



## UNIFORM MATTERS

Mr. Scott-Evans writes:

### UNIFORM NEWS

As we start the summer term, I want to write with news about our uniform.

We are continually looking to raise our already high standards in terms of uniform, by improving the quality and design of our uniform.

We have recently secured improved blazers. The new blazers (for boys and girls) have a more appealing fit, better lining and importantly are made with a higher quality material. This will help the blazer retain its shape, colour and finish.

In addition, we have upgraded the skirt and shorts for our PE kit. We have now designed garments specifically for Becket Keys including our school colours. These are higher quality and will help ensure a greater level of consistency.

We also now have a GCSE PE polo shirt and jacket. The polo shirt is designed to be embroidered with students' initials. These will help to show which students are choosing PE as a GCSE course and will therefore be easily recognisable as students who have greater levels of responsibility to lead and direct coaching of younger students.

Further PE changes include the approval of 'base layers' for students as long as they are black and worn with the shorts.

A new pair of black rugby shorts is also being introduced for those students who take the sport particularly seriously and wish to train more regularly.

Last year, we introduced a new winter coat. We have listened to feedback on this and have decided that it should not be compulsory. It will remain our preference and will be sold by SmartyPants, but we will also accept other black coats with small logos only.

A few other reminders:

Kilts should be worn at knee length.

No rings, bracelets or necklaces.

Only girls can wear earrings.

### STUBBERS

After much liaison with parents, we have organised two trips to the excellent local activity centre 'Stubbers', namely a one day visit for Year 7 & 8 students. Priority will be given to Year 8 students who did not get a place on the Madrid trip. There will also be a three day residential for Year 10.

We always said that we would organise an exciting alternative to Madrid and we are pleased to have secured a booking at Stubbers for the same time of year as the Madrid trip. Parents received a letter this week.

With regards to Year 10, we were hoping for residential trips during term time that supported the curriculum in Geography and History. However, parents did not support these well with many refusing to pay, so we could only run a GCSE geography field trip and had to look at alternatives to the overseas Germany/Belgium trip which would have been open to all.

We have therefore looked for a more local, well-priced package that is not during term time. We believe this fits the bill for what parents and students are looking for. It is certainly something that has had a warm response so far.

Please check your inbox for letters about both of these trips.

Mr Scott-Evans  
Headteacher

# OTHER NEWS

## BK BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Our next five readings introduce us to a new genre of biblical writing: prophecy. The Old Testament includes 16 prophetic books and there are different ways to categorise them. The most popular is according to length: the Major Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel) and the Minor Prophets (the last 12 books of the Old Testament).

Another way to divide them is by their relationship to a significant historical event: Israel's defeat and exile into Babylon. If a prophet was 'pre-exilic' (such as Hosea, Joel or Amos) they tended to focus on denouncing sin and warning of the coming Day of the Lord. If they were 'post-exilic' (such as Haggai or Zechariah) they tended to focus on hope and restoration for the broken people of God. Some long-lived prophets were active before and after the exile and their writings cover both of these themes (such as Isaiah).

Another fascinating aspect of the prophetic books is the life stories of the prophets themselves. What was it like to be a prophet? We'll read the dramatic personal stories of three of them: Jeremiah, Daniel and Jonah. As you'll see, being a prophet is a tough, thankless job.

There's one last feature of the prophetic books that you will want to keep an eye on: they often point to a coming of a Messiah, a Saviour that would appear many years later. You'll find many such references, but the most concentrated is Isaiah 52:13–53:12. This is an apt reading for the beginning of our new term and a reflection on Jesus as our servant king. It is a timely reminder of the significance of Easter, amazingly written 700 years before the birth of Jesus! The prophetic books are passionate, hard-hitting and very relevant to our world today.



