



## CONGRATULATIONS CHORISTERS!

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Alex Evans (Year 8) and Cameron Oxley (Year 7) received their Deans' Chorister Awards during Choral Vespers at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood.

Their medals were presented by Reverend Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral and the Reverend Simon Pothen, Canon Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Right Reverend Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood, and the Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, also attended.

A total of eight candidates were present from St Thomas' Parish Choir and Girls' Choir for the Deans' Award, so in effect, Becket Keys were making up 25% of the parish candidates! There were also two candidates for the Bishops' Chorister Award (validated by RSCM bronze and silver standard respectively).



*Choristers at the Cathedral*

### 'A really impressive evening'

Mrs Sharp commented, "It was a really impressive evening musically. It is great to see more and more students gaining an interest in church music. Its heritage and distinctiveness make it a wonderful musical experience."

The joy of singing and church music are celebrated each day at Becket Keys with choral worship a key part of our

assemblies. Our choir and orchestra play an active role giving all students, regardless of ability, an opportunity to develop a wider musical understanding and appreciation.

Any parents interested in hearing more about musical opportunities for their son/daughter should contact [Mrs Kennard](#) (lead music teacher).

## OTHER NEWS

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We are pleased to welcome Mr Adam Pope (father of Harvey, Year 7) to the Governing Body. Adam was elected unopposed on Wednesday 29th January and will attend his first full governing body meeting on Tuesday 11th February. Adam was proposed by Rob McLean and seconded by Jane Warriner. We are delighted that he is willing to serve the school in this way.

### SAINSBURY'S TOKENS

Please collect Sainsbury's tokens for our local schools. They make a huge difference to schools and can help purchase some useful sports equipment. Please send them in with your son/daughter and we will have collection bins in our reception area.



### FAMILY QUIZ

Come and enjoy another Friends of Becket Keys Quiz on Friday 14th March! This time it's a family quiz. So students can come this time and choose to either work together to take on their parents or compete as a family to beat all comers!



Further details will be coming out soon, but please make a note of the date now. This promises to be an excellent event.

Why not contact a few other families and start to prepare your 'dream team'? Do you dare to take on a table of Becket Keys' students? Or will you need your children on your team?!

To add to the excitement we are looking for some excellent raffle prizes from the Becket Keys Church of England School community. If you own your own business, would you consider donating a voucher for your service/shop/restaurant? Do you happen to be close friends with the rich and famous? Could you ask about a signed photo or prize? Perhaps you could donate a particularly good bottle of wine?

We are really keen to see this event become one of THE big highlights of the FOBK year and expect tickets to sell fast. So start planning to put your team together and come out for a great fun, entertaining and competitive quiz!

Please bring any raffle prize donations to reception.

### SPRING BALL

The Friends of Becket Keys Spring Ball will take place on Saturday 10th May at [De Rougemont Manor Hotel](#). More details will follow next week.



### CAREERS FAIR

The Brentwood Education and Careers Fair will be held at the Brentwood Centre next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Year 8 students have a special invitation to attend from 3.30pm. The event will finish at 8pm. Employers, Work-Based Learning Providers, Trainers, Colleges and Universities will provide access to a wide variety of expertise and an opportunity for students and their families to plan for their future in the world of work! Over 80 organisations will attend.

The event is free and open to all young people and their families in search of guidance about education and training pathways to their future careers. Students will have received a flyer during tutorial time today. With Year 8s needing to make option choices next academic year, this is a valuable opportunity to raise aspirations and begin to appreciate the skills and qualifications needed for particular careers. We hope many families will take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

# SPORTS NEWS

## BECKET KEYS RUGBY CLUB

Wednesday 5th February will be the first rugby club session back on the field, so don't forget your boots. Year 8s still have a few fixtures left to play before Easter, so make sure you're at training!



## BECKET KEYS NETBALL

### Year 7a V Hylands

The girls played in a very tense and exciting match against the Hylands team. During the first half, Becket Keys took an early lead, however, Hylands managed to overturn this by half time. During the third quarter, we moved players around and Becket Keys came out fighting to end the third quarter 7-7. Sydney scored some fantastic long distance shots and Divine and Rebecca worked hard in defence to prevent Hylands scoring. However, the excitement of the comeback got the better of the girls and despite some good movement of the ball, some poor decisions were made which resulted in Hylands having the opportunity to score. The final score was 11-7 to Hylands.

### Year 7a and 8a V William De Ferrers

Due to injury, illness and other commitments the Year 8s only took 5 out of possible 7 players to their match against WDF. The odds were stacked against us from the start, however the girls were committed and showed great character, never giving up! Every single player in this team gave the game their all and it paid off. Unfortunately, they didn't win, but they only lost 7-4 which, considering that netball is usually a very high scoring game, is a fantastic result and effort! The PE teacher from WDF commented on how well the girls worked together and said that we were sure to win if we had brought 7 players!

