

## Editorial

Welcome to the sixth issue of voice! There has been quite a gap between issues so we are really excited to be back!

Exams are also well and truly underway and we would like to wish a huge GOOD LUCK to everyone.

So what will you find in this issue? Well, you will read about aliens in space, in the report on the school play. An explanation about the messages over the doors in the school is included along with Mr. Robinson's views on sport. You will also read about the retreats that have taken place for year 7&8 at The Chellington Centre in Bedfordshire. As ever, a massive thank you to Chris Sefton, William Turner and Ryan Murphy who dedicate a lot of time to making 'Voice' happen. A special thanks to all who wrote articles and helped to bring this edition together. If you would like to join the editorial team or would like to write an article for future editions, then please speak to Chris, William or Ryan .

Thanks and enjoy the read!

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## Becket Goes Blue

Have you noticed that the school has started to go blue?

No, its not mould and the school doesn't have a cold! Mr Wotton painted the school and he commented 'I think the blue freshens up the school and makes it look nicer and friendlier.'

On the other side I spoke to a sixth former who says 'I don't like it and my friends don't either!'

But what do you think?!! In this issues poll, we want to ask you what you think of our new blue paint-job. Just write yes or

no on a piece of paper and put it in the suggestions box in students services.



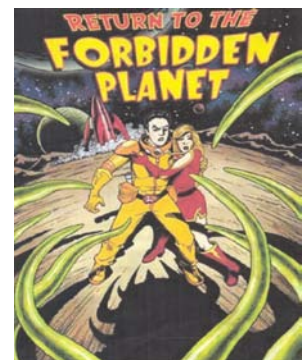
## Becket's 'Forbidden Planet'

Welcome to the world of forbidden planets, aliens and all things space like! A lot of hard work, performing and perspiration went into this years spectacular show. There are many people to thank for the final production, not least the students and staff who have worked so hard to bring us yet another fantastic show, but also the parents who have allowed us to borrow their children!



The show was produced by students from years seven through to thirteen. They attended an after school club of performing arts which focused on Drama, Dance, Music and Art. During these after school periods they worked tirelessly to produce an outstanding show. Spaces for this after school club are still available so if you are interested in sharing your talents in the form of a great success just Mrs Womble or Mrs Yates. The best thing about this years show was that the students were entirely responsible for what happened on stage, off-Stage and in the dynamics of the show. To add to this all the costumes, music and

sets were all produced through the students at the after school club. There are to many individual thank-you's to say so overall a great big thank-you, to all those who took part. By Mrs Yates



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## Sixth-Form Leavers Mass



The assembly was something else; emotional, interesting and fulfilling. It made everyone feel whole and happy to be leaving at this time. Overall on a personal level I am so glad I came to sixth form at Thomas Becket School, it was a blast and for all you 'rudies' reading this 'bare sick'. Mrs Chubb we love you.  
Tom Bodkin 13 LUC

They say sorry is the hardest word but goodbye is harder. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of May was the last day of school for the year 13's and some year 12's. We celebrated together with an extended assembly with music provided by the brilliant sixth form band; Sonali, Jonathan, Andrew and Lee. In his usual style Daniel Walsh rolled in ten minutes late which was only fitting, why change the habit of a lifetime?!

The band kicked off proceedings with a fantastic version of Busted's fantastic single 'What I go to school for,' which set the scene nicely. Deacon Nash enlightened us with some words of wisdom and handy hints for the future; even the comedian put on Mrs Chubb's sheriffs hat, which was met with laughter and a rather disap-

proving look from Mrs. Chubb!

Mr. Bird read out a lovely poem which he read out himself as a goodbye to the year 13's.

Mr. D then showed us a video for the song 'Sunscreen' which offered advice and guidance on how to live a fun and fruitful life.

The best bit of advice being 'look after your hair,' to which Mr. Gardiner commented he "clearly hadn't!"

