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A New Beginning



A warm welcome to
The Becket School community.

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It is a privilege to be the Headteacher of The Becket School and to lead an inspiring, dedicated community within the traditions of our shared Catholic faith.

As a Catholic school we recognise the uniqueness and worth of each individual and that each of us has a valuable role to play in The Becket. Students, staff, families, governors – all work together seeking the very best and giving their best.

Each individual child is important to us and our expectation is that all our students will develop and grow as young people as they make their journey as part of our community.

We understand that as a parent or family member this is an important moment and a major step in the life of each young person. This new beginning is exciting and full of hope with the opportunity to try different subjects, be inspired by new teachers and make new friends.

What makes The Becket special is the real sense of community that you can see and sense as you walk around the school. There are very good relationships between staff and students and we aim to work in partnership with our parents and families. The quality of teaching is strong and our staff are talented, caring and dedicated. We also have high expectations for all our students and this is one of the main factors behind our excellent reputation both in our local community and beyond into the East Midlands Region.

I am delighted to recommend The Becket School to you and look forward to welcoming you into our special community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Greig'.



Paul Greig

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We practice Gospel values, such as forgiveness and helping those in need, within our school community and in society as a whole.



Building for the Future



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In order to assist with the transition from primary to secondary school, Year 5 students in our feeder primary schools are invited to spend one day with us to experience a Becket school day. They will also be invited to attend a further day at the school engaging in a STEM enterprise activity. Both days will be during the latter part of the Pentecost term.

Parents considering applying for a place for their child in Year 7 are welcome to attend our Open Evening. This is held in the first half of the Advent term where there is an opportunity to look around the school, meet existing students and talk to staff.

Later, an evening in June is set aside for all the parents who have accepted firm offers of Year 7 places for their children. The students usually accompany their parents on these visits. The children are also invited to spend two days with us towards the end of June and information regarding these visits is included in the Induction Pack issued to parents following the acceptance of the offer of a place at the school.

We run a transitional summer scheme during the summer holidays which allows students to become familiarised with their surroundings, meet with their peers, gain an understanding of the school's ethos and generally improve their motivation, confidence, and self-esteem for when starting school in September.

Now is a particularly exciting time to be part of The Becket School community. Our young people can now learn and develop into young adults in a magnificent setting which both enables us to build on the strong traditions of The Becket School and provides wonderful opportunities within a learning environment which will keep The Becket School at the forefront of education in the 21st Century. We have state of the art facilities which represent the very best available.

Every area of the curriculum benefits from the premises which are designed for the future as well as the present. Our learning suites are rich in technology. There are opportunities for broader experiences in areas such as music and drama. Our sports facilities are wonderful assets to enhance sporting provision within and beyond

the curriculum. Our well-equipped Learning Resources Centre promotes independent learning. The Chapel is a place of prayer and reflection. The whole design of the school supports the calm and purposeful atmosphere which typifies The Becket School.

Our Sixth Form students can maintain their distinctive identity in specially designated and fitted accommodation in their own block, with a common room and canteen area, a spacious study area with abundant ICT resources, while also being able to benefit from the availability of excellent whole school facilities.

Our aim is that our young people will feel positive, that they will feel safe, that they will enjoy their learning and that they will thrive at The Becket School. These aims have underpinned the very design of our school premises.



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Celebrating Our Catholic Faith



We set everything we do within Christian values and look to follow the example of Christ in all our work.

The Becket School is first and foremost a Catholic school, aiming to provide a first class Catholic education for all our students.

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We are forward looking while embracing traditional values and focus constantly on improving the quality of learning and teaching within our school. As a Catholic school we recognise the equal value of each individual student and we aim to provide the best possible opportunities for your child.

Be Inspirational

Our Chaplaincy team work across The Becket School and our partner primary schools and many of you will already be aware of the fantastic work and support they provide to students of all ages. Our House system, titled “Be Inspirational” encourages students to celebrate their identity, celebrate their achievements and celebrate their faith.

The House system is an integral part of our school’s spiritual identity. Be Inspirational looks to create an active and vibrant community across the different years. Each year each individual House will have the opportunity to take part in inter-house activities, celebrate a House mass as well as compete for the House Shield at the end of the year.

