



# Becket Keys Church of England School

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Special Sixth Form Edition

## Meet the new Senior Prefect Team!

*This week's newsletter has been produced by our Sixth Form Team.*

*It introduces our new Senior Prefect Team and a valuable insight into Sixth Form life.*

## Introducing the new Senior Prefect Team

### 2024-25

**Head Boy: Matthew Stephens**

**Head Girl: Naima Rayman**

**Deputy Head Girls:**

- **Rosetta Joseph**
- **Connie Gibson**
- **Isabel Slaney**
- **Lowri Cole**

**Deputy Head Boys:**

- **Vivek Kumar**
- **Max Barton**

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**BECKET KEYS**  
Church of England School

### UpLearn

What are the benefits of this app?

### Yr 12 Biology Field trip

Have a look at the amazing time our Year 12 Biology students had at Epping Forest.

### Biblical Pause

Take some time to reflect on this past week ...

### Artist of the week

Let's see what amazing art and textiles work has been created this week.

### Weekly Maths Problem

Can you solve our weekly maths problem? Take it to your teacher and see what they think.

**Mrs Course (Head of Sixth Form) writes:**

It is amazing to think a year has passed since we appointed our outgoing prefect team. Lois, Dan, Lucy, Ester, Sam and Calum were a fantastic support to the school. They have served the school with kindness, respect and complete dedication. As they go onto new and exciting destinations, I want to wholeheartedly thank them for all they have done. We will miss them and look forward to keeping in touch with them through our Alumni.

With our biggest ever Year 12 cohort, we then had the incredibly difficult task of choosing our next senior prefect team. Due to the growing Sixth Form, we decided to grow the team. This means we appointed 6 deputies.

To apply to be a senior prefect the students submitted a written application, presented to a room full of staff and governors and then were interviewed by two different panels. We had 22 applicants for 8 places. It was a truly competitive process. During the interviews and presentations, it was clear that the students had some exciting ideas they want to introduce. After successfully completing this process, we were delighted to appoint the new team.

Mrs Knowles and I are excited to be working with them all and, as one of their first jobs, we have handed the newsletter over to them today so they can introduce themselves to you.



**Head Boy: Matthew Stephens**

**Head Girl: Naima Rayman**

## Our Next Senior Prefects:



### Max Barton

Having been at the school since the age of eleven, I have been fully immersed in the school's environment from day one. It has always been a welcoming and nourishing environment, where everyone is allowed to explore their passions freely. For me this is the sciences. For my A-Levels, I have chosen Biology, Chemistry and Psychology and hope to pursue a career in Dentistry with a view to specialising in maxillofacial surgery.

I believe one of the main driving forces for the world is people helping other. Therefore, when I heard of this opportunity, I thought it would be a great way to help the people of Becket Keys. This is also why I hope to go on to study dentistry, as what better way to help other people than to fix or mitigate their problems and comfort their concerns.

I am very enthusiastic to be working with the other senior prefects over the upcoming year to help better an already outstanding school. I am particularly excited to assist in the running of the 2024

Sports Day, a staple for every school summer and an opportunity for students to participate as a team.



### Connie Gibson

Having joined Becket Keys in Year 7, I feel honoured to have the amazing opportunity to give back to the community which has allowed me to grow both academically and personally. The ability to represent the school in the position of Deputy Head Girl is a huge privilege.

I am currently studying English Literature, Spanish and Drama at A-level. These subjects have allowed me to inherit a wide range of skills which I am able to transfer to my performance in this Senior Prefect position and serve the school well. In the future, I aspire to further develop my language skills and hopefully be able to study and work in Spain one day.

Throughout my time in Sixth Form, I have been able to establish connections with students across many years through my experiences in mentoring, being involved in the school production and volunteering for multiple

events, such as open evenings.

Outside of school, I am part of a local dance school and I enjoy performing in whole-school dance shows every year. In addition, I work part-time as a waitress, and I have learnt valuable skills such as organisation and teamwork which I can bring to the role.

I am looking forward to representing the school over the next year, and I aspire to be a positive role model, creating a safe and welcoming environment for all students.



### Rosetta Joseph

Having joined Becket Keys as an external student, I am so grateful for the warm welcome I have received. I feel honoured to be able to join the senior prefect team as Deputy Head Girl and give back to our school community. The experiences that I have gained from attending this school have allowed me to become well acquainted with the school's values and mission, in hope of showing them and encouraging others to do the same in their daily lives.



