



YEAR 9 STUDENTS DURING THEIR VISIT TO ETON COLLEGE

# Becket Keys Church of England School

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This week we enjoyed our Ash Wednesday Eucharist at St Thomas of Canterbury Church. Father Colin led the service which included representatives across the school receiving ashes.

Father Colin explained the strange phrase that is said as the ashes are applied: "Remember that you are **dust**, and to **dust** you shall return"

He did this by referring to the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19), the evil tax collector who wanted to see Jesus and climbed the tree. Zacchaeus was met by Jesus who invited himself into his house for something to eat and a chat. We do not know what happened in the house, but Zacchaeus came

out a changed man. He gave back what he had taken through devious means and put right the wrongs in his life. Father Colin asserted that Jesus must have shown him that the success he was driving towards in this life through evil means was damaging his chances of the eternal success he really desired. This life is just 'dust', the eternal life to come is the one that really matters.

This challenged me. I hope it challenged the school as a whole. The message was clear. We need to fix our eyes on Jesus and not on the matters of this life. If we fix our eyes on him everything else will look after itself. "But seek first God's Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6 v 33)

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## Mandarin Students Visit Eton College



"Everyone enjoyed themselves on our trip to Eton School. Whether they enjoyed the interactive Mandarin lesson or the delicious food, we all had a great time!

To get a place on the trip, Mrs Zhao prepared a test for us to take, as only 8 students were allowed to visit the school. Casey, Louis, Harry, Denzel, Abhay, Miriam and Oliver received the highest marks allowing us to go on the trip.

The school grounds were stunning. There was a huge courtyard which led to a grand building that housed the King Scholars (exceptionally hard working intelligent boys). Mrs Lin show us to her classroom where we had a Mandarin lesson



with some Eton students. They were a bit older than us as they were in Year 10, they were extremely well-spoken and very polite. Three of the students showed us their presentation of their chosen subject relating to China. My favourite was the one about Kung Fu, as he explained how it came to be. It was very interesting learning about the different styles.

Before we knew it the lesson was over and shortly after that we headed to lunch. There was a huge variety of food to choose from and it was all delicious. Just ask the boys!

After lunch we had a very brief tour of the school because we had to catch our train. Mrs Lin showed us the oldest classroom of the school. It was very dark and everything there was made of solid wood. To me, it really felt eerie because the room was filled with ancient objects.

We had a very good day at Eton College, I wish we had more time to explore this amazing school."

**Ella Gibson**

"Going to Eton college was amazing! It was an excellent day. It took two and a half hours to get to Eton College. It was a very long journey but it was worth the wait. After the train journey it was a ten minute walk and we finally got there. We were able to see most of the school. It was enormous! We entered and the first thing we saw was a giant

statue of Henry VI and on a nearby wall there were people who had attended Eton and died in WW2. Afterwards a Mandarin teacher took us to her classroom, it was huge!

The Mandarin students read out a presentation they had done on a Chinese topic. It was great to see their presentations and how good they were. After this we had lunch, there was a wide range of food that we could choose from and lucky for us it was 'Roast Wednesday' which many of us had. The food was incredible!



Once we had finished lunch, we had a short tour. We were allowed to see the most ancient room in the school. It looked so old. We were told some history about the room and how old it was. When that was done we walked back to the station and began the long journey home."

**Denzel Okwuasaba**



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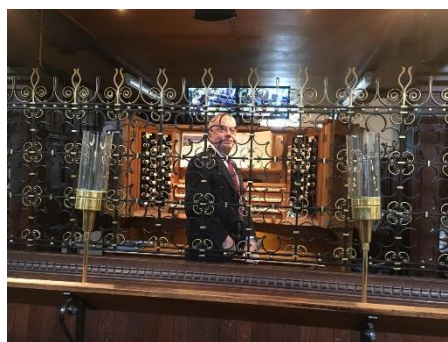
This term we approach options with Year 9; we hold parents' evening with Year 7 and 8; we begin the next Mock Season with Year 11; we push towards all the usual things a school does in terms of ensuring the right amount of homework is given, behaviour in classes is consistently outstanding and the progress data are strong across the school. In the midst of all this busyness we must continue to focus on what really matters. Our eternal destiny in Christ Jesus. This life is just dust in the great scheme of things.

I have been delighted to hear of many glimpses of this good Christian character this week. For example, Dylan (Year 7) found and handed in a wallet full of money and other personal items. Madison (Year 9) found a mobile phone and handed it in. Both (thanks to the hard work of the office staff) were returned to their rightful owners (and rewards were given to our helpful honest students). These things show our students keeping their eye on what is right and wrong and keeping an eye out to make a positive difference in the world around them.

