



# Becket Keys Church of England School

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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### Embracing The Power of Prayer

As we begin the journey through the summer term, I have been speaking to students in Collective Worship this week about the power of prayer and its significance here at Becket Keys Church of England School.

I shared a story with many year groups this week that I hope helped illustrate a particular theme of prayer. It's the tale of a man stranded on the roof of his house during a flood. Despite offers of assistance from neighbours in a boat and a rescue helicopter, he steadfastly insists on relying on praying, believing that God will provide salvation. Tragically, the man drowns in the floodwaters and, once in heaven, questions why God did not rescue

him. God's response is simple: He sent the boat and the helicopter!

I suggested to students this week that we must be devoted and consistent in prayer, and that we should look for how God is answering prayer rather than how we want prayers to be answered. As we navigate through various challenges and milestones this term, we will be praying for God's will to be done - not mine, not Dr Hurdle's and (sorry parents!) but neither yours nor your child's! God's will be done.

Over years of teaching, it is the summer term where I often see most students praying! Our students turn to prayer before exams; whether it be GCSEs, A Levels, or mock exams, students are taught that dedication and  
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diligence in study should be accompanied with devoted prayer. Likewise, as some of our students embark on enriching trips to China, Madrid, or Bude, parents and students engage in prayers for their safety, growth, and cultural immersion. It is natural to feel apprehensive about being away from home, travelling, or communicating in a foreign language, but I find time and again that prayers can provide comfort and courage throughout the journey.

In the realm of summer term extracurricular activities, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming school plays. Today we have the KS3 play called 'Mugged' and later in the term we will have 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Our summer concerts, and sports days will also be hotly anticipated (with nerves and excitement). Thus, these events will not only showcase our students' talents but also foster a sense of camaraderie and school spirit. As we prepare for these occasions, let us offer prayers for creativity, teamwork, and joyful participation.

Moreover, let us extend our prayers to those within our community facing personal challenges. Whether it be health concerns, family issues, or other hardships, know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Together, as a community united in faith and compassion, we can weather life's storms with

grace and resilience. We are pleased to hear that prayers are being answered for Mrs Cherry who hopefully will be able to return to work soon at least on a part time basis after her illness.



Finally, I'm pleased to announce the introduction of a new student prayer meeting, taking place on Tuesdays before school from 8am to 8:15am in the John Wraw Chapel in the Justin Welby Building. This dedicated time provides an opportunity for students to come together in prayer, reflection, and support. All students are welcome to join this uplifting gathering with me and students across the year groups.

If you have any prayer requests, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us:

[office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org) or send me a message via the school website. Parents are always welcome to join our weekly community prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 8:45am.

God bless.

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

## 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.





## Ski Trip 2024 – Sugarloaf Mountain

On a blustery Good Friday, the first day of the Easter holidays, 40 students and 5 staff gathered at school to set off on the school ski trip. There was much excitement as this was the first time since 2018 that the trip was running, and we were delighted to be returning to Sugarloaf Mountain again.



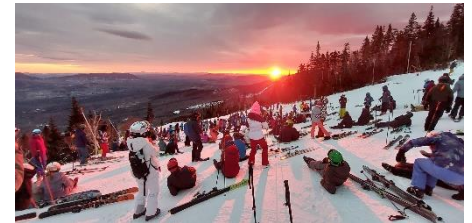
Sugarloaf is located in heart of Carrabassett Valley, which was carved by the Carrabassett River and is surrounded by Maine's Western Mountains. At 4,237 feet, Sugarloaf is the second tallest mountain in the state of Maine and has nearly 300 acres of developed trails and you can ski over 60 miles of trails including Tote Road which is 3.5 miles from summit to base and Timberline (a favourite of Mr Scott-Evans) which is an excellent run for first time skiers.



We arrived at the resort in the early hours of the morning (local time) and the students were happy to head straight off to their rooms to bed as we were going to be up early the next day to secure our ski equipment and meet our instructors.



The windy weather had followed us from the UK and so during the first day (Saturday) only one ski lift close to the nursery slopes was in operation along with the fabled resort 'moose caboose' which carried skiers back to the top of the slope. Although this was frustrating for some of the more experienced skiers it was a gentle introduction for the beginners and for those who had not skied in a long time.



