners and those returning to exercise for adults and children aged 12 and up to improve physical health, mental wellbeing and social connection. The course culminates in participants completing a 5km walk or fun run.

Sessions will take place on the track at The Brentwood School track at a variety of times to choose from each week from w/c 11th May. Book here at: www.bookwhen.com/backsidetotracksidebrentwood

There are also programmes running across Essex in Basildon, Thurrock and Canvey. See www.backsidetotrackside.co.uk for more details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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THURSDAY 30TH APRIL –
MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026
 YEAR 8 TRIP TO BUDE

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MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026
 BANK HOLIDAY

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THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2026
 YEAR 11 CELEBRATION DAY

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FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2026
 YEAR 13 CELEBRATION DAY

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MONDAY 25TH MAY – FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026
 WHITSUN HOLIDAY

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

[PARENT CALENDAR](#)

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