

Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

Becket Keys Church of England School

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Becket Keys Church of England School hosted the West Essex Regional Final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge on Wednesday, and it was an evening filled with inspiration and eloquence. This competition encourages young people to step up, find their voices, and share their thoughts on important topics. Here's a glimpse of the event from this week:

Kian, our very own Year 11 student and last year's winner, took centre stage as the Master of Ceremonies. His confidence

and poise set the tone for the evening, putting everyone at ease and using typical self-deprecation to gain plenty of laughs.

Krasi and Esme, representing Becket Keys, delivered powerful speeches that left the audience in awe. Their courage and eloquence showcased the incredible talent within our school community.

As usual, there were a range of hardworking student helpers who ensured the event ran smoothly. Whether they were timing, directing or welcoming they all played their part, and I am very grateful to them for their contributions.

Special mention must go to Miss Bolt, who worked tirelessly to host the event. Her

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organisational skills and passion for empowering students were evident throughout.



The Jack Petchey Foundation, founded by the visionary [Jack Petchey](#) (98), has been transforming young lives since 1999. Jack believes that every young person should have the opportunity to speak out, be heard, and make a difference. Through initiatives like the Speak Out Challenge, he continues to support young people to realise their capabilities.

As the Mayor looked on, our talented speakers shared their perspectives on topics close to their hearts. From music to mental health, from the role of fathers to misogyny, from discipline to determination, their words resonated with everyone in the room.



While there was a champion (Martha from Davenant Foundation School), all the students could go home proud of their achievements. It was a night

to pause and be proud of how far students have come in their confidence to step up and be heard.

Let's continue the challenge! Why not find ways to encourage your friends, classmates, and family members to share their stories and opinions. Who knows? The next great speaker could be among us.

Remember, at Becket Keys, we believe that every voice matters. Let's keep speaking out, inspiring change, and making our community proud! If you are more of a writer than a speaker, why not write something for the newsletter? Who knows you could be on the front-page next week?

**Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher**

The School Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that Becket Keys Church of England 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

Donations for Fundraising Raffle

We are appealing for donations for the raffle which will be held on the evenings of the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production.

Do you have anything that you could kindly donate?

All proceeds raised from the raffle will go towards the costs incurred in putting on the school production.

Please bring your donations into school and either leave them in Reception, or bring them to the Staff Room in Carey Building. Please ensure that they are marked for my attention.

**Thank you for your support.
Mrs L Simmons**

Rotary Club Young Writer Competition

For the third 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 rebuilding - students could write prose, poetry, fiction or non-fiction based around this. This was a very challenging topic to write about, and our students embraced this challenge.

Becket Keys clearly made an impression on the competition's judges. Congratulations to the following students on their success: Rithika Rony (1st place Intermediate), Sofia Bourote (2nd place Intermediate), Pollyanna Fetherston (Highly Commended Intermediate), Poppy Phillips (1st place Senior), Lily Harding (2nd place Senior), Amabelle Trinder (Highly Commended Senior). These students have all been awarded certificates and some students received prizes for their efforts.

Tony Clark, the President of the Rotary Club, came to present the awards for the Intermediate competition. We thank him for his visit and it was lovely for those students to receive their awards from him in collective worship this week.

I was blown away by all of the entries we received. The judges struggled to make decisions and said any number of our students could have won this year. Well done to everyone who entered.

Miss White
English Teacher



For more information about the many competitions the Rotary District are running please visit their website: [Youth Competitions – Our Projects – Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland \(rotarygbi.org\)](https://www.rotary.org.uk/Youth/Competitions)

Charity Update – I Got Shoes

As you are aware, the school is supporting 'I Got Shoes' a charity set up by Penny and Gary Seithel six years ago. They have recently visited Uganda to see the work that their charity is supporting, and they have sent us this update.



What a wonderful gift to be back in Uganda again with our students, teachers, and staff. As we walked into the school hall, the choir was in full celebration mode. With this welcome, we were expected to make our way directly to the front. Yet, I couldn't help but pause, not wanting to miss this beautiful moment.

I stood in the back, taking it all in. My thoughts raced back to our first visit here in 2018. Gary and I were teaching leadership courses in Kampala, and our site leader, Ben, asked us to visit a slum outside the city called Kyebando. (Pronounced 'chey-band-o'). He pastored a small church right in this community. We met the families who were praying and believing for a school their children could attend. Nothing was further from our radar.

And now, seeing all that has transpired in the past six years ...



my heart is bursting with JOY ♥ .
Don't miss this ... if you're still reading: YOU are a part of the answers to their prayers.

