



# Becket Keys Church of England School

5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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Mr Scott-Evans writes:

Dear Parents/Carers

### A Coronation Appeal

It was wonderful to see staff and students resplendent in red, white and blue for Mufti Day today. Thank you for supporting our charities with £1000+ of donations. We gave everyone a Becket Keys 'God Save the King' limited edition bookmark to celebrate the day with a prayer that Father Mark and I wrote for the Coronation on the reverse. I hope this will be a suitable memento for this special occasion.

I have had a King Charles inspired breakthrough! I have been wondering what to call the green space next to the playground since we created it when the old sports hall was demolished. This

week, I think I have found an answer!

Whilst preparing for the on-line whole school collective worship about the Coronation on Tuesday, I was reflecting on what the school could do to mark the occasion. As part of what we have been teaching the students about King Charles this week we have been explaining what a keen gardener and environmentalist he is.



There was a rumour a while ago that Prince Charles (as he was then) was going to come to the

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school to visit and plant a tree. At the time, we purchased a tree in readiness for this. As it turned out, he never came but we planted the tree anyway!

It has occurred to me this week that we could build on this meagre start and name the green space 'The Coronation Garden' and we could do a lot more than just plant a tree. How about some lavender bushes being planted? What about some bedding plants in the shape of a crown? What a lovely way to commemorate the school's on-going development and this key moment in our history.



Of course, this will take some money. I wondered if any families would like to join me in sponsoring this development to the garden. I propose that all of us who are willing contribute either £25 or 2.5 hours of gardening time in return for having our names recorded on a sign or plaque in the garden to forever more mark our investment in our school. 'The Coronation Garden' sponsored by ... Mr Scott-Evens, The Smith Family, Daniel Jones, etc etc.

If you are willing to offer £25 towards the project, please donate on ParentPay – we have set up a fund called the 'Coronation Garden'. We should be able to claim Gift Aid on your donation thereby increasing it by 25%. If you cannot afford to contribute financially perhaps you would be willing to donate some time to help choose plants, plant them and water them in. I think 2.5 hours of time donated would be equivalent. Please contact me via [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org) if you are willing to volunteer (or better yet, take a lead in this).

I know many of you have already given towards the garden in the past. We have benefited from your donations to the pavilion and the pods and more recently the paths. If you are reading this and thinking that you have already given enough to deserve your name on the sign, please write to me and let me know: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org).

I think that it would be lovely to see a little group of parents and volunteers bringing 'The Coronation Garden' to life. The King Charles Pavilion deserves to be surrounded by a garden fit for King Charles himself. One that is kind to pollinators, attractive to peacocks, and sure to bring joy to the students and staff of the school.

I look forward to hearing from you if you feel you can make either a financial or practical contribution to this project. Donations can be anything from £1 upwards. Any family who

donates more than £25 will be contacted to see if they want to be listed on the sign (and how).



Enjoy the Coronation and the extra bank holiday!

Best regards

**Mr Scott-Evens**  
Headteacher



The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evens is now 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)



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 school restaurants.

There is a small overdraft facility on ParentPay accounts of £2 for emergency situations, which covers the cost of a sandwich. 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. The chefs work hard each day to provide a variety of delicious meals for the school.

If you need assistance navigating the site then help is available here: <https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-guardians>

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

## School Uniform Donations Required!

We will be holding another pre-loved uniform sale this term and are in need of donations. All items will be welcomed however we are in particular need of the following:

**Blazers**

**Kilts**

**Jumpers**

**PE tops**

**Shorts**

**Skorts**

**Ties**

**Aprons**

We would also welcome donations of school shoes.

## Year 13 and Year 11 Leavers' Photos.

Carmel Jane Photography will be taking individual and year group photos on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Parents/Carers are required to pre-register to enable access to the photographs.

Registration only takes a minute.

Please visit [www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk](http://www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk) and enter the following code: **JRB2SFX**



 Carmel Jane

## Year 8 – Bude Residential

I have been on many trips throughout my time here at Becket Keys and this trip has been one of the best!

