

# Becket Keys Church of England School

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

#### SIXTH FORM BRIDGING EVENT

#### Mr Peggs writes:

### Sixth Form Bridging Event 2023

Nearly 300 students, including around 180 from other schools, attended the Sixth Form Bridging Event this week. It ran on Tuesday and Wednesday and gave Year 11 students a chance to gain some experience of what life as a Sixth Former is like, as well as getting to know each other ahead of the next two years at Becket Keys.

Over the two days, students took part in a carousel of group challenges aimed at developing different skills. Engineering activities included building a monument out of spaghetti and marshmallows with Ms Stone, constructing a car to protect an egg in as it went down a ramp with Mr Hughes and creating a shelter to shield a cuddly toy during high winds with Dr Hurdle. There were also fierce debates and opportunities to demonstrate thinking skills during 'The Trading Floor', overseen by Mr Fenn, and 'Geohazard', organised by Mr Collins, with more of the same in Miss Romano's 'Whodunnit?' as students donned their deerstalkers to solve a murder mystery. Meanwhile, observation was imperative in Mrs Blacow's 'Treasure Hunt', cooperation was key in Mr Scott-Evans' 'The Becket Box' and strategy meant success in Mrs Martin's 'Atrapa la Pelota'. Finally, Mrs English was Chief Mixologist for 'Super Smooth' as students created their own health drinks with, erm, varied success.

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Groups accumulated points for their success in each activity, plus bonus points for how well they worked together as a team. At the end of it all, the final standings were revealed as:

Houses (10 in total): 3rd — Heidelberg and Turin (joint) 2nd — Naples 1st — Leipzig.

Groups (50 in total): 5th – Valladolid 1 4th – Heidelberg 5 and Turin 1 (joint) 3rd – Leipzig 1 2nd – Bologna 3 1st – Leipzig 5.

In addition to these activities, a series of talks were attended over the two days. The content of these meant that students left knowing a lot more about what life will be like as a Sixth Form student, what they can do to get ready for their new studies in September and how they will be supported on GCSE results day as they enrol. During this time, they were introduced to the interesting Bridging Activities to complete over the summer and recommendations of how to enrich their studies by enjoying wider reading materials, places to visit, documentaries, films, TV shows and podcasts.

Students also shared periods of Collective Worship in order to reaffirm their understanding of the central roles that the Christian Faith and strong moral values play in the Sixth Form.

Between all this, students got to experience the Sixth Form area for the first time and enjoy the fare served at the Deli Bar. As always, this was a hit as students relished being in what still feels like a brand new part of the school, feeling comfortable in different rooms and devouring the variety of tasty food and drink now available to them. Naturally, the sweet treats at break on both days went down very well indeed!



The highlight of the two days was, as ever, the clear display of our community's values by all students, including those who came from different schools. This is something that should never be taken for granted and it filled staff with great pride to see such responsible, caring students who are clearly going to be remarkable members of the Sixth Form.



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The next stage of the 'bridging process' involves students completing the Bridging Activities for the subjects they will be taking at A Level. Each of these is comprised of varied learning activities lasting at least ten hours per subject and is designed to create more interest in future studies, broaden students' knowledge of topics and keep their brains ticking over during this long summer that they can now enjoy.

There are over 450 students who have applied to and been offered a place in the Sixth Form. Over half of these have said that Becket Keys is their first choice destination; there is clear evidence of the growth in our popularity in such a short space of time!