Our partner described one family whose children are part of Jubilee Care Nursery & Primary School. A family with four children could not afford to send their children to school. They were seen in the

community constantly doing chores. Fetching water. Gathering sticks. Not in school. Our partners reached out to the family and said "Come, bring them to school." Just one of many lives you are helping.

I GOT SHOES has partnered with Jubilee for the past four years, and they are now developing



ways to build their own resources. It is exciting to see their growing initiatives and continued trust for God to meet every need. Families will offer to bring firewood to the school. Some can bring sugar. Others offer 'manilas' or 'reams of paper' for students to use. And more!

The idea is what a family can offer: they contribute. What is lacking, I GOT SHOES helps with. For example, teacher salaries, food, school uniforms, and shoes. When families 'bring something to the table', they feel ownership, pride in helping and gratitude for their children's access to education.



Pictured here are students from Infant and Primary classes at Jubilee Care.

To each of our monthly partners, donors, and friends who cheer us on ...**THANK YOU!** We are grateful for your help in continuing the work of I GOT SHOES teams here in the UK and UGANDA.

With much love

Penny Seithel, Founder



Careers Opportunities

Health and Care Careers Expo 2024

Mid and South Essex Health & Care
Academy and Anglia Ruskin University



ARU and Mid and South Essex ICS Health and Care Academy have come together to deliver this exciting Health and Care Careers Expo for young people aged 14 and above who may be interested in a career within the Health and Care sector.

Book Now:



SCAN ME

Event details

Venue - ARU Chelmsford
Campus

The event offers 2
sessions.

The morning session
9.30am – 11.45am and the
afternoon session 12.15pm
– 2.45pm.

You are invited to book on
to a session using the QR
code or the link below.

BOOK HERE



The Health and Care Careers Expo - 26th June 2024

The Expo is **free to attend** and will showcase the wide range of career opportunities available within the sector. The event includes:

- Interactive activities and demos with ARU Student Ambassadors studying healthcare careers
- Meet the Professional's keynote speakers on career areas within health and care
- Interactive career stands from a variety of professionals in health and care roles.

Places will be reserved on a 'first come first served basis'.



NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience Sunday 5th May 2024

This is a fantastic opportunity for students in Years 10-13 who are considering a career in healthcare.

At the beginning of the session, students will interact with a distinguished guest speaker, Shelley Blane, offering a unique opportunity to gain insights from an experienced AHP professional. They will then explore the crucial elements of Road Traffic Collisions (RTC).

Shelly (a seasoned Therapeutic and Diagnostic Radiographer), will share their wealth of knowledge and insights, offering invaluable guidance to aspiring healthcare professionals.

Students will gain invaluable perspectives on patient care dynamics and the collaborative efforts within the NHS, including exploring careers within:

Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Radiography, Prosthetics, and Orthotics, Speech and Language Therapy and Pharmacy

Once they have registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portal and they will be awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. For more information:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>



Discover the world of work with Care UK



Speakers for Schools and Care UK present two fully funded in-person work experience placements in Colchester, Essex. Open to students aged 14-18.

Deep Dive into Careers in the Care Sector

- Spend 3-days at Sliversprings Care Home supporting professionals and exploring various roles in the care industry.
- 25-27 June, 9:30-16:00 daily
- Silversprings Care Home, Colchester
- Open to students aged 14-18
- [Click here](#) to apply

Deep Dive into Careers in the Finance Sector

- Spend 5 days exploring various roles in the finance department including billing, accounts payable, reporting, and commercial finance.
- 24-28 June, 9:30-16:00 daily
- Care UK Care Home Support Centre, Colchester
- Open to students aged 14-18
- [Click here](#) to apply

[Click here to find out more!](#)

- Deadline to apply: 6 May
- Please note: Applicants for the care placement will be required to attend a virtual interview (with a teacher present) on 22 May 2024.
- Please note: Applicants for the finance placement will be required to attend a virtual interview (with a teacher present) on 15 May 2024.

**INTERESTED?
GET IN TOUCH**

If you'd like to find out more or get involved, email:

Ellie.Lambert@speakersforschools.org

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Saturday 18th May 2024

School Playground

10.-00am – 11.30am

Donations of uniform are always welcome, please drop to reception.

Late Gate

*Early is on time,
On time is late,
And late is unacceptable!*

At Becket Keys, we look to ensure that we are preparing students for life beyond school. We encourage students to attend school regularly and on time.

Remember that the school gate closes at **8.25am**. This allows students enough time to be at their first lesson on time. Period 1 begins at 8.30am.

Brentwood can be tough to negotiate during rush hour, so we encourage students and parents to contact the school in the case of **genuine** lateness, such as delayed public transport.

Parents can call the main school line 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.



