



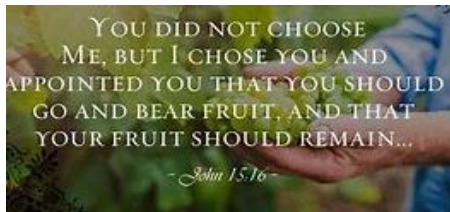
Becket Keys Church of England School

15th November 2024

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue to strive to 'bear fruit – fruit that will last' (John 15:16-17) at Becket Keys Church of England School, I am delighted to share with you our renewed commitment to fostering a positive and supportive environment through our updated Behaviour Policy. This policy, which you can access on our website [here](#), reflects our core values and dedication to character education.

At Becket Keys, we believe that character education is fundamental to the fruitful development of our students. Our

approach is encapsulated in the PRIME model, which stands for:

- **Priority:** We prioritise the character development of each student.
- **Relationships:** We seek to establish strong, respectful relationships between students and staff.
- **Intrinsic:** We encourage intrinsic motivation, helping students to develop self-discipline and responsibility.
- **Modelling:** We model our Christian values for our students to emulate.
- **Empowerment:** We empower students to take charge of their own learning and conduct and to speak up when they see things that are not right.

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Remembrance Day

The whole school was able to gather to show their respects for the fallen.
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Our [Behaviour Policy](#) outlines the high standards of conduct we expect from all our students, as well as the support and interventions we provide when these expectations are not met. It is designed to create a calm, safe, and conducive environment for learning, preparing our students for life beyond the school gates.

In line with our Christian ethos, we draw inspiration from the Bible. Micah 6:8 reminds us: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." This verse underpins our approach to behaviour and character education, guiding us to act with justice, mercy, and humility.

I am incredibly proud of our students, staff, and the entire Becket Keys community. Together, we have built a nurturing environment where everyone feels valued and supported. I encourage all of us to continue striving for improvement, bit by bit, each day. By working together, we can ensure that our school remains a place where every student can thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mr Scott-Evans
Head Teacher**



Classic War Film Club

Day: Friday

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

Location: Room J12

With: Mr. Bay



School Eucharist

There is a Eucharist service held at school every Friday during term-time in the John Wraw Chapel. The service begins at 1.00pm and is open to everyone.

All students are welcome to attend these short services to pray and reflect.

KS3 science club!

- For Year 7,8 and 9 students.
- 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!

Remembrance Day Memorial Service

Monday 11th
November 2024

The weather was kind to us on Monday and allowed us to gather the entire school together on the playground, with a service to mark and commemorate Remembrance Day. Many of our students wore their poppies with pride, and without exception, students marked the occasion with dignity and respect. It was a privilege to stand with them to mark the occasion.



In addition, some of our students walked to the war memorial to share these words and lay a wreath on behalf of the school community. Ms McNeela joined Oscar Smith, Isabel Slaney, Jake Allan, Ifesowapo and Daisy Driver.



*I am not a badge of honour,
I am not a racist smear, I am not a fashion statement to be worn but once
a year.*

I'm not a glorification of conflict or of war.

I'm not a paper ornament, a token, I am more.

*I'm a loving memory of a father or a son, a permanent reminder of each
and every one.*

I'm paper or an enamel, I'm old or shining new.

I'm a way of saying thank you to every one of you.

*I am a simple poppy, a reminder to you all that courage, faith and honour
will stand where heroes fall.*



Enrichment Day – November 2024

On Thursday 8th November the whole school was off timetable to take part in our first Enrichment Day of the academic year. These days are designed to focus on the wider personal development of students.

Year 12 and 13 travelled into London to complete our infamous London Challenge as part of our house events! This year the students had to complete a treasure trail, visit some landmarks, find a celebrity, buy a tacky souvenir and make myself and Mrs Knowles laugh! Some students even tried doing several at once! We have included some of the photos that were submitted. I hope they make you smile!



It was a fantastic day, and I am always amazed how many students tell me it is the first time they have visited the London sites! It is also good to see the students work together in their forms. Some Year 13 students also said they appreciated a decompression day before the mocks start next week. It was a great day, and we look forward to our next house events in the run up to Christmas!

Mrs Course - Head of Sixth Form



Sixth Form Information Evening

It was wonderful to see so many people attend the Sixth Form Information Evening on Tuesday.

There were some amazing displays to illustrate individual subjects and visitors were able to hear teachers speak with knowledge and passion. Current Sixth Form students were on hand to advise about life in the Sixth Form at Becket Keys and many spoke eloquently about their education journey.

We have had some fabulous feedback from people who attended and wish to thank all the staff and students who participated and represented Becket Keys so well.

Key Dates:

November 2024

Year 11 Consultation Meetings
(Internal Students)

Monday 25th November 2024

External Student Consultation Meetings

Thursday 16th January 2025

Sixth Former for a Day

Monday 20th January 2025

Closing date for applications

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th

June 2025

Bridging Event

Any questions please email:

sixthform@becketkeys.org



Creative Writing Competition



RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST

Songlines

Celebrate writing along with the other five schools in the Russell Education Trust.