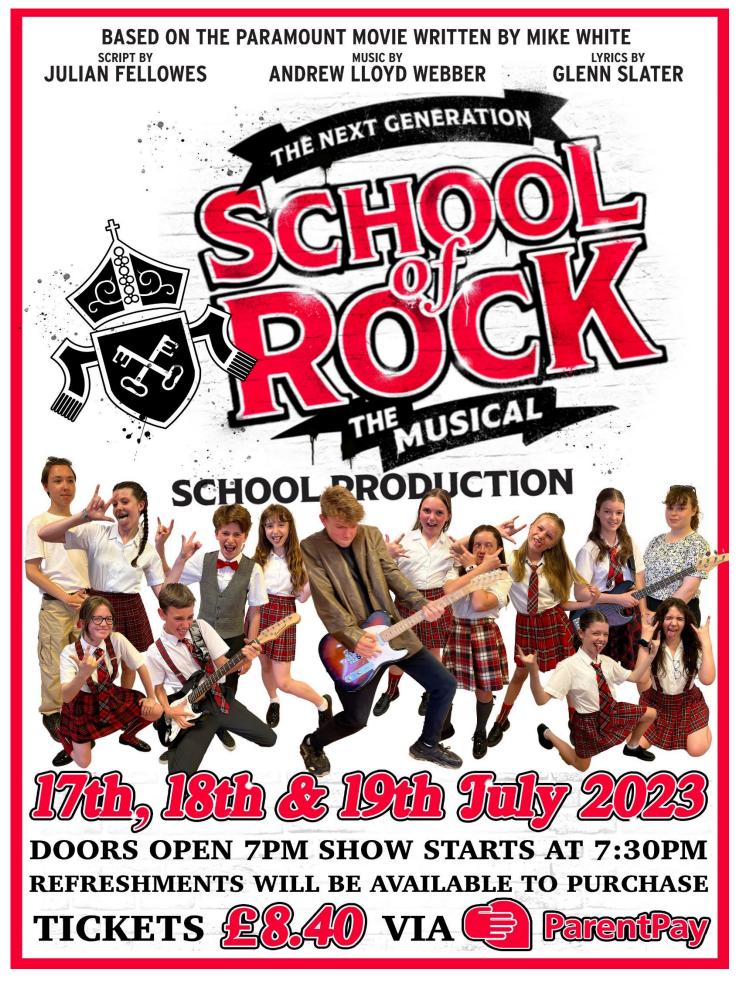
We wish all these and our Year 11 students - a fun summer. We hope that they make the most of the long holiday to try new activities, challenge their minds without the pressures of exams and enjoy a thoroughly welldeserved chance to relax after working so hard throughout the year.

> Mr Peggs (Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form)





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# **Music Department Recent Concerts**

There have been two wonderful concerts this week involving the talented Becket Keys musicians and singers.

On Tuesday we joined students from St Peter's Primary School as part of the Patronal Festival celebrations for St Peter's Church, South Weald.

Wednesday saw our students join with other secondary schools at the impressive Chelmsford Cathedral for a concert 'Celebrating Music Together'.









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## SEND Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along, and see us at the Roadshow. You can meet groups and services such as:

- Essex Family Forum
- SENDIASS
- Representatives from the Education Teams
- SEND Navigation Leads
- Local Support Groups

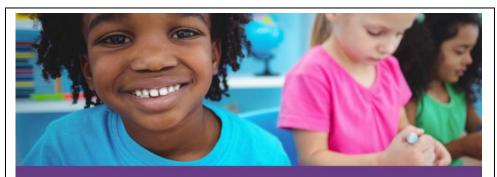
The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book. There are four locations to choose from across Essex:

Tuesday 4 July, 9am to 12.30pm — **West Essex** - Saffron Walden Town Hall

Thursday 6 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **Mid Essex** - Maldon Town Hall

Tuesday 11 July, 9am to 12.30pm - **South Essex** - Nevendon Centre, Wickford

For more information on who will be there please follow the link.



