

Becket Keys Church of England School

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CAREERS FAIR - ENRICHMENT DAY 2024

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Dear Parents, Students, and
Staff,

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is both a time for reflection and a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to some members of our Becket Keys family who will be moving on to new adventures. I would like to take this opportunity to thank some teachers for their service and dedication to our school.

Mrs. Blacow

Mrs. Blacow has been a cornerstone of our Mathematics Department, serving as both Head of Mathematics and Head of Key Stage 5 Mathematics. During her tenure, she has had the joy of welcoming two beautiful babies into her family. Now, she will be moving to a

school closer to home to better balance her family life and work commitments. Mrs. Blacow's leadership has seen the Mathematics Department become increasingly fruitful and being firmly established as our biggest and most popular A Level; her passion for teaching has inspired both colleagues and students alike. She will be greatly missed for her professionalism, dedication, and the warmth she brought to our school community. Mrs Bellis will continue to be an A Level mathematics teacher and will replace Mrs Blacow's allocation. Mrs Musharbash will be promoted to Head of Key Stage 5 Mathematics.

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pandemic as an Early Career Teacher (ECT), she was interviewed online, and has since grown into a remarkable Head of Year 9 and science teacher. Her hard work and conscientious nature have made her a beloved figure among students and staff. She has been involved in numerous school trips, bringing learning to life outside the classroom. Miss Morgan's dedication to her role, especially during such challenging times, has been exemplary, and her absence will certainly be felt. We wish her well in her new role as part of the leadership team of the new Sixth Form at St Clere's. Mr Birkett will be returning to the school to be zIC in Science and replace Miss Morgan's science teaching and Mrs Palmer will be promoted to Head of Year 9.

Miss Lin

As the Head of Mandarin, Miss Lin has guided our Mandarin programme to impressive heights, consistently achieving top results. Her excellence in teaching and leadership has made a significant impact on our students' learning experiences. Miss Lin is moving to Brentwood School for a new challenge, and while we are sad to see her go, we are excited for her as she embarks on this new journey. Her dedication and commitment to our students' success have left a lasting legacy. We will be promoting Mrs Zhang to Head of Department and Miss Tian will be joining our Mandarin Team.



Mrs. Culling

This is our second farewell to Mrs. Culling, who first joined us as an ECT and returned this year to support the PE Department during Mrs. Schafer's maternity leave. Mrs. Culling has been a versatile and popular teacher, contributing significantly to both PE and Geography. Her extra-curricular teams have seen notable successes this year, a testament to her coaching and leadership. As she takes a step back to spend more time with her family, we extend our deepest gratitude for her contributions and look forward to her potential return in the future. We are promoting Mr Ison to Head of Department and Mrs Schafer is returning as Second in Charge.

Miss Jia

Finally, we bid farewell to Miss Jia, who has volunteered this year as a Chinese Teaching Assistant.

Coming all the way from China, she has provided invaluable support to our students, particularly the Year 13s taking their A Level Mandarin. Her kind and gentle presence has been a source of encouragement and positivity around the school. We will miss her greatly and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

To each of these wonderful members of staff, thank you for your dedication, hard work, and the lasting impact you have made on our school community. Your contributions have been invaluable, and you will always be a cherished part of the Becket Keys family.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher



Performance Dates: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th July 2024. Doors open at 6:30pm, curtain up at 7:00pm.

The last few tickets remain 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.

Don't miss out! Get your tickets now!

Remember, students have been grouped into two casts: a purple and gold cast. They are aware of which cast they are a part of. The casts will be called in the following order for the performances:

Monday matinée: GOLD CAST

(Primary School performance, no tickets on sale)

Monday evening: PURPLE CAST

Tuesday evening: PURPLE CAST

Wednesday evening: GOLD CAST

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Refreshments will be available to purchase prior to each show and during the interval, please note that we can only accept cash for these purchases and all money will go to the Performing Art Department funds.

Governors' Speech & Awards 2024

Mr Scott-Evans took time to present the awards to the students who were unable to attend the awards evening last week.

Well done to all those who received one of these prestigious awards.



Enrichment Day 2024

Our final Enrichment Day of the year involved a range of motivating and engaging activities. These days support the PSHE and Careers curriculum as well as offering our students the opportunity to acquire new knowledge and understanding to help broaden horizons and strengthen character.

Year 7-10

Our students were involved in a range of sessions focusing on teamwork, careers, mental health, Science and Computer Science.

Careers:



Friends of Becket Keys, our Governors, parents, teachers and our the wider school community supported our Careers Fair. Over 30 employers spent time talking to each of our students about their jobs, the opportunities in their sector, qualifications and training needed. They also provided an opportunity for the students to ask questions, which they did with interest, enthusiasm and maturity. Many of our visitors expressed how well students represented our school. The experience of being able to hear from a range of employers and career pathways was motivating, engaging, and inspiring.



On behalf of the students and staff at Becket Keys thank you to our wonderful volunteers, you truly provided an insightful and influential opportunity for all involved.



Online Safety/Mental Health:

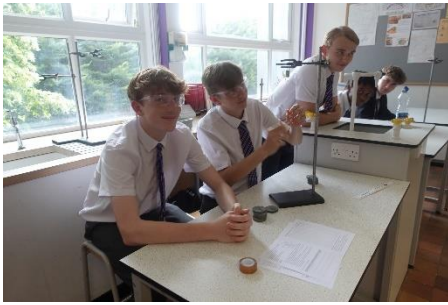
In this session students met a singer and songwriter, DRCY. DRCY performed a number of live pieces and spoke to students about how important it is to keep yourself safe online and to protect and maintain your mental health. DRCY displayed her excellent musical talents and spoke with passion and strength.

