



ANOTHER EXCELLENT EVENING

Becket Keys Church of England School opened its doors on Monday night for parents' evening. Parents of year 7 and year 8 were accommodated in the hall with students attending to speak to their tutors or other senior staff about their progress so far.

This was the fourth communication evening of the year for parents. We started the year with a 'meet the tutor' after school session in the first week of term.

Next we held a parents' workshop evening. Thirdly we enjoyed an evening discussing our forthcoming school trips.

However, for many this was the most important as it gave parents the first chance to examine their child's report and first term grades.

Students here are assessed every term (six per year) and we keep parents informed of progress through meetings such as this and reports home.

Parents can always keep in touch with their tutors using staffenquiry@becketkeys.org and putting the name of the teacher in the subject line.

We would like to thank every family for coming to join us and our staff for staying late on another evening.



Look how far we've come already!

A note from the head teacher

On Tuesday this week we will receive another visit from the Department for Education.

Last year, Vanessa Wiseman visited the school and spent a very rewarding day with us.

We look forward to welcoming Scott Walker next week and hearing his views on how the school has been progressing over the last year. This on-going support from the DfE complements that provided by our own sponsors RET (Russell Education Trust).

Members of the governing body and RET advisors will meet with Scott to hear his report.

Scott will be observing lessons, meeting students, talking to parents and teachers and looking at the school's systems for self evaluation and improvement.

The visit will help us to plan for further progress and prepare for our first OfSTED inspection which will take place at some point in the first year.

It is incredible to reflect on how far we have come already. Most of you will remember those early meetings discussing the possibility of the school and gathering support from our local community. Very quickly approval was given and the school was underway. Here we are just over one year in and already we feel so well established and we are oversubscribed. An amazing position to find ourselves in already!

If you would like to give us some feedback on our progress so far you can do so here: www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. Simply register and then find our school to record your views.

SPORTS NEWS

The nights are drawing in!

Rugby training will now be held on the astroturf under floodlights until the evenings get lighter. Students will be developing their skills in other areas of the game that don't involve contact. This means that students will need to bring in astroturf trainers.

Swimming trials postponed

Swimming gala trials event on Tuesday 5th December has been postponed to Tuesday 10th December. This is open to all swimmers who would like to represent the school in swimming galas.

We are looking to take 40/50 swimmers (Boys and Girls, Year 7 and Year 8).

Signup sheet will be in the Bistro next week.

HOCKEY



This week year 7 and 8 played a mixed game against Brentwood Ursuline. The year 7 team played a year 8b team and won 7 - 0. Freddie Summers and Joel Reeves linked up their passes well, while Peter Angeli demonstrated some fantastic dribbling skills. As the game progressed the team grew in confidence and Scarlett Mellor and Sydney Macaulay managed to score while on the break. Well done to all of the year 7s involved!

The year 8 team started well, with score being 0-0 at half time. The second half was more eventful with the final score being 2-1 to Brentwood Ursuline. Alex Savage and Remi Brien linked up well in attack, and Karise Gunner and Ryan Chapman provided some strong tackles in defence. However, the team need to work on their positioning and use of space to ensure that slick passing and opportunities to attack are created more often.

Y8 BOYS' FOOTBALL



Our Y8 football team played their fourth game of the season on Tuesday, this time under floodlights on the astroturf. We started the game on the back foot and Finley Richardson was called upon to make a fantastic save. As the game went on, we started to get the ball on the floor. This improved the quality of our passing and we started to create opportunities. Jamie Jacobs managed to get on the score sheet with a finish from close range. A defensive error allowed St John Payne to equalise. Elements of good play, but some of our passing was wayward. Final score 1-1. A game played in an excellent spirit!

NOTE: No football training on Monday due to a district girls' football competition.

Y7 BOYS' FOOTBALL

Year 7's lost 0-4 to Chelmer Valley on Wednesday.

The boys played really well in patches, but were punished for their mistakes against a very good side. We were delighted to see the hard work and effort of the team in difficult circumstances, Owen Day was especially strong and was named 'man of the match' for his role as goal keeper.

Training changing

Football club on Mondays after school will be changing to a selected 'squad' training session after Christmas for Year 7 and 8.

Trials for this will be held the week before Christmas.

Turn up and play football club will continue on Tuesdays for all students who wish to play.

