



LENT: A time for spiritual training

Becket Keys Church of England School has been considering the importance of Lent during our times of worship this week.

Father Mark James led our collective worship on Tuesday and introduced Year 7s to the idea of spiritual training. Father Mark examined the necessary training of our Team GB Winter Olympians and that recommended to St Timothy by his mentor, St Paul: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4v8.

Students and staff have been considering how best to use the season to pray, give and fast.

On Wednesday, we will begin Lent with an in-school Eucharist for Year 7 and another for Year 8. Students will have a chance quietly to commit to the disciplines of Lent and receive either a blessing or Holy Communion.

Mr Hughes has challenged the students to come up with some imaginative suggestions for what he should give up for Lent. We look forward to hearing their ideas next week!



Defibrillator skills being taught

Defibrillator Training and Installation

Becket Keys Church of England School were delighted to accept the generous donation of a defibrillator from Brentwood á Becket Rotary Club and received training on its use this week.

SADS UK arranged for the East of England Ambulance Service to run a training session at the school on Monday 24th February.

Following an official presentation by Rita Anderson and Geoffrey Morgan from the Rotary Club, representatives from Great Danes YFC and St Helen's Junior School joined Becket Keys staff and were trained in CPR and the use of the defibrillator.

Rita Anderson, president of Brentwood á Becket Rotary Club said, "In addition to Becket Keys there are a number of schools in Sawyers Hall Lane that can call on

the defibrillator in an emergency, and of course, our annual half marathon starts and finishes at Becket Keys Church of England School, so it will be reassuring to runners that it will be available."

The new defibrillator is kept in the reception foyer of the school.



OTHER NEWS

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY - LIAM WRITES

“Design and technology is such a great subject! It is one of my favourite lessons because you get to use your imagination and make products, which we can then use for ourselves. We also get to design and decorate them all ourselves; this is so much fun because there are endless ways of decorating.

I also like D&T because you get to use saws and learn how to use all different types of tools. At the minute, we have learnt how to use the hand drill, pillar drill and scroll saw. I have yet to use the pillar drill and hand drill, but I am looking forward to using them in my next project.

At the moment in D&T we have been making children's games to improve or develop hand eye coordination, or some type of learning. This has been my favourite project because we can use them to play with our family and when designing them we can let our imaginations run wild!

We have also been learning how D&T has been used in different parts of the world in the industry/working environment; this has been interesting.”

Design and Technology workshop open time:

Purple Week:

Tuesday: All lunch time and after school

Wednesday: 2nd half of lunch and after school (**Both years are welcome**)

Thursday: All Lunch time

Year 7 12:45–13:10

Year 8 13:10–13:35

Gold Week:

Monday: All of lunch time and after school

Tuesday: All of lunch time and after school

Wednesday: 2nd half of lunch and after school (**Both years are welcome**)

Year 8 12:45–13:10

Year 7 13:10–13:35

Places are limited in each session. There is a sign-up sheet on the front door of the design and technology room. Please sign-up for when you would like to use the workshop to complete any practical work. The workshop will only be open at these times for this week and next week.



THEATRE TRIP

If Year 7 students wish to attend the 'War Horse' trip in October, then their permission slip and money need to be handed to the school office as soon as possible.

This trip was run last year with over 95% of the current year 8 attending and was a phenomenal success. We would encourage **ALL** year 7 students to take advantage of this opportunity. If there are any difficulties with making the payment at the present time then please contact the school in confidence to discuss a payment schedule.

Mrs Ahlner & Miss Rounding

SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL v THE ANGLO EUROPEAN SCHOOL

Our Year 7s played in a very competitive match on Wednesday. The team put on a superb performance to win 28-16!

All of the girls played well, but some particularly noteworthy performances came from Scarlett Mellor and Divine Okwuosa, who made some excellent blocks and tackles.

Sydney Macaulay, Cleo Cooke and Olivia Horne produced some great attacking play and shots as well.

A fantastic performance against a hard working and skilful team – well played both sides!



