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WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – 10 OCTOBER 2024

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World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is an annual awareness day observed every 10th October. It's the [World's Federation for Mental Health](#) (WFMH) initiative with the objective to raise awareness of mental health matters, to increase efforts to support mental health, and to reduce the stigma often attached to mental illness.

Having a dedicated awareness day highlights a topic of great importance. Everyone has mental health – it matters 365 days of the year. The 10th October was an opportunity to encourage everyone to look after their own mental well-being and those of

others, through greater understanding and empathy.



At Becket Keys we have concentrating on the five simple steps recommended by the Public Health Agency to help maintain and improve wellbeing.

Connect with people around you. Family, friends, colleagues and neighbours are important people in our lives, and we should all spend time developing relationships with them. Building on the connections you have will support you and enrich each day.

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Be active! Go for a walk, run or cycle to school, play a game with friends or dance in your bedroom! Try and find a physical activity that you enjoy that suits you and your lifestyle. Students can increase their physical activity by joining one of the Sports clubs available, or playing football, netball, basketball or table tennis during breaks.

Take Notice. Stop for a moment and look around you. What can you see, feel or taste? We can all stop for a moment during our busy lives to look for something beautiful, new or extraordinary as we go through our everyday routine.

Keep learning: Don't be afraid to try something new. Try a new hobby or sport, learn to play an instrument or try a new recipe. Take a look at our [extra-curricular club timetable](#) and choose something that you have never tried before.

Give: Do something nice for a stranger, say thank you, smile help members of the wider community or volunteer your time. Students have certainly been acting on this step this week: we have had a number of Harvest donations and hundreds of students offered their time to assist with the Open Event last night.

If you or any member of your family are struggling at the moment then there is help available. There are a number of organisations you can turn to..



Becket Keys Open Event

Yesterday we held our school Open Event. We were delighted to be able to welcome over 1500 visitors into school.

We love showing new people our school, as these events are the best way for students and their families to find out what Becket Keys is like. This school is a distinctive choice. No one is here just because it is their catchment school; everyone has specifically chosen to come here. That gives it a particular feel.

Most importantly, our Christian ethos sets us apart. Not everyone knows how a Church School operates; these events give people a chance to find out.

As always, it was pleasure to take prospective parents and students on tours of the school. The politeness of students, professionalism of our staff and standard of our facilities is something of which we are very proud.

We are extremely grateful to the teachers, student tour guides and department helpers. We are also grateful for the commitment of our school families in supporting these events with late school pickups etc. These events are important for the wider community and help families reach important decisions about the future for their sons and daughters. Thank you for your continuing support of our school.





We were inundated with volunteers for the Open Event this year and three of our Year 7 girls, Ava Foster, Phoebe Anderton and Lara Muir stood up on the stage in front of a packed Main Hall and shared their experiences of coming to Becket Keys as new Year 7 students. All three performed beautifully and we are delighted that their experiences have been so positive.

Here is what Phoebe had to say:

Good evening, I'm Phoebe and I am in year seven at Becket Keys. If I am honest, I felt very nervous about moving from primary to secondary school. I loved my time at primary school and the move to secondary school seemed like a big step. I remember looking around the school this time last year and thinking to myself that I would never be able to find my way around and remember everything.

I needn't have worried – everyone at Becket Keys has been so friendly and welcoming to us year sevens. I think the thing that stands out about this school, is the teachers; their support with classwork, homework and moving around the school has been great. I feel safe knowing that I could approach any of them if I had an issue, particularly my new form tutor who we see on a daily basis. One of the biggest changes from primary to secondary is the amount of homework you receive. All of your homework is given on an app called satchel one. I have found this really useful as it makes it very clear what is expected of you and when. This has really helped me manage my time and not become overwhelmed.

Joining Becket Keys has given me the opportunity to try a variety of new things including becoming part of the drama club, using Bunsen burners in science and using recording equipment in music. There are so many clubs on offer – both at lunchtime and after

school - there really is something for everyone. This has been a great way for me to meet others who have similar interests and gain more confidence. The teachers are really passionate about their subjects and making the lessons interesting.

A big highlight for me has been the food at Becket Keys! There is always something delicious to choose from and I have really enjoyed the independence in choosing my own snacks and lunch each day and using my thumb to pay for it!

Starting at Becket Keys has definitely pushed me out of my comfort zone and given me the courage to try new things - I represented the school at cross country this week, which is something I would never have done this time last year. Each lesson is with a different group of people which again, is a great way of mixing with a wide range of different people.

