



RECRUITING AGAIN!

Becket Keys Church of England School is recruiting new teachers for September 2014. As the school is in the fortunate position of knowing it will be fully subscribed with new students in September, it can go ahead with advertising straight away.

Adverts will be appearing on the main teaching recruitment websites over the weekend and they can be seen via the school website as well: www.becketkeys.org.

The school is seeking various roles and a wide range of subjects to supplement the existing strong team.

Once again The Russell Education Trust will be strongly involved in the recruitment process.

Every teacher will be observed by members of our senior staff and an OfSTED trained RET adviser will also be there for quality assurance purposes. As in previous recruitment rounds, every teacher will be required to teach a good or outstanding lesson to reach the interview stage.

The school is excited about the next stage of staffing growth as Mr Scott-Evans explained: "It is a distinctive strength of the school to be



New teachers are tempted by great learning spaces

New staff to be appointed for Sept 2014

in the position of recruiting new teachers to the team each year. We can advertise several times and make sure we get teachers who will enhance our ethos of high expectations and academic rigour. I am delighted to be able to appoint every single teacher to the school myself. Every single one is hand picked for this incredible project."

"We look for exceptional teaching ability; positive and creative personalities; and, of course, those teachers who demonstrate that they will be committed to our strong Christian ethos."

The school will be advertising for two weeks with a closing date of 3rd February. Interviews will start in the last week of term three (week commencing 10th February).

Later in the academic year, the school will seek to recruit further members of staff for the administrative/support team.

OTHER NEWS

SPELLING BEE

At the end of last term, year 7 students completed the first round of the Spanish Spelling Bee in their classes. Fifty words were learnt and students had to try and spell as many of them as they could, picked at random, in one minute. The competition was high with some very good scores achieved.

We are pleased to announce the following winners who go forward to the next round of the competition, which will take place just before the next half term:

Sophie Haywood, Lois Pascoe, Lucy White, Rhiannon Barden, Cameron Heywood, Katie Ince, Ben Fryett, Harry Bull, Emma Sanders, Rachael Davison, Ben Cooper, James Jackson, Parys Carroll, Daisy Mess, Joshua Selwyn, William Tandler, Nicco Lovelock, Sara Nour, Mikolaj Krolikowski, Janet Rotimi-Olajide, Holly Hagger.

The four winners of this phase will then have the opportunity go to the regional stage of the competition that takes place in Cambridge on 23rd March.

CAREERS INPUT

We are now looking for a group of parents and friends of the school who would be willing to support our careers advice by giving a short presentation. We are looking for professionals from various occupations who may be able to give an insight into what it means to work in a certain industry or sector and what sort of choices students should be making now to help set them in the right direction for careers in later life. If you would be willing to assist with this or you know someone who would – please get in touch: office@becketkeys.org.

CATERING

Our new Bistro Chef: **Dave Ashman** has been preparing food from our lovely Winter Menu over the last two weeks with students and staff enjoying the new dishes and deserts tremendously! The new menu has been sent home to parents and will be added to our website this weekend.

Please remember students' cashless catering accounts need to be kept topped up, as we are not able to serve them without credit on their account. You need to top up the night before otherwise it will not be in credit for the breakfast club and first break (it can take several hours to process).

MADRID AND BUSHCRAFT

One space for Madrid (Y8) and four spaces for Bushcraft (Y7) are now available. If your son/daughter wishes to join the vast numbers who will be attending these fantastic trips please contact the school office immediately. Financial support is available for the Bushcraft Trip.

ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

We are keen to hear your views and the views of our local community on our admissions policy. Please look at some suggested changes to our policy on our website: <http://www.becketkeys.org/consultation.php>

SPORTS NEWS

Year 8 Boys' Basketball vs Maltings Academy

With a depleted squad, our boys played their last Essex Cup Game against Maltings Academy. For the whole game, our team play was fantastic, creating chances, openings and defending well. We went in ahead at the first quarter and level at half time. In the third and fourth quarter, despite creating many attempts to drive to the basket, our shot success rate dropped. Our opponents shot success rate was better than ours in the second half of the game. We lost the game 27-19, but our team believe that we played better basketball, so it was a hard loss to take.



Year 7 Boys' Football

Becket Keys 2 - 1 Brentwood County High School.

The boys got their first win of the season, which was exactly what their performance deserved. The goals were scored by Nicco Lovelock and Stan Duffy, after some great build-up play. There were also excellent individual performances from Freddie Mattock and Owen Day. Looking forward, the boys are focussing on keeping possession and controlling games. We would like to thank our local friends at Brentwood County High School for a great match which was played in an excellent spirit.

Year 7 and 8 Girls' Badminton - BRONZE MEDAL

We took two pairs from years 7 and 8 across to St Martins' on Tuesday for a tournament. It was a great tournament with lots of excellent badminton being played. Overall, both of our Becket Keys' teams finished 3rd (out of 6 teams). Remember - Turn up and play badminton is on every Friday lunchtime and is open to all!

Athletics

Try out for the Indoor Athletics Team!

Indoor Athletics Trials

Jumping - Sprinting - Longer Distance - Throwing

Tuesday 21st January - Lunchtime 1.00pm - Sports Hall

Competition on the 4th February



LOST PROPERTY

The following items are not named. Please contact reception to collect:

1 pair of black boys 'Beckett' Size 8 shoes
Becket Keys Blazer
Becket Keys PE top
Becket Keys Rugby Top
Becket Keys Hoodie
Becket Keys Scarf
Blue/white snowflake woollen hat
2 black scarves
Green bottle
Black Campri Gloves
1 Thinsulate glove
Long Keyring chain with 2 keys on Gold Birch padlock
Silver padlock
3 unnamed plastic cake boxes left over from cake sale
Box with silver earrings in
Pink Gum shield with case
Orange Gum shield with case
Leopard print hat
2 pairs of Nike pink/white trainers
Black checked scarf
Black umbrella



NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Contact office (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
Jumper size 28"	£5
Grey slipover size 28"	£5
Grey slipover size 30"	£5
Boys' trousers age 11/12	£5
Boys' s/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50
Boys' l/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50

UNIFORM

Girls may wear a single small earring in both ear lobes. It must be plain gold or silver.



SCOOTERS/BIKES

Students wishing to ride to school must use a bike AND NOT a scooter.

A new bike shelter is being installed on Monday which will keep bikes completely dry during the school day.

NO TIPPEX

Students do not need correction fluid. Moreover, it is not allowed on the school site and must be left at home. Instead, students who wish to be really neat can use correction tape. Our preference, however, is simply to draw a single line through mistakes!

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 will be able to leave a short message on the answer phone stating your son/daughter's name, form and reason for 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 appointment or special occasion (exceptional circumstance). We are generally unable to authorise any absence during school time, but we will consider exceptional circumstances (eg a teacher would be allowed to take paid leave for such an appointment or special occasion).

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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.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

DRIVERS... Please remember to drop your son or daughter off in Sawyers Hall Lane before 8:20am. Similarly, please do not pick up in Sawyers Hall Lane until 4:30pm. The road is very busy and dangerous.

Students are reminded that once clubs are over they should leave the school site so we can clean and prepare for the following day.

Dates for your Diary

17th – 21st Feb	Half-term holiday
24th Feb	INSET Day
4th,5th,6th Mar	<i>Joseph!</i> Performances
7th – 21st Apr	Easter Holiday
5th May	Bank Holiday

You can keep up to date with a daily tweet from Becket Keys by following us on Twitter: @BecketKeys.