46	The Suffering Servant	Isaiah 51:1-53:12	Are there areas of your life where you are losing hope? How does this passage help? How would you describe God's 'big picture' for you?	Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for me. Your love is so amazing. I praise you with my whole heart. Amen.
47	Jeremiah's Call and Message	Jeremiah 1:1-3:5	What things in life draw you away from God? When do you feel/what would make you feel most passionate about your relationship with God?	Lord Jesus, forgive me for the times when I fail to value you most of all. I offer you my worship, praise and love. Amen.
48	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6:1-6:28	What would it mean for you to trust God no matter what in your day-to-day life? How could you follow Daniel's example in taking more time for private prayer during your day?	Lord, I want to be a bolder witness for you. Please give me the strength and courage to stand up for you through my words and actions each day. Amen.
49	The Story on Jonah	Jonah 1:1-4:11	Have you ever been disappointed with God? Why? What restored your trust in him?	'But with shouts of praise, I will offer a sacrifice to you, my Lord. I will keep my promise, because you are the one with power to save' (Jonah 2:9). Amen.
50	The Day of Judgement	Malachi 1:1-4:6	What things weaken your resolve to remain faithful to God? What helps you love God with all your mind, soul and strength?	Lord, you've been so faithful to me. I want to show my gratitude through the sincerity of my worship and the integrity of my actions. Amen.

# MORE NEWS

## YEAR 7 CASTLES PROJECT 2016

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### Mrs. Knowles writes:

Thank you again to all Year 7 students and their families who completed a castle project. Students viewed and judged each other's castles last term in their History lessons. The castles have been amazing this year and all students will be presented with a certificate. I had to decide on a top 10, so well done to the students listed below, in no specific order:

- Eleanor Veness
- Daniel Legon
- Amy Allpress
- Kristin van Heerden
- Eddie Lygoe
- Emily Taylor
- Rosie Fryatt
- Megan Clements
- Tommy Palmer
- Archie Van Klink
- Special mention to Reese Wildman for an excellent painting.



The castles this year have been incredible from cakes to foam and Lego, through to wood, with everything in-between. Well done to all who contributed, it has been fantastic.



## SPANISH CLUB NOTICE

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Spanish Club on Wednesdays is now open to Year 9 students (previously it was for Year 10 only).

# EVEN MORE NEWS

## NEW SUMMER SPORTS CLUBS TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM</b>	Mega Camps Basketball Year 7-9 Girls 7:15-8:15	Cross country (RCO/GFE)	Mega Camps Basketball Year 7 Boys 7:15-8:15	Mega Camps Basketball Year 8 Boys 7:15-8:15	Mega Camps Basketball Year 9-11 Boys 7:15-8:15
<b>MID</b>	Rounders skills All years (LNB)	Athletics events Invite only (RPU/DSA/MGE)	TUP Tennis (All staff)	Dance All years. (RPU)	TUP Cricket (TWR/MGE)  Cheerleading (SEL)
<b>PM</b>	Athletics 8&9 (RPU/TWR/ LNB)  Cricket 7&10 (DSA/MJE)	Tennis All years (SGO)  Cricket Girls (SEL/LNB)	Athletics 7&10 (RPU/DSA/ EL/MGE)  Cricket 8&9 (TWR, KH)	Rounders All years (RPU/SEL/MGE)	Hockey All years (JBA)

## CHARITIES UPDATE

The Charities Committee ran a popular chocolate krispy cake sale this week. The total raised will be published next week!



This academic year we have currently raised over £2500 for our two school charities, Little Havens Hospice and Kids Inspire, with a further £330 for Children in Need and the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations. More events coming soon!

## NOTICES

### SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. There is a collection box in Reception. Thank you!

### NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

Please send any donations of nearly new uniform to school for sale in the FoBK 'Nearly New' shop. This is an excellent way to recycle uniform and all funds raised go back into the school through FoBK.

### SCOPAY ACCOUNTS

A reminder from the Finance Department to keep your child's Scopay account in credit.

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## VACANCIES

We are currently recruiting. Please see our website for details of all current vacancies:

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

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 26 April

HPV Vaccinations Year 8 & 9 girls

Friday 29 April 5.30 – 6.15 pm.

Main Hall – GCSE Information Evening for Year 10

Tuesday 26 April – Trip Meetings Main Hall:

Year 7 Bushcraft 5.30 – 6.15pm

Year 8 Madrid – 6.30 – 7.15pm

Year 9 Bude – 7.30 – 8.15pm – this is a drop in session only for any last minute queries

Friday 29 April to Wednesday 4 May

Year 9 Bude Trip

Monday 2 May – Bank Holiday

Friday 13 May – FoBK Wine Tasting Quiz

Thursday 26 May - Sunday 29 May

Year 8 Madrid Trip

Friday 27 May – Sunday 29 May

Year 7 Bushcraft Trip

Friday 27 May

Year 7 & 8 Day trip to Stubbers

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June – Whitsun Holiday