Computer Science:

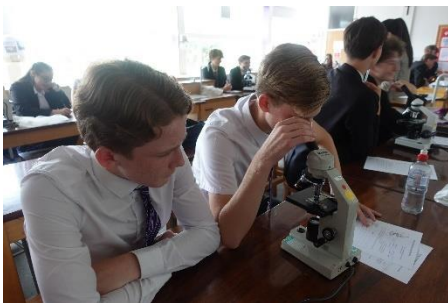
Creativity, organisation, and evaluation skills were at the forefront of these sessions. Mrs Pogoda organised an IT session based on exploration of key skills involved in the IT world. Students explored a range of Career pathways that are available using innovative technology.

Science:

The Year 7s completed an experiment based on purifying water during a zombie apocalypse! And the Year 10s completed practicals in preparation for their exams. Sessions were interactive and exciting for all.



outstanding performances during the games, an exceptional example of this was Amy Leppard’s report! The teamwork from all form groups was remarkable and the impressive victories from Year 8 WW and Year 9 PP were celebrated by all.



The PE Department

The PE department held the first inter-house rounders competition and it was incredibly successful. The event aimed to foster teamwork, sportsmanship, and school spirit among the Year 8 and 9 students. All forms had playing and non-playing roles, including a reporter, scorer, team manager and umpire. The reporters added comments on

This fun, interactive, practical session encouraged students to use effective communication, time-keeping, strategic planning and thinking. These versatile skills will continue to benefit our students in and outside of school life.

Matinee Performance - Charlie & The Chocolate Factory

The Year 7s were able to spend the afternoon watching the dress rehearsal of the school production ‘Charlie & the Chocolate Factory’. The students witnessed all the hard work and dedication of the Performing Arts Department.



This Enrichment Day encouraged our students to think about how learning will help them in their life after school and gave them inspiration and motivation for when they think about their next steps. Thank you to staff, students and our volunteers for a positive day to end a successful school year.

Ms North
Head of Careers & PSHE



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The Whole School Photo is now available to view and purchase.

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All photographs will be sent straight to home addresses and free card mounts will be available to collect from the school office from the middle of next week. Any queries please contact Carmel Jane Photography direct.

Email:

info@carmeljane.co.uk

Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-5pm)

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Transitioning into Medical/Dental School Sunday 21st July, 11am to 2pm.

During this conference, the students will receive a guided tour of what to expect in their first term at medical school, invaluable advice on transitioning smoothly from sixth form to university, and essential guidance on key life skills like budgeting and maintaining a work-life balance. Join us for an enriching session that will equip them for the exciting journey ahead!

Register your place at the Transitioning into Medical School conference for FREE today:

<https://airtable.com/appV717EwnblfNUGi/shrilzGTuXqFruQgl>



The Coronation garden is looking lovely in the sunshine. The weather has improved (finally!) and the students are able to enjoy the outdoor spaces around the school.

Please make sure that your son/daughter has adequate drinking water for the day. This is especially important during this spell of warm weather on the days they have PE. Students can wear a plain hat during their outdoor sessions and of course sun cream is a must!



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 lunchtimes

Free School Meals



Free School Meal Vouchers

Summer Holiday

Further funding for Free School Meal vouchers for the Summer break 2024 has been allocated by the Local Authority. As with previous holidays, the school will be using the school voucher system, Wonde, to issue vouchers.

The local authority has confirmed this is the only voucher that you will be able to order. There is unfortunately no more funding after this point.

Parents and carers of eligible children will have received an email from Wonde to allow you to claim a voucher for £75 for this period. Please check your junk mail if you have not received this. The email will contain a link to "redeem a voucher". You will be taken to Wonde's "evouchers" page (previously named Schoolvouchers), where you will need to enter your details and confirm your email address before being asked to select the retailer you wish to receive a voucher for.

The current retailers available are Asda, Aldi, Farmfoods, M&S, Iceland, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Waitrose and Tesco. You will then be given a PIN and the option to view the voucher. Having confirmed the PIN, you will be issued your voucher. The voucher barcode can be printed off or scanned on a smartphone for use in-store.

Details of the process and more questions about evouchers can be found on their website : [I'm a recipient – Evouchers](#)

Sports News

Under 13s

Girls' Cricket



The U13 girls' team came up against a competitive St Martin's side in yesterday's game.

The girls chased down 38 runs to win in dramatic style when they realised they needed 12 runs to win with 2 overs left! Just in time they managed to snatch the win! Fantastic bowling and batting from the girls throughout the game!



Becket Keys Sports Day New Date

THURSDAY
18TH JULY 2024

ON THE
SPORTS FIELD
(Across the road)

Parents & Carers are welcome to attend from
12.40pm.

Please remember that students will need snacks
and drinks for the day, suncream and a hat!

There will be an ice-cream van on the field for the
afternoon and so please bring some cash if you
would like to purchase one.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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WORLD CHALLENGE TRIP TO BORNEO
THURSDAY 4TH JULY – FRIDAY 18TH JULY
2024

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YEAR 9 TRIP TO CHINA
FRIDAY 5TH JULY – TUESDAY 16TH JULY
2024

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YEAR 7 MANOR ADVENTURE
RESIDENTIAL
FRIDAY 12TH – SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024

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SCHOOL PRODUCTION
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
MONDAY 15TH – WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY
2024

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NEW DATE
SPORTS DAY
THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2024

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LAST DAY OF TERM
STUDENT HALF DAY
FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2024

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