I currently study A Level Mathematics, Computer Science and History with the attention of taking on a Computer Science Apprenticeship Degree or a Law Degree. While these subjects are far from a walk in the park, I thoroughly enjoy my subjects and the wide variety of skills they require for me to succeed in them. The three subjects are thought provoking and allow me to have a deeper understanding of situations I encounter. I also have great passion for the subjects, making this the perfect combination for me.

During my time here, I have volunteered in Year 9 and Year 7 Mathematics classes. This opportunity has allowed me to support younger students and become a helper outside of the classroom too. I also plan to create a Model UN club to promote diversity and inclusivity in the school, so that students can express themselves.

I look forward to working with the rest of the senior prefect team and resolving future challenges together. I hope to become a shoulder to lean on for the school community and encourage those around me to aim high because the sky's the limit.



## **Isabel Slaney**

My name is Isabel Slaney, and I now hold the position of Deputy Head Girl. Currently, I am studying Art, Music and English Literature at A Level, and I am hoping to pursue a degree in Fine Art at university.

Outside of school, I love singing and have performed at multiple venues around Brentwood in a music duo. My passion for music is also displayed through my involvement with the Brentwood Imperial Youth Band, in which I play the saxophone and occasionally sing at concerts. Within school, I am heavily involved with the Music department, and I am a part of the Upper School Choir, Gospel Choir and Stage Band. Playing a role in these groups has strengthened my ability to work as a team and given me the opportunity to make connections with younger years. I hope that I will continue to be a good role model to them in my position as a senior prefect.

As made obvious by my A level choices, I am very fond of the creative arts and find myself devoting most of my time to these subjects; I have a love for painting, sketching

and the ability to create something out of nothing. I particularly enjoy portraiture using oil paints, favouring the older renaissance period of works, and have recently entered a competition for this style.

Having been a student at Becket Keys since 2018, I have a strong understanding of the values and want to give back to a school which has given me so much support throughout my time in education. I hope to furthermore extend myself in this role and continue to be a model of these values.

Recently, I have also signed up to partake in the 2025 World Challenge in Cambodia along with one of my fellow senior prefects; together we are fundraising for this trip and have been organising an ABBA themed music evening for the October half term – dates will be out soon!



## **Lowri Cole**

My name is Lowri Cole, and I have achieved the position of Deputy Head Girl. I am studying English, Religion and Philosophy, and Drama at A level. I am hoping to go to a Russell Group University

to study English Literature at degree level.

Some of my hobbies include playing the piano, singing, and playing sport. I have played for my netball club for ten years, and in that time, I have always played the position of goal defence. This season, we won our division, meaning we will be promoted next year! During my time as a netballer, I have also played for London Pulse, which allowed me to progress significantly as a sportsperson and meet a variety of people. For a number of years I was a member of the Aspire England Basketball Academy. I also represented Essex for basketball and, at an inter-county' tournament, I was named the MVP across all counties. Being a part of these clubs has taught me how to be a team player, and how to collaborate with my peers effectively, which will be very useful for my work as a senior prefect.

Since joining Becket Keys in 2018, I have been heavily involved in all of the sports on offer. In the summer months I have enjoyed athletics and throwing the discus – I even hold a few records for it, which are displayed in the corridors of the Sports Hall. I represented Mid-Essex, throwing the discus in the Essex schools' championships. These days I am more focused on Drama and Music. I recently earned the role of 'Willy Wonka' in this year's school production – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. I also enjoy

performing in the termly chamber concerts. It is my love for representing the school that made me realise how much I wanted to be a member of the senior prefect team. I feel that, in this position, I will be able to represent the school even further, especially at events such as open days.

In 2025, I am embarking on the World Challenge to Cambodia, where I will help to build housing and schools in the most rural parts of the country. Another member of the senior prefect team is coming with me, and we are planning to fundraise our way there, namely by putting on an ABBA themed show in the October half term. We hope to see some of you there!



### **Vivek Kumar**

Joining Becket keys has been a tremendous opportunity. I have received a very warm welcome from the school community, embraced the school values and settled in well. Having been an external student, I immediately felt part of the Becket Keys family and have really connected with the students across all year groups. The A-levels I study are Mathematics, Economics and Politics which will provide the driving knowledge and tools I

will use later in life. Since joining the school, I have diligently undertaken my duties, highlighting the value of responsibility. Furthermore, I have enjoyed representing the school at events such as open evenings and I look forward to future events.