# send Local Offer ROADSHOW

https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-thinkmy-child-needs-help/send-localoffer-roadshows

We are hoping to run some sessions with a Peer Educator (parent/carer with lived experience of Autism) at each of the roadshows to share resources, signpost and ask questions. If you would be interested in attending one of these sessions, please email peersupporthub@essex.gov.uk

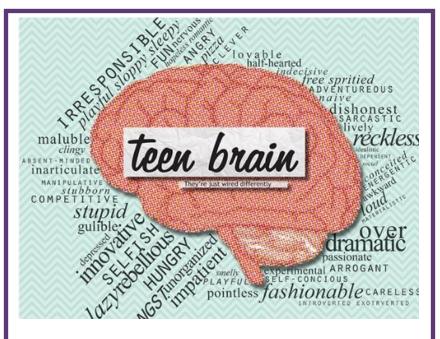
Essex County Council

# The Bridge SEND Bulletin

The June edition of this bulletin is now available, and this month focusses on travel and ensuring that people with SEND have the confidence and skills to travel independently on buses and trains. The one-to-one training is delivered on a specific journey, such as their route to school. It may include developing skills such as personal and road safety and using timetables and travel apps. It may also include money skills and what to do when things go wrong.

One parent said, "The process of travel training has been brilliant in helping my daughter to be out and about in the community by herself, with the added benefit of a confidence boost too. The trainer has been brilliant in helping my daughter at each step. My daughter really enjoyed working with the trainer and found her very kind and patient. It's been a life changing experience..."

Full details here: The Bridge SEND Bulletin



# Parent Workshop The Teenage Brain: Understanding it and nurturing it.

This workshop is all about parenting teenagers through a richer understanding of the science of the teenage brain.

It will be hosted and delivered by Mr Scott-Evans, Mr Shields and Miss Brown. They will take you on a journey around the structures of the teenage brain and why they act/react like they do. There will be plenty of time for sharing of experience and discussing any problems families are currently dealing with.

We hope everyone will leave more confident in supporting and nurturing Becket Keys teenagers and allowing them to flourish through a better understanding of the sort of approaches used in school.

When: Wednesday 12th July, 5.30-6.30pm Where: Becket Keys Church of England School

Tickets available on Eventbrite very soon!



# School Uniform Donations Required!

We will be holding another pre-loved uniform sale this term on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July and are in need of donations. All items will be welcomed however we are in particular need of **Sixth Form uniform** and the following:

B	azers
I	Kilts
Ju	mpers
PI	Etops
S	horts
S	korts
	Ties
A	prons
We would also welcome donations school shoes.	

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# Rotary Young Writer Competition Success!

For the second year, the Rotary club has organised locally and sponsored the 'Young Writer competition' where the idea is to encourage young people to use their writing skills and write with imagination and creativity. The theme this year was peace students could write prose, poetry, fiction or non-fiction based around this.

Becket Keys clearly made an impression on the competition's judges as we placed both first and second for the senior categories for the Brentwood stage of the competition! Congratulations to Milly Cordwell who not only placed first in her category, but also came first in the District Competition. Congratulations to: Jamie Hancox who placed second in his category. Both of these students have received vouchers as a reward for their success.





I was so impressed by these two entries, that I wanted to share them with you. Please enjoy reading them.

For more information about the many competitions the Rotary District are running please visit their website: https://www.rotaryribi.org/districts/page.php?PgID= 855256&DistrictNo=

> Miss White English Teacher



# Peace

I am envious of those who have not been indulged in your week companionship you call your presence. I envy those who do not know of you.

Because I am so tired of picking at this empty scab my skin cannot take another scar.

As skinny girls bleed words of desirability and aspiration. Get my blood is pasty and fake and I've said expressions, so, it clots.

It prevents me from bleeding out for I will never be able to secure such an image. But I cut deeper.

Deep until I hit the satisfaction of obtaining such eligibility.

However, I will never be them.

But I try so hard. Only to find that I had sliced too far, for I continue to the day I shed skin you have not impaled. You broke my skin, but you will not break me.

You laid out the foundations for perfection deemed me so far from it.

You are malevolent.

You ruled my being temperamentally, but now I speak back.

My voice is longer dampened with the presence of my fingers. My vocal cords are no longer embedded with stretchmarks.

I will not cough up your blood.

Because I cannot yell with my fingers down my throat.

I speak back.

I no longer call your name in religious patterns because you are everything unholy to me.

I won't bathe in the blood of your affirmations, and I won't baptise myself with your unrealistic creed because I am not broken anymore.

