



RECRUITMENT BEGINS AGAIN!

Mr Scott-Evans writes:

One of the great strengths of our growing school is the opportunity to appoint new staff every year. You may have seen our adverts for English, Mathematics, Science, RE and Art Teachers in the newsletter and on our website. We have had a wonderful response from a larger number of candidates than ever before. The reputation of the school is now more firmly established and it is helping to attract ambitious and talented teachers from across the county and beyond.

Our recruitment process always starts with our adverts that clearly express the sort of Christian ethos that we are establishing here and the unique nature of our founding heritage. Next, we encourage applicants to come and visit the school so they can see for themselves the high expectations and standards.

If a candidate is inspired to apply we then carefully examine their application form to look for clear evidence of excellent learning and progress in their classes.

Those who are called for interview spend some time with me at the beginning of the day before we then see them teaching in the classroom. Students, senior staff and RET



advisors are crucial in this stage of the process. All feedback needs to align positively for someone to then be considered for a formal interview.

The formal interview part is always with me and usually a member of the senior leadership team and an RET consultant or governor. I believe the process is a two way one in which the school is looking for someone who lives up to our expectations and importantly the teacher is also looking to see whether the school is appropriate for them.

Put simply, Becket Keys Church of England School is not for everybody! It requires very high levels of commitment and energy to teach in this school as well as a desire to have your own practice scrutinised, developed and challenged. Not for the faint hearted!

However, the rewards are high! Each day seeing students so engaged in their learning and so courteous in their behaviour makes working here a real pleasure. Staff turnover is low

and new staff joining the school are consistently helping raise standards further. Becket Keys Church of England School is a great place to be!

Best regards

Andy Scott-Evans

Thank you!

I would like to thank all of those families who came to the Education Sunday service at St Thomas of Canterbury Church on Sunday. It was great to see so many of you there.

I would like to particularly thank those who read or served in some way. I was very proud of you all!

OTHER NEWS

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING

It was great to see so many of you at our Year 8 Parents' Evening last night. Thank you for your support! We enjoyed sharing stories of recent successes and struggles and hope the evening was a useful opportunity to touch base with the teachers. I would like to thank the teachers for staying late especially those who had birthdays on the day or birthdays of family members that were missed.

If you were unable to see any teachers who you particularly wanted to hear from please contact them via staffenquiry@becketkeys.org. Put the name of the teacher in the subject line.

LATENESS WORKSHOPS

At Becket Keys Church of England School, we aim to instil an ethic of hard work amongst the students, in order to prepare them for the world of work. Not only is this through teaching students academically, but also through helping students achieve and understand the skills they need for life.

This ranges from teaching students how to present themselves in a professional manner (well-presented uniform), to making sure they understand the importance of promptness. Students, who are identified as needing further help with punctuality, will be invited to attend a workshop where the importance of timekeeping will be emphasised. During this workshop, students will also be able to catch up on any classwork that has been missed. The workshop will allow students to understand how punctuality communicates that you are dedicated, interested, and capable of handling responsibility.

The workshops will take place every Wednesday, starting on the 4th February, from 3:30pm- 4:30pm. More details will be given to students who are attending.

OLIVER!

We are looking forward with great anticipation to this year's school play. The key dates for the play are now confirmed and are as follows:

Monday 16th February – This will be an all-day rehearsal from 9am through to 4pm. Students will need to bring packed lunch and snacks with them on this day. If any member of the cast is unable to make this date for any reason, they need to speak to Mr Harries as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you to those who have already done so.

Monday 23rd March – Students will be taken out of lessons in order to allow last minute preparations as well as a technical and dress rehearsal. This rehearsal is scheduled to finish at 5pm. All cast members must attend this rehearsal.

Tuesday 24th March-Friday 27th March – These will be the dates of the production. Each evening, cast members will need to arrive at the school at 6:30 for a 7:30 start. The performance should end at approximately 9:30



SPORTS NEWS

Inter-House Football

This week the PE department hosted an inter house football tournament. On Monday the Year 8 and Year 9 boys competed in their mini leagues. The support from the touchline generated a competitive yet fun atmosphere. In Year 8, PP and EW qualified through to the final. The Year 9 boys' mini league gripped the supporters. Each goal that was scored swayed the way the group standings would pan out. This led to a tense final game between EW and FS, where if EW dropped points HS would qualify, but if EW won they would qualify. EW eventually came out victorious to qualify through to the final. PP were victorious in the other mini league breezing past AC and WW.

