



Becket Keys

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL



**A DISTINCTIVE CHOICE
IN BRENTWOOD**

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RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST



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Dear Parents,

At Becket Keys Church of England School, we provide a high quality education in a caring Christian environment where all students are known, and achieve their potential at GCSE and A Level.

Our first Ofsted inspection (May 2014) judged us "Outstanding" in all areas; recognising the exceptional performance of our students and the quality of our staff. Our community's vision of a high achieving Church of England school for Brentwood is now being realised.

Our facilities have been transformed with the addition of the new Welby building and the replacement of our sports hall with a new state of the art £2.5 million provision.

This prospectus provides a flavour of some of the developments at Becket Keys, but I also encourage you to visit us to see the school in action, and to meet our students for yourselves.



Mr A Scott-Evans

Head Teacher

“ The headteacher’s inspired leadership has quickly established a vibrant, orderly community which enables students to thrive. He ensures that a family atmosphere is fostered across the school in which all students feel cared for, and valued. Daily tutorials and weekly assemblies provide opportunities for staff and students to sing and pray together, to reflect on their own lives and those of others. This and the wide range of curricular and enrichment opportunities make an outstanding contribution to students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. ”

Ofsted, May 2014





BRENTWOOD'S NEW CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Church of England primary school headteachers, parents and the Chelmsford Diocese recognised the need for a local Church of England secondary school, so approached the Russell Education Trust (RET) – the school standards specialists and academic sponsor – to work with them to set up and run Becket Keys, which opened in 2012.

The agreed school priorities were to:

- recruit high quality, proven leaders, and exceptional staff, focusing on high standards and high expectations
- provide a mix of traditional and innovative curricula
- build a Christian school community where everyone is known and valued
- retain a 'personal size' of around 150 in each year group and 300 in the Sixth Form

High demand for places, and an outstanding inspection report suggest that parents and Ofsted believe we are delivering on this vision. Our students, too, are proud of their school.

“ The school has worked hard to earn the support and trust of the community for being both high performing and inclusive. It is a school of vision and faith that is delivering an excellent all round education. ”

The Most Reverend & Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell
SCP The Lord Archbishop of York and Primate of England





“The school’s teaching of Christian values of respect, responsibility and forgiveness make a strong contribution to the students’ attitudes and personal development.”
Ofsted, May 2014

“Students’ attitudes towards learning are exceptional. They are eager to learn, are highly attentive and responsive to teachers. They arrive at lessons organised, fully prepared and ready to learn.”
Ofsted, May 2014





LEADERSHIP & TEACHING

Students are entitled to consistently high-quality teaching. At Becket Keys, we only employ exceptional teachers, all of whom must first convince us they are committed to our values, and also demonstrate their classroom skills to RET inspectors, and the Diocese.

RET provide our staff with regular, ongoing high quality in-service training, to ensure that they continually upgrade their expertise, in line with school and national expectations.

Our subject leaders are responsible for ensuring that our schemes of work and teaching are of the standard required, with our senior team regularly and systematically checking that our classroom practice delivers the quality of education that our students require.

CURRICULUM

Becket Keys delivers a broad academic curriculum that draws on best practice from independent and state schools nationally.

We prepare students for life beyond school by focussing on the core curriculum and subjects that reflect the needs of the future workplace.

Our compulsory GCSE curriculum: Mathematics, English Language and Literature and Science (including separate Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), a Modern Foreign Language (either Mandarin or Spanish), a Humanity (either History and/or Geography), or Religion and Philosophy.

Students can choose one other GCSE: Art, Art Textiles, Business Studies, Computer Science, Drama, Music, Physical Education, or Technology (either Catering, Food Science or Product Design).

“ The quality of teaching is consistently good, with much that is outstanding. The impact of this high quality teaching is clearly evident in the quality of students’ work in their books, and in their positive attitudes towards learning. They arrive promptly for lessons, are orderly and respectful and share excellent relations with staff. ”

Ofsted, May 2014





“ More-able students make exceptional progress due to the high quality of teaching they receive. Inspectors found the quality of written work of the higher ability students in Year 8 English lessons was similar to the standards expected at GCSE level. ”

Ofsted, May 2014



SIXTH FORM

Most students continue their studies with us at our Sixth Form. We take pride in continuing our Christian Ethos with regular worship and a strong focus on community service. We have maintained our independent school feel with a smart Sixth Form uniform, outstanding new facilities and special links to the best universities and employers.