Overall, I have really enjoyed my start at Becket Keys – I feel safe, welcomed and well supported by everyone here and hope that if you join the school you will be happy in your time here too.



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Harvest Appeal 2024



If able please support our Harvest Brentwood Foodbank Appeal to help local residents in crisis. It is an example of how we can reach out and share our harvest, as God intended.

Over the next few weeks, staff, students, visitors and friends of Becket Keys can bring their donations directly to the school to add to our Harvest Display in the Main Reception.

The final day for donations will be Monday 16th October. The current shortage items are shown here. This offering will demonstrate our practical and prayerful response to the needs of others, as we acknowledge and thank God for the earth's riches.



9,675

three-day emergency food supplies given to people in crisis last year



Brentwood Foodbank
Doddinghurst Road Community Church
www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk

HARVEST APPEAL

HELP LOCAL PEOPLE FACING HARDSHIP

Tinned Veg & Potatoes	Tinned Fish
Tinned Meat	Tinned Fruit
Jam / Marmalade	Biscuits
Tinned Spaghetti	Bags of Rice
Jars of Pasta Sauce	Savoury Rice
Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Soup
Tinned Rice Pudding	Tinned Custard

Tea Bags / Jars of Coffee / Sugar

Longlife Milk / Squash

**Donations of any of these items would
be greatly appreciated**


**We also welcome donations of cleaning products
and toiletries**

Brentwood Foodbank facilitated by Doddinghurst Road Community Church
Registered Charity Number 1171227



**BRENTWOOD FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

Extra-Curricular Clubs



WOOL CRAFT CLUB

MAKE WOOL INTO LOVELY STUFF

Come along and enjoy trying a new wool craft. All wool and equipment will be provided.

WHEN: Thursday Lunchtime P4:2
12.45 – 1.25

WHERE: C20

You are welcome to bring your packed lunch with you.

Mrs Simmons

KS3 science club!

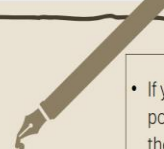

- For Year 7, 8 and 9 students.
- This club will be starting on Monday 30th September.
- 3.10– 4pm in W23.

Come along if you would like to do some fun practical science experiments and activities you do not get to do in lessons!

Writing Club!

Fridays - 15:10 – 16:30
Library B
Miss Bolt

- If you enjoy writing stories, plays, poems, scripts or graphic novels then join us Friday afterschool in Library B!
- Come and enjoy some time for writing with like-minded people!
- Prompts, paper, pens and resources provided!
- You can stay for as long or as little as you like.

New Y8 and Y9 club!


When? Wednesday at 12:15

What? Come practice your language skills and compete against other students!


Who? Open to all Y8 and Y9 students

Where? C33

Mrs Bolaños & Mrs Barker




duolingo



Y7, Y8 and Y9 Mandarin lunch time club (for Mandarin students only)

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Every Friday 13:00-13:30	Every Monday 12:10-12:40	Every Wednesday 12:10-12:40
First session will be on 4 th October	First session will be on 30 th September	First session will be on 2 nd October



YEAR 7 SOCIAL CLUB

- Come to year 7 social club!
- A place for year sevens to meet new people, play some games, do some crafts and sit and chill!
- Wednesday lunchtimes in Library B!
- You are welcome to bring lunch with you.

Mandarin Department



Mid-Autumn Festival

The Mid–Autumn Festival, also known as Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival, is a traditional festival celebrated in China. It is the second-most important holiday after the Chinese New Year with a history dating back 3,000 years.

The Mid-Autumn is on 15th August lunar month each year. This year it was on the 17th of September. On this day, the Chinese believe that the moon is at its brightest and fullest size, coinciding with harvest time in the middle of Autumn.

In our Mandarin Year 7,8 and 9 classes, students were read the legendary story of the Mid-Autumn Festival, and we explained that Chinese families normally get together on this day to have a feast, followed by moonazing and eating the festival snack, mooncakes, a rich pastry typically filled with sweet-bean, lotus-seed paste or other savoury filling. The round shape of the mooncake symbolises the full moon and the family reunion.