Every day there will be opportunities for us all to make a positive investment in our eternal bank account. Sometimes this will be at the cost of our current account, other times it will be simply an investment of time or good choices. This discipline is

essential for us as a school and one which I am proud to see developing around us all the time. May God Bless You this Lent and may you, like our students, look to make a positive difference to the world around you. Perhaps the strange phrase of Ash Wednesday may encourage you as well today: "Remember that you are **dust**, and to **dust** you shall return"!

**Mr Scott-Evans**



## We are Recruiting!

### Exam Invigilators

Exam invigilators required!

Do you want to work flexible hours?

Are you organised?

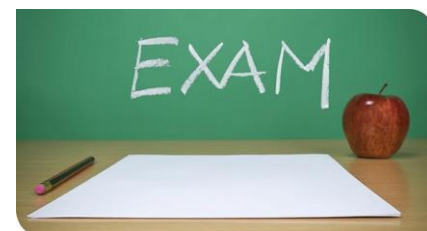
Want to earn some extra money?

Come and be an exam invigilator at Becket Keys!

As an invigilator you can choose when you want to work, so this is ideal for someone looking for a job to fit in with their other commitments.

See our website for the full job description and how to apply.

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





## ARE YOU LISTENING?

Take a few moments to quiet yourself. Breathe slowly and deeply and become aware of God present in this moment with you.

*Matthew 13:7-9*

*"Some seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."*

In the parable of the sower, Jesus tells his listeners that in the act of scattering seed, some seed fell on unsuitable soil and withered. But the seed that fell on rich soil grew and produced an abundance of fruit. God's Word, heard by those willing to accept it, will also bear an abundance of fruit. Christians are called to be faithful to the



task of proclaiming the truth of God's Word, having faith that those words will find rich soil and produce abundant fruit.

*What kind of soil would I use to describe my spiritual life at this time?*

*What message does God's Word have for you today?*

In prayer, we experience God's love. In our response, we humbly return that love. And, if we have ears to hear, God always pushes us to go deeper. Jesus' life shows us that prayer always extends to our neighbour; it pushes us to notice the divine spark in all of God's children, to show love without reservation. It is this love that bears much fruit for the Kingdom.

Speak to Jesus, using this prayer or a prayer of your own and listen:

***Jesus, you are the master farmer. Help me to follow your example of planting with grace, confidence, and love. Help me to have a listening ear and to hear all that You have to say to me. Give me a teachable spirit and may I grow in a knowledge of You. Help me to trust implicitly Your Word for Your Word is truth, in Jesus name I pray,***

***Amen.***

This Lent, set aside a little extra time to pray and read the Bible. God sent His only begotten Son

into the world and He expects us to listen to Him. God speaks to us through His Word; His living Word: (the Lord Jesus Christ) and His written Word (the Holy Scriptures) and God has called us to 'hear Him', because faith comes by hearing and hearing from the Word of God. And many times in scripture we are admonished: he who hath ears to hear, let him hear.



Mrs Sharp

# LENT

**Lunchtime Eucharist**  
**Every Friday during Lent in**  
**the Chapel at 1.10pm.**

**All Welcome**

# Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

- Public speaking workshop on the 4<sup>th</sup> May
- The Jack Petchey Foundation are running a public speaking workshop for Becket Keys for the entire day
- This is an excellent opportunity to develop presentation and public speaking skills
  - It is only open for year 10 students
    - ALL year 10s are welcome
    - First come, first served basis
    - Please see Mr Foley, room 223

## Year 11 Homework Club

Date	Location	Date	Location
G Mon	FBA-R13	P Mon	RPE – C25
G Tue	LNB- W11	P Tue	KNO- C23
G Wed	NGI-C23	P Wed	STR – Library
G Thurs	JRU - C23	P Thurs	SEL- W11
G Fri	RHU-C23	P Fri	STR-Library





## Upcoming Sports Fixtures

### Monday 6 March:

- Year 9 Football v Moulsham (h) MBR

### Tuesday 7 March:

- Year 7 Football v Chelmer Valley (a) DSA

### Wednesday 8 March:

- Year 7 Girls' Basketball v Shenfield (h) RPU

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March:

- Year 8 Football v Boswells (h) DSA

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March:

- Years 7 and 8 Cross Country at Hylands

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:

- Year 10/11 Rugby v Boswells (a) TWR
- Year 8 Basketball v Plume (h) DSA

## Staff Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a number of staff to work at the school:

Please check the article above for the positions available and look at the website for more details.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 8 - CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

3.45PM – 7.00PM

YEAR 11 - PROM

WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!



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