The House system is not all about competition, it’s about celebrating spiritual identity and the activities throughout the year are designed not just to bring students closer to victory, but closer to each other and closer to God. Each student wears a badge in their House colour as part of their uniform. Each of the Form groups, of which there are six in each year of the school, has been given a Patron’s name. The Patrons we have chosen for our Forms and Houses are:

St Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes - Purple

Bernadette was a young girl who many had written off because of her age and background. She had a vision of Mary, the mother of Jesus but many did not believe her. Eventually her persistence and courage inspired her parish priest to take her seriously and her vision was

recognised as an important message to the world. Bernadette inspires us to never give up and to be true and honest to our faith.

Edmund Campion - Red

St Edmund Campion was an intelligent man. He worked hard throughout school and university and earned the respect of his friends and teachers. He was also true to his faith. He became a catholic priest, even though it was illegal at the time and died for what he believed. St Edmund Campion inspires us to work hard and to not lose sight of what we believe in.

Nicholas Garlick - Orange

Blessed Nicholas Garlick was a catholic priest when Queen Elizabeth was in power. It became illegal to practice Catholicism but Nicholas disobeyed the law and continued to serve the terrified Catholic community. He was caught and executed in Derby for his faith. Blessed Nicholas inspires us to do what is right, not what is easy.

Patrick - Green

St Patrick was a missionary who took the message of Jesus to the people of Ireland, of which he is the Patron Saint. He was an example

in the words and message that he preached. St Patrick inspires us to be an example to others and to be proud to share our faith.

Robert Ludlam - Blue

Blessed Robert Ludlum was a priest during the time of Queen Elizabeth, when it was illegal to be Catholic. Robert was known to be a kind and gentle man but that did not mean he was not brave and strong. He died for refusing to deny his faith. Blessed Robert inspires us to be gentle and kind to others but also to be strong in the face of adversity.

St Teresa and Robert (of Lisieux) - Yellow

St Teresa was from Lisieux in France, where she is co patron. She died aged only 24 through illness but never complained and showed great strength. Her writings survived to carry her message to millions. She is one of only three women to be a “Doctor of the church.” She was humble and never wanted praise, encouraging others to do the little things well. Teresa inspires us to do everything we can, however small, to help others and to be strong when times are tough.

Our mission is to work in partnership with parents and carers to provide an outstanding Catholic education for all our young people.



Delivering Success



Enabling young people to become active, independent and responsible learners.

We aim for the highest of academic standards and the rigorous pursuit of excellence within a happy and caring atmosphere.

Our dedicated staff, our encouragement of a positive attitude, our high expectations and our underlying Christian values all contribute to our consistent success. At the heart of our Catholic mission is our aim to be a supportive community formed by the values of the Gospel.

We constantly seek to affirm the dignity and worth of each individual and to help young people discover the relevance to their lives of Christ's teaching. In this context young people are motivated towards academic achievement, personal development and spiritual growth.

We are delighted that the quality of learning and teaching at The Becket School has been rated by Inspectors as good or outstanding and is seen as a model of good practice.

We are constantly seeking to use new technologies and new learning styles in order to respond to the learning needs of individual students. The progress of each individual student is closely monitored throughout all Key Stages. Our rich tradition of academic success arises from our unerring commitment to enable young people to become active, independent and responsible learners.

Our curriculum is broad and balanced and we seek to provide a suitably differentiated programme which recognises the varying talents and aspirations of each individual and which gives the best possible foundation for a future career or further study.

In Key Stages 3 and 4 the National Curriculum forms the basic entitlement for our learners. However we provide many opportunities for students to enhance their learning further for example through our PSHCE curriculum, retreat day(s), trips and exchanges and enrichment activities.

The principle of choice is reflected in the wide range of options in Key Stage 4 which respond to individual needs enabling students to personalise their curriculum. However we also value the traditional curriculum at Key Stage 4, as we aim to provide students with the best set of qualifications in order for them to have the very best opportunity to play a full part both in the society of today and in the adult world of their future.



We strive relentlessly for high academic standards and the pursuit of excellence in all of our work, our tradition and our reputation.

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Focusing on Individual Needs



Our curriculum is varied to meet the needs and aspirations of young people.

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In all aspects of school life we seek to accentuate and to celebrate the positive.