Our Year 7 and 8 Mandarin Excellence Programme students



were given the task to design a poster about the festival for the poster competition. The work submitted showed the students had done lots of research into the festival. We are amazed by the high standard of the work that our students produced! The posters are not only informative, but also visually appealing, and

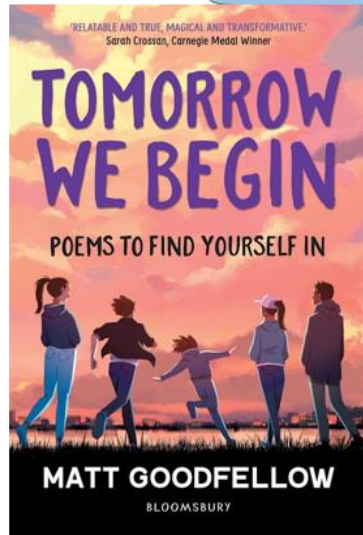
they showcase the artistic skills our students have.

Above are a few of the fantastic posters that were submitted. We are incredibly proud of our students!

Ms Tian
Teacher of Mandarin



Book of the Month - October



'Nobody ever told me there was a space called poetry where I could find a shape for all the thoughts I carried.'

This first-person poetry narrates the journey of a boy navigating the highs and lows of secondary school – from a first day of long sleeves and clumpy shoes, to burning textbooks on graduation.

The poems vary in style, structure and theme, but this book takes the reader on an emotional rollercoaster; from anger at your teachers to those blissful, simple days with your mates. There is a space in Matt's poetry for all teens to feel seen, whether poetry is their thing or not!

It should be noted that this book contains swear words and includes content which readers may find challenging. However, while difficult themes are addressed, they are explored sensitively and with plenty of lightness to balance the darker moments.

It is a great example of the power of poetry as a form of expression for young people.



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale Saturday 19th October 24 School Playground 11.00am – 12.30pm

If you have any uniform you would like to donate, please send it to the Main Reception with your son/daughter. We are particularly looking for aprons, ties, PE shorts, skirts and t-shirts.

Thank you!



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>.

LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property is stored in reception. If your son/daughter has misplaced anything, please send them to collect it. Remember to name all items of uniform so that things can be returned.



School Uniform

It is important to all of us that every one of the students who attend Becket Keys looks smart in their uniform at all times. All students are required to wear shoes and not trainers.

Girls in Year 7-9, should have their hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up/ half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please. If boys have hair they too need to have it tied up.



Now that the weather is getting colder, please remember that all students will be in need of a **COAT** – Plain **BLACK** without coloured flashes, logos or slogans, no 'fashion items', no 'puffer' jackets. Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.

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Sports News

Year 11

Boys' Rugby

In a closely contested match, the Year 11 rugby team endured a narrow defeat, losing 28-24 in a thrilling encounter against Anglo European School.

After some shaky moments in the beginning where we conceding an early try, Will opened his Becket Keys account with a powerful run, setting the tone for an exciting first half. Daniel's defensive resilience kept the pressure on the opposition, while James showcased his ability in both attack and defense, thwarting several scoring opportunities.

After the break, Oscar sneaked in to scoot the ball to the try line to bring the rejuvenated boys back into contention. Nic, Will and Matty made significant contributions, with Nic and Matty's relentless tackling and Will's dynamic ball carries keeping the momentum in our favor. Morgan displayed his leadership, rallying the team and ensuring everyone remained focused despite the mounting pressure. Jules, Joe and Lewis continued to stand firm to help thwart any mounting attacks that came their way.

As the match progressed, Alex's tenacity was evident as he fought hard for every metre. Arthur, Josh and Denis proved ever-present in helping keep the pendulum swinging in favour of Becket Keys.



Nic was instrumental in the final moments, nearly sealing the comeback with a stunning break, which left Ollie to pick up the loose ball from his run to secure what looked like an unlikely win. However, Anglo's experience showed, as in the dying embers of the match, they unpicked the Becket Keys defence, breaking through our gallant defensive effort.

Despite the defeat, the team showed great resilience and determination of which the boys can only be proud.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



We have had an excellent turn out for both boys' and girls' football on a Wednesday and Thursday. It has been wonderful to see so many students participating in these clubs.

Year 7/8/9 10&11 boys rugby club and girls year 7/8/9 10&11 netball clubs have also been very popular.

It is not too late to join one of these clubs and we would encourage students to come along.



Rugby Tournament Year 7

Year 7 rugby tournament showcased an impressive display of teamwork and skill from our squad, as they faced three challenging matches. The team secured two wins and suffered one narrow defeat, highlighting their determination and resilience throughout the day.