The Year 7s lost their game 11-3. Poor decision making and a lack of putting training into practice were the cause of this. A positive from this game was that we did draw the last quarter and so the girls did improve their play, but this was too late in the game to make an impact on the score.

## BRENTWOOD HALF MARATHON & FUN RUN

### The Brentwood Half Marathon and Fun Run.

The Brentwood Half Marathon and Fun Run, organised by the Rotary Club of Brentwood à Becket, are now in their 33rd Year. Over this period of time, the event has raised well over £1.5 million for local, national and international charities. We are encouraging students who have entered the Fun Run on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to collect for our school charities, St Francis Hospice and the Teenage Cancer Trust, on this occasion. If you require a sponsorship form please see Miss Webb.

Nearer the time we will also be looking for students to come and serve the local community at this important event. Watch this space to see how you can get involved!

## LOST PROPERTY

The following items are not named. Please contact reception to collect:

Becket Keys Blazer  
Becket Keys PE top  
Becket Keys Rugby Top  
Becket Keys Hoodie with JS initials in  
Becket Keys Scarf  
2 x Becket Keys grey slippers size 34"  
Black Anorak  
TU Dark Blue Jacket  
Nike Black Gillet  
Next Black Jacket  
Barbour Black Jacket  
Red/Black Memory stick  
Black Nike scarf  
Blue/white snowflake woollen hat  
Black buckle belt  
1 grey fingerless glove  
Black West Ham hat  
Green bottle  
Long Keyring chain with 2 keys on  
Gold Birch padlock  
Silver padlock  
Pink Gum shield with case  
2 pairs of Nike pink/white trainers  
Black checked scarf  
Black umbrella  
Pink umbrella  
'Little Brown Bag' with pink lunch box inside  
Black Sennheiser Headphones  
Black Glasses case

Please check whether your son/daughter has taken Tyrone Kelly's new Berghaus black coat home by mistake. It has his name in it.

## NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Contact office (proceeds to school fund)

Boys' Blazer size 28" £10  
Purple Reversible PE top (2) 26/28" £5  
Skort 22/24" £5  
Jumpers (4) size 30" £5  
Jumper size 28" £5  
Grey slipover size 28" £5  
Grey slipover size 30" £5  
Boys' trousers age 11/12 £5  
Boys' s/s shirts age 9/10 £2.50  
Boys' l/s shirts age 9/10 £2.50  
Kilt Waist 26" £10  
Hoodie (Medium) £5

## UNIFORM

Girls may wear a single small earring in both ear lobes. It must be plain gold or silver.



## NO TIPPEX

Students do not need correction fluid. Moreover, it is not allowed on the school site and must be left at home. Instead, students who wish to be really neat can use correction tape. Our preference, however, is simply to draw a single line through mistakes!





## NOTICES

### ABSENCE LINE

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please phone 01277 286612 before 8.30am on every day of absence.

You will be able to leave a short message on the answer phone stating your son/daughter's name, form and reason for absence. You can also leave a message here if your son/daughter is going to be late.

You can also notify us of absence by emailing: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org).

### AUTHORISED ABSENCE

Please remember to contact us as early as possible, if you think that you need to take your son/daughter out of school for an appointment or special occasion (exceptional circumstance). We are generally unable to authorise any absence during school time, but we will consider exceptional circumstances (eg a teacher would be allowed to take paid leave for such an appointment or special occasion).

### SCHOOL TRIPS

**Second payment for Bushcraft is due today (31/1/14).**

#### CONTACT DETAILS



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## NOTICES

### PRAYER

Our prayer meetings are on Tuesdays at 11:30am. Anyone from the Becket Keys Church of England School community is welcome to join us (parents, other relatives, friends of the school etc).

Please send any prayer requests to: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org). If you wish to join our prayer mailing list to receive a regular update of issues to pray for, you can also email us.

### NO MOBILE PHONES

Please remember that mobile phones are not to be seen or heard at Becket Keys! Please do not 'message' your son/daughter during the day! If you need to contact them, the only way is after 3:20pm. In the event of an emergency, the office can pass on a message.

Students who are using their phones during the day will discuss with us the logical consequence for their actions which may include the staff member keeping the mobile until the next day. We will endeavour to contact parents by telephone or text if a student's mobile is confiscated.

#### Dates for your Diary

17th - 21st Feb	Half-term holiday
24th Feb	INSET Day
4th,5th,6th Mar	<i>Joseph!</i> Performances
11th Mar	Year 7 Parents' Evening
20th Mar	Year 8 Parents' Evening
7th - 21st Apr	Easter Holiday
5th May	Bank Holiday

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