



## Supporting Our School

### Mr. Scott-Evans writes:

There are all sorts of ways in which parents can support our school and I write today with some of the main examples. Your partnership and involvement in our work is a key part of our vision for the school; we want you to feel welcome and included. Thank you for being willing to support us in these ways.

### Weekly Prayer Meeting

We meet to pray each week on a Tuesday at 11:30am. Anyone from our school community is welcome to attend, to be still and meditate or to offer prayers about the life of the school. We meet in the Conference Room off Main Reception and spend some time in quiet prayer until about 12noon each week. If you cannot attend, but wish to be involved, we can send you an email of what we have been praying about each week so you can still feel part of it and pray specifically for the needs of the school.

### Friends of Becket Keys (FoBK)

FoBK are our equivalent of a PTA and they meet a few times over the course of the year to

plan and prepare for our main social events: The Stock Brook Manor Ball, Students' Christmas Disco, Quiz Night and Patronal Festival Picnic. There is a small elected committee and there are other staff and parents who come along regularly just to support and help.

Our AGM is on Wednesday **14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**. At this meeting the dates for the rest of the year will be agreed and the committee will be elected. The fundraising aims will also be decided for the year ahead. Please come along, if you can. We meet in the Library (please come to Main Reception).

### Environmental Fund

A very practical way many parents are helping the school is by giving to our Environmental Fund. This fund raised a good amount last year and we have invested the money into a new suite of iMacs and Midi Keyboards for our Keyboard Teaching Room.

Next year, we want to raise even more money so we can fully equip Drama with a proper curtained performance space (with lighting rig) and fully equip a new recording studio for the Music department.

Both of these new editions will support creative learning in the Runcie Building.

The forms for the Environmental Fund are in the Family Handbook. Please complete these and return to the Finance Office if you are able to help in this way.

### Volunteers

Many parents are volunteering in the school, offering their time to help us be the best we can be. Freeing up teachers to concentrate on teaching and running clubs in this way does really make a big difference. We have parents helping in the library, the technology department, the art department, our restaurant and in PE. If you feel able to contribute in these areas, please do not hesitate to contact us. There are some forms to fill in and we need to complete a DBS check, but in a few weeks we can get you up and running and making a practical difference!

### Thank you!

We really do benefit hugely from your support in these practical ways. On behalf of all the students and staff –  
**THANK YOU!**

**Mr. Scott-Evans  
Headteacher**

# OTHER NEWS

## FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE



BK Super League has been opened for students and teachers to create and manage their own Fantasy Football team. Registration is easy and free to do. Participants must visit [www.schoolsfl.com](http://www.schoolsfl.com) and register with an email address and password. They will then be invited to select their team. Once team selection is complete, they should join the BK Super League. By clicking on 'My Leagues' and searching using the PIN 8454014, they can send a join request which will go through to Mr. Pethers, who will accept them into the league. Every Wednesday lunchtime, students will have the opportunity to meet and discuss team selection and results from the past week. Entries must be in by **17<sup>th</sup> October**.

## OPEN DAYS & EVENINGS

Our Open Days and Evenings start next week and we are looking forward to welcoming families from the local area who are considering Becket Keys for their secondary school.

As in previous years, we call upon existing students to assist with tours and demonstrations on the evenings and have sent letters home about it this week.

We know that good numbers from each year group will attend to talk about their school, show people round and answer questions. Please speak to your son/daughter about whether they can commit to one, two or all three of these open evenings. On the night, Mr Wray and Miss Oliver will be supervising the tour guides and they should finish at around 7:30pm.

Students attending should ensure their uniform is exemplary and that they have thought through what they are going to say as they move from building to building.

Demand for places in the school, is at a record high and we know these open events are going to be very popular. If you know families who would like to come, please tell them to register on our website: [www.becketkeys.org/opendays.php](http://www.becketkeys.org/opendays.php)

## GYMNASTICS SQUAD TRIALS

If your son/daughter would like to try out for the gymnastics squad, they should go to the Main Hall in PE kit on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 1.00pm. Any questions, please see Miss Honey.