Outside of school, I represent Hornchurch Cricket club and mentor some of the younger players in my free time. I look forward to promoting diversity, and inclusivity in the school.

The reason I applied for this prestigious role is that I feel that it is my duty to give back to school for the very warm welcome I received when joining. I am very excited to be working with the new Senior Prefect Team. We will demonstrate the values of teamwork, communication and problem solving, while acting as a positive role model for the younger students to look up to. At the same time, we will strive for excellence and success.



### **Matthew Stephens**

I joined Becket Keys in the September of 2018, going through my whole secondary school life here, so it is my privilege to now represent and uphold our school values as

Head Boy of the school. I hope that being a senior prefect, I will have the ability to act as a role model for other students around the school through displaying our Christian values of respect, responsibility, kindness, and honesty. I am very excited to be working with the new Senior Prefect Team and the wonderful staff here at Becket Keys. I believe that by working together we can create a healthy and positive environment and school community for staff and students alike.

Currently, I am studying Biology, History and Drama at A Level. All three of these subjects provide me with different challenges and areas which I thoroughly enjoy. Drama has provided me with the confidence and skills needed to present in front of people, while History has developed my analytical and evaluative skills and helped me understand what we can learn from the past. Biology has provided me with a deeper understanding of the world we live in. These are all skills which I will use to ensure that I am an effective Senior prefect.

My aim as Head Boy is to encourage all students to get involved in the school community. This would be through clubs, volunteering, and events etc. I hope that I will provide current and future students with extracurricular activities that will enrich their learning journey at Becket Keys.



## Naima Rayman

I joined Becket Keys in September 2023, so you could say that I am fairly new to the school. As an external student, I am grateful for the opportunity given to me to represent Becket Keys as Head Girl. I aim to not only be a role model for students of all year groups and backgrounds, but to leave a lasting impact that can inspire future students. By joining the Becket Keys community, I have been able to encompass the school values and apply them to every thought, decision, and action that I make.

I currently study Politics, English Literature and RP - so you can assume that I have had to use many pens this year! Although these subjects are quite taxing, I really do enjoy them, and I believe that they will feed well into my plans to take on a law degree (hopefully with a year abroad). These subjects have enabled me to strengthen my writing skills and laid a path for me to immerse myself into topics that I genuinely find interesting. I am currently trying to organise a trip to the Supreme Court for my Politics class, as we have been learning about its

history, significance and inner workings.

As a Becket Keys student, I have been given numerous opportunities, from helping at after school events to volunteering with a Year 8 class. I have been able to strengthen skills such as leadership, whilst simultaneously being able to listen to and understand the points of view from students across all year groups, which is integral to a Senior Prefect role.

Outside of school, I partake in extracurricular music. This has helped me to build the team working skills which I aim to use throughout my time as Head Girl. Also, through Becket Keys, I have been able to take part in an Oxford Law programme which has heavily built my knowledge surrounding the law, helping me to establish what I want to do in the future – so just a word of advice for Sixth Form students, checking your emails for such opportunities is a good idea.

I look forward to working with the Senior Prefect team to leave a lasting impact as positive role models - creating an enthusiastic and welcoming environment. I aim to enrich the community with every step I take, conquering challenges as they come. Finally, I encourage all students from each year group to take every opportunity as it arises, as you never know where it could take you.





## Lost Property

If your son/daughter has misplaced anything at school, then kindly inform them that all lost property is taken to Reception for collection.

- Keys
- Jewellery
- Glasses
- PE kits
- Bags
- Water Bottles

Please make sure all your children's belongings have names on them, this will ensure that lost property can be returned more easily.

## This week, UpLearn scores are on the rise for our Sixth Form students.

If you didn't know, UpLearn is an amazing app that our STEM A Level students utilise as a revision resource.

UpLearn benefits all who use it. It prioritises parts of subjects that many students get wrong. It provides concise and organised revision that is easy and accessible to use.

**Well done to all our A Level students, keep up the good work!**



**Performance Dates: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th July 2024.**

**Doors open at 6:30pm, curtain up at 7:00pm.**

Tickets are now on sale for the spectacular Becket Keys production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' All tickets are priced at £10.50 each and are available on Parent Pay. If you do not have a student at the school and therefore do not have a Parent Pay account for Becket Keys, please ask at reception.

