



Must Not Lose

Mr. Scott-Evans writes:

This is a big weekend for the England Rugby team. Never before has a host nation gone out at such an early stage of the competition. Surely England will not fall at the first hurdle?!

It is not quite a 'must win' game against Australia, but it certainly is a 'must not lose' game, if England want to continue in the competition.

As a nation we are not good losers are we? We are intolerant of failure and already there has been quite an inquest into the decision making in the Wales match. Were the choices made the right ones? Did we throw away a chance to draw level in the closing minutes of the last match? Or did we do the right thing, going for the victory? I suspect we chased a short-term gain and lost sight of the long-term aim.

As a school we are also often talking about being 'intolerant of failure'. But more precisely, I think we are intolerant of a lack of effort. And we are certainly intolerant of mediocrity. We believe that anything is possible if we work hard, put in the purposeful practice and have the expert support/coaching that we need.

In terms of our learning this is crucial and we see the fruits of everyone's labour every day, every week and every term, as academic progress here continues to be rapid and sustained.

In terms of sport, we also believe in the importance of success. However, it really is the taking part that matters. Short-term successes may not always come and sometimes may not even be desirable. Occasionally, we do lose to bigger schools and those who specialise in certain sports. However, real success can only be judged over the medium to long term. Our students are encouraged to keep trying, to keep attending and to keep practising. In time, if we do not give up, we will be rewarded.

Our Year 10 Girls' Netball Team are a good example of this. Having moved up a league, it has been a tough start to the season. Our girls could be tempted to give up. However, through practice and hard work we will make progress and we will catch up with the other schools. Moreover, the girls know that they are reaping a different sort of 'victory'. We will achieve a victory of good fitness, good sportsmanship and good fun.

The girls know a closeness and togetherness that only comes through hardship and hard work. Not every team can win, but every team can enjoy the rewards of progress. When we say 'Sport For All' that does not always mean 'Success for All', but as Einstein said 'Try not to be a man of success, but try to be a man of value.'

This weekend, as we watch England play, perhaps we should all try and watch the game with that perspective. What value does each player bring to the game? What value does sport play in our lives and in our society? And hopefully, whatever the result, more of us will pick up the challenge to have a go, get on the field of play and continue the pursuit towards good health and good fun. With over 100 clubs per week at Becket Keys, there are plenty of opportunities for all. If that is our target we not only 'must not lose' but we 'cannot lose'!

Enjoy the game! Come on England!

**Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher**

Check out our clubs and societies and make sure your son or daughter is making the most of the incredible opportunities! 100 clubs free of charge every week...
https://www.becketkeys.org/documents/ExtraCurricular/Extra_Curricular_Timetable_Autumn_term_2015.pdf

OTHER NEWS

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK

Harvest is a time to remember God's abundant generosity, but also a time to remember those in need within our community and throughout the world. As in previous years, we have decided to support **Brentwood Foodbank** as part of our Harvest offering. This provides emergency food for people in crisis.



Our collections have been going well over the past week. There is a box in each form room so that a variety of foods and basic essentials can be collected. The final date for donations is **Monday 5th October, so please remind your son/daughter to bring in their donations on Monday, if they haven't already done so. Thank you for your generosity.**

The Brentwood Foodbank team have sent the following list:

- Squash
- Juice
- Dried milk
- Savoury snacks
- Sweets/chocolates
- Sugar
- Custard
- Cous cous
- Noodles
- Savoury pasta
- Savoury rice
- Tinned cooked meat (e.g. braising steak/chicken in white sauce/Bolognese mince with onion)
- Mixed tinned veg (including green beans and carrots)
- Sponge puddings/jellies/angel delight
- Tinned tomatoes Rice (500g and 1k)
- Fish NOT tuna (e.g. salmon, mackerel)
- Tinned meat pies Tinned cold meat (NOT corned beef)
- Tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Shower gel
- Washing powder/liquid (for clothes)



DIGITAL CAMERAS & MAGAZINES WANTED

The Art department require digital cameras, particularly for Art GCSE and are looking for donations of unwanted digital cameras, in working order with a lead/plug. If you have a camera which you no longer use, the department would gratefully receive this. Safety testing will be arranged.

Magazines and catalogues of any genre are also being collected, as long as they are appropriate for students. So if you are having a clear-out this weekend, please keep us in mind!

There will be a box in Reception and one in the Art department for your donations. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS



Year 7 Girls' Football **By Ella Middleditch, Team Captain**

Becket Keys 2 v Great Baddow 4

On Friday 25th September, Becket Keys Year 7 girls played a football match against Great Baddow. We put in a hard fought performance, but were against a very strong side. Our opponents unfortunately scored two early goals, but soon after we had a number of corners and Ella Brook scored, to make the score 2-1. Just before half time, our competitors got a fortunate third goal after an accidental own goal following a corner, making the score 3-1.

During the second half we were under a lot of pressure but restricted our opponents to one more goal making the score 4-1. We immediately made a comeback and made the score 4-2 after a great pass up line by Megan and finish by Maria.

Despite a number of chances at both ends, no more goals were scored and the final score was 4-2 to Great Baddow. The team was very determined and good at shooting, but I think we need to improve on our ball skills.

Year 8 Girls' Football **By Anna Jackson & Elizabeth Endacott**

Becket Keys 1 v Great Baddow 3

On Friday 25th September, the Year 8 Girls' Football team played their first match of the season against Great Baddow. The first half ended with a 0-0 draw, with shots from both teams.

The second half was more eventful as Great Baddow managed to get three goals into the net. Unfortunately, when Madison Reid blocked the ball from the goal, she bent her wrist, causing her a nasty injury.

With only 6 players and no substitutes, Anna Jackson scored an amazing goal with the helpful and excellent assistance of Rebecca Sharp. The game ended with the score of 3 - 1 to Great Baddow, but everyone played well and fairly, which made the game very enjoyable.

NOTICES

Communications

You can now contact members of staff directly through our website.

<https://www.becketkeys.org/contact.php>

You should receive a response within 24 hours and definitely within 48 hours.

School Production

With this newsletter, we are sending you the rehearsal schedule for the school production of Alice in Wonderland.

Skateboards

A reminder that skateboards are not allowed in school. The roads and pavements around the school are congested and it is not safe for students to be riding skateboards and unfair to the pedestrians around them. Furthermore, there is no facility for storing skateboards at school. Bikes are welcome. Students should ride on the road or walk their bikes on the paths immediately around the school and always wear a helmet.

Careers Fair

A reminder to parents of Year 9 and 10 students to contribute £4 via Scopay.com towards the forthcoming Careers Fair trip taking place on Wednesday 7th October. This will be a highly beneficial trip for our students but it can only take place if we get enough financial support.



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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

Dates for your Diary

7/10/2015	Years 9 & 10 Careers Fair Trip
7/10/2015	Years 7 & 8 Meet the Tutor Evening
8/10/2015	Open Morning & Evening
14/10/2015	Friends of Becket Keys AGM @ 7pm
15/10/2015	Year 8 Theatre Trip (Warhorse)
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