This multi-activity holiday saw students throwing themselves into novel situations that tested their resilience. They learnt valuable life skills such as working as a team, conquering fears, and perseverance.

The students' conduct throughout the trip was outstanding. They were even praised by other schools and members of the public for their kindness.

I am one very proud Head of Year!

**Miss K Morgan**  
Head of Year 8

I can't even explain how much fun I had last weekend in Bude. It was an amazing experience for me, and I was devastated when we had to leave. The daytime activities brought a smile to everyone's faces as the instructors were so down to earth and encouraging when it came to certain activities we may not have been so comfortable doing. Every activity was amazing, but my favorite was surfing as it was so relaxing and rewarding when we caught a wave [because it was not the easiest of water activities!] I had a lot of fun during the evening when we sang karaoke and danced with all our

friends and even the teachers joined in. Thank you to everyone who helped organise this trip. It will be one to remember!

**Imogen Hutton**  
Year 8



**Bude lost property is waiting at reception for you!**

# Careers Department

## Can you help at our Becket Keys Careers Networking Event?

Each year, for one of our enrichment days, we run a careers networking event for our students. The focus is on inspiring future choices and decisions. We will be hosting this again on July 13<sup>th</sup> and we are in need of volunteers from a range of careers. We would like professionals to talk to our students about their career; the pathway into the job, the opportunities, skills and experiences that are involved.

If you are able to support us in any way please do get in touch via [careers@becketkeys.org](mailto:careers@becketkeys.org). I will be able to give you some more information including the timings for the day.

**Miss S Ellis**  
**Joint Acting Head of PSHE**



Homework Club is available for all students.

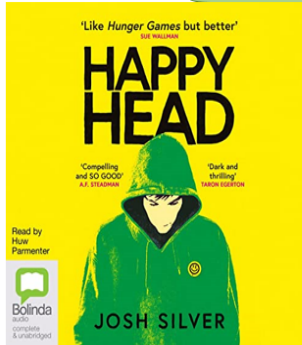
Every afternoon after school students can stay for a supervised session until 4.20pm and complete their homework in C11.

Using Homework Club is just one way we provide for students who do not want to leave site at 3.10pm.

There are a large number of extracurricular clubs that your son/daughter can attend at Becket Keys. Full details are available on the school website here: <https://www.becketkeys.org/extra-curricular>

Avoid the traffic! Stay here for a while!

## Book of the Month - May



We are in an epidemic. An epidemic of unhappiness. Friends, here is the good news: HappyHead has the answer. When Seb is offered a place on a radical retreat designed to solve the national crisis of teenage unhappiness, he is determined to change how people see him and make his parents proud. But as he finds himself drawn to the enigmatic Finn, Seb starts to question the true nature of the challenges they must undergo. The deeper into the programme the boys get, the more disturbing the assessments become, until it's clear there may be no escape...

This is a truly thought-provoking thriller, channelling the menace of dystopian favourites such as *Maze Runner* and *The Hunger Games*.



## Video Essay Competition 2023

This is the third MASSOLIT Video Essay Competition in partnership with [Brasenose College, Oxford](#).

All UK-based students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to create a "MASSOLIT-style" video lecture running at around 8-12 minutes on any academic topic. Entries open from Wednesday 1st March 2023 and the final deadline is **5pm Friday 30th June 2023**.

The best entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges made up of academics from Brasenose and members of the MASSOLIT team.

This competition is open to every pupil in the UK – you do not need to be a subscriber to MASSOLIT. If you want to see what a "MASSOLIT-style" lecture is, please check out [our YouTube channel](#).

What we're looking for:  
We'd like you to research, write and create a short (8-12 minute) lecture on a topic of your choice.

Your lecture should be 'talking head' style, like all the lectures on MASSOLIT, though you should feel free to make use of props (e.g. quoting from a book, playing some music, demonstrating a concept with props, etc.) if you feel it adds to your explanation.

**MASSOLIT**  
**Video Essay**  
**Competition**

How to Enter  
**Present a 10 minute talk on any topic!**

**Prize**

- 1x £200 Amazon voucher
- 9x £50 Amazon voucher
- Award ceremony and lunch at Brasenose College for the winner and 9 runners-up

[massolit.io/competition](https://massolit.io/competition)

Then again, if your lecture doesn't include any props, that's also fine!