GIRLS' NETBALL v BRENTWOOD URSULINE

Unfortunately, the Year 7A team lost heavily to Brentwood Ursuline on Tuesday. They were outclassed and overpowered on this occasion. The year 7B team also lost, but it was a closer game: 9-2. Rebecca Daly played particularly well.

Congratulations to both teams for playing in an excellent spirit.

CROSS COUNTRY

Those students who finished in and around the top twelve of the house country competition earlier in the academic year may be selected to represent the school within the next few weeks!

Students should be out running, improving their stamina and speed in preparation for these events.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kathryn Sheaf, Millie Morgan and Josh Hollington raised £15.70 from a cake sale for the British Heart Foundation. Well done!

LOST PROPERTY

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

Becket Keys hoodie with unreadable initials on
Black & Grey Thinsulate hat
Black and white astro trainers
Black anorak
Black Kicker shoes
Black scarf
Black snood
Black sparkly snood
Black thick tights
Black woollen scarf
Blue drinks bottle
Blue Hat
Grey adidas tracksuit bottoms
Grey Becket Keys jumper
'Little Brown bag' with pink lunch box inside
Next Black Jacket
One black shoe size 8G
Pink umbrella
Purple watch
Tammy Girl Black jacket
Woollen hat

NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Contact office (proceeds to school fund)

Boys' Blazer size 28"	£10
Purple Reversible PE top (2) 26/28"	£5
Skort 22/24"	£5
Jumpers (4) size 30"	£5
Jumpers (2) Size 34"	
Grey slipover size 28"	£5
Grey slipover size 30"	£5
Boys' trousers age 11/12	£5
Boys' s/s shirts age 9/10	£1
Boys' l/s shirts age 9/10	£1
Hoodie (Medium)	£5
Girls' Blouse Banner size 28"	£3
Girls' Blazer Size 16	£5
Girls' Blazer 38"	£6
Girls' Blazer 32"	£10

Black Tracksuit Bottoms £2.50



SHOES

Please ensure your son/daughter has the correct shoes!



Our policy is for students to wear traditional leather school shoes, preferably with laces NOT the trainer style shoes that are sometimes fashionable for boys. We also do not accept boots or fashion items. Current suitable 'Clarks' shoes shown above.

If unsure, please contact us and we will happily advise.

Check our uniform policy for details.

[UNIFORM POLICY](#)

EARRINGS

Girls may only wear plain gold or silver stud earrings.

NO MAKE-UP

Girls may only wear discreet concealer to cover blemishes. No other make-up is acceptable.

NO TIPPEX

Students do not need correction fluid. Moreover, it is not allowed on the school site and must be left at home. Instead, students who wish to be really neat can use correction tape. Our preference, however, is simply to draw a single line through mistakes!

NOTICES

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 the name of your son/daughter, form and reason for absence. You can also leave a message here if your son/daughter is going to be late.

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

AUTHORISED ABSENCE

Please remember to contact us as early as possible, if you think that you need to take your son/daughter out of school for an appointment or special occasion (exceptional circumstance). We are generally unable to authorise any absence during school time, but we will consider exceptional circumstances (e.g. a teacher would be allowed to take paid leave for such an appointment or special occasion).

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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.

NO MOBILE PHONES

Please remember that mobile phones are not to be seen or heard at Becket Keys! Please do not 'message' your son/daughter during the day! If you need to contact them, the only way is after 3:20pm. In the event of an emergency, the office can pass on a message.

Students who are using their phones during the day will discuss with us the logical consequence for their actions which may include the staff member keeping the mobile until the next day. We will endeavour to contact parents by telephone or text if a student's mobile is confiscated.

Dates for your Diary

24th Feb	INSET Day
11th Mar	Year 7 Parents' Evening
20th Mar	Year 8 Parents' Evening
1st, 2nd, 3rd April	'Joseph!' Performance
7th – 21st Apr	Easter Holiday
5th May	Bank Holiday

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