



A PRESENT FROM THE YEAR 11 LEAVERS – THOSE PESKY SCAMPS!

# Becket Keys Church of England School

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The Justin Welby Building is weeks away from being finished and promises to be a very exciting new addition to the school. We are going to be benefiting from 16 new classrooms which will house mathematics (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) and humanities (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). It will also make space for Sixth Formers to have dedicated study rooms and social and eating areas. There will be new toilets and drinking water machines on every floor and a lift.

The new building also means we can introduce a new student entrance on the corner where the caretaker's house used to be. This will speed up our students coming and going at the start and end of the day.

There will be covered walkways around the base of the building which will provide some much-needed spaces for students to enjoy at lunch and break time.

The expected hand over date is 16<sup>th</sup> June and Logan tell us that they are on-track for this deadline.

The demolition of Block 2 will happen during the summer holiday and they will also resurface the playground at this point.

### **Sports Hall**

The Sports Hall will stay standing for now, but ultimately it will also be demolished, once the new one is built. The new Sports Hall will come around March/April next year and we should welcome the contractors on site for this building work in the next week or so! It is non-stop here!

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Once completed, the new bigger and better sports hall will stand on the school field down towards the Astro-Turf on the right hand side. The current sports hall will then be replaced with a playing surface to make up for some of the lost training space. Not forgetting we also have the huge playing fields on the other side of the road – so we are not badly off!

The new Sports Hall will have new changing rooms, showers, toilets and a 4 court hall. We are delighted to have gained this provision.

I strive to have buildings and surroundings for the students that are the best, I believe they speak of our values and our outstanding status. However, budgets are tight and I would love more of you to contribute to our Environmental Fund. I will enclose the forms with the newsletter today and appeal again that everyone considers how much they can give per month. If everyone gave £10 per month, we would have £90,000 per annum to spend on the school environment. Imagine what we could do with that additional funding stream! Some people are giving £50 or £100 per month already – thank you. Please give what you can.

**Mr Scott-Evans**  
**Headteacher**

## EXAMS NEXT WEEK

Monday:

RP

Tuesday

French & Biology

Thursday

Chemistry

Friday

Spanish & PE - Theory

Please pray. See website for more details.

<https://www.becketkeys.org/exams.php>

## A Message from the Admin Team

### Year 8 & Year 9

If you have not yet completed the form for the HPV vaccination for female students on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 kindly return to reception as soon as possible. We still have a few outstanding.

Thank you!

## The Patch

### First Crop of the Year!

We have our first produce from The Patch this year. Although small, Mrs. Pead and her group of students are proud of their achievements.

If there are any other students who would like to participate in the Eco-Club they would be welcome. They meet every Wednesday after school 3.20pm – 4.30pm.



## BIBLICAL PAUSES

### Only when we are changed can we be agents of change

There is always the temptation to try to change ourselves in appearance and through copying the behaviours of others; particularly for young people today. We can view ourselves as a self-improvement projects. Yet, as we spiritually mature, we become aware that we may not be the best person to judge the changes we need. As a judge, we can look to God who made us and who knows both our shortcomings and potential. We also know that the major agents of change are the people with whom we share our lives. A BBC 2 radio broadcast, included the following analogy which, as a geographer, struck a chord with me:

*'I picture myself as a small stone at the bottom of a river. As I rub up along other stones, I shape them and they shape me. The more stones that are around me – each of them a different shape and composition – the more my sharp corners are rubbed off. And all these stones rest underneath the current of the river – my metaphor for God. The river*



*shapes us all, although some stones prove more resistant than others. Occasionally, turbulence in the current lifts me up and moves me along to sit with new neighbours and the shaping process begins again.'*

This analogy also works at many levels. We often think God has assigned us to change the world around us, when in reality He is interested in changing us. Why? To make each of us 'a vessel for honour, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work' (2 Tim. 2:21). God often uses the most unlikely people in the most unlikely places to teach us some of life's most difficult lessons and just when we think we have arrived He is instructing us further. This should provide us with great reassurance, we do not have to be perfect, just ready to be used by God. We are always still learning, still growing and still amazed at how God continues to shape this vessel for His noble purposes. In the words of Isaiah, 'Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter, we are all the work of your hands' (Isaiah 64:8). God is the true agent of

change. He has our best interests and His at heart!