Discipline is seen as an attitude of mind rather than an imposed condition. Rules and regulations are themselves educational in purpose.

We aim to work with parents in helping students to develop the self discipline and the motivation which will enable each student to gain the rewards of success.

We always seek to provide an appropriate and flexible response to special needs while supporting and encouraging those students with particular talents. Our pastoral system is a key element in promoting learning of high quality; help and support are readily available. We have a strong and successful student support unit that provides individuals and groups of students guidance and support to break down barriers to their learning.

We offer a range of opportunities for leadership and participation in a variety of activities within our House system. Our curriculum is varied to meet the needs and aspirations of young people with wide ranging interests and talents.

Learning is differentiated in order to enable all of our students to gain the rewards which progress and attainment can bring. A school experience rich in its diversity, a setting in which young people feel secure and confident and an atmosphere of support and encouragement serve to promote a firm self-belief and high levels of attainment.

Our aim is always for our school to be inclusive and welcoming, a place in which all can feel comfortable, all can be confident and all can thrive. We are very proud of the attainments of our highflyers whose performances in each Key Stage consistently rank among the best in the country.

Equally important to us are the achievements of all students; we aim to recognise and to celebrate the talents of each student and to bring out the best in everyone. We never lose sight of the fact that the person who matters most is each individual child.

An Enriching Experience

Our excellent facilities provide an ever growing range of opportunities both within and beyond the curriculum. Technology at the cutting edge supports learning in all subjects and prepares young people today for the world of tomorrow.

Our well-equipped science laboratories, design and technology workshops and our bright and spacious art rooms enable creative and practical work of the highest order to take place.

An interest in music is encouraged with tuition being available across a range of instruments and voice. We have an Apple iMac suite, recording studio and a suite of music tuition rooms.

In all lessons and all activities we have the very best possible environment for our young people, an environment in which they can take real pride and an environment which will promote learning and personal development for each individual within our community.

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We aim for all of our young people to be well motivated, confident and independent learners.



Outstanding Performance



There are more opportunities than ever for young people to broaden their horizons.

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We constantly keep in focus the need to develop the whole person. Academic achievements are, beyond question, important and The Becket School is proud of its academic record.

We do, however, see all aspects of school life as essential elements of a student's learning experience and activities beyond the classroom have a key role to play in preparing young people for a rich, full and responsible life in the adult world.

A wide range of sporting activities and fixtures take place, and our sports teams have enjoyed increasing success in a variety of competitions.

Music is a strong feature of life at The Becket School and we have a thriving school orchestra, a concert band and ensembles and choral groups of varying sizes. We strongly encourage our young people to pursue an interest in music and they have the opportunity to gain from an ever growing range of instrumental tuition at all levels.

There is also a strong tradition of drama, with several dramatic and musical productions each year.

Our state of the art facilities both in the school hall and in our music and drama studios help our students to prepare for performances of the highest quality.

We have fostered effective links with industry and all of our students have the opportunity to learn from the world of work. We are partnered with Alliance Boots through our Business in the Community programme, "Business Class" and regularly offer enterprise style challenges and workshops. We have a thriving CAFOD group which serves to raise awareness and understanding of justice and need and to raise substantial sums of money for various causes.

Students also gain experience of outdoor pursuits, which help to build character and mutual support. Work in the classroom is enhanced through residential field courses, travel abroad and visits by writers. Spiritual growth and reflection is fostered through regular retreats.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is available to all students, starting with the bronze award in Year 9. The successful students will have the opportunity to continue with the silver and gold awards in Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13.

We aim to have a community to which all members contribute in a positive way and from which all members gain. Within the school there is a strong sense of belonging, with the expectation that courtesy, respect and consideration will be shown at all times.

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Young people are encouraged to take on responsibility, to develop leadership and to participate in the broader life of the community. There is always the opportunity to try something new, whether this be through individual interest or as part of a group activity.

Through the support which our young people give to those in less developed countries and through the positive relations which they have established with communities in Europe and beyond the school has gained the International School Award.

There are more opportunities than ever for young people to broaden their horizons, to live life to the full and to gain the immense rewards that come from making the most of their own talents and from playing a full part in a vibrant, supportive and caring community.