## 2024 Biology Field Trip: Epping Forest



Last Week we saw our Year 12 biologists adventure out into Epping Forest to conduct many experiments and discoveries around the area.

They discovered how intricate the environment of a small pond can be and how biological and non-biological factors can affect an environment and the species that live in it.



Our students had an amazing time. They learnt skills that cannot be taught in a classroom. We encourage all students to get involved in fieldwork. It will help them in their future careers.





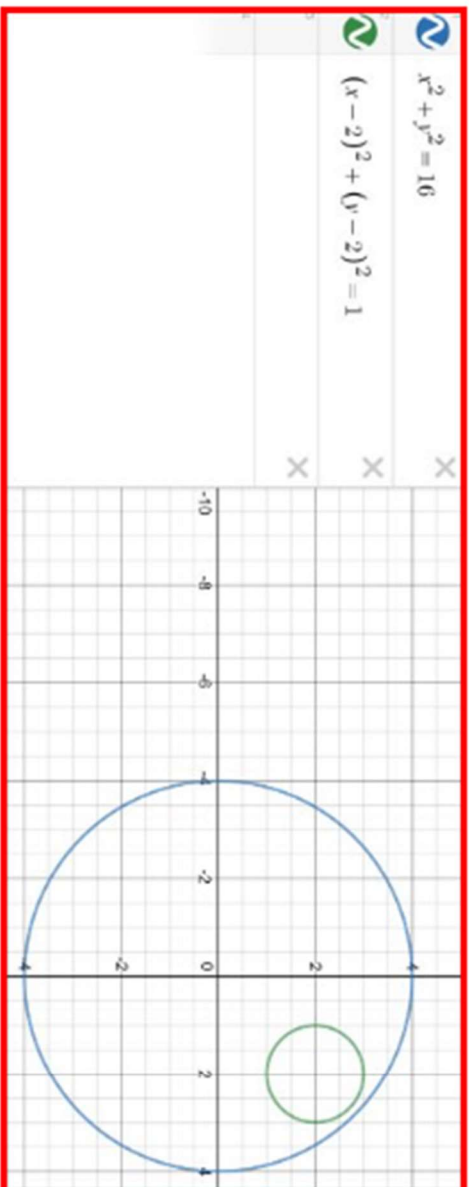
## Can you solve this weeks Maths problem?

# RET Mathematics Challenge

Using the website [Desmos www.desmos.com](https://www.desmos.com) input the following graphs:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 16$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 1$$



Continue inputting equations in order to draw a face

You may also wish to use  $\leq$  and  $\geq$

Print a copy of your equations and face onto a PowerPoint slide

Entries to your maths teacher by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

**RET**

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Let us take a moment today to reflect on this week



LET'S TAKE A  
**PAUSE**

Lord God,

Thank you for this opportunity to learn new skills and stretch my understanding.

Thank you for guiding me through this time of study into the final exams.

I lay before you all the hopes and fears I have about the outcome.

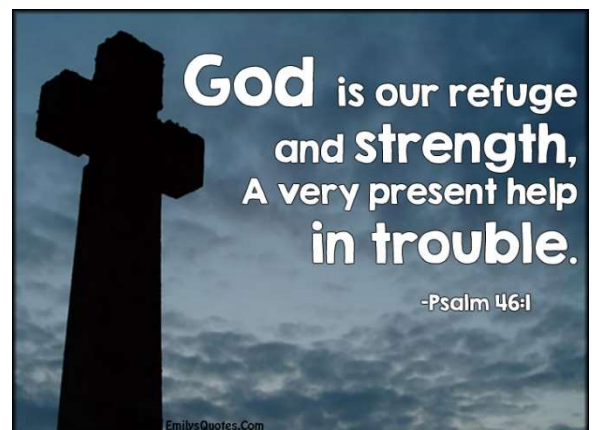
May you place a peace within me now as I rest and await the results.

Thank you that I am safely held in your love.

Thank you that whatever happens in the future I will live in your goodness and walk with you always.

