



Issue 80 - Advent Term



**STILL RUNNING FOR
BUNKPURUGU! :)**



Run Rabbit Run!

It is no surprise to anyone that our school has greatly involved itself with the lives of people from Bunkpurugu. Our endeavour has been rooted since 2016 and the school continues to put its faith into nurturing the growth of education there, and what better way to go the extra mile than to dedicate this years 5km race to boosting its capacity of staff and equipment! Matthew Shaw acted as a chief pioneer for year 7 and 8 during the race, by showing them where to go so that they don't get lost. It seems as though his efforts counted for something as we did not see any year 7s or 8s make complimentary pit stops at Lidl. He believes "Everyone should have equal access to education as it unlocks better opportunities and career paths." Mia, an internal student in sixth form thought the race was "atmospheric for friendly conversations" which seemed like the case for those students who took the 'slow and steady wins the race' approach, being able to enjoy a conversation with scenic views and zephyr. We saw many fancy dress attempts from Sixth Formers, such as the cheerleaders, a fairy or two, women in black, many Jesus', some Taylor Swift characters, frat boys and many more! The teachers made efforts to run alongside main school, despite the confusing route and the straying students. We watched as some sixth formers acted as pacers for younger years, and as friends sprinted to the finish line in a blur. Overall it was an amazing event, and we applaud all those who took part and the photographers who captured the fun.

Written By Andrew Leu



Favourite Photos From The 5K



Some of our favourite photos of the day included a snapshot of one of our cheerleaders in action. From cheering on Jesus, fellow runners and the other cheerleader, we watched as they both cheered their way round the extremely confusing route. There was despair when the two became separated, but they reunited at the finish line!



We had our pacemakers from sixth form dutifully leading the way, whilst the younger years struggled to keep up. We saw a few smirks, and a lot of confusion as to where the route really was!

Ollie, our dedicated bagpiper, cheered the runners on from the sidelines, even walking across the field to inspire everyone

Then there was Leni, our cross country record breaker for a total of ten minutes before we discovered they cut their run short and finished amongst the fastest of sixth form!



From teachers confused as to why they were running and local chads (sorry Daniel), the day was filled with a lot of laughter as we followed the students on the run. Our cameras unfortunately broke so our phones became professional equipment, but all in all, the day was successful and from the students we asked, everyone had a lot of fun. Can't wait to run again next year!

Written By Evelyn Green

Terrific Trips!

Alton Towers

At the beginning of the year, the Year 13 Business class took a trip to Alton towers to see how marketing is displayed in large businesses. Speaking to students who attended the trip, it was described as fun and interesting. Some of the students went not planning to have a go on the rides but some bribery was used to help people conquer their fears. The rides probably proved a bit more interesting than the actual marketing but I'm sure there were some very educational lessons learned. Overall all of the students and the teachers enjoyed the trip and would happily go again.

Written By Eleanor Summer

Criminology Conference

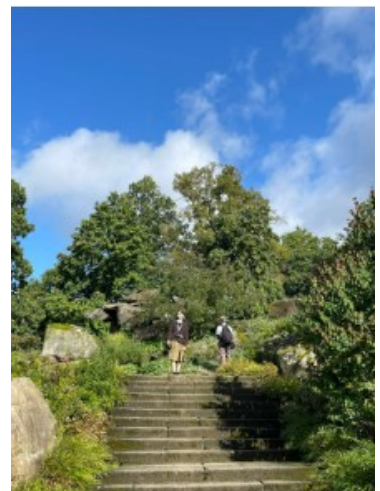
On the 28th of November, 18 Psychology and Sociology students partook in a criminology conference at the Albert Hall. The conference included real life accounts from the mafia princess herself Melissa Merico and from Justin Rollins who was involved and eventually became the leader of a graffiti gang in London. We were taught by experts in the field regarding topics such as domestic violence and the criminal justice process by Dr Lyndsey Harris, male violence by Dr Anthony Ellis and crime policing and psychology by Professor Zoe Walkington. Justin's story was particularly interesting in which he talked about the hardships of growing up in a difficult household, resulting in him joining a graffiti gang where he became the leader which he stated gave him the validation and attention he craved at home. Rollins endured many traumatic things growing up but his story of changing his ways to educate others and hold himself and others around him accountable was a truly inspiring thing to hear and witness. Overall, the conference was extremely riveting and an incredible learning experience as they ensured students were fully involved.