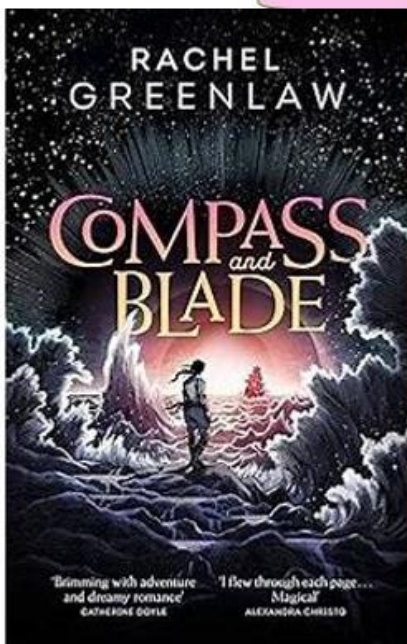
Our School Library (Lib A)



- Your school library is open on the following lunch times:
 - Tuesday (4.2) 12.50-1.20
 - Wednesday (4.1) 12-12.30
 - Thursday (4.2) 12.50-1.20
 - Friday (4.1) 12-12.30.
- It is also open after school every day between 3.15 and 4pm.
- The library is open for you to:
 - Come and borrow or return books,
 - Get help on finding a book you might enjoy reading,
 - Sit and read,
 - Discuss books with other students.



Book of the Month - May



On the remote isle of Rosevear, Mira, like her mother before her, is a wrecker, one of the seven on the rope who swim out to shipwrecks to plunder them. Mira's job is to rescue survivors, if there are any. After all, she never feels the cold of the frigid ocean waters and the waves seem to sing to her soul. But the people of Rosevear never admit the truth: that they set the beacons themselves to lure ships into the rocks.

When the Council lays a trap to put an end to the wrecking, they arrest Mira's father. Desperate to save him from the noose, Mira strikes a deal with an enigmatic wreck survivor and sets off to find something her mother has left her, a family secret buried deep in the sea.

With just nine days to find what she needs to rescue her father, all Mira knows for certain is this: The sea gives. The sea takes. And it's up to her to do what she must to save the ones she loves.

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PE Extracurricular Timetable 23/24



Day	Before School 7:30-8:20	2 nd Lunch 12:40-1:20	After-School 3:10-4:30
Monday	STAFF BRIEFING	TUP Badminton	Year 8 Boys Cricket Year 9 & 10 Boys Cricket Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders
Tuesday	Squad Cricket	Squad Athletics	All Years Girls Cricket
Wednesday	STAFF MEETING	GCSE PE intervention drop in	All Years Athletics
Thursday	Indoor Cricket	Squad Athletics	Year 7 Boys Cricket
Friday	STAFF BRIEFING	-	

Keys:

- Astro
- Sports hall
- Main Hall
- Field
- Netball Courts



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 Bistro.

There is a small overdraft facility on the ParentPay accounts of £2 for emergency situations which covers the cost of a roll. 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. (You can check out the menu for the next week on page 11).

If you have any queries, please contact the school – office@becketkeys.org



Want to try a new sport?
Need another sport for your PE GCSE?

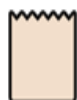
Girls Cricket is taking off at **Bentley Cricket Club**

We are actively recruiting for our new U15 girls hardball team. School Years 8, 9 & 10 are eligible to play. Beginners welcome.

Training takes place on Friday evenings 6.30 – 8.00pm. Female lead coach. Equipment supplied.
Clubhouse open, BBQ available after training.

Contact Graham Littlewood at bentleycricketclub@gmail.com for more information.

Bentley Cricket Club, Coxtie Green Road, Brentwood CM14 5PN
www.pitchero.com/clubs/bentleycricketclub



Give Food

We've found a new list of items requested by [Brentwood Food Bank](#). They are...

- Soup
- Tea Bags
- Jars Of Pasta Sauces
- Tinned Carrots & Tinned Peas
- Rice (Bags & Packets)
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned Sardines

You can find more details at <https://www.givefood.org.uk/needs/at/brentwood/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY 6TH MAY 2024

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APPRECIATE A TEACHER DAY
TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2024

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YEAR 11 & YEAR 13
CELEBRATION DAY
TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2024

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GCSE EXAMS BEGIN
THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024

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UCAS EVENING FOR YEAR 12
THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024

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YEAR 9 MADRID TRIP
THURSDAY 23RD MAY
TO SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2024

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WHITSUN BREAK
MONDAY 27TH – FRIDAY 31ST MAY 2024

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INSET DAYS
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
FRIDAY 14TH JUNE 2024
MONDAY 17TH JUNE 2024

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