In the first game, the team came out strong, with Finley leading the charge by scoring the opening try, setting a positive tone. The boys worked hard with Brodie and Theo demonstrating their speed and agility. The defense, led by Henry S, was formidable, with his outstanding ability to both tackle opponents and make precise passes under pressure.

The second match saw the team face a tough opponent. Despite their efforts and a brilliant try from Finley, they unfortunately fell short, suffering their only loss of the tournament. This defeat

only fueled their determination for the final game.

In the last match, the squad regrouped and displayed excellent teamwork. With Oscar and Brodie once again finding the try line, the team secured a well-deserved victory. Henry S continued to shine, making crucial tackles and distributing the ball effectively, while all players contributed to a solid defensive effort that kept the opposing team at bay. Overall, the team’s performance was commendable, showcasing not only individual talents but also the spirit of collaboration and sportsmanship. The efforts of Henry B, Teddy W, Teddy S, Bertie, Albert, AJ, Mathew, Theo,

Edward, Sonny, and Max were instrumental in achieving a successful tournament. With two wins and a lot of valuable experience gained, the future looks bright for this promising team!

Mr Carter
PE Teacher



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Brentwood District Cross Country Competition.

This competition came around quickly this year and as always it was fantastic to see so many of our students compete in a frightfully, competitive race!

Our Year 7 girls had been overexerted in lessons, running the senior girls race as a trials. Thankfully this time their route was a little shorter allowing them to put in 110% effort! They all did us proud.

Our returning students all put in a tremendous effort with some notable performances from Evie Warn, James Stevens, Max Sanderson and Joshua Eida.

Students have since been selected to compete in the ESAA 1st round of Nationals on Friday 11th October – please check the fixtures board to confirm your attendance.

As always, we are proud to showcase our students and it is always a pleasure to watch them compete.

We would like to thank all students who supported on the day, whether that be marshalling, funnelling or tidying. We would also like to thank Joshua Hall for returning to Becket Keys to support with this event – we could not have done it without you!

**Ms Schafer
PE Teacher**

Course 1 (Year 7 Girls)

Course Best: 5:40 – A.Khelfa - Shenfield High School



Course 2 (Year 8 & 9 Girls – Year 7 Boys)

Course Best: YR8 Girls: 7:09 - E.Kelley - St Martins
YR9 Girls: 6:57 - A.Shipton - St Martins
Yr7 Boys: 7.19 - L.Ward - Shenfield High School



The Senior Teams would do two laps of the course.



Senior Boys

BKS

Name	Place
M. Sanderson	1
J. Edia	2
M. Delea	4
G. Ashton	11
J. Adams	13
S. Carey	14
	45

BKS

Name	Place
J. Stevens	2
O. Poultney	5
J. McCann	6
O. Pallett	18
A. Kinnear	24
J. Allan	25
	80

Year 9 Boys

Year 8 Boys

Beckey Keys A

Name	Place
O. Everitt	12
L. tregette	13
S. Perea	15
O. Daly	26
A. Huntington	29
J. Van de Lit	20
	115

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Becket Keys A

Name	Place
M. Massarella	9
T. Baker	17
J. Northcott	20
H. Stevens	24
M. Tredgett	23
S. Ball	22
	115

Becket Keys B

Name	Place
S. Turner	29
H. Robinson	31
A. Hodgson	33
E. Wilson	34
O. Deal	35
T. Smith	44
	206

Year 7 Boys A & B

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Cross Country Results

Year 7 Results

Name	Place
C. Snow	4
A. Taylor	15
S. Crook	17
E. Gibson	28
G. Constantiniou	30
E. Eldred	36

Year 8 Results

A. Sawkins	6
K. Kingthorn	8
L. Watson	20
A. Constantinou	22
P. Featherston	25
I. Coombe	29

Year 9 Results

H. Vanderlit	16
B. Winney	27
H. Garlick	29
R. Watson	30
E. Abott	43
A. Fisher	44

Senior Girls

E. Warn	2
E. Thompson	9
E. Boreham	10
A. Lewis	12
A. Maher	19
I. Hutton	17

Becket Keys B

Name	Place
G. Rowe	38
C. Falcone	43
D. Anderton	53
E. Gense	66



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS
MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER –
FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2024

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ENRICHMENT DAY

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2024

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024

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LAST DAY OF TERM

STUDENT HALF DAY

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2024 –
FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2025

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025

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