Written By Kaitlin Shaju

Chatsworth House Visit

Back again for the second year in a row, the year tens, elevens, twelves and some thirteens visited Chatsworth House on October 3rd with the Art teachers. The purpose of the visit was to inspire the students to incorporate art pieces from Chatsworth into their own work, and to give them ideas for their next projects. For example, the year twelves are currently doing a 'Natural VS Manmade' project, so we took into account the contrasts between the natural and manmade elements of the art pieces at Chatsworth. Students and staff alike rushed around the house and gardens to capture their inspiration in photos, and the gift shop was a favourite for everyone. Purchases were made, whether it was a small teddy or an overpriced ice cream, and the lower years made sure to sprint to the bus to sit at the back at the end of the day, friendships cast aside for the best seat in the bus. Students were momentarily lost in the wildness of the gardens, and cameras flashed left, right and centre. But at the end of the day, we all had fun and I can't wait to go again next year.

Written By Evelyn Green



...More Terrific Trips!

Wonderful Week Spent at Walesby

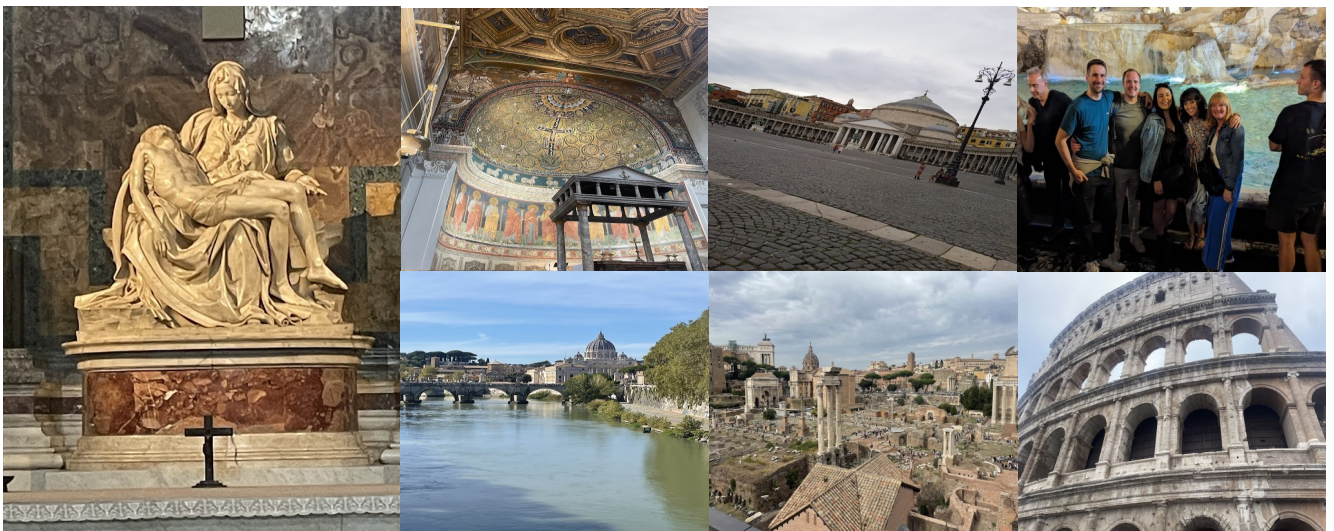
Our year 7 students visited Walesby throughout the week commencing 11th September. After talking to some of the enthusiastic students we have found that the trip was a blast. A shared opinion amongst the students was that the Leap of Faith was the best activity. However, Ryan Jordan from 7N told us that he thoroughly enjoyed the crate stack as he has a thrill for heights. This experience has been a great benefit for all the year, building friendship and sharing new memories that will be remarked upon for the following years. Some groups were fortunate to have had beautiful weather, whilst others did get rather wet, as seen in the picture of form tutor Mr Carberry (right). Each night the year shared mealtime together, bonding over the outstanding pasta bake. One night of the trip was Joe Martin's birthday; to celebrate there was a disco where we have heard there were some show stopping dance moves from Tinashe Nyanhi in 7N and Miss Batley too! Remi from 7N was there to witness the incredible moon walk from Tinashe. In conclusion we'd say the trip was a great success. **Written By Annie Flynn and Angelique Warhust**