Easter Sunday gave a small group the opportunity to rise at 5.00am to travel to the top of the mountain for the Easter Sunrise Service. This service has been running for 62 years and is organised by the Sugarloaf Christian Ministry. The service was a wonderful way to praise God for the Resurrection of Jesus. Approximately 1,000 people joined the service and the beautiful sunrise took our breath away and it was wonderful to be amongst the first skiers on the mountain that day.

The weather was kind to us for the next few days and we were able to enjoy fabulous skiing conditions. The mountain looked beautiful, and our group was divided into ability levels so that they could experience the different trails suitable for their experience. During the week we practically had the resort to

ourselves! It was so peaceful travelling on the chair lifts and the lack of crowds meant that our students could safely navigate the piste at their own pace.



Part of the fun of ski trips is the après ski activities and during the week staff and students enjoyed a movie night, watching the classic 'Cool Runnings', an evening at the local sports and leisure centre where we had the pool and hot tub to ourselves to enjoy. A night at the local bowling centre, we were able to stop at the local supermarket on the way to buy some American snacks and had a fun night with the Year 10 boys winning and Ewan in particular achieved a very high score.



On the last night, we had a quiz and awards evening where students won certificates for a range of categories including 'best technical skier', achieving 'big air' for a ski jump, 'person most likely to ski into a bench' and even 'the tidiest room'.



The weather had been so perfect all week we were slightly taken aback by the heavy snowfall overnight just before we were leaving.



It was lovely to watch the resort being covered in a white blanket and gave us some excellent photo opportunities just before we left.

Although the plane was delayed on the way back, we were delighted to get back to the school with no major injuries and return tired but happy students to their families.

Here is what some of the students had to say:

*I had a great time on the slopes!*

**Morgan Rowe – 10FS**

*The ski trip was a great experience. It was a great opportunity to improve my skiing skills and I learned a lot. The mountain was much less busy than I have previously experienced in France and this made it much easier for people who were beginners. The evening activities were very good, and bowling in particular was so much fun! I also really enjoyed going to the Sports Centre and using the swimming pool and hot tub there.*

**Lily Matthews – 10FS**

*I really enjoyed the trip and appreciate all the staff who came with us to Sugarloaf.*

**Ed Johnson – 10HS**







*I really enjoyed the ski trip and felt that I progressed immensely throughout the week. I learnt how to parallel ski and also had great fun at the après activities.*

**Henry Owens - 12**



*The Sugarloaf skiing trip was a great experience!! It was great for beginners as the slopes were quiet and there were no queues. The instructors were very good and were able to assist us whatever level the group was at and did not go too fast. The night time activities such as bowling, swimming, a quiz and a movie night were also great fun.*

**Tiyannha Hayes – 10EW**

*It was a memorable trip, and I will always cherish the experience.*

**Liz Griffiths – 10FS**

*The ski trip was a great experience, I really enjoyed going down the slopes. I would 100% recommend this trip to all students who have a chance to go in the future.*

**Oliver McDermott – 10AC**

*A highlight for me was definitely the Easter morning sunrise ski. Despite having to wake up at 4:30am and taking the chairlift in the dark, it was a once in a lifetime experience that took my breath away. It was a picture-perfect moment, and one that I will remember forever.*

**Isabel Slaney – 12HS**

*I had a brilliant time on the ski trip. It was an amazing experience.*

**Curtis Phillips – 11FS**

All in all, this was an amazing trip and we would like to thank the staff who gave up the first week of their Easter holiday to attend and also Graeme from Rayburn Tours. We have used this company before and have been impressed with their levels of support and expertise and Graeme was a great source of

information and help during the week.

You can view more pictures on X via @BecketKeysTrips

We cannot wait to return in 2026!









## CALLING ALL EQUESTRIANS

### AT BECKET KEYS!



We are in the process of joining the NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association) and if you have a horse that you are currently competing, why not compete for the school?

There are a range of disciplines across all levels so there's something for everyone. This includes:

- Dressage
- Showjumping
- Arena eventing (Jumping with Style)
- Eventing

You can compete in these disciplines at local NSEA competitions or championships if you qualify!

The competition will run just like normal only you'll be competing for the school (in a team or individually depending on if we can get a team together). Normal

attire is to be worn but with the addition of a school badge or tie.