I am not looking for a solution to fill my shattered ribcage.

My body is at peace within your absence.

I can look in the mirror and see me as a whole. Not fragments of a soul only defined by when I fall into you. I will never be then.

I exist liberated from your grasp.

No, not being created by my obsession with you, but one who built on top of your ill repute for my development is something you so heavily despised. But I do not care anymore.

You are unsatisfied with my progress.

I loathe you.

My value is no longer outlined by the destructive components you presented to me; you are no longer

the blueprint for my state of content.

You are not my saviour.

I am so peaceful when you're not around.

I want to erase the time I so happily let you walk on a bed of my tears in, I want to drown you in that lake of my sorrow and make you taste every bitter emotion you drained from my body for your praise is no longer my ammunition and the warfare that existed in your presence does not define my welfare.

Because you do not matter to me anymore.

There is no longer a war.

I am rid of any armed conflict, I can only plead with you.

Please do not come back.

I wallowed in your simplicity only for you to rule out my mind complex.

I am no longer a wounded soldier in that battlefield of starvation.

I have finally found peace.

Your bullets have run out.

I am not yours anymore anorexia.

#### **Millie Cordwell**

# Dreaming Of Peace

The simple dream of peace, Lives in my every prayer. No more of war and hate, Love and compassion we dare.

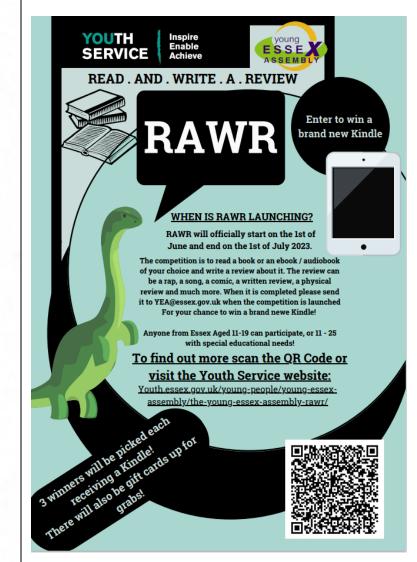
Peace marks the hour, When children are free to play. Asleep in happy dreams, Their laughter sings the day.

The simple dream of peace, For those in far off lands. Oppression's not now known, Tranquillity rules desert sands.

Our dream, abundance brings, As love responds to forgive. Poverty remains homeless, Hope's vision now we give.

Resolve ow, our differences, And put all weapons away. Respect and dignity gifted, To all we meet this day.

Jamie Hancox





The Patronal Festival continues this weekend with a number of events for all the family taking place. For more details about all the events being organised go to the festival website: <u>www.southwealdfestival.co.uk</u>

You will find more information and booking details for all the events being held during the festival week.



Scouts are do-ers and give-it-ago-ers. Yes, they go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing. You will also get to hang out with your friends every week – having fun, playing games, working in a team and taking on new challenges.

Every week the Scouting Association gives almost half a million 4-25 year olds the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills you need for life.

Everyone is welcome at Scouts. All genders, races and backgrounds. Regardless of any young person's physical ability – there's a Scout adventure out there waiting for them. And Scouts will help them find it.

Places available at a local group.

Beavers & Cubs is Karen Powell 01277 823405 <u>1stdoddinghurstbeavers@mail.com</u> or <u>1stdoddinghurstcubs@gmail.com.</u>

Scouts – Tina Noble 07514 035280 <u>1stdoddinghurstscouts@gmail.com</u>

Scouts

1<sup>st</sup> Doddinghurst Scout Group Church Lane Doddinghurst, Brentwood CM15 oNJ