Roaming Through History



As a way to expand their RE knowledge the year 10s were invited to take part in a school trip to Rome. Beginning at 1am they travelled to Italy in order to pack their trip to its maximum capacity. Of course the famous landmarks were seen: the Colosseum, the leaning Tower of Pisa etc but arguably the highlight of the trip must have been the amazing cuisine. Asking students who partook in the trip they said that one of their favourite parts was the visit to the Trevi fountain where they enjoyed the beautiful scenery. As well as this they all brought home many souvenirs as a way to remember the amazing time that they had. Overall, all the students had so much fun on the trip and would definitely recommend it to students who have the chance to go in the future. **Written By Eleanor Summer**



And In More News...

Lest We Forget

On Wednesday, we celebrated All Souls Day with a heartfelt liturgy commemorating those who have passed. The liturgy run by the 6th form chaplaincy team was held in which they drew inspiration from the Mexican tradition “Dio de los muertos” this translates to Day of the Dead in English. This was done by the use of petals which are thought to attract those who have passed. During said mass, Oliver Coleman played a phenomenal rendition of the Last Post. We asked Ollie some questions to which he gave brilliant answers.

Why do you think Remembrance Day is important?

“It's good to take time regularly each year to remember those who have given their service and made a great sacrifice in order for our freedom. If we forget, then there's a danger of society repeating itself.”

How long have you been playing the trumpet?

“About 6 or 7 years ago, I was first introduced to the instrument when I attended my eldest sister's concert in Birmingham and I've enjoyed playing ever since.”

Written By Kaitlin Shaju



Representing The Youth

On Friday 17th November our very own Becket student Abigail Newman from year 9 attended the House of Commons annual sitting for the Youth Parliament, among 220 other NYPS, all representative of their districts. Abigail is the representative for Broxtowe; she was elected after running against another 19-year-old candidate. In her trip to Parliament Abigail had the opportunity to meet several politicians such as Stewart

Andrews, Lillian Greenwood and John Nicolson. The bill was for “food for learning” which led to debating and considering how the quality and access to food affects students’ concentration and mood within the classroom which has an impact on their learning capability. Abigail was elected as debate lead among the many youth candidates. Abigail led the debate regarding holiday hunger; this is the idea of providing food for children who receive free school meals during the holidays as many of these children are not fully fulfilled with a diet that allows them to function optimally through the entire holiday. As a result, the main priority of this bill is finance and funding. Abigail got involved after seeing an advertisement in her local newspaper and she went to her local council and was sent the contacts for the Broxtowe Youth Forum. This has given Abigail amazing opportunities to grow her social connections and have enriching life experiences opening many doors for her future. Abigail decided to get involved with Youth Parliament as she has always had strong political views and through Youth Parliament, she can express her opinions and really make a change.

Written By Annie Flynn

New Teacher Feature



Mr Nevin (English Teacher)

There are quite a few new teachers in school and we decided to ask them all some questions:

First impressions of Becket:

"The students seem a lot happier here than at my previous schools, and they're a lot busier with after school activities too. The staff here are really friendly too."

What do you enjoy about teaching your subject:

He enjoys "spotting the rules of a piece of English text/writing, and teaching them to students." Mr Nevin enjoys teaching students how to actually construct their own analysis.

Embarrassing teacher story:

"I thought I looked cool wearing a white suit my first year on the job (Pfft, no uncool, old man suits for ME :) but in reality I looked like a fool."

How long have you been teaching for?

"Including my training year, 24 years since September 1999."

Favourite animal:

He says Tapirs are "the best animal by a mile" and every time he takes his kids to the zoo the animals make him laugh.

What are your first impressions of Becket?

"I am really enjoying it. Everyone is very welcoming, and the students are very welcoming and friendly."

Why do you enjoy your subject?

"I think maths is the fundamentals of nature and the world can be described through maths." He also believes it's easily linkable to the real world.

Most embarrassing teacher story?

