



## ‘JOSEPH’ – A Triumph!

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights this week, our students have been delighting audiences with Becket Keys’ first musical: ‘Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat’.

The production was the result of seven months of commitment, dedication and hard work, and the result was astounding! The cast poured energy and life into the well-known biblical story, entertaining sell-out crowds on all three nights. Their musical ability and humour were a delight to behold and impressed all who came to watch.

Karen Lynch, the CEO of the Russell Education Trust, was an audience member on Tuesday and said: “Last night’s production of ‘Joseph’ was fantastic. I enjoyed every moment and felt genuinely moved that Becket Keys is achieving such high standards of performance when it is only 5 terms old. The students performed as a team, which can be the very hardest thing to get right.”

In keeping with our all-inclusive policy, there were well over 120 students involved in the making of this production; our 70-strong



### Rave reviews for the cast from Year 7 and 8

cast, backstage team of 30, band members, charity committee, art club, craft club and a host of extra volunteers all contributed to bringing this incredible performance together.

Adam Burkert, in Year 8, took some amazing photographs of the performance, which you can find on a special page in this week’s newsletter. We also were fortunate to have Mr Haywood filming the

performances for us, copies of which will be available to purchase after the Easter holiday.

A huge thank you to for all the support with rehearsals, costume-sourcing and for coming to watch the show.

We’re already excitedly planning what next year’s production could be...

# OTHER NEWS

## UK MATHEMATICS TRUST - TEAM CHALLENGE

On Tuesday this week our mathematics team travelled to Cambridge University's Centre for Mathematical Sciences to compete in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) National Team Competition.

28 teams from across the South East England region competed in the event, which comprised 4 different rounds; more details about the different elements are below.

We scored 42/60 in the group round, 41/56 in the crossnumber round, 30/60 in the shuttle round and 34/60 in the relay round. With a score of 147/236 we finished in a very respectable 11<sup>th</sup> place! All the other schools had two Year 9s in their team; we will be able to do that next year and we hope that they can put in an even stronger performance.

Mrs Rowan would like to congratulate the team and thank Mr Fenn for going along with them! Mrs Rowan's lunchtime training sessions will now be opened up to more students who wish to improve their mathematics and possibly even be selected for the team next year.

Mr Scott-Evans said: "This is a tremendous achievement for our 'young' school and I am delighted with the performance and determination of our Y8 team. We look forward to more opportunities like this and would like to thank Mrs Rowan for taking the team to Cambridge to compete against these other high performing schools."

## THE 4 ROUNDS

### Group Competition

Teams work to solve ten questions of varying type and difficulty. The team must decide their own strategy: whether to work in pairs, individually or as a team, to answer the questions in the time allowed.

### Cross number

A cross number is similar to a crossword but with numerical answers. Teams work in pairs. One pair has the across clues, and the other pair has the down clues. Pairs work independently to complete the grid using logic and deduction.

### Shuttle (previously called Mini Relay)

Teams compete against the clock to answer correctly a series of four questions. Each team is divided into Pair A (given Questions 1 and 3) and Pair B (given Questions 2 and 4). Question 1 can be solved independently of the others, but the answer to each subsequent question is dependent on the previous answer, referred to as T in Questions 2, 3 and 4 (e.g. "T is the number that you will receive.")

### Relay Race

Teams split off into pairs, with pairs taking it in turns to solve problems. This event involves lots of movement as well as mathematics. It is a race against the clock with lots of lively activity and excitement.



# SPORTS NEWS

## SUMMER CLUBS FOR TERMS 5 & 6

When we return from the Easter break there will be a new extra-curricular sports programme. This is the perfect time to try a new sport and get involved in turn up and play clubs! Make sure you check the new schedule and get involved in as much as you can. The clubs will start the first week back.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO  
ATTEND AT LEAST ONE SPORTS CLUB!

### Turn up and play clubs at lunchtime After-School Clubs

#### Monday

- Year 7 boys' cricket
- Boys' cricket
- Girls' rounders

#### Tuesday

- Cheerleading – all years
- 0–3km – all years
- Tennis – all years
- Hockey – all years

#### Wednesday

- Girls' netball
- Athletics – all years

#### Thursday

- Rounders – all years
- Year 8 boys' cricket
- Girls' cricket.

#### Friday

- Badminton – all years

## HOUSE SPORT

Students have been competing in both badminton and basketball competitions over the last two weeks.

The winning team of the Year 7 mixed badminton was 7PP

The winning team of the Year 8 girls' basketball competition was 8AC.

The winning team of the Year 8 boys' basketball was 8EW

It was great to see so many students participating in house sport, especially those that we do not see very often!

The PE staff would like to encourage those of you who enjoyed your inter-house sport experience to join a new turn up and play club next term!

## GIRLS' CRICKET

Brentwood Cricket Club will now run a girls' section on their Friday evening training sessions at the top of Sawyers Hall Lane. The first session will be at 6.30pm on 25th April. There is no cost and your daughter will receive high quality coaching. There will be a BBQ for children and adults and a bar for adults who wish to stay and socialise. All girls currently attending the Becket Keys Cricket Club at school will be invited, plus anyone other girl who wishes to come along for this excellent opportunity.

Please contact Mr Fenn via [staffenquiry@becketkeys.org](mailto:staffenquiry@becketkeys.org) to let him know if your daughter would like to attend on the date specified.

## LOST PROPERTY

**WE HAVE CLEARED  
OUT LOST  
PROPERTY.**

**WE WILL START WITH  
A 'CLEAN SLATE'  
NEXT TERM!**

### RETURN TO SCHOOL:

Tuesday 22nd April

8:30am

Purple Week!

## 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

## COATS & BAGS

Student coats and bags must be  
black in line with our uniform  
policy.

## BIKES

Please ensure your son/daughter  
has a helmet, if they are cycling  
to and from school.





## 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 can also notify us of absence by emailing:

[office@becketkeys.org](mailto: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).

Families are not allowed to take holidays during term times and should not request to do so.



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## NOTICES

### 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](mailto: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.

#### Diocese Centenary Prayer:

We thank you generous God,  
for we have truly known your grace;  
we thank you merciful God,  
for we have heard the gospel of  
Christ;  
we thank you victorious God,  
for we have a hope laid up in heaven.  
As we celebrate these hundred years,  
so we commit ourselves to you,  
firm in faith,  
strong in love,  
bearing fruit in all the world.  
We thank you loving God, now and for  
ever. Amen.

### Dates for your Diary

7th – 21st April	Easter Holiday
5th May	Bank Holiday
6th May	School Residential Meeting
23rd – 25th May	Bushcraft Trip (Year 7)
23rd – 26th May	Madrid Trip (Year 8)

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