



Spanish Spelling Bee – Winners!

On Thursday this week, our superb Spanish Spelling Bee team travelled to Cambridge to compete in the regional final.

We competed in the competition last year and did extremely well, so we went again this year with high hopes. This year's team have been working extremely hard and were looking forward to visiting Cambridge to see how they would get on.

With over 9000 students taking part competition was fierce!

Señora Martin and Mr Fenn accompanied our team of four Year 7 students:

Rachael Davison
Emma Sanders
Ben Cooper
James Jackson

All four did really well, with James and Emma making it through to the semi finals. Emma got through to the final and won the competition overall! Emma was complimented on her pronunciation and in the end the judges said it was this that set her apart from the other competitors.

The national final will be in June. James and Emma will represent us there.



Spelling Bee Team in Cambridge



Bistro & Café

Our Bistro and Café provide excellent healthy meals for students and staff each day. The best value deals are at lunchtime where the 'meal deal' offers a full meal (main course and dessert) for £2.30. Drinks, sandwiches, salads and snacks are also always available.

Students are advised how to make sensible healthy choices at school. You can support this by logging on at home and examining the choices your child is making.

It is possible to set 'limits' on your child's spending. Please contact us if you want us to do this: finance@becketkeys.org.

Furthermore, if your child has special dietary needs we automatically add these to the catering computer system and it will flag these up when your son/daughter is making a choice each day.

We strongly recommend that, now the weather is warm, your son/daughter comes to school with a water bottle to fill. We have filtered chilled water machines around the school.

OTHER NEWS



PARENT WORKSHOP

Our next parent workshop will take place on 14th May. These have proved very popular in the past and we look forward to seeing many of you again this time. Our workshops will include: Character Education, Keeping Safe & Healthy, The Teenage Brain, Girls & The Media, Sex & Relationship Education and Keeping Young People Reading. Parents will be able to choose three of the sessions to attend. More details will follow in a separate email.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parent volunteers to help in our gardens, library, technology and careers department.

Gardens: Regular planting and weeding to advance the appearance of our courtyard and entrance areas, either with students or simply with other parents.

Contact us: office@becketkeys.org

Thanks to all those who volunteered recently to clean our food technology rooms! You were so generous with your time!

SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL TRIP MEETINGS & INFORMATION

On Tuesday 6th May, meetings are taking place for parents and students to get more information about the Madrid Trip (6pm) and Bushcraft (7pm). Students should attend in full school uniform.

The aim of these meetings is to introduce detailed itineraries, outline specific kit required for each trip and inform attendees of arrangements for travel and communication.

Information from the meetings will be circulated afterwards to all participants so that those who are unable to attend will receive necessary information.



Students who are not attending either trip must still attend school on Friday 23rd May where they will engage with a range of activities around the theme of 'belonging'.

SPORTS NEWS

KIT REMINDER

A reminder to all students that your PE kit needs to be brought to every lesson.

Letters or notes excusing a student from PE should be presented to the class teacher. Those excused from PE for more than one lesson because of medical issues should still bring kit unless they have permission for their PE teacher to leave it at home.

We expect excused students to take part in the lesson through coaching and umpiring and therefore kit is always required. We have a limited supply of spare kit, so if anyone has any old trainers or shorts that are no longer needed the PE Department will welcome any contributions to the spare kit store!

BOYS' CRICKET

Year 7 boys will have another opportunity to 'try out' for the cricket team on Monday 12th May. Mr Wray will be hosting trials in the sports hall at lunch and after school. If you want to be in the team make sure you go to one of the sessions!

GIRLS' CRICKET

It was great to see several girls from both year groups taking advantage of the free cricket sessions at Brentwood Cricket Club over the last two weeks.

Brentwood Cricket Club training is at 7.30–8.30pm every Friday night. If any other girls are interested in joining this cricket club please speak to your PE teacher.

Y8 BASKETBALL v BCHS

We arranged two friendlies this week to give our Y8 squad an opportunity to put their training into practise. Brentwood County High School arrived for a 4 o'clock 'tip off'. We looked the stronger team throughout and by the end of the 1st quarter we had taken a lead. In the 2nd quarter, our second 5 came on and managed to build upon the good work from the 1st quarter. Unfortunately, Jamie Ball's game was ended early by an injury; we all wish him a speedy recovery! By the third and fourth quarter the game was won and we used this time to practise some plays in preparation for Thursday's game against Trinity, which we knew would be a tough game.

Final score 46–19 to Becket Keys.

Y8 BASKETBALL vs TRINITY

We lost to Trinity last year and so the team were keen to see if we could compete better this time. Unfortunately we lost the game 34–14, but our students should take many positives from this performance.

Our defence was outstanding all game, and the opposition only managed to break us down a handful of times throughout the whole game. The majority of their points were scored from set shots in and around the 3 point line. Our attacking play was good, we managed to break down our opponents more consistently, however, the quality of our close range shooting hindered our points total.

Our boys should come out of this game with their heads held high, everyone that played the game on reflection would agree that this is the best our team have played all season.

UNIFORM MATTERS LOST PROPERTY

All lost property is eventually returned to students if it is named, and students can check with reception to see if anything has been handed in. If it is not named we leave it where it was lost to encourage students to re-trace their steps and find it.

GIRLS' SOCKS

Girls' socks must be white and below the knee.

BOYS' SOCKS

Boys' socks must be plain grey or black ankle socks.



NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Please donate any good quality school uniform items which could be re-sold (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



TRAVEL TIPS!

BICYCLES

Please ensure your son/daughter has a helmet if they are cycling to and from school. Our cycle shelter is available for all staff and students to use and is locked during the day and monitored by CCTV.

TURNING CIRCLE

Please do not drive into Sawyers Hall Lane if you can avoid it.

If you do drive in (before 8:20am or after 4pm) then please use the turning circle past the school on the right hand side.

Do not turn round in the drive way or in front of the school as this is dangerous.

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.

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 '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 certain medical appointments or a family funeral.

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



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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.

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

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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