### MUSIC LESSONS

To enquire about individual music tuition for your son/daughter, please contact Mrs. Sands, Head of Music at the following email:

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



# MORE NEWS

## Becket Keys Bible Reading Challenge – Part 2



So far we have seen that God creates a good world and is in relationship with man and woman. This relationship is destroyed by human disobedience as a result of which the world is spoiled. After the disaster of human rebellion, God is working to bring about restoration. God assures us of his creating power and his saving love and invites us to enter into his grace and live in obedience to him. In this next series of readings, in the face of human failure, God promises to bless all the nations through Abraham’s descendants, a promise ultimately fulfilled in Jesus. We can always trust God to keep his covenant and be true to his promise.

		 <h1>Abraham</h1> <p>Isaac Jacob</p>		
6	Why me?	Genesis 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has God found you?</li> <li>• How did God find you?</li> <li>• How do you respond to God?</li> <li>• What detours have you encountered in your journey through life so far?</li> <li>• What did God teach you through these experiences?</li> </ul>	Thank you, Father, for making the first move to find me. I don't fully understand your love for me, but I'm so grateful for it. Help me to follow you, every step of my journey. Amen.
7	He feels your pain	Genesis 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there any '-ites' in your life – things that seem impossible to overcome?</li> <li>• How could you respond to these things in a way that shows your faith in God?</li> </ul>	Dear Lord, You know the things in my life that cause me pain, anxiety and worry. Please show me how you are at work through those things, and give me the ability to trust you more. Amen.
8	Strange but true	Genesis 21:1-22:19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is God testing you in some way at this time?</li> <li>• How do you think God wants to build your faith through this?</li> </ul>	Father, I don't fully understand your love for me, or your ways. But I want to trust you no matter what. Help me to listen for your voice and follow you throughout the journey. Amen.
9	Analyse that!	Genesis 27,28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What patterns – both healthy and otherwise – have shaped you today?</li> <li>• How could you be a more godly influence in your family?</li> </ul>	Lord Jesus, I pray that you would draw my family members close to you. Please show me how I can be part of what you are doing in their lives. Amen.
10	True Reconciliation	Genesis 32,33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think of a relationship in your life that is strained or broken.</li> <li>• What might God be trying to teach you through it?</li> <li>• In what way could you change to make things better?</li> </ul>	Heavenly Father, you have welcomed me with open arms. Please help me to show your all-embracing love, even to those who frustrate and irritate me. Amen.

## NOTICES

### Hair

We believe that hairstyle is an important aspect of the image central to the individual student and the image the individual student creates for Becket Keys.

Please check the uniform policy here:

[www.becketkeys.org/uniform.php](http://www.becketkeys.org/uniform.php)

Boys' hair should be short, above the collar. Girls' long hair must be tied back in a ribbon or band (school colours).

No one should have an extreme hairstyle: no colours, no shapes or stripes cut into hair etc.

### Jewellery

Only medic alert bracelets, watches and earrings may be worn. No other jewellery.

Only girls can wear earrings (one per ear lobe).

See uniform policy for more details:

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### Bikes

Students riding without helmets are putting themselves at great risk on the busy roads near the school. Students should ride on the road or walk their bikes on the paths immediately around the school. It is not fair for others to have bikes around them.



### CONTACT DETAILS

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## VACANCIES

### Cleaners required:

Positions available to join our experienced and established cleaning team based at Becket Keys.

Shifts available are Monday to Friday 0630-0830 and 1530-1830 both at hourly rate of £6.80.

If interested, please contact Birkin Cleaning Services on 01707322228, Job Ref – Becket Keys or email John Bennett at:

[johnbennett@birkinservices.co.uk](mailto:johnbennett@birkinservices.co.uk)

### Dates for your Diary

22/09/2015	Open Morning & Evening
30/09/2015	Open Morning & Evening
7/10/2015	Year 7 & 8 Meet the Tutor Evening
8/10/2015	Open Morning & Evening
15/10/2015	War Horse Theatre Trip
23/10/2015	Inset Day (no students)
26/10/2015	All Saints Holiday
02/11/2015	Inset Day (no students)
03/11/2015	First day back