This challenge gives you some 'stolen' lyrics from songs. Choose one to inspire your own piece of writing and include the lyrics somewhere in your piece.

Two school winners will be selected from each category: Key

Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form.

All winning entries will be published in a book and the overall winner will gain a writers visit for their school. Entrance to this competition will also win you point for your House, each entry will gain one point and the winning entry for each year group will win 15 points, 2nd place 10 points and third place 5 points.

Your piece of writing cannot be longer than 1000 words it must be submitted electronically as a typed document submission place on Satchel One for all students. Please make sure that

you proofread your work carefully.

The deadline for entries is **Friday the 10th of January 2025**. If you have any questions as please speak to Miss White in library A.



Hello from the other side.

I feel like I may have been here before.

I would say I'm sorry, if I thought that it would change your mind.

On a warm summer's evening on a train bound for nowhere...

I want to set the world to rights, but you know, I don't know where to start.

You've stolen lives and broken dreams;
no man can be a deity.

Look, if you had one shot or one opportunity, to seize everything you ever wanted in one moment, would you capture it or just let it slip?

Like a bat out of hell,
I'll be gone when the morning comes.

Acknowledgements: Lyrics sourced from Adele, The Cure, Hurtsfall, Eminem, Incubus, Kenny Rodgers, Killswitch Engage and Meatloaf.

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; this includes encouraging students to attend school regularly, and of course, 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 manoeuvre 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.



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To celebrate their transition into Becket Keys, the Year 7 Disco will be taking place at Becket Keys on:

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2024
5.00pm – 7.00pm

This is always a fantastic evening and provides students with the opportunity to celebrate their successes so far.

There will be photographs on arrival, dancing and music in the Bistro and games and activities to play. The students will also be able to tuck in to the drinks and pizza provided.


Tickets are now available to buy via ParentPay

£13.75




The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is every Wednesday 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



Help out when you check out

Collect FREE donations for **FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS** every time you shop online.





Join, shop and raise here:
easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeysschoolbrentwood

If you are organised and already doing your Christmas shopping online. Why not see if you can help raise some funds for FoBK through your online purchases in a few easy steps?

Click [here](#), then:

- Click 'Sign up and support this cause'.
- If new to Easyfundraising then set up an account.
- Browse the hundreds of online shops who participate in the scheme and go shopping! As long as you go into the online sites through the Easyfundraising site, you will register a donation to FoBK. You can even get an App for your phone! It will not cost you a penny!

If already a member, then why not refer a friend? FoBK will get a bonus when each person you refer makes a purchase.

All donations are welcome but the following items are the most needed in November :-

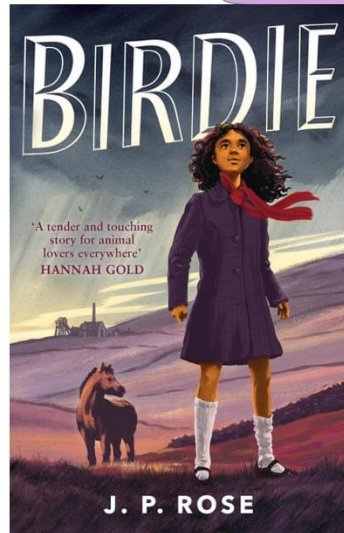
- Tinned Tuna
- Tea bags
- Shower Gel
- Washing up Liquid
- Size 5 Nappies
- Washing Gel

Christmas Items

Mince pies, Christmas cake, custard, chocolates, stuffing, tinned fruit, crisps and savoury snacks, jam, crackers



Book of the Month - November



Birdie Bagshaw has never known her parents. Having grown up in a children's home in 1950s Leeds, now she has come to live with her great-aunt in the Yorkshire Dales and she's excited about becoming part of the family who have tracked her down.

But when she arrives in the pit village of Barrington Dale, she's obviously not what her Great Aunt Mabel was expecting, although she's not sure why. And it's not just her aunt who has trouble accepting her. The local children ask Birdie if her colour washes off. Her next-door neighbour won't let his daughter play with her. And even her teacher gives her a jigsaw instead of a maths book, assuming she's stupid.

When their bullying drives Birdie to hide in the nearby coal mine, she finds an unexpected rescuer in the form of Mr Duke, the last remaining pit pony in the village. As the weeks pass, Birdie forms a special bond with the spirited little pony. But his future is in danger, and Birdie comes up with a daring plan to save his life that will have consequences for the whole community. . . .



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/extracurricular>.



There will be a cinema release of *Macbeth*, starring **David Tennant** and **Cush Jumbo** which was playing to sold out houses in the West End. The production will be screened in cinemas across the UK from **5 February 2025**. The critically acclaimed production, directed by **Max Webster** was filmed live during its run at the Donmar Warehouse in London.

Tickets are now on sale at:
[MacbethDonmarCinema.com](https://www.MacbethDonmarCinema.com).