Keeping the Sixth Form relatively small (150 in each year), means we still know each student by name and can offer excellent pastoral care along with individualised career and higher education advice. We also continue to work closely with our expert sponsor RET to ensure the quality of our provision is second to none. We offer many A Levels including all the subjects studied at GCSE and some additional ones such as: Economics, Media, Politics, Psychology and Sociology. Further details about courses can be found on our website.



“ School leaders have successfully recruited high-quality, motivated staff with good subject knowledge who are fully committed to the school’s values and aims. All teachers are routinely monitored to check that they are teaching well and their future training needs are identified. They benefit from regular whole-school training and personalised support in their specialist subjects provided by the school’s sponsor Trust. ”

Ofsted, May 2014



ENRICHMENT

Curriculum enrichment in and beyond the classroom is central to the Becket Keys' experience; each subject provides activities to extend learning. This includes peripatetic teachers providing tuition for a range of musical instruments, visiting speakers and links to outside organisations such as STEM ambassadors. Off-site learning is also important, with field trips, visits to sites of historical interest, concerts, and theatre trips. Year 7 students attend a 'Bushcraft' residential, Year 8 students visit Spain or China to practise the language they learn in school, and Year 9 students visit a surfing school in Bude. Our programme also includes a ski trip and additional overseas visits including "World Challenge" and both Geography and History field trips to name a few.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Learning at Becket Keys is not just a classroom activity. All staff run very popular clubs and activities related to their subjects and their personal interests. We expect every student to take up some of the offers. Some activities are led by students with particular expertise and interests, supervised by staff. School is open from 8am until 4.30pm or later every day.



“The behaviour of pupils is outstanding. Behaviour in classes and around the school is impeccable.”
Ofsted, May 2014



SPORT

We have excellent sporting facilities and a strong relationship with the local Sports Trust. We play an active part in local competitive sport and use specialist instructors alongside our PE staff to promote skill and success at the highest levels.



MUSIC

Music is a huge strength at our school. We aim to build on the Church of England's musical traditions and have many highly capable musicians on the staff and amongst our students. Singing and playing is part of our collective worship and we encourage students and staff to join our choirs, music groups and orchestra.



The Justin Welby Building





“ All students are expected to be self-disciplined and take responsibility for others. In lessons and in assemblies they are orderly, respectful and show great self-discipline. ”

Ofsted, May 2014

“ Students from all backgrounds make rapid progress and achieve exceptionally well. Students’ books in a range of subjects show that they are expected to work hard, write at length and complete tasks matched to their different abilities. ”

Ofsted, May 2014



New Sports Hall



PARTNERSHIP & SERVICE

We aim to work in close partnership with the family of schools in Brentwood and the Diocese of Chelmsford, for the benefit of local children and young people. At a school level, our most important partnerships are with parents. We will work together with you to promote your child’s happiness, academic success and personal growth. Becket Keys embeds community service as part of the curriculum, to ensure we develop well organised and fruitful relationships with our neighbours and the locality. This is a key part of our Christian Ethos. Students learn respect and responsibility through acts of service and through partnering with local organisations and charities.



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If you would like to visit the school or to find out more, please visit our website: www.becketkeys.org

We look forward to welcoming you to Becket Keys.

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The Russell Education Trust (RET) is made up of five high-performing 11-18 secondary schools in the south of England. Member schools work together and with RET expert advisers to deliver the very highest standards of teaching and learning; and to support the achievement and happiness of every student across the Trust. The success of the Trust's schools has been recognised by Ofsted, the Department for Education, and by the communities they serve.

The RET family of schools includes:



The school has many strengths. Leaders have established an open culture at the school where there is a clear sense of teamwork and community across staff and pupils alike. Everyone takes pride in the school. It is a welcoming and vibrant place.

Ofsted 2018



The religious ethos in the school provides a strong base for the support of pupils' personal development and welfare. Pupils speak with pride about their school and relationships in the school.

Ofsted 2018



Pupils are confident, articulate and aspiring. They are proud to be part of the school community. The school's provision for their education and welfare makes a significant contribution to their lives.

Ofsted 2022



Leaders have ensured that the curriculum is engaging for pupils, and that it promotes diversity. Teachers have strong subject knowledge, know their pupils well, and use this knowledge to help them learn. Pupils behave well. There is rarely any disruption to learning.

Ofsted 2022