



# OFSTED GRADE US OUTSTANDING!

On Tuesday our OfSTED report was published and we are delighted to inform readers of our newsletter that we were graded as Outstanding overall and in all four inspection areas.

We are very proud of the inspector's comments; he recognised the strengths of our school, particularly the importance of the Christian ethos and the outstanding progress students make as a result of excellent teaching.

The partnership that brought the school into being between the founding heads, the parents and students, the Church and our expert sponsors (Russell Education Trust) was also highly rated.

The Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford has praised the school:

"It is very good news that Becket Keys is off to an outstanding start. And that is official. 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."

Her Majesty's Inspector wrote in his report:

- A Christian ethos permeates all aspects of school life and fosters a 'family' atmosphere in which all students feel cared for, and valued.
- The behaviour of pupils is outstanding. Behaviour in classes and



## REPORT QUOTES

- round the school is impeccable.
- School leaders have deliberately recruited high-quality, motivated staff with good subject knowledge who are fully committed to the school's values and aims. They benefit from regular whole-school training and personalised support in their specialist subjects provided by the school's sponsor Trust.
- Students from all backgrounds make rapid progress. Students' books in a range of subjects show that they are expected to work hard, write at length and complete tasks that are matched to their abilities.

- 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.

Our school has enjoyed an incredible beginning and it is wonderful to receive this official endorsement of what we have known since we opened: **THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL!**

Congratulations to everyone!

# OTHER NEWS

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes are now running on Thursdays after school in the Library with Fr Colin and other clergy. Students should return their forms to Mr Scott-Evans or give to Fr Colin when they attend. **Confirmation Classes: Thursdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Library.**

## VACANCY - PA to the Headteacher

We need a dedicated and dynamic personal assistant to the headteacher to support the school's continuing growth and development. You will be working closely with the headteacher, senior leadership team and alongside the rest of our administrative team.

Visits to the school are welcomed, if you have any questions please contact Nina Chapman (Finance and Contracts Manager) via 01277 286600 or [vacancies@becketkeys.org](mailto:vacancies@becketkeys.org). For further details about the rôle visit our website: [www.becketkeys.org](http://www.becketkeys.org).

## WATER BOTTLES

Keep hydrated! Bring a water bottle to school! We have chilled filtered water machines around the school – top up your water throughout the day!

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL PICNIC

Tickets to the Patronal Festival Picnic are now on sale. Parents/carers can purchase tickets via the on-line payment system via our website: [www.becketkeys.org](http://www.becketkeys.org).

Adults £3 (inc admission and speciality hot drink) Children £2 (inc admission and ice-cream)

Join the fun and celebrate our Patronal Festival and recent OfSTED inspection at this special event. Welcome new families to the school and take part in games and competitions. Lots of tasty treats will be available and our choirs and orchestra will perform throughout the afternoon.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations to Miss Cooper who is expecting a baby in October!

## NEW TEACHERS

We look forward to welcoming the following new teachers who are joining us in September:

- Sally Trebess – English – Assistant Head Teacher
- Andrew McMillan – RE – Head of Department RE & PSHE
- David Braniff – History – Senior Teacher History
- Rae Vernon – Technology – Senior Teacher Technology
- Gemma Thomas – Technology
- Glyn Harries – Drama
- Rob London – Science
- Shannon Smyth – English

# SPORTS NEWS

## Girls' Cricket Tournament

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June ten U13 girls attended the 'Chance to Shine' softball cricket tournament at Springfield Cricket Club. They were pleased to find that they were not in a group with Shenfield School who had previously beaten them at hardball cricket in the MESSSA cup! However, their first match was against Clacton Coastal Academy who, like Becket Keys, are an inspirational cricket school.

The girls got off to a slow start with their batting as the opposition's bowling was accurate and pacy. We ended on 47 runs from 7 overs. Clacton got off to a good start in their batting and had some big hitters who hit a few boundaries. They got to our total with 10 balls to spare, giving Becket Keys a loss to recover from.

In the second match, Becket Keys improved batting, bowling and fielding to beat St. Angela's school to come second in their group. This was a much stronger and more disciplined performance from our girls.

Next, we were to play off against Hall Mead who had previously beaten our school in the indoor national cup. The girls played their best game of the tournament and some good running gave us a target of 8 to win from the last over. A boundary from Lauren Pamenter gave Becket Keys a chance, with 3 needed from the last 3 balls to win. A run out on the second to last ball almost prevented the win, but a well run single on the last ball sealed the victory for Becket Keys, with our girls finishing overall 3<sup>rd</sup> in the tournament.

The girls should be commended for their improvement in skill and tactics. Teachers from other schools commented on how much the girls had improved over such a short time which demonstrates their commitment and enthusiasm for cricket. Well done girls!

## Y8 Cricket vs Boswells – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

We bowled first and opened with Tom Walker and Alex Savage. The first few overs were quite tense with their openers only hitting low risk shots.

Finley Richardson made some excellent stops off some fast bowling from Tom. Eventually we got our first wicket. This was from the bowling of Oscar, at which point our team spirit was evident when all players came in to celebrate together. Two of their players retired on 30 runs and after this the wickets began to flow. Tom Walker took a wicket, as did Finley who also caught an edge and Alex Savage managed a **TRIPLE WICKET MAIDEN!**

In 20 overs we only bowled 8 wides, which is a huge improvement from last year when 35 wides were bowled.

Unfortunately, with the bat we struggled to pick up runs at the same rate as they did. Tom Walker hit 29 runs, 1 short of retiring, and Alex Savage and Frankie Day both hit boundaries.

The lessons we learned from this game.