What you need to sign up:

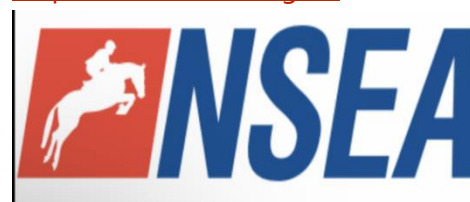
- Your name
- Your date of birth
- The competition name of your horse
- Your or your parent's email

How to sign up:

If you would like to join the team, email your details to the school so that you can be signed up.

If you want to find out more, visit the NSEA website or contact Rebecca Stewart in Year 11

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



## Apprenticeship and traineeship vacancies



If you are interested in an apprenticeship then it would be a good idea to follow [Find an apprenticeship](#). You will then be alerted to each week's apprenticeship and traineeship vacancy reports for our area and get an alert if there is a new opportunity. If you use the filter tool, you can view only the vacancies that meet your requirements (such as vacancies within a set region, start date and wage etc).

If you would like any advice on further education pathways please speak to your tutor or Ms North and we can arrange a meeting with our Careers advisor, Mr Williams.

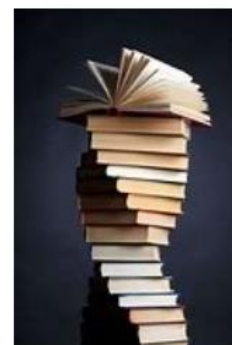
For more information on apprenticeships visit [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) or follow [@Apprenticeships](https://twitter.com/Apprenticeships) on Twitter.



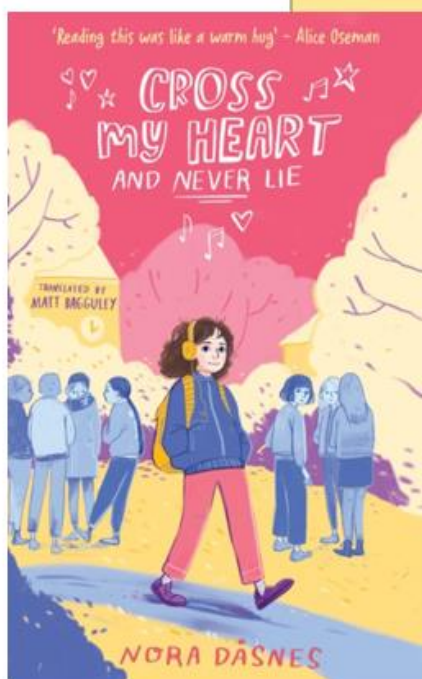
## Our School Library (Lib A)



- Your school library is open on the following lunch times:
  - Tuesday (4.2) 12.50-1.20
  - Wednesday (4.1) 12-12.30
  - Thursday (4.2) 12.50-1.20
  - Friday (4.1) 12-12.30.
- It is also open after school every day between 3.15 and 4pm.
- 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.



## Book of the Month - April



Tuva is in Year 7, and her checklist of goals includes: writing a diary, getting a cool look, building the best fort in the woods with her BFFs, and sharing **EVERYTHING** with her best friends. But when she goes back to school, nothing is how she hoped it would be.

Her friends have split into rival factions: Team Linnea and the girls who fall in love and Team Bao and the girls who are still playing. Linnea has a boyfriend, Bao hates everything related to feelings. Tuva gets caught between feeling like a kid and wanting to know **HOW** to become a teenager. Worst of all, she is expected to choose a side!

Then Mariam shows up and suddenly things begin to make a little more sense. But with all her friends fighting, this is one part of growing up that Tuva isn't quite sure how to share . . .

This is a diary style graphic novel, perfect for fans of *Heartstopper* or *The Babysitters Club*





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yr9 &Yr10 'Creative Space' 11.50-12.30 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	Yr9 &Yr10 'Creative Space' 11.50-12.30 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	GCSE 'Theory Workshop' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr)	<b>Invitation only and bookable space.</b>	Yr7-Yr13 'Time to Shine' 15.15-16.25 RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr & Mrs Palmer)

## PE Extracurricular Timetable 23/24



Day	Before School 7:30-8:20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch 12:40-1:20	After-School 3:10-4:30
Monday	STAFF BRIEFING	TUP Badminton	Year 8 Boys Cricket Year 9 & 10 Boys Cricket Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders
Tuesday	Squad Cricket	Squad Athletics	All Years Girls Cricket
Wednesday	STAFF MEETING	GCSE PE intervention drop in	All Years Athletics
Thursday	Indoor Cricket	Squad Athletics	Year 7 Boys Cricket
Friday	STAFF BRIEFING	-	

- Keys:
- Astro
  - Sports hall
  - Main Hall
  - Field
  - Netball Courts

# Careers Information



## The 2024 Degree Engineering (Level 6) Apprenticeship Campaign is Now Open!

Do you know someone who may be interested in an Apprenticeship with Ford? Particularly, if they would like to join in September 2024.