On Tuesday, the Year 7s played their mini leagues. Again, the support from the touchlines was fantastic. The quality of football was also high. It was great to see those who have not represented the school in the football team demonstrating their love for the game and some hidden talent. In the first mini league, FS finished top of the group and in the other mini league PP qualified. The Year 7 girls' tournament ran all the way through on the Tuesday. The final involved FS and AC. It was a competitive game with several of the Year 7 football team players competing against each other. It was great to see those who have less experience of football also getting involved! AC were the overall winners with a score of 3-1!

Thursday was finals day. EW and PP played in the Year 9 boys' final, EW ended up winning 6-3 with some fantastic finishes from both teams. In the Year 8 boys' final PP ended up thrashing EW. However, it was great to see EW competing right up until the final whistle. The Year 7 boys' final ended up with FS winning 2-1, the crowd erupted when Denzel Okwuasaba scored the winner.

The Year 8 and Year 9 girls' competition was postponed due to heavy rain. The girls were disappointed to not compete, but they will be given another opportunity in the near future (possibly this coming Wednesday).

Thanks to the rest of the PE department and to Mr Conway for giving up their time to referee. Girls' football training is on Thursdays and boys' is on Mondays so if you enjoyed playing in the house tournament give football club a try!

Year 7 Girls' Football

On Monday the team competed in a 5-aside tournament at Anglo European School. We took two teams along and there was some fantastic football on show. The 'B' team played superbly with some tough matches against Shenfield, St Martin's and Brentwood County High. Their best performance was against St Martin's where they drew 1-1. Olivia Mullan scored a great free kick and Daisy Arundell-Coote made some good saves! In the other games the girls lost 2-0 to Brentwood County High and 1-0 to Shenfield.

The 'A' team won 2-1 against Anglo European, 5-0 against Brentwood County High 'B' and drew 2-2 with Brentwood School. This put them through to the semi-final as winners of pool A with 7 points. They then faced Shenfield in the semi-final – a team that they lost out to on penalties in the previous tournament played. Despite some great shots towards the corners of the goal, we didn't score, and we were caught out a couple of times in defence where Shenfield were able to break and shoot at close range. The final score was 2-0, putting us out at the last hurdle! Both teams played excellently and are growing in confidence.

OLIVER!

HELP REQUIRED FOR OUR MUSICAL PRODUCTION.

Volunteers Needed

This is a great opportunity to get involved, show off/ improve your D&T making skills.

Open to all!

If you are interested, please speak to Miss Gill

SET DESIGNERS

We need volunteers to help transform our stage into a Victorian London Street.



PROPS

We need volunteers to help design, make and paint props for the musical.

DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

When: Every Monday

Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Venue: W02 (Miss Gill's D&T room)

COMEDY SHOWCASE!



The Charities Committee writes:

Have you ever thought you could be a stand-up comedian? Now you have the chance to show your talent. The best acts will perform at a Comedy Showcase at lunchtime on:

Wednesday 11th March

If you think you've got what it takes, auditions will take place at lunchtime on:

Wednesday 4th March

Only the best acts will be selected. Open to all year groups and staff. You will need to prepare a maximum of a 2 minute solo or paired routine.

If you would like to audition, please complete the slip below and return this to reception by no later than **Friday 13th February**.

Prepare your best jokes!

Further information about the time and location of the auditions and showcase to follow.

COMEDY SHOWCASE

I would like to audition for the Charities Committee 'Comedy Showcase'.

Name _____

Form _____

Please return this slip to reception by Friday 13th February 2015.

NOTICES

FoBK QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 27th February – 7pm.

Tickets are now on sale for the FoBK Quiz Night. This popular event will be hosted by teachers of the school using questions from the curriculum that the students are studying at the moment!

Tickets are £5. Tables of up to 10.

All friends and families of the school welcome. Please send money/cheques (payable to Friends of Becket Keys) to the school office with email address of team captain and names of adults attending.

Over 18s only! Bring your own food and drink.

TRIPS

Final payments for the Bushcraft, Bude and Madrid trips are due today.

DONUT SALE

There will be a donut sale next Wednesday 4th February from 1pm to 1.20pm in the playground.

A selection of donuts, including iced and jam donuts will cost 70p each. Remember to bring some spare change!

All profits will go towards our two charities for this year: Great Ormond Street and World Vision.

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VACANCIES

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING!

Check our website for details:

www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php

Dates for your Diary

31 st Jan	'Beautiful Forever's' Theatre Trip
25 th Feb	Parents' Bistro Taster Day!
26 th Feb	Year 9 Vaccinations
27 th Feb	FoBK Quiz Night

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