



SPECIAL TIMES & PLACES

MR SCOTT-EVANS WRITES:

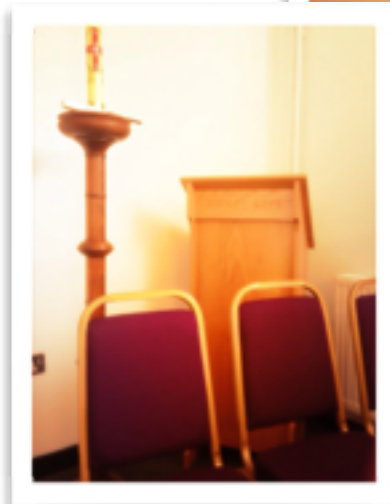
It has been a wonderful week for Becket Keys Church of England School with over 250 families visiting the school this week at the first of our open events.

The various open mornings and evenings that we run at this time of year give me cause to reflect again on how far we have come. Founding parents and students will remember committing to this school before there was a confirmed building, staff or students to speak to. What a step of faith!

Now families get to come and see our astonishing teachers, meet our impeccable students and admire the wonderful facilities; the response has been incredibly exciting.

Our OfSTED report speaks volumes about what we are doing here and our prospectus hopefully whets the appetite for prospective families. However, nothing compares to coming to see it for yourself. If you know anyone who has not been, please encourage them to visit our website and book a tour.

Andy Scott-Evans
Head Teacher



A new special place to pray and reflect

Our Secret Chapel

We have been wanting a quiet prayer room ever since we opened Becket Keys in September 2012. It was always our desire to have a place where students and staff could go to pray and to worship out of the busyness of the school day. We have finally found a little room and we are pleased to show you pictures here in today's newsletter.

You'll have seen these photographs already if you follow us on Twitter (@BecketKeys) and will have heard us talking about it as a 'Room of Requirement'. Whenever a student needs it, it will be made available. For

example, if they want to pray for someone who is unwell or if they are worried about something then they can use this prayer room and light a candle.

The chapel is where we keep our consecrated altar, lectern and pillar candle.

Just for a bit of fun, for now, we have kept its location a secret! Next week, students will be challenged to try and guess where it is!

OTHER NEWS

THANK YOU

OPEN DAY HELPERS - MS ENDICOTT WRITES:

Thank you to all the students who gave up their evening and helped show round visitors last Tuesday. We have two more open evenings and would welcome other students helping us out. It is a great opportunity to practise those public speaking skills!

I know it is hard work climbing the stairs and answering the questions, but I know families really appreciate your efforts. Here are some emails we have received this week:

“I just wanted to drop a line to say how much we enjoyed the morning and evening tours today.

I particularly enjoyed the evening session – introducing yourself to my son and shaking his hand outside while we were waiting was a lovely touch.

We had Frank and Ryan showing us around and they were very knowledgeable and informative, especially as they have only been with you for 2 weeks. As the boys we were with knew Frank and Ryan from St Peters, it made it much easier for them to ask questions and join in activities as they were relaxed in their company.”

“I am writing to congratulate our wonderful tour guide last night: Callum. He was quite poorly with a cold but was so determined to do the amazing tour of Becket Keys. He knew everything, answered all my questions with ease and was in general a very polite, clever, well-mannered Year 7 boy. I hope he is recognised for this.”

I also know that it was Georgina’s birthday on Tuesday and when she was asked what she wanted to do for her birthday, she told her parents, “Show people round at school!” Excellent attitude! Thanks again for everyone’s hard work!

If your son/daughter would like to help on Wednesday 24th September or Thursday 2nd October, please ask them to see me to collect a form.

Ms Endicott

Deputy Head Teacher

SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING TRIALS

Twenty Year 7 students competed in a friendly time trial at The Brentwood School on Thursday this week. Everyone completed a timed 25m race of front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Four students swam at a time, two from Becket Keys and two from Brentwood School.

Some particularly impressive performances came from Louis Stephen, who won all of his races and clocking an impressive 15.25 secs for front crawl and 18.32 secs for butterfly! Ellie Martin also demonstrated her swimming skills by winning her butterfly (20.89 secs) and backstroke (20.68 secs) races. Well done to all who came along!