To apply use the QR code below:



For more information about all our apprenticeship opportunities and to apply, go to:  
[www.ford.co.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.ford.co.uk/apprenticeships)

Ford is committed to diversity and equality of opportunity for all and is opposed to any form of less favourable treatment or harassment on the grounds of sex, marital status, civil partnership status, parental status, race, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, religion/belief, gender reassignment and gender identity, age and those with caring responsibilities



## The 2024 Degree IT (Level 6) Apprenticeship Campaign is Now Open!

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## Why Apply?

The University of Kent has lots of experience running summer schools to introduce students to university life, to help them understand their options and make the choices about the next steps in their educational journey. We also want to give participants the chance to build skills to help them succeed. The Summer School provides the space and the support for participants to think deeply and to try new things, the chance to meet new people, to ask questions, and to express their opinions.

The Summer School is run on the University of Kent's Canterbury Campus. Students live in University accommodation for the duration of the residential.

## What happens at a summer school?

This year's summer school will explore the theme of 'Breaking Barriers', encouraging participants to recognise barriers; personal, within their communities and in the wider world, and to re-imagine the ways in which we can support

each other to overcome them. Participants will explore how learning happens at university and have the opportunity to develop their own skills, alongside experiencing different aspects of student life, participating in sports and social activities and making new friends.



## How much will it cost?

The summer school is free of charge, including accommodation, meals, all academic sessions and activities. Support with the cost of travelling to the campus may also be available. Please enquire at [outreach@kent.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@kent.ac.uk).

## Who can apply?

The Summer School is aimed at students in year 10 who:

- Are keen to work across different subject areas
- Are happy to work in a small team
- Would like to develop knowledge, skills and experience of University

*Eligibility criteria applies.*



## FREE PARENT WEBINAR SERIES

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Elevate is an award-winning organisation that has been working with Becket Keys students to help them become more effective learners. Students' ability to self-motivate, manage their time and prepare effectively will be a crucial factor to guarantee their success over this academic year.

**Live Parent Q&A: Ask Me Anything**

**Tuesday 30th April 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)**

[Click here to register for free](#)

Join Elevate for an exclusive webinar series where they will show you – as parents – how to best support your child through school.

- Is there anything about exams that your son/daughter is particularly worried about?
- What would make your son/daughter feel more supported in their studying?
- Do you have any questions about what you can expect over the coming months?

## BRENTWOOD FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

### A message from the Foodbank:

*To our kind supporters,*

*We are desperately seeking more volunteers who would be able to commit to working with our teams at Brentwood Foodbank. We are hoping that with your connections through congregations, teams and colleagues you may be able to help to get this message to as many people as possible.*

*Working at the Foodbank can be a hard but fulfilling and also humbling experience.*

*If anyone would like more information, please email Julie Bowler (Distribution Manager)*

[\*bowlerjulie@hotmail.com\*](mailto:bowlerjulie@hotmail.com)



Essex County Council  
Essex Music  
Education Hub

Suitable for ages 7 to 13.

Essex Music Services hosts Aicha Djidjelli

## Free drum workshops

Thursday 13 June 5pm – 7pm

Brentwood Community Music Centre  
Becket Keys Church of England Secondary School,  
Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9DA

Aicha currently performs with Hans Zimmer's live touring band and has also appeared alongside Johnny Marr, Pharrell Williams and Craig David. Aicha's extensive work includes TV session drummer for the X Factor and musical curator for Powder Room.

Sign up for the session by using the link where you will be able to participate in a drum workshop which is suitable for beginner to intermediate players.

Sign up for a session!

The drum workshop is free to attend subject to availability. Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code to sign up to participate.