Entries will be judged on:

**Creativity**

The educational value of the lecture – does the viewer learn something interesting and unexpected?

The clarity and concision of the script – is the material structured in a logical way?

Confidence and clarity of delivery – is the speaker looking at the camera? Are they speaking loudly and clearly?

The production quality of entries will not be judged, so please don't worry about what you shoot your video on, and please don't waste any time on post-production.

Full details here:

<https://massolit.io/competition>

## Essex Libraries

### Volunteering Opportunity

As you may know, every year the Essex Library Service works with The Reading Agency to run the Summer Reading Challenge in our libraries, with the help of some amazing volunteers.

There is a fantastic opportunity for students to come and volunteer with us over the summer and to help run the scheme again this year!

Throughout the Summer Holidays, volunteers will come to a library of their choice and speak to children participating in the challenge about the books they read, giving out rewards as they go along.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all students aged 14+ to boost their CV, enhance their social skills, or complete the volunteering section of their Duke of Edinburgh Award, all whilst having fun and helping out the local community! There will be ongoing support provided to the volunteers throughout the summer to make sure that the experience is enjoyable and worthwhile.

The library service would love it if there were some students who could volunteer with them this summer!

You can find more information library service, and details of how to apply, on the website here:

Essex County Council  
Libraries

# VOLUNTEER

with us!

Come and help children take part in the  
**Summer Reading Challenge 2023**  
in libraries during the summer holidays!

talk about books

have fun chats with children

help your local community

boost your CV

Apply online at [libraries.essex.gov.uk](https://libraries.essex.gov.uk)

**Closing date: 30 June 2023**

Apply early to secure your first choice of library.

Open to ages 14 and over

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/new/s/volunteer-to-help-with-the-summer-reading-challenge>

Challenge here:  
<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/new/s/summer-reading-challenge-2023>

You can learn more about this year's Summer Reading






## Education on Demand

GCSEPod has lots of resources and tips to help students with motivation, how to learn, news and free resources. Designed to engage learners, improve confidence, and accelerate progress. Statistics show that students who use GCSEPod can achieve 1 additional grade higher in each subject!

### [GCSE Learning and Revision | GCSEPod](#)



**Year 10**

Get yourselves signed up on GCSE Pod.


It is an excellent resource 3-5 minutes videos that are linked to all your subjects.

You have a message on SMHW with instructions.

Come and see me in J12 if you need any help.

Mrs Knowles

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| <p><b>1.</b> Go to GCSEPod.com and click <b>Login</b></p> <div style="text-align: center; background-color: #f9a825; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border: 1px solid black;">LOGIN</div> | <p><b>2.</b> Click the sign in with <b>Office 365</b> button</p> <div style="text-align: center; background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border: 1px solid black;">Sign in with Office 365</div> |
| <p><b>3.</b> Pick an account<br/>Enter your school username followed by <b>@becketkeys.org</b></p>  | <p><b>4.</b> Enter the password that you use for your school log on.</p> <p>Then you should be in and get a welcome page!</p>  |



**Year 11**



GCSE Pod reminder:

You can now use your 365 log in to access GCSE pod!

Come and see me in J12 if you need any help.


Mrs Knowles

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## Help out when you check out

Collect FREE donations for **FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS** every time you shop online.



**Join, shop and raise here:**  
[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeyschoolbrentwood](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeyschoolbrentwood)

If you are doing shopping online. Why not see if you can help raise some funds for FoBK through your online purchases in a few easy steps:

Click [here](#) then

- Click 'Sign up and support this cause'.
- If new to Easyfundraising then set up an account.
- Browse the hundreds of online shops who participate in the scheme and go shopping! As long as you go into the online sites through the Easyfundraising site, you will register a donation to FoBK. You can even get an App for your phone! It will not cost you a penny!

If already a member, then why not refer a friend? FoBK will get a bonus when each person you refer makes a purchase.