1. Don't hit the ball in the air, you will get caught out!
  2. Hit off balls to the off side, straight balls straight and leg balls to leg, otherwise you are at risk of getting bowled or catching an edge.
  3. We bowled far fewer wides than they did.
  4. Once the top order of batsmen are gone, wickets can come quickly.
- A huge improvement from last year, more improvement to come. Huge credit must be given to Boswells for a high quality batting display.

# SPORTS NEWS

## **U14 Water Polo – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

We took 12 of our students to a Water Polo Tournament hosted by Brentwood School. Brentwood fielded a team as did Brentwood County High and Champion.

We lost our first game to Brentwood, which was a shame as we were 2-2 at half time shooting into the deep end. In our second game we came up against Brentwood County High. We ended up winning the game 5-1 and our final game was against a Champion team who were very strong and capable. We lost this game 8-0.

The positives we take from this should be that we attacked well and the quality of our passing was good. There were moments of good team play as well as moments of great individual skill with the ball. Alex Savage defended excellently, particularly when marking high quality opponents. Tom Burkert made some fantastic saves in goal and distributed the ball well. One thing we discussed throughout this tournament was marking up in defence as the majority of goals we conceded were from overloaded attacking situations. We plan to run a tournament like this 2-3 times a year as well as a friendly or two. Special recognition should go to Oscar who scored 6 out of our 7 goals, and Luke Savage who scored the other.

## **100km in Mr Fenn's PE lesson**

Students in Mr Fenn's Y7 PE lesson took on the 2x20 minute challenge to see how far each individual could run in a total of 40 minutes. Students tried exceptionally hard to do their best and counted the laps as they jogged around the 400m athletics track. At the end of session one students had a rest and took on some water before they went out on session two. Luke Savage managed to run 7.2km in this time and the majority of the other students ran between 4km and 6km. We totalled up our class combined distance and worked out that in 40 minutes, we had run 100.25km combined. We also agreed that this is approximately the distance to Dover, and 40 minutes is quicker than it would take to get there in a car.

Well done boys!

**Becket Keys Church of England  
School Sports Facilities available for  
hire!**

**Sports Hall now available!**

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5pm to 7pm

**Tennis Courts now available!**

Weekends all day

Mon - Fri from 5pm onwards

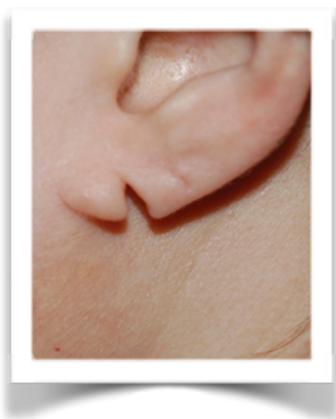
**To book call 01277 286649**

# UNIFORM MATTERS

## EARRINGS

Please make sure that if your daughter is planning on having her ears pierced this summer that it is done on the very first day of the holiday to allow maximum healing time before returning to school.

All girls are expected to remove earrings before PE lessons regardless of when they were pierced.



Earrings must be removed for PE so that accidents do not occur and ears do not get torn.

## NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Please donate any good quality school uniform items which could be re-sold (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
- Jumpers (2) Size 34"
- Grey slipover size 28" £5
- Grey slipover size 30" £5
- Boys' trousers age 11/12 £5
- Boys' s/s shirts age 9/10 £1
- Boys' l/s shirts age 9/10 £1
- Hoodie (Medium) £5
- Girls' Blouse Banner size 28" £3
- Girls' Blazer Size 16 £5
- Girls' Blazer 38" £6
- Girls' Blazer 32" £10



# TRAVEL TIPS!

## BICYCLES

Please ensure your son/daughter has a helmet if they are cycling to and from school. Our cycle shelter is available for all staff and students to use and is locked during the day and monitored by CCTV.



Congratulations to all the cyclists who have recently completed stages of the Bikeability Course. We look forward to seeing even more bikes in the bike sheds.

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL****CONCERT**

The Patronal Festival Concert is on Tuesday 24th June 7pm at St Peter's Church. Tickets are available from both Becket Keys and St Peter's for £5.

[concert@southwealdfestival.co.uk](mailto:concert@southwealdfestival.co.uk)

**EUCCHARIST**

Our Patronal Festival Eucharist will take place on Friday 4th July at St Thomas' Church starting at 11am. Parents are welcome to join us and also walk up to church with us (parking in our car park).

**PICNIC**

Our Patronal Festival Picnic will take place this year on Saturday 5th July.

Our choirs, orchestras and other performances will entertain us and there will be the usual sporting activities and games as well. Come and enjoy: inflatable assault courses, ice cold drinks, specialist teas and coffees, ice creams, sweets, cakes and much more!

Tickets can be purchased via our on-line payment system:

Adults: £3

Children: £2

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**ST THOMAS' EVENTS**

St Thomas' Church ever popular teddy bear parachute jump on 21<sup>st</sup> June from 12-4pm.

St Thomas' School is hosting an inflatables fun day on Thursday 12th June 3:30pm to 5:30pm. £5 for a wristband.

St Thomas' School Summer Fair is on Saturday 28th June from 12noon to 4pm.

Becket Keys students (particularly those who used to attend St Thomas') are welcome to attend these events.

**Dates for your Diary**

Fri 13th June Staff Training Day

Mon 16th June Exam Week

Tues 24th June Patronal Festival Concert

Fri 4th July Patronal Festival Eucharist

Sat 5th July Patronal Festival Picnic

Mon 7th July Charities Week

Fri 11th July Sports Day

Sun 13th July Becket Keys leading

intercessions at St Thomas' Church

Mon 14th July Our Careers Fair

Tues 15th July Speech & Awards Evening

Weds 16th July Reserve Sports Day

Fri 18th July Last day of the year!

Mon 21st July Staff Training Day

Tues 22nd July Staff Training Day

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