### **BEAVERS**

Age 6-8 years Monday during School term time 5.15pm — 6.30pm

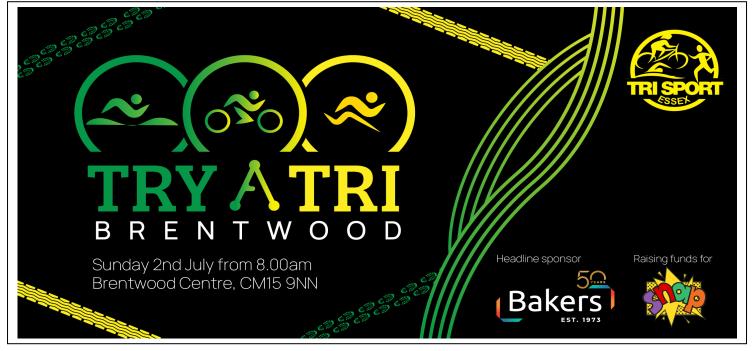
### <u>CUBS</u>

Age 8-10 years Monday during School term time 6.45pm — 8.15pm

### <u>SCOUTS</u>

Age 10-12 years Wednesday during School term time 6.45pm — 8.45pm

#### BECKET KEYS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL 23RD JUNE 2023



If you would like the opportunity to support SNAP one of our nominated charities this year, then why not sign up to Try a Tri?

Tri Sport Essex (TSE) have chosen SNAP as the chosen charity recipient for the first Try-<u>A-Tri</u> event in Brentwood! This event is suitable for first-time triathletes and includes a short swim, cycling and running challenges at the Brentwood Centre. Alongside the athletics and cheering on the competitors, families can enjoy funfair rides, bouncy castle, face painters, animal handlers, DJ and food stalls. Plus, it's totally free to attend!

Children can swim, cycle and run on site at The Brentwood Centre. Adults can do the same, but with the option to ride on the roads depending on their confidence and ability levels. **Try-A-Tri Adult Triathlon Event** (16yrs+) – £15 + booking fees – 200m pool Swim

 – 10km Cycle on flat roads (with sections of closed roads)

- 2km Run on sports field

#### **Try-A-Tri Adult Duathlon Event** (16yrs+) – £15 + booking fees – 1km Run on sports field

- 10km Cycle on flat roads (with sections of closed roads)

- 2km Run on sports field

#### Try-A-Tri Junior Triathlon Event (9-15yrs – age as at 31/12/23) – £5 + booking fees – 100m pool Swim

- 3km Cycle on sports field
- 1km Run on sports field

## Book your place here

Want to get involved but don't want to compete? Why not volunteer to be a marshal? Please

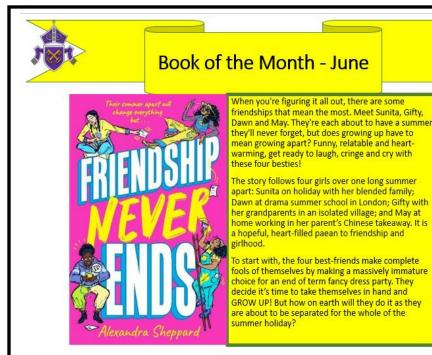
email **fundraising@snapcharity**. **org** to register your interest.

To help out, please email fundraising@snapcharity. org

TSE is a Triathlon club that has been established for 30 years, a club for people of all skill levels, from wanting to stay fit in a fun and socially based club, to competitive European level athletes. They have regular training sessions for swimming (Brentwood School Sports Centre), cycling and running. Join them for a taster session at any time. For more details on TSE please visit: https://trisportessex.org/



#### BECKET KEYS CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL 23RD JUNE 2023







Please make sure that you top-up your son or daughter's account each week so that he/she is able to access all the delicious meals in the school restaurants.

There is a small overdraft facility on ParentPay accounts of £2 for emergency situations, which covers the cost of a sandwich.

Due to the cashless system in place, there is no other back up.

We do not want any student to miss lunch or the great choice of food available every day in our restaurants. The chefs work hard each day to provide a variety of delicious meals for the school.

If you need assistance navigating the site then help is available here: <u>https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-</u> <u>Parents-and-guardians</u>

If you have any other queries, please contact the school – <u>office@becketkeys.org</u>



# A Message from the Admin Team

Remember that all correspondence to the school must come through the school office email: <u>office@becketkeys.org</u>

Your message will be forwarded to the member of staff concerned.