WEEK 3

WEEK COMMENCING
 26/08/2024 16/09/2024 07/10/2024 28/10/2024 18/11/2024
 09/12/2024 30/12/2024 20/01/2025 10/02/2025 03/03/2025
 24/03/2025

(V) - VEGETARIAN
(VE) - VEGAN

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
<p>MONDAY Kung Pao Chicken, Wholegrain & White Egg Fried Rice</p> <p>TUESDAY Beef & Tomato Ragout with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast Shoulder of Pork, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken Bhuna with Pilau Rice & Homemade Raita</p> <p>FRIDAY Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce</p>	<p>MONDAY Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Wholegrain & White Egg Fried Rice (V)</p> <p>TUESDAY Plant Based Ragout with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad (VE)</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese with House Salad or Seasonal Vegetables (V)</p> <p>THURSDAY Paneer & Chickpea Korma with Pilau Rice & Homemade Raita (V)</p> <p>FRIDAY Jamaican Squash Pasty with Sweet Chilli Sauce and Chunky Chips (V)</p>

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Warm Blueberry Sponge	Dropped Pancake Bar	Apple & Mixed Berry Crumble with Vanilla Sauce	Manager's Special

Fruit & Yoghurt Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

Innovate

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chinese Style Vegan Noodles (VE)	Chipotle Chicken Chimichanga	Loaded Mediterranean Street Cart Wedges	Thai Fried Rice	Manager's Street Vibes Special

NATURALLY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fork Friendly Falafel Kebab (V)	Smoked Tofu & Caponata Burger (V)	Seeded Vegan Sausage Roll (VE)	Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE)	Manager's Special

TRATTORIA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Creamy Pesto Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pasta in Cheese Sauce	Mozzarella & Tomato or BBQ Chicken, Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.

PE Extra Curricular - Term 2

Day	4.1 Lunchtime (11:50-12:30) 4.2 Lunchtime (12:40-1:20)	After-School (3:10-4:30)
Monday	Year 10 and 11 Basketball Club	Year 8 Netball Year 8 Rugby Year 7 Rugby
Tuesday	TUP Futsal	Year 9 Rugby Year 7 Basketball
Wednesday	Year 7 Netball – Invite Only	Year 9, 10 & 11 Netball Girls' Football All Years
Thursday	(4.1) Year 8 Basketball (4.2) TUP Basketball	Year 7 Netball Year 10 & 11 Rugby Boys' Football All Years
Friday	(4.1) Year 9 Basketball (4.2) TUP Badminton	

Keys:

- Astro
- Sports hall
- Main Hall
- Drama Hall
- Field
- Playground

Sports News

Year 8 Rugby

On Thursday, the Year 8 rugby team delivered an exceptional performance in the MESSA Rugby Tournament, playing four matches against Anglo-European School, Chelmer Valley, Ormiston Rivers, and Brentwood County High School. The team dominated their games, scoring an impressive 20 tries while conceding just once across all matches.

Oskar G led the defensive effort with some immense tackles, preventing the opposition from gaining any momentum. James D was instrumental in the rucks, working tirelessly to maintain possession, while Ollie E consistently broke the game line, setting up key attacking plays.

Special mention must go to newer players like Brody S, Luke D, Henry M, George L, and Mason D, who showed incredible determination and adaptability, quickly finding their footing and contributing significantly to the team's success.

This was a fantastic display of teamwork, skill, and resilience from the Year 8 team, and we look forward to seeing their continued success in next Thursday's game. Well done!

Mr Ison
Head of PE



RUGBY



Essex Careers

 Essex County Council



The Apprenticeship Hub

Attention Year 11 and Year 13 school leavers in Essex looking to launch their career with an apprenticeship! You can now benefit from the support of an apprenticeship adviser thanks to the launch of the Apprenticeship Hub.

The apprenticeship route is becoming increasingly popular, and competition can be tough. The Apprenticeship Hub is designed to give young people in Essex the best possible chance of securing a high-quality apprenticeship of their choice. It will link young people to an apprenticeship adviser who can offer support every step of the way.

Alongside our work in schools, the Apprenticeship Hub works closely with employers and training providers to keep up to date on the exciting opportunities on offer to young people in Essex. This allows us to carefully match different opportunities to potential apprentices.

Essex Opportunities

The Apprenticeship Hub also provides regular updates on current opportunities and other news through the Apprenticeship Hub Padlet. Find out more by scanning the QR code.



Once a young person registers with the Hub, they can expect to receive:

- **regular apprenticeship vacancy bulletins**
- **invitations to recruitment events**
- **online and face-to-face sessions delivered by industry experts on topics including how to design a CV, successfully competing at assessment centres, and how to stand out at interviews**

Online events take place in the evening to allow everyone to attend.

To find out more or to speak to a member of the team, email us at apprenticeship.hub@essex.gov.uk, text us on **07860 033674**, or speak to us through our Apprenticeship Live Chat www.essexopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeship-hub.

Scan the QR code to view our latest film to find out more information about us.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2024

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YEAR 9 MADRID MEETING
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
5.00PM MAIN HALL

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STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER
NON-UNIFORM DAY
WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2024

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BECKET KEYS CAROL CONCERT
THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 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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