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## YEAR 11 SCIENCE TURN UP AND REVISE

**Time - 8am**

**Where**  
Tues - W13 - Biology  
Wed - W21 - Chemistry  
Fri - W24 - Physics



Teachers will be available to support

Bring your revision/homework with you

Focused and quiet environment to study

## English Literature Arrive and Revise

Help available with:

Poetry: Anthology & Unseen

Journey's End

Macbeth

A Christmas Carol

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**Tuesday 15:10 – 16:00**

**C21 – Miss Bolt**

**ALL YR 11 WELCOME**




### Reminder

All feminine hygiene products are free to students in school.

Please collect from Medical or Reception.

Nationally Televised Advert



## 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.



# PAUSE

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, in a ceremony rooted deeply in British history, King Charles III will be crowned at Westminster Abbey, eight months into his reign! The delay reflects the importance of this event as well as the time needed to organise this grand ceremony and invite people from around the world. The British monarch is the Head of State of the United Kingdom and 14 other countries (through being the Head of the Commonwealth). He is also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England and the Head of this Church, under God. The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, The Archbishop of Canterbury, will lead the coronation service.

The Coronation service will contain Christian symbolism. The consecration to service for King Charles III will happen within a Eucharist/Holy Communion. In addition, the ring he will receive is marked with a cross. This is a reminder of the King of Kings in whose footsteps he follows. The rod he will receive is topped with a dove; the symbol of the Holy Spirit, whose wisdom he will need to rule well. The orb represents the earth and is crowned with a



## The Coronation of King Charles III: Celebrating community, faith and service



cross. This is again a reminder that Jesus is the ultimate king. In addition, the oil with which he will be anointed with also symbolises the Holy Spirit. This is a prayer that God will anoint and equip the King to serve the nation.

The Liturgy for the service is focussed on the theme of loving service to others, which is central to Christian teaching, and to the character of contemporary Monarchy:

[https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/23-24132%20Coronation%20Liturgy%20Commentary\\_02%20May.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/23-24132%20Coronation%20Liturgy%20Commentary_02%20May.pdf)

This version of the service contains a commentary that further explains the Christian meaning and symbolism of the key elements of the service.

It can be seen that this service will be an opportunity for the nation and many around the world to encounter the person of Jesus, the servant King. There is also a call to each of us to serve others and build relationships. Archbishop Justin Welby has stated:

*“It is my prayer that all who share in this service, whether they are of faith or no faith, will find ancient wisdom and new hope that brings inspiration and joy.”*

Throughout the Coronation long weekend, volunteering will be celebrated, recognising its positive impact on communities. What will you be doing to be part of the lasting legacy of this special event? If you are not already involved in ‘The Big Help

Out’, remember, simple acts of kindness for others and the environment make a difference. All emphasise community cohesion and service.

#### Let us pray:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name,

and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(The Church of England: Resources for prayer and worship)*

**Mrs Sharp**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



**BECKET KEYS**  
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The local Food Bank is now feeding over 100 people every day.

### APRIL ITEMS REQUIRED

**Beef/Chicken Casserole, Minced Beef & Onion**  
**Chilli Con Carne/Curries**  
**Hot Dogs/Meatballs, Spaghetti**  
**Instant Mash/Tinned Potatoes**  
**Tinned Fish**  
**Rice Pudding/Custard/Tinned Fruit**  
**Rice/Noodles**  
**Pasta Sauce**  
**Washing Powder or Gel**  
**Shampoo/Toothpaste/Shaving Gel**  
**Nappies Size 3,4 & 6/Baby Wipes/ Toilet Roll**

Collection points are at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Stephen's Ingrave (Friday 10am-12pm) and Sainsbury's. Thank you for your continued assistance.



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

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MAY BANK HOLIDAY

CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023

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YEAR 13 CELEBRATION DAY

FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023

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YEAR 11 CELEBRATION DAY

FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023

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WHITSUN HOLIDAY

MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY –  
FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2023

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YEAR 7 EXAMINATIONS

5<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

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YEAR 10

SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING  
8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

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INSET DAYS

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

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SIXTH FORM BRIDGING EVENT

20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023

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