[www.essexmusichub.org.uk](http://www.essexmusichub.org.uk) 0333 013 8953

## Chicken and Frog Bookshop

Did you know that this bookshop run monthly social groups for neurodiverse children and young people. They run a group for teenagers. This is a safe space for teenagers to meet together.

They also run a monthly support group for parents and carers with neurodiverse children. Guest speakers are invited along from time to time. These may include professionals such as speech and language therapists.

Also look out for a sensory grotto at the end of November each year.

For more details: <https://www.chickenandfrog.co.uk>





**Funded by UK Government**

**TRY A TRI BRENTWOOD**

Sunday 7th July from 8.00am  
Brentwood Centre, CM15 9NN

Fun local multi-sport challenge for both children and adults!  
School groups and junior sports organisations welcomed  
Taster triathlon delivered by professional athletes from Tri Sport Essex

**BOOK NOW**

£10.00 Triathlon Juniors (aged 6-15) 50m Swim >>> 5k Bike on Field >>> 1k Run on Field  
£10.00 Duathlon Juniors (aged 6-15) 1k Run >>> 5k Bike on Field >>> 1k Run on Field  
£20.00 Triathlon Adults (aged 16+) 200m Swim >>> 10k Bike >>> 3k Run  
£20.00 Duathlon Adults (aged 16+) 3k Run >>> 10k Bike >>> 1k Run

Register using the QR code or visit [www.trisportsex.org](http://www.trisportsex.org)  
For queries please contact [trisportsex@outlook.com](mailto:trisportsex@outlook.com)

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**TRY A TRI BRENTWOOD**

**BOOK NOW**

Back again for 2024! If you and your family are looking for a new sporting challenge to tackle together then Try-a-Tri Brentwood is perfect. For schools, it's a great achievement goal for your pupils.

With entertainment and refreshments available on the day too for spectators then there is something for everyone!

**TrailNet** Pathways to Activity

Bike rental available from Trailnet

Trailnet is a Brentwood based Community Interest Company dedicated to helping people overcome barriers to cycling. They campaign and fundraise for improved local cycling opportunities. They are offering discounted cycle hire for people that would like to take part in the Try-a-Tri but currently don't have a bike (see prices left). Trailnet also provide bike checks for participants.

Adult 2-day - £15.00  
Adult event only - £7.50  
Child 2-day - £10.00  
Child event only - £4.00

Visit [www.trisportsex.org](http://www.trisportsex.org) for more information.

**everyone ACTIVE**

Week pass  
Free swims

**7 day Brentwood Centre activity pass**

Everyone active are offering Try-a-Tri participants a free 7 day pass to the Brentwood Centre which will allow holders to get involved in all facilities and spin classes for a full week. Free swims and family passes - need confirmation of what is the offer here.

Visit [www.trisportsex.org](http://www.trisportsex.org) for more information.



**NATIONAL BADMINTON**

**FREE Badminton Session with GB Olympian for Juniors - All Levels Welcome!**

**The Brentwood Centre Brentwood**

Sunday 19th May  
10-11am Ages 7-10  
11-12pm Ages 11-14  
12-1pm - Ages 14-17

**BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW:**  
[HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/NB-OPENDAY](https://bookwhen.com/nb-openday)  
ENQUIRIES TO  
[HELLO@NATIONALBADMINTON.ORG.UK](mailto:HELLO@NATIONALBADMINTON.ORG.UK)

**NEXT GEN**



**VIRTUAL CHARITY QUIZ**

**17 MAY 2024**

Virtual doors open 7pm, 8pm start, finish at 10pm

The quiz with no boundaries  
Create your team with family and friends from all over the world!

**Get your thinking caps on!**

Join The Rotary Club of Brentwood for a fun-filled evening of quizzing, kindly in aid of SNAP.

Join 'live' from the comfort of your own home and create a team with family and friends from all over the world!

This charity virtual quiz will be hosted via Zoom on Friday 17th May.

**More information here**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### YEAR 10 EXAMS

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> – FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

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### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

YEAR 11 & YEAR 13

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2024

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### BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

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### APPRECIATE A TEACHER DAY

TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

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YEAR 11 & YEAR 13

CELEBRATION DAY

TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

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GCSE EXAMS BEGIN

THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

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UCAS EVENING FOR YEAR 12

THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

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WHITSUN BREAK

MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024

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INSET DAYS

NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

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