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week two acts of collective worship were led by local clergy. We were visited by our chair of governors Revd Dr Ian Jorysz. We were also very glad to see Revd Mark James. Both led us in thinking about how we can live out our Christian values and specifically what it means to love our neighbour. We were reminded that there are many small opportunities in each day to serve those around us. Ms Endicott led the year 7 collective worship on Wednesday and focussed on loving ourselves (love your neighbour as you love yourself). She explained that it is important to focus on our own development as well and that the more we can improve ourselves the better placed we will be to look to the needs of others.

NEW CHEF

We have appointed a new sous-chef to join our Bistro Team. Daniel will start in January and join Chef Sebastian. We look forward to welcoming him to our already excellent kitchen staff.



FOBK QUIZ

Thanks to Mrs White for organising our inaugural Quiz Night and for all those brave tables who have come along to take on the teachers! We look forward to hearing how it goes! With a few tickets left you could turn up on the night if you wish to – it is a great way to support our school.

HEAD TEACHERS' GATHERING

All of the RET Head Teachers gathered in Bristol today to see the Bristol Free School's new buildings and to discuss how the four schools can work together on various issues. The ability to work collaboratively with schools you are not 'in competition with' is a strength for sponsored academies like ours. The next collaborative event is with the English Heads of Departments and will be held at Becket Keys.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & OTHER PREPARATIONS

As last year, we are organising a Christmas concert for our school community on the evening of 16th December. We will be announcing more details on Monday, including how to get tickets, but please keep the date free. Students in the choirs and orchestras will play with a professional brass band for a truly festive feel! Our Christmas trees arrived today and we look forward to seeing the students decorate them! Daily advent prayers will commence on Monday as we prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas!

CHRISTMAS DISCO

FOBK are organising a Christmas disco for students on Tuesday 17th December. A ticket will only cost £5 and will include disco, party food and drinks. Please save the date; this is sure to be a very popular event.



CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Come and join us for a Christmas Eucharist on 18th December at St Thomas' Church. You can walk up with the students or meet us there. Stay for a tea or coffee in the church centre afterwards.

LOST PROPERTY

The following items are not named. Please contact reception to collect:

OZU black/blue jacket
Blue Key and Black key on a plain keyring
1 pair of boys' black school shoes
1 black/blue pair of size 7 trainers
Sainsbury's bag with furry boots and a top inside
Prostar GA Coat
George Black Coat
1 pair of black girls' school shoes
6 silver keys on a plain key ring
Black wallet
Street Code pencil case
1 Kilt
Grey Nike fleece
Predator shin pads
Black Slazenger bag with clothes in
Havering Borough Council grey track suit
1 small rugby top
1 patterned navy glove
2 Becket Keys slippers
Brass front door key
1 Blazer
Grey woollen hat
Black Atmosphere Coat
Black glasses case
Simpsons door key on a Harry Potter keyring with a St Thomas' memory stick.

NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Contact office (proceeds to school fund)

Boys' Blazer size 28"	£10
Purple Reversible PE top 26/28"	£5
Skort 22/24"	£5
Jumpers (4) size 30"	£5
Jumper size 28"	£5
Boys' s/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50
Boys' l/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50

UNIFORM

Thinking of buying a school coat? It must be black and must not have a large logo on it.

Similarly, if you are thinking of buying a new school bag, we would strongly recommend using our school badged bags. However, if you wish to buy a black bag of a different design it must conform to our uniform policy.

Please check our uniform policy here:

www.becketkeys.org/uniform.php

Girls must have their hair tied back at all times and are not allowed to wear makeup apart from a small amount of concealer or foundation to cover spots!

No eye makeup, no lip stick, no nail varnish.

Our office does keep a stock of wipes, but we should not need to use these!

ABSENCE LINE

We are pleased to inform you that we now have a dedicated Student Absence line.

If your child is absent from school due to illness please phone 01277 286612 before 8.30am on every day of absence.



You will be able to leave a short message on the answer phone stating your son/daughter's name, form and reason for absence.

You can also notify us of absence by emailing: office@becketkeys.org

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PRAYER

Our prayer meetings are on Tuesdays at 11:30am. Anyone from the Becket Keys Church of England School community is welcome to join us (parents, other relatives, friends of the school etc).

Please send any prayer requests to: office@becketkeys.org. If you wish to join our prayer mailing list to receive a regular update of issues to pray for, you can also email us.

The whole school will be saying daily advent prayers over the next few weeks to help us all reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

Dates for your Diary

- 16th Dec Christmas Concert
- 17th Dec Christmas Disco
- 18th Dec School Christmas Eucharist
St Thomas' Church 10:45

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