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

There is a busy week of competition ahead next week.

Monday

Year 7 Boys' Football V Sandon (Away)
Year 7A, 8A, 9A Netball V Sandon (Home)

Tuesday

Year 7A and 9A Netball V Brentwood School (Away)

Wednesday

Year 9 Rugby V Orminston (Home)
Year 7A and 8A Netball V Anglo European (Away)

Thursday

Year 9 Girls' Football V Orminston (Away)
Year 7A Netball V Orminston (Away)

FOOTBALL NEWS

Y7 Boys' Football vs Chelmer Valley

After a tough trials process, our first players were selected to represent the school in their first competitive game.

We started nervously and unsure. After 5 minutes, Harrison, our goalkeeper, was called into action a couple of times and their forward players looked like they could break us down every time they went forward.

Midway through the first half we went 1-0 down from a defensive clearance that went across our goal for their striker to tap in from short range. Conceding a goal and dropping Todd into defence woke us up.

We started to play better quality football. Minutes before halftime, Jasper took a corner which ended up curling into the top corner following pressure from our players on their goalkeeper.

At half time, we realised that we could have scored 3 or 4 goals as we were creating chances but we just could not finish them.

In the second half, we shuffled the team around slightly and within minutes, Bobby scored from close range. Minutes later a good move involving Seamus and Louis ended in Louis chipping the keeper to make it 3-1.

Holding off some late attacks from Chelmer Valley, the final whistle sounded. A good start from the team! Mr Fenn and Mr Wray will continue to keep an eye out for players at training as we are sure there are players who have slipped through our 'radar' who would make our team even more of a threat.



UNIFORM MATTERS

We have received many compliments on our students smart uniform since the start of the academic year. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to maintain these standards!

A few reminders:

EARRINGS

Girls may only wear small plain gold or silver earrings. No jewels or gems or larger stud earrings are allowed.

MAKE UP

A reminder that no eye make-up or lip gloss is allowed.

HAIR

Girls' hair must be tied back with purple or black bows/ribbons. Hair bands must be neutral, black or purple.

KILTS

Our girls' kilts must be knee length and we will be checking that new skirts are on order if your daughter is not wearing the correct uniform.

Please remember that girls are not allowed to wear trousers at Becket Keys.

TROUSERS

Boys' trousers must be charcoal grey like the ones sold by SmartyPants. They must be tailored and not 'cargo style' or skinny jeans.

WHITEBOARD PENS

Students are expected to have their own whiteboard pen; we use mini-whiteboards a lot!

The school shop is open on Tuesdays and will sell stationery in the Orangery. Your son/daughter can purchase cost-price items in our shop.

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CASHLESS CATERING

1. It is possible to set a limit on how much your son/daughter can spend each day. Please contact Mrs Nina Chapman if you would like to arrange this:
n.chapman@becketkeys.org
2. It takes 24 hours for a 'top up' to reach your son/daughter's account. Please keep an eye on the account. We cannot provide an 'over draft'!



NOTICES

HELP REQUIRED

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help with art, design and textiles lessons.

We are very grateful to Mrs Bull who has been helping for the last year. We are now looking for some further assistance please.

VACANCIES

ENGLISH, MATHS & SCIENCE TEACHERS REQUIRED

Our rapidly growing outstanding school is looking to recruit more teachers in the most important subjects.

See advert on our website for details:

www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php

Dates for your Diary

24th Sept Open Morning/Evening

2nd Oct Open Morning/Evening

(Open Mornings/Evenings are for prospective parents to tour the school. Our existing students will be asked to volunteer as tour guides and assistants)

9th Oct Year 7 Meet the Tutor Eve

16th Oct Year 8 Theatre Trip (Warhorse)

22nd Oct All Saints Tide Eucharists

27th–31st **All Saints Holiday**

3rd Nov Staff Training Day (no students)

4th Nov Back to school

You can keep up to date with a daily tweet from Becket Keys by following us on Twitter: @BecketKeys.



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