Mr. G then spoke to us about how we had changed since year 9 and gave us some tips for life. Mrs. McMullen read out a short piece on life, she ended by saying 'go for it, you deserve it!' Mr. Shacklady and Mr. James said goodbye to us and wished us well on our separate ways.

Throughout the celebration we were entertained by the sixth form band, one of the highlights was the version of the song 'Umbrella' with guest vocals from Roisin and Jonathan. Roisin dancing could rival Rhianna's any day and Jonathan's gangster moves complimented Roisin's nicely. Elvis amazed us all when he got up and sang 'A moment like this' by Leona Lewis, we didn't know he had such a powerful voice inside him.

Gemma read out a lovely poem which she had written herself, with a meaningful message about friendship, which she wrote for the year 13's. Nannette lost her original speech so she had to improvise on the spot (Mrs. Chubb would be proud!) She said a few words and she was the only girl like her that we would ever meet! Miss. Yates read out a few words from Winnie the Pooh, which gave us all a little tear in our eyes. Mrs. Chubb also spoke to us and told us that we were the best; she was right there! We ended with a song by the Spice Girls; Goodbye which made everyone tearful as the band played we watched a fantastic presentation that Sinead Strong made using photos from the last two years. Everyone ended on the stage arm in arm singing along to Bon Jovi, "Livin' on a Prayer". I think we can all safely say that sixth form has been a great experience, with everyone coming together and forming new friendships, partying together and working together. Thanks to everyone involved in the celebration and to all the teachers for their guidance and support.  
By Fiona Curry 13YAT

# WE WILL MISS YOU!!!

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## School Council

### Becket Gospel Choir

The first the music department knew about the Gospel Choir was when Davina Barnet asked me to come to a rehearsal and help them with some harmonies. I found a group of students practicing enthusiastically and regularly without any teacher involvement and to a certain extent this is how they have continued. This is definitely a student led project with only coarse corrections from me. This is very much the 'Becket Way' with our students; we are often driven by them .

From there first performance in the staff room at Christmas to their success at the Diocesan School Mass they have been a credit to themselves and the school. There are plans for the future with a booking for a wedding in August and the performing at the year 11 Leaver's liturgy. With the 11's and 13's leaving the personnel will change but having recently performed at St Gregory's junior school they have their choir members lined up to join .

The sheer spirit led exuberance of the Gospel choir has been its driving force and although we will miss the leadership of those who are leaving I know it will carry on and grow.

By Mr. Guy



### Talk Sport, With Mr. Robinson

In 1894 Pierre De Coubertin revived the Olympic Games. It's coloured, interlocking rings represent global togetherness. However international sporting competitions continue to be used as divisive tools to manipulate inter-government foreign policy and cause divide.

Whilst countries play out their political games, athletes, who devote their lives for the pursuit of personal and sporting excellence, lose out. The Olympic symbols are much more than just emblems. I would prefer to see sport offering an opportunity for nations to come together, compete and

respect each others diversity rather than them being used to discriminate and create hostility.

By Mr. Robinson



The school has now elected a council. The school council is aiming to give every student a voice to air their views and make suggestions for areas of improvement within the school.

The council consists of 14 students:

James Maye 7DER, Reece Sweeny, Harry Boyde 9RUS, Ophelie Kodia Dombo 9Pol, George Boyde 10Old, Rory Grant 10Old, George Anastasiades 11Hos, Shannon Ross 11PAV, Niall Mcgettigan 13Yat and Sinead Strong 13Luc.

If you want to make any suggestions please post them in the library school council.

Thank you.  
Harry Boyde –  
Publicity officer.

## Over-Head Messages

You may have seen blue signs above doors that have bible or inspirational messages on. The whole idea was to get across a catholic message by having reminders above every door that you are in a Catholic school. As Mrs. Henton quotes 'I wanted to give the school a more Christian background and to make people read the bible without them actually knowing that they are reading it, on a normal everyday basis as they walk around school.'

By Chris. Sefton.