A final thought, in the changing waters of life, where change is inevitable, it is important to remember that God is a consistent Father. He will never let you down. He can be counted on. He is reliable. He is worthy of trust. James 1:17 says, 'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows'. God is an unchanging and consistent Father. One of the things you can count on is that God always acts the same towards you. The Bible says in 2 Timothy 2:13, 'If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.' Using our river analogy, in times of rapid change, people need islands (river eyots) of stability or an anchor. We can be reassured that God will not test us beyond our strength. He provides us with still waters and places to rest a while. We can count on the consistent, caring love of our heavenly Father. 'My God is changeless in his love for me' (Psalm 59:10).

**Mrs E. Sharp**

## Jack Petchey

### Speak Out Challenge



Sophie Morgan-Haywood put in a fantastic performance to win the regional finals for the South-Essex Jack Petchey Speak-Out Challenge. There were 16 other schools competing with some very stiff competition. Last on the list of speakers, Sophie knew she needed a flawless performance in order to take the title. Hamza Piracha and Aliya Silverstone put in amazing performances and were both confident of lifting the trophy before Sophie stepped up to the podium. Their confidence was to be short-lived. Speaking with composure and passion, Sophie used all the drama skills learned from Mr Harries during her years at Becket Keys to keep the audience enthralled. Starting in a hushed voice in a silent



### Sixth Form Uniform

The Sixth Form uniform will be available from Smarty Pants our supplier from mid-July. Parents and students should make morning appointments so that time can be taken to measure the students for their suit. You can attend in the afternoon, however this time in the shop is not by appointment so will be much busier. Parents will be able to book appointments up to 2 weeks beforehand.

In order to alleviate a last minute rush after results day Smarty Pants are encouraging parents to buy the Sixth Form uniform early in July and August. As long as the uniform is unworn and in its original packaging, you can return it and get a full refund if your son or daughter fails to gain a place at Becket Keys Sixth Form.

auditorium, Sophie lulled her audience into a false sense of security before bursting into a witty and humorous diatribe on the annoyance of slow walkers. Sophie now anxiously awaits the results of the semi-final, where an expert judging panel will watch the 37 regional finals on video before deciding on the top 15 to proceed to the Speak Out Challenge final at the Cambridge Theatre in Central London.



**CONGRATULATIONS SOPHIE!!!**

**Mr Foley**

## Sports News

### Year 10 Cricket

#### Great Baddow (93-7) beat Becket Keys (36 all out)

The Year 10 Cricket team enjoyed their first game of the season against a strong side from Great Baddow. Becket Keys won the toss and elected to field first. Becket Keys bowled well, only conceding 10 runs to extras in the whole 15 overs. The Becket Keys bowling was accurate and tested the Baddow batsmen. Boundaries were few and far between, as the Becket Keys fielding positions set by Tom Burkert and Luke Savage often restricted Great Baddow to single runs. However, the batsmen were able to keep the scoreboard ticking over comfortably, putting the pressure back on Becket Keys when they went into bat. Benny Fryett took a couple of wickets at key times to help the cause. Reuben Torgbor also took a tough catch to increase the pressure. The Becket Keys batsmen were able to play themselves in on many occasions, but just were not quite able to keep the run rate up high enough to get close to Baddow's score. It seemed every time a batsman had played themselves in, when they started to chase runs the wickets started to fall.

None were more unlucky than Luke Savage, who was on the

wrong end of an unbelievable diving catch just as he had played himself in. The boys will now work on trying to increase their run rate for their next game against William DeFerrers on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.



### Staff Vacancies

We currently have the following staff vacancies.

RP Teacher

Music Teacher

Please see the website for more details.

[www.becketkeys.org](http://www.becketkeys.org)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### YEAR 8 MADRID TRIP

25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

#### INSET DAYS

16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017

#### YEAR 11 PROM

5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017

#### YEAR 7 BUSHCRAFT

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### GCSE RESULTS DAY

24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017

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