



# Becket Keys Church of England School

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## WELCOME BACK!

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### Mr Scott-Evans writes....

Welcome back to school. I thought I would like start the year by showing you some photographs of our Coronation Garden. Thanks to the donations of many parents and staff we have been able to plant out some new beds to make the area look a lot more special. The students, staff, bees and peacocks have been enjoying the new space very much. I am sure King Charles III would approve.



The site team have been diligently watering the plants all through the summer and

especially during this last period of hot weather. We hope that autumn rains will help all the plants establish themselves and the garden will provide a great deal of joy in the years to come.



Thank you to all who donated specifically. Your names are on the plaque on the pavilion, and you will be remembered for your generosity.



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## A-Level Results 2023



During the summer, Becket Keys Church of England School students and staff were celebrating the school's best set of A level examination results. This year, we have seen more students getting As and A\*s and more students getting into their first-choice university than ever before. The school has students heading off to a wide range of interesting and prestigious destinations.

You can read a full report on the school website here: [A-Level Exam Results](#)



## GCSE Results 2023

Becket Keys Church of England School celebrated another set of excellent GCSE results. Students in the 2023 cohort have achieved the highest results the school has ever seen with more students than ever before achieving Grades 4-9 in both English and Mathematics. In addition, a record number of students were entered for and passed the Ebacc.

There are a number of individual success stories that result from notably high performance. A third of all grades achieved are 7 or above and one in five students will have opened their envelope to find a Grade 9! This “rare grade” (achieved by only 3% of students nationally in each subject) demonstrates performance above that of the old A\*.

Two of our top performing students were Bea Connor with nine Grade 9s and one Grade 8, and Harry Adams with seven Grade 9s, one Grade 8 and two Grade 7s. Sam Carey obtained eight grade 9s, one Grade 8 and one Grade 7.

The full report is available on the school website here: [GCSE Results 2023](#)



# General Information & Notices from the Head Teacher

## School Run

Please do not drive into Sawyers Hall Lane! I am sure a few of you have made that decision for yourselves already, but in case any of you are still driving in, please refrain from doing so. The road is dangerous and busy outside the school. Please drop your children off elsewhere and ask them to walk the last bit. Similarly, when picking up, perhaps ask them to walk to a local car park (Brentwood Centre or Sainsbury's) or Doddinghurst Road or Shenfield Road where there are plenty of places to park with no restrictions.

If you really do have to drive into Sawyers Hall Lane, please at least avoid the final part of the road and drop off further up beyond Burland Road. Even the laziest teenager can walk from there!



## Bikes

Students riding bikes should wear a helmet and we recommend a bright yellow vest or jacket too. Students will need a padlock to secure their bike in our special area. It is great to see so many students cycling to school. Remember! **No scooters or skateboards please.**

## Holidays & Appointments

Please make every effort to avoid unnecessary holidays and appointments during term time. Holidays will not be authorised and all absence **must** be authorised. Parents have been fined by the courts for not following this advice. Students will get higher grades, if they attend well!

## Uniform

The students look excellent in their new uniform; thank you for supporting our school policies so closely. We know it is important to all of us to see our students looking smart in their uniform at all times.

Remember that all main school girls should have a reversed collar on their blouse and should not wear other types of shirt.

Please see the website if you need more details about the school dress code.

<https://www.becketkeys.org/uniform.php>



## Gaming



Help your son/daughter do better at school by managing use of social media and gaming. There is a clear link between success at school and a limited amount of time wasted on these addictive time zappers.

## 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 whom they belong to.

Lost Property can be collected from Reception.



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.

You can also send a message via the contact page on the website:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/contact-staff>

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

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.

Many thanks for your understanding.



We are pleased to announce that the Parent & School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is starting again on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 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](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)



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## The School Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we pray that Becket Keys Church of England School will be a blessing to the people of Brentwood.*

*Encouraged by the example of Peter, Thomas of Canterbury and all your saints, may its students know the beauty of your truth;*

*May its staff know the joy of your service;*

*May its headteacher and governors be led by a vision of your kingdom;*

*And together may the school community know your Holy Spirit in its midst.*

*This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen





## The Headteacher's Challenge

### Year 7

Hopefully, most students have been keeping entertained and spending time over the summer to complete Head Teacher's Challenge. There was a lot to do!

The full list of tasks to undertake is in the updated [Family Handbook](#) and this document also has a wealth of information about Becket Keys and the day to day running of the school.

You can find a link to a survey about Stage 1 of the challenge here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gzhYAkjuqb>

Please complete this with your son/daughter so that we know what has been achieved. Our tutors will be looking at the folders and books throughout September.

I look forward to hearing all about the students' experiences of the Headteacher's Challenge at a special Collective Worship.

**Mr Scott-Evans**  
**Headteacher**



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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.

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



Homework Club is available for all students. Every afternoon, after school, students can stay 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. Avoid the traffic! Stay here for a while!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OPEN SCHOOL

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023  
 A CHANCE FOR PARENTS TO COME AND  
 SEE THE SCHOOL AND MEET THE TUTORS  
 ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME

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### OPEN EVENT FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7 STUDENTS

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

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### SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT

THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

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### INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

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### ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS

MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER –

FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

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### LAST DAY OF TERM

STUDENT HALF DAY

WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023 –

TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2024

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### INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

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