You can also send a message via the contact page on the website:

https://www.becketkeys.org/contact-staff

You can also now reply directly to any message you receive from the school via Bromcom, just hit the reply button and it will go to the office.

Students can contact their teachers via Satchel One if they have any queries regarding their lessons.

Please do not email staff directly as any message received in this way will not receive a response.

Many thanks for your understanding.

### **Becket Keys**

## School Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that Becket Keys School will be a blessing to the people of Brentwood.

Encouraged by the example of Peter, Thomas of Canterbury and all your Saints,

may its students know the beauty of your truth;

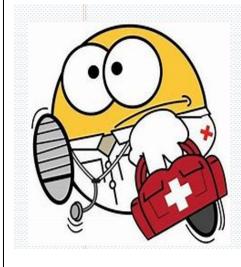
may its staff know the joy of your service;

may its headteacher and Governors be led by a vision of your kingdom;

and, together, may the school community know your Holy Spirit in its midst

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen





## <u>Spanish</u> Speaking Clinic for Year 10

Join us to learn strategies and techniques to support you in your GCSE speaking exam. *Practice makes perfect!* 

When? Mondays 3:20-4:00 pm

Where? C32/C31

### THE SCHOOL NURSE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE



Help and advice in relation to:

#### How can you make contact? Use '<u>CHAT Health'</u>

This is manned by a School Nurse between the hours of 9-5pm Monday to Friday, and they will respond to all messages within 24 hours Monday – Friday. The aim is to provide a timely, and convenient access to confidential health advice for every young person in Essex. Phone or text: 07520 615732

No parental consent required for students aged 13 and over.



Are you interested in Lego, programming, or robots?

Computer Science is looking for students (Y7-Y9) interested in joining one of three teams for the Lego First League.

Build and program Lego robots to complete set challenges.

Tuesdays in W03

3:20-4:30pm

Starting 20<sup>th</sup> June

Please come to an informational meeting afterschool on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June or speak to Ms Pogoda in W03 by 19<sup>th</sup> June. Places are limited.



The Brentwood foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's network of 428 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities, as well as across the UK.

The Foodbank Network was founded in 2004 after four years of developing the original foodbank based in Salisbury. Since then The Trussell Trust has helped communities work together to launch foodbanks nationwide in a wide range of towns and cities.

In 2021/22, The Trussell Trust's Foodbank Network provided 2,173,158 three-day emergency food supplies and support to UK people in crisis. Of these, 832,109 went to children.

Brentwood Foodbank was established in 2011 by two partnered churches of Brentwood. Brentwood Foodbank works with a number of frontline care agencies to provide food parcels to the most vulnerable members of the community.

Brentwood Foodbank do not think anyone in the community

should have to face going hungry. That is why they work hard with their volunteers to provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred when in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

The need for the Foodbank is still high and the local Foodbank is now currently feeding over 100 people every day.

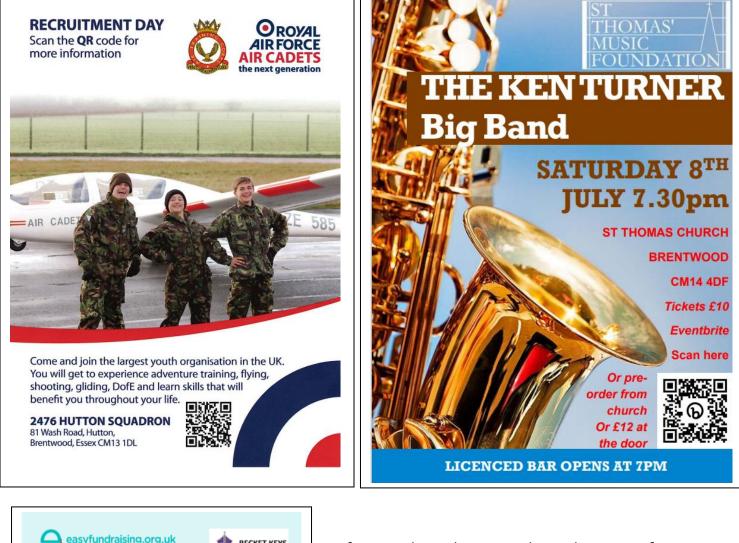
Collections are becoming more important. Please assist those who are less fortunate and donate urgent items on the above list. Collection points are at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Stephen's Ingrave (Friday 10am-12pm) and Sainsbury's. Thank you for your continued assistance.



