



## MICHELIN STAR CHEF WOWS STUDENTS

Some lucky Year 8 students were recently treated to a surprise visit from chef Alex Bond. Instead of their usual Food Technology lesson, they had a cookery masterclass, and even had the opportunity to sample some Michelin Star quality food.

Alex is the founder and head chef at Alchemilla restaurant in Nottingham. He has won numerous awards, including three AA rosettes and a Michelin star. Alex cooked a top class meal for the students. He cooked and served a saddle of venison with roasted pear, cep mushrooms and an elderberry ketchup. The flavour, smells and textures were out of this world!



The students were captivated whilst Alex spoke about his passion for cooking, and the philosophy behind his restaurant. He spoke about how he finds the best quality ingredients, the importance of teamwork, his career in food, and how he just loves to be in the kitchen. We would like to thank Alex for coming into the Becket School, and for providing a morning (and a meal) that we will never forget!

*written by Mrs Murray*

## GUESS THE TEACHER FEATURE

These members of staff at the Becket are known to us all and have many interesting facts about themselves, but can you guess who they are from these facts?

1) This member of staff has previously done many jobs but their notable ones were assisting people with MS and working in MacDonald's. They said that their main hobby and thing that they enjoy doing the most is mountain biking. Their favourite meal is a classic cottage pie with mixed veg and finishing it off with millionaire's shortbread.

They have a mixed music taste, liking alternative acoustic artists such as Ben Howard but their main preference is grime, saying their favorite musician is Skepta.

2) This member of staff has worked as a fruit picker, but they said that they specialised in picking bananas. They have many hobbies but say that their most unusual is that they have skydived. Their favorite meal is lamb curry and their music genre of choice is indie rock and bands such as The Killers.

3) This member of staff's only other job was working as a cover supervisor in a school. In their spare time they said they like art and to design things.

When asked about their favourite meal they went for the well-known Chicken Chow Mein. Their preferred music is either from musicals such as Hairspray or rock bands such as Panic! at the disco.

1.) Joe Martin 2.) Mr Bestwick 3.) Ruth



# Becket book week





# COASTERS AND CUPS!!!

This year Becket welcomed a new Young Enterprise Team designing a range of products such as upcycled cans, coasters and cheese boards. The aim of Young Enterprise is to form a business and to produce items which can be sold and can go up against rival schools in a national competition to make the most money. We spoke to Holly Hayden (12R) who is the sustainability director about her role and how she's finding young enterprise. She told us "Young Enterprise is quite full on but it's a great challenge and helps you to work as a team."



Young Enterprise meets every Wednesday after school and even though it can be time consuming, the members enjoy it and say that it's worth the work. There are many different roles in Young Enterprise including IT co-ordinator, financial director, creative director and much more. Holly's role as sustainability director includes "sourcing the materials for suitable prices and making sure the materials are environmentally friendly and don't leave much waste."



*By Lizzie Irvine and Zaloe Ronneburg-Martiarena*

## BACK TO BERLIN

Berlin, the home of currywurst and German culture was recently explored by the year elevens. We interviewed a handful of students about their experience of the trip and highlights of their time there. We interviewed Becca, Leesha and Eva from 11R who shared with us a few of the events that went down in Berlin. They told us their favourite day was when some of the students visited the zoo as it was a big laugh and allowed them to be independent while the other students went shopping in the vast city centre.

The tv tower was also a popular attraction amongst the group, with many of them enjoying the birdseye views of Berlin along with Dunkindonuts where they spent most of their money, oops! While all this fun was going on, a few students went AWOL momentarily scaring the teachers (don't worry they were found in one piece). We also interviewed Mrs Corsie, (leader of learning for modern foreign languages) whose favourite food from Berlin was currywurst and schnitzel. She also said her favourite day was the visits to the concentration camp as although it was sad it was important to understand the history of Berlin and show ourselves how privileged we are.



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# CONCERT OF THE YEAR?

