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FAREWELL

WHO RUNS THE WORLD?

The Becket's biggest Beyoncé fan, Mr. Burke, makes a dramatic exit. It has come as a shock to everyone that the well-respected Mr. Burke has decided to depart from the school, and begin his new chapter. After dedicating 20 years of his life to teaching at the Becket School, he has decided to begin a new challenge as the deputy leader of learning at the all-girls school in Loughborough, as he wants to begin a new challenge before retirement. After interviewing him, we found out a few of his fondest memories throughout his journey through the Becket school: the trips (especially the Berlin trips), changes within the school (becoming an academy and members of CMAT). Overall, his favourite memory was getting to know his students and seeing their successes.

Through his many years of teaching at the Becket school he has befriended many other staff members and shared many pleasant memories with them. Here are a few teachers that shared their favourite memories/ best moments with him...

Mrs. Giannino

A dedicated Beyoncé mega-fan, although she has recently been replaced with J.K. Rowling (Mr. JK Rowling). "You have always been a pleasure to work with and are one of the best, most dedicated R.E. teachers here at the Becket. I wish you every success in your future, and I know you will have the great ability to achieve". The thing that Mrs. Giannino will miss the most about Mr. Burke's departure is his inability to buy her a Costa.

Mrs Byrne & Miss Ahmed

"We will miss you so much as well as your encyclopedic knowledge of Costa coffee shops around the country and your tales from the Seminary".

Miss Fitzsimmons

"Mr Beyoncé" "Pigeon" (inside joke!)

Mrs Burges

"When I first arrived at the school, Mr. Burke was very friendly and introduced me to the Becket community and made me feel very welcome."

From everyone at the Becket school, we wish you every success in the future and you will be greatly missed!

By Nikola and Olivia

WHO IS THE MOST ORGANISED PERSON IN THE WORLD?

Mrs Andrews is sadly leaving the Becket school at the end of this academic year. She has proven to be a very dedicated member of staff who has been a part of the Becket community for many years. She started her journey as a Sixth Form student, then coming back to be a maths teacher whilst also coordinating the Special Educational Needs programme- showing her amazing contribution to the school. We spoke to a few members of staff to hear their favourite memories of Mrs Andrews:

Miss Zarzycki

"Mrs Andrews is a very organised person, always wanting to make the teaching environment as helpful as possible for students, which has made a huge difference in the school!"

Mr Turton

"My favourite memory was when we went on the year 8 France trip. Mrs Andrews fell asleep at the front of the coach and suddenly woke up in a panic thinking she was driving it!"

The whole of the Maths Department will miss working with Mrs Andrews tremendously, especially Mr Tipping who has been working with her for an extremely long period of time. We hope nothing but the best for Mrs Andrews' future and we are extremely grateful for the contribution and efforts she has made to make the school an outstanding learning centre for all year groups.

By Eben Goode, Eleanor Keogh
Anna Chambers-Brown



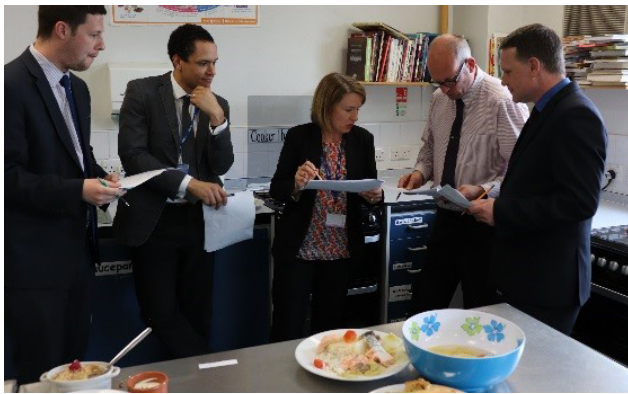
MASTERCHEF

Thursday 25th April saw the 2019 Becket School Master Chef Competition. 16 students from Year 8 took part to produce a healthy option two course meal. The students all competed for the title of "Becket Master Chef" and a prestigious trophy and prize.



The students had 2 hours to prepare, cook and present their meal, and the ingredients had to cost no more than £7.50. A huge variety of dishes were made, including various meats, fish, desserts, sauces, vegetables and cultural dishes. The students all did a fantastic job, and the end results looked and smelt almost too good to eat!

The lucky judges, including Mr Greig, Mrs Quirk, Mr Turton, Mr Fowler and Mr Pickup examined each of the finished products. Each dish was judged on its nutritional value, appearance, taste and texture.



1st Place went to Aoife Rendu (8T) who produced Thai spiced noodle soup, marinated duck breasts with a red wine sauce and parmentier potatoes. The judges all agreed that Aoife's presentation was fantastic. Well done Aoife!

2nd Place went to Justyna Ploszaj (8E), who presented the Polish dish Leczo z cakini, followed by chocolate eclairs. The judges particularly enjoyed the Polish sausage, which was cooked to perfection. Well done Justyna!

3rd Place went to Layla Jauzelon (8P) for her paella and Spanish cheesecake. The flavour of the paella was excellent. Well Done Layla! Well done to all the students who took part in the Master Chef competition. The standard of cooking was extremely high, and the students were very adventurous and skilful.

By Mrs Murray Leader Of Learning In Food Technology



WINNER TAKES IT ALL

YOU'RE HIRED!

Way back in September, at the beginning of the School year, the students of Year 12 were given an opportunity to take part in the Young Enterprise scheme. It is a national charity who specialise in enterprise education and financial education. It was a chance for many of our school's budding entrepreneurs to enhance their skills in an environment catered to bettering the participants as young businessmen and women but also allowing them to perfect the art of working as a team for a collective goal.

We spoke to student Adrian Wojcek who assumed a leadership role within the business and had nothing but compliments for the opportunity to gain experience in leading a business. "At times it became very stressful but on the whole the experience itself massively out grew my expectations, in terms of enjoyment." He continued to tell us why he thought Young Enterprise would be something he wanted to be involved with "When I heard about it, I thought it would be a fantastic opportunity to work on my leadership and learn, in a low risk environment, how running a business works on a day to day basis."

Adrian told us about the adversity he and his colleagues had to overcome during the process of deciding to what buy and sell. "Initially the plan was to buy ties from overseas and sell them on market day but with the time constraints and factor of high expenditure, we decided to look elsewhere for a product." The initial setback didn't keep the business team down for long, as they found their product in the form of hand crafted vinyl bowls and handmade ear rings. "We were really happy with the end products and we were all really excited to see how they'd be received on market day" were the words of operations director Tuan Tran.

For managing director, Adrian, he felt that the lead up to market day was the most testing throughout the journey. "The few days before we went to market were very stressful and took over my life for a brief period!" But the fears he may have had over market day were soon forgotten, as Adrian explains "Despite it being a very long day, I was there for 10 hours, it all ran very smoothly and was a huge success. All the team put in a lot of effort and it was rewarded with the great reception of our products, from the customers at the market."

Asked if he'd encourage others to seek the same opportunity he did, Adrian answered simply "Yes, it opens your eyes to the importance of co-operation and team work, whilst having lots of fun."

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the scheme!

By Joe Freeman