We aim to inspire and motivate young people to achieve their full potential academically, spiritually, socially and in a full range of extra-curricular activities.



Working Together



We firmly believe in building strong relationships between the school and the families of our students.

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The cornerstone of this relationship is excellent communication and we are committed to keeping you regularly informed on your child's progress throughout their time at The Becket School.

Beginning with our Open Day for prospective parents, we host a number of opportunities for you to visit school and speak face to face with our teaching staff. During Year 7 we have a Settling In Evening, providing time with your son or daughter's Form Tutor to discuss how they are acclimatising to The Becket School. Each year we have opportunities for you to have one-to-one time with your child's Form Tutor and subject teachers. Each year group will also have a calendared Parents Evening.

Ensuring you know how your son or daughter is progressing in school is particularly important and helps you to support their learning.

Throughout the year you will receive Progress Reports, detailing how your child is performing in each of their subjects. In addition, once a year you will receive a Pastoral Report, which includes written comments from the Progress Leader and Form Tutor.

It is not just on these calendared dates where we encourage contact between you and the school. Our reception is open throughout the school day and you can telephone the school on 0115 982 4280 during office hours. Alternatively you can contact the main office or any member of staff electronically via our website.

E Communication

To help us communicate with you more effectively we regularly send out school updates via email and very occasionally via text message. Please ensure we have your latest email address and mobile number as this guarantees you will receive all communication relevant to your child.

The Web

Our school website, www.becketonline.co.uk is a fantastic source of information. In addition to regular news updates, we publish every letter that is sent home to parents. These are organised by year group so you can quickly access any communication relevant to your child. We know it is important to give you opportunity to plan ahead and we therefore provide a detailed school calendar and publish the dates for upcoming school holidays.

Understanding what your child is currently studying in school enables you to better support their learning. We provide details of the different learning areas covered by each subject and organise this information in a clear and concise manner to make it easier for you to find the relevant information.

Direct contact between families and our staff is something which we recognise as important. We therefore provide you with the facility to contact any member of staff in the school through the use of a simple online form.

For prospective parents we have information on school uniform, school transport and a wealth of other information that we are sure will be of use as you plan your child's first year at The Becket School.

Our website also provides an insight into life at The Becket School. Our own Becket TV channel showcases some of our very talented students and offers a glimpse of how we celebrate our Catholic faith.

We also embrace social media as a way to improve our communication. Twitter and Instagram enable us to quickly keep you informed of any upcoming events, notify you of our latest news or quickly pass on notifications and announcements.

You can follow us on Twitter @TheBecketSchool or on Instagram 'thebecketschool'.

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Post 16 students are instrumental role models in the wider Becket School community with many taking the opportunity to mentor main school students.

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The Future is The Becket



Nottinghamshire's top performing Comprehensive
at A Level, based on total points scored.

The Becket Sixth is one of the largest 'A' level Sixth Forms in Nottinghamshire and comprises over 200 students drawn not only from The Becket School but also from a wide variety of state and independent schools within and beyond the county.

Students joining us from other schools quickly become integrated within the Sixth Form and take full advantage of the opportunities which we offer.

The Becket Sixth has much to offer: high quality teaching, individual guidance and an excellent track record of 'A' level results and admission to Higher Education or further career training. The achievements of our students rank consistently among the highest in the county.

Most of our students obtain university places and we have a tradition of annual success in terms of entry to Oxford or Cambridge. We combine the best features both of a school-based sixth form with a more adult environment which has its own distinctive identity. Lessons are conducted in a relaxed but purposeful atmosphere and, while expectations are high, this is balanced by the strong support given to each individual.

Beyond lessons there are opportunities for retreats, field studies, work shadowing, theatre and foreign visits and annual productions for those with a practical interest in drama. Music is a strong feature of The Becket Sixth. Our extensive enrichment programme is constantly developing as we seek to provide ever more opportunities for our students.

The Sixth Form Committee plays an active and important role in giving students a voice in matters of particular relevance to them and in organising social events; these include the annual Summer Ball.

The two years of the Sixth Form can be a time to discover the true satisfaction of learning, a time to make new friends and a time to find new interests and pursuits. We aim to give our students the best prospect of academic success and personal growth and we provide the guidance and support needed to help them to make the right choices for the next stage in their lives.