It's by no means uncommon to encounter the Becket School putting on an incredible concert – and the Catenians Concert on Wednesday 6th November was no exception. We spoke to Miss Jackson and Mrs Paterson of the music department about their experience. They told us about the work that goes on behind the scenes in order to ensure the evening is unforgettable. The first step was to agree a date, check available facilities and meet schools. Once this was finalised, the next step was to order the music and then hand it out. This music was ordered in July and included a Beatles Medley and God Only Knows by the Beach Boys.



Refreshments, ticket sales and promotions came next, along with many sleepless nights and a lot of caffeine. Miss Jackson told us that she enjoys multi-school concerts as it's always a great opportunity for the students to play with other musicians. The concert brought everyone together as one community, all sharing the same love for music. She enjoyed everything that was performed, but especially Christ the King School's cover of Fix You and the finale piece of God Only Knows which brought together 200 musicians. There was also an orchestral cover of Moves like Jagger which really got the parents moving! Overall, an incredible and unforgettable evening.



*By Niamh Cottingham and Sorch Molyneux*

# DEFYING GRAVITY

With witches, wizards and magical creatures, Wicked the musical was a show to remember. Up at 5am, 120 very tired students, consisting of year 8's and year 12's, arrived at school ready for the five-hour journey to the bustling city of London.

On the 22nd January, the students began with a once in a lifetime combat workshop, where they learnt how to fight on stage. Fake punching turned out to be really fun! It was located at the world renowned Pineapple Studios in Covent Gardens, which has been used by Madonna, Beyoncé and Girls Aloud! Following this great session, the students were given time to explore Covent Gardens and spend their money. By 2pm, it was time to go to the Apollo Theatre and watch the musical 'Wicked', which has been running since 2006 and includes the hit songs such as 'Defying Gravity' and 'Popular'. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students and will definitely be a trip to remember.



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# TEACHERS SCHOOLED BY STUDENTS

Staff at the Becket were taken to the cleaners by the Year 11 basketballers. They were washed away 37:19 in an entertaining game, planning to raise money for the Year 11 prom (now sadly cancelled). Onto the game: from start to end it was a dominant performance from the Year 11 with some lovely link up play from the boys. Clearly Andrew, Tony and Solomon had been brushing up on their pick and rolls and maybe Mr Monkman and co should take some lessons even though experience AND age is on their side ;)

Moving away from this, the Year 7 rugby team put on another show of dedication and hard work, drawing one and narrowly losing two. A well worked try at the end of game three wrapped up an intense but enjoyable day. Year 7 once again put on an amazing display this time in a basketball tournament. One win, loss and draw was a class act and again showcased the skill that they possess.



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## STUDENT SPORT REPORT

We interviewed sisters, Summer Newton (7B) and Hope Newton (11E) who both cheer at EMCA in Nottingham. Older sister, Hope, started out with gymnastics but moved on to cheering when she realised it was a better fit; she now trains 4 times a week and helps coach the younger cheerleaders. Hope is very dedicated to cheer as she is in 2 teams, one of them being EMCA magic (level 4.2).

This March Hope has a cheer competition coming up and is going abroad next year for Worlds. The second member of the cheerleading duo is Summer Newton who was in fact inspired to start cheerleading after her sister Hope took up the sport. She trains for both EMCA majesty and EMCA rhapsody and therefore also dedicates 4 nights a week to training, in these cheer sessions Summer does a range of tumblers stunts and runs; her full routine where she is in the role of the flyer. Summer was able to attend worlds last year after she tried out and made the team.

We also interviewed Owen Carroll, who plays rugby for Nottingham Moderns. Owen started rugby when he was six with his friends and has been excelling ever since, with his greatest achievement being accepted to play for Leicester Tigers under 14s. Owen plays for two teams; under 16s and Colts (under 18s) and dedicates lots of extracurricular time to training.

Later that day we spoke to Fleur Hallam about her greatest achievements in Ballet. She started dance when she was three, discovering her love for ballet as she enjoys expressing her feelings through her routines. Fleur trains four times a week and stretches and practices routines at home showing she is a truly dedicated to the sport. Ballet is truly challenging as she has suffered several injuries including a broken toe and many bruises. Despite that her love for dance never faded as she has managed to complete all the grades possible, making her a truly successful dancer.

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