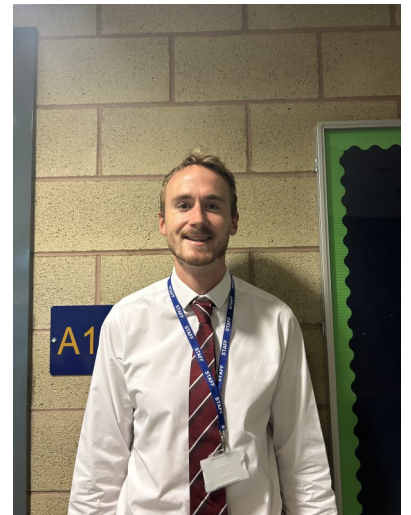
He still has habits from his previous school, like using their old motto instead of SLANT to get students' attention.

How long have you been teaching for?

He's been teaching for 7 years.

What is your favourite animal?

"Dogs, since they're very loyal."



Mr Mosley (Maths Teacher)

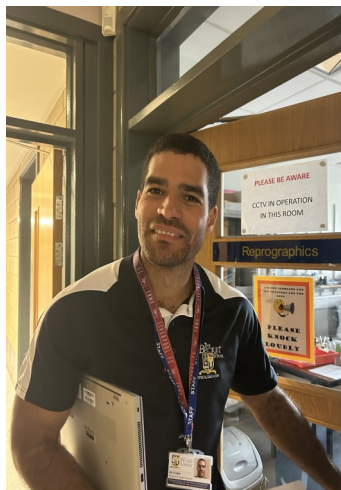


Ms Watson (English And Media Teacher)

Miss Watson has returned to the Becket following her previous year of teacher training. She describes that coming back to the Becket for the second time is as good as the first because of the delightful people. Miss Watson is an Media, English and Drama teacher and enjoys her subjects for lots of different reasons. She said that Drama is so much fun and she loves teaching it, while Media allows her to get back to her creative roots as well as making herself interact with the sixth formers. English is Miss's specialism and passion. She really enjoys the access that literature gives to her and her students and the conversations that result from it.

We asked Miss Watson about her most embarrassing teacher tales and she told us that she can't remember the amount of chairs that she has tripped over. Let's hope that Miss Watson chooses to stick around at the Becket for another few years!

More Teachers!



Mr Udoh (PE Teacher and Assistant Head)

What was your first impression of Becket?

He thought the staff and students played an integral part in the make-up of a kind and loving community. He also says he wants to contribute by being a driving force for the discipline and commitment of students.

Why do you enjoy your subject?

It's really important to encourage everyone to take part in P.E and prioritise their health.

Most embarrassing teacher story?

He once brought in the parents of the wrong child for a serious meeting about bad behaviour. He only realised his mistake when they looked really confused.

Favourite Animal?

He really loves lions, traditionally seen as 'The King of the Jungle'.

What was your first impression of Becket?

Although she's been at the Becket for a little while already, Miss Smyth likes the "great community and lovely atmosphere", alongside the staff and students of the school.

Why do you enjoy your subject?

She believes that there are "new ideas always appearing" and that it is really interesting to see "so many ways students think and approach questions".

Most embarrassing teacher story?

"A student had arrived late to class, and when I went outside to talk to them, I found I had left my lanyard inside the classroom and couldn't get back inside." The students did let her back in, though they had a laugh about the whole situation.

How long have you been teaching for?

Whilst she's been working at the Becket for 4 years, this is her first year as a maths teacher.

Favourite animal?

She likes koalas because they're very sleepy, and they don't have to leave their trees to get food.

Miss Smyth (Maths Teacher)



Miss Granville (Maths Teacher)

First impressions of Becket?

Miss Granville said that she "loved it" and that "the children are kind, polite and helpful, and the staff are really supportive." She also says that she has "really enjoyed her first half term" and she looks forward to the rest of the year.

What do you enjoy about teaching your subject?

She says because "it's either right or wrong!! With maths there is always a correct answer and I like that side of it".

Embarrassing teacher story?

Miss Granville says that when she was training, she "very nearly broke maths!!" When trying to teach a particular topic for observation she "got it all wrong", and "it took 4 maths teachers a long time to sort out"

How long have you been teaching for?

This is her second year of teaching.

Favourite animal?

She says her favourite animal is a dog because she has "a springer spaniel named Patch."

Written By The Despatch Team