### <u>JUNE</u>

### **ITEMS REQUIRED**

**Beef/Chicken Casserole Minced Beef & Onion Chilli Con Carne/Curries** Hot Dogs/Meatballs Noodles **Rice Pudding** Custard **Tinned Fruit Instant Mash/Potatoes** All Cleaners Bleach Washing Up Liquid Washing Powder or Gel Shampoo **Toothpaste Shaving Gel** Nappies Size 5 & 6 **Baby Wipes Deodorants Toilet Roll** 





If you are doing shopping online. Why not see if you can help raise some funds for FoBK through your online purchases in a few easy steps:

Click here, then:

- Click 'Sign up and support this cause'.
- If new to Easyfundraising then set up an account.
- Browse the hundreds of online shops who participate in the scheme and go shopping! As long as you go into the online sites through the Easyfundraising site, you will register a donation to FoBK. You can even get an App for your phone! It will not cost you a penny!

If already a member, then why not refer a friend? FoBK will get a bonus when each person you refer makes a purchase.









# Sports Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

This event is a high point on our school calendar, and one in which the school community joins together to recognise the sporting talents and achievements of our students, where personal records will be made and broken. Naturally, we expect all students to take a full and active role on this day and to feel proud to be able to represent their house by demonstrating their sporting endeavour.

Students should arrive at school wearing Becket Keys PE kit. They should ensure that they have sun cream, hat, and plenty of water. (If they carry an asthma inhaler or other medication, they should take it to the field with them.)

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to come along and support the day's activities. Parents, carers and other family members are welcome to attend and should arrive at the sports field (opposite the school) by 12.30pm.

There will be a dedicated area for spectators, so please bring along fold-up chairs and picnic blankets. It is always encouraging for our students to have family members watching and it should prove to be a very exciting and pleasurable event.

Thank you once again for your support and we look forward to seeing you there! **Becket Keys** SPORTS DAY



For an additional treat, there will be an ice cream van available on the day for both staff, students, and parents. Students are encouraged to bring a small amount of change to purchase some treats from the vendors. We also invite you to treat yourselves as it is due to be a lovely sunny day!

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Parent Area

We welcome you to come along to support your son/daughter for their annual sports day. We kindly ask that you use the parent area to view all races and events. Please respect that pupil pens are for students and staff only.



There will be toilets available on the field. These can be used by all members of the Becket Keys community.

# Photography / Film

We know how important it is to document your son/daughters' achievements. Filming your son/daughter taking part in sports day is a fantastic memory to have! Please feel free to film your son/daughter in their event. We also know there is a temptation to post this to social media so your friends and family can revel in their sports day triumphs! However, in the age of consent, please refrain from posting photos/videos to social media. You will not have the permission from other parents to post images of their son/daughter online. If you wish to post any photos/videos, please seek the permission from the parents of the students in your photo/video.

### Twitter @BecketKeys @BecketKeysPE

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

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SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 From 12.30pm

\* <u>YEAR 6</u> <u>MEET THE TUTOR EVENING</u> TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 5.00pm – 6.00pm

\* YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 PROM

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

\* <u>GOVERNORS SPEECH &</u> <u>AWARDS EVENING</u> THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

\* <u>PARENT WORKSHOP</u> <u>THE TEENAGE BRAIN</u> 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 5.30PM

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## SCHOOL OF ROCK!

MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

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