**Amen.**

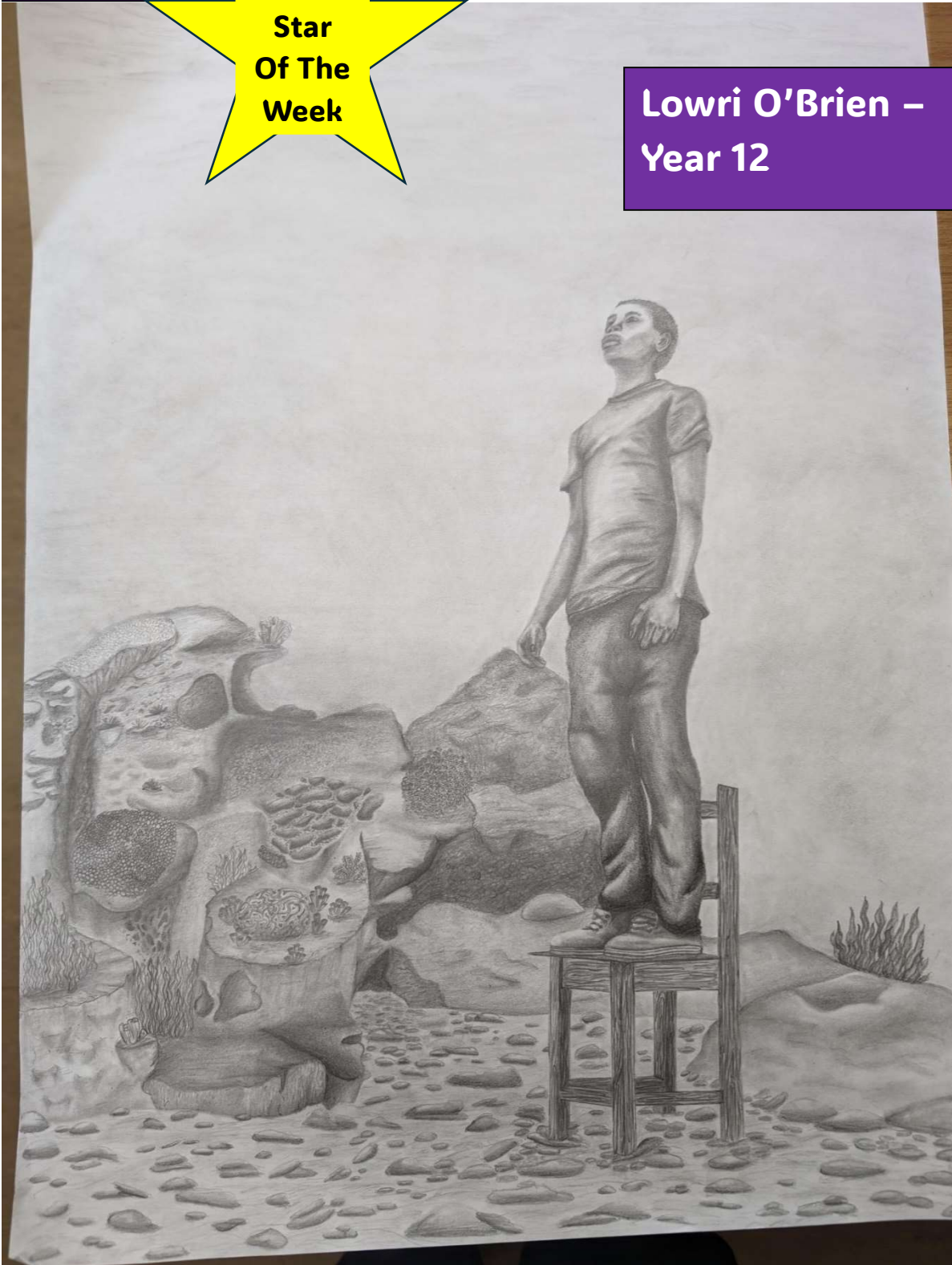
As our Year 11 and 13 students enter what can be a daunting time in their lives, as a school community we must up lift those who are struggling.



The Art Department's....

**Star  
Of The  
Week**

**Lowri O'Brien –  
Year 12**





## Dates for Your Diary

### Whitsun Holiday

29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

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### Yr7 & 12 Exams

3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June

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### Yr10 Subject Consultation

#### Evening

13<sup>th</sup> June

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### Inset Days

14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June

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### Sixth Form Bridging Event

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June

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### Yr9 Exams

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June

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