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that he didn't trust me so much." John 1:12

"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." St. Matthew 19:26

## Deacon Phillip's Reflection

### God's Forgiveness

Six year old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor. He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten. Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad. He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove, (and he didn't know how the stove worked)! Suddenly he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pyjamas dirty. And just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon's eyes. All he wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him. Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pyjamas dirty in the process. That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky or we insult a friend or we can't stand our job or our health goes sour. Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him. But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to "make pancakes," for God or for others. Sooner or later we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried.

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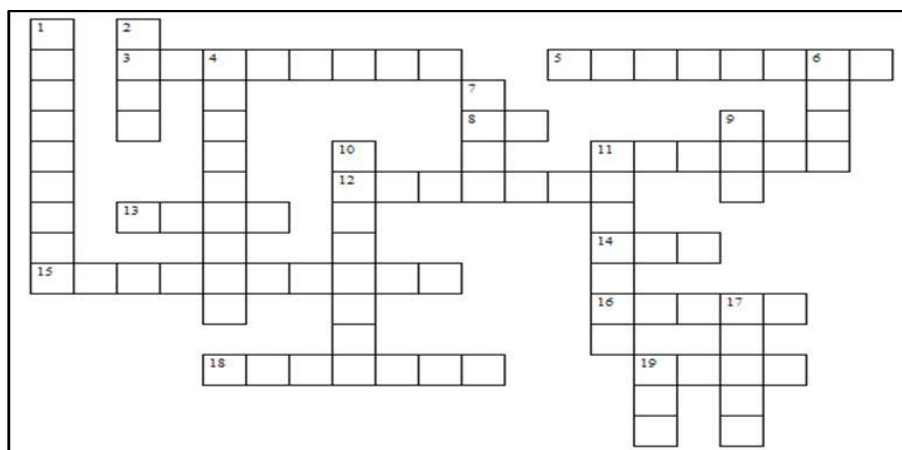
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## Year 7&8 Retreat

On hot sunny days in April, May and June year's 7 and 8 embarked on a journey to The Chellington Centre in Bedfordshire. They played many fun games, games such as 'splat!' and 'fruit salad'. They learned to make a parfait, had discussions, watched a small bit of Shrek and had the option to finish watching it over lunch. The year 7's really enjoyed the trip. They learned many things about

God, themselves and each other. They pressed their painted fingers onto paper which showed they are all unique, and have something to offer. The form tutor deacon Philip and Beccy led the day for the students. "Our best bit was when we went outside to play! We could go anywhere in the woods and fields." said Shauna. The trip was open to all year 7 and 8 students and

the trips happened on 14 different days so that each form group had a day together. The day was based on the theme of 'Identity'. The sessions looked at who God is, who we are and how we can contribute to the world. The day ended with the final liturgy where Deacon Philip talked about the importance of friendship.



### Across

- 3 Another name for a whole number. (8)
- 5 A wood that has a deep reddish colour that is commonly used for dining room furniture. (8)
- 8 If it's not off then it must be ... (2)
- 11 Britain's got ...
- 12 The world's fastest bird. (7)
- 13 Doctor Who travels in ... (4)
- 14 If I'm not going for a walk or a jog, then I must be going for a ... (3)
- 15 If someone voted for someone then they must have placed a ... (10)
- 16 A mischievous trick or joke. (5)
- 18 A Shakespeare play with a magician called Prospero in it. (8)

### Down

- 1 An effect of Global Warming (9)
- 2 If I was eating Red Snapper, what type of animal would I be eating ... (4)
- 4 There is a new and an old version of this in the bible. (9)
- 6 Tidy and smart. (4)
- 7 Someone with very little wealth. (4)
- 9 What does a golfer place his ball on. (3)
- 10 A small boiled sweet or toffee stuck on the end of a small stick (8)
- 11 The treatment of mental or physical illness, without the use of drugs. (7)
- 17 Honest and brave. (5)
- 19 An informal greeting. (3)