



9 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have launched 'Are you on the Becket bus?' for all our Y7-Y10 students. We wanted to take this opportunity to share with you what this is and the criteria that students must meet to be eligible to secure a seat on the bus! 'Are you on the Becket bus?' is part of a school-wide reward strategy to celebrate the effort students display over the course of this academic year. If a student secures a seat on the bus, they are securing a place on an end of year rewards trip as below:

**Year 7 – Whipsnade Zoo**

**Year 8 – Xscape (bowling and sledging)**

**Year 9 – London (Natural History Museum and a landmark bus tour)**

**Year 10 – Alton Towers**

As you will be aware, we spend a considerable amount of time reminding students of the importance of commitment to learning and the relationship it has with success and reward. This theme has continued with our launch of 'Are you on the Becket bus?' this week in re-set assemblies.

The vast majority of our students regularly demonstrate positive behaviour. Over 94% of our logged behaviours in school are positive. Therefore, we have decided that as of 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025, all students have a seat on the 'Becket bus'.

To remain on the bus, students must meet our high expectations in relation to attendance, effort, praise, behaviour, and progress. Students will be regularly informed by their form tutors whether they remain 'on the bus'. We will communicate with you on a regular basis so that you are able to talk to your child/children to support, praise and encourage them to remain on the bus.

We have been very clear with students that attending this trip is a privilege and not a right and that it is something that needs to be earned. As a school we reserve the right to withdraw permission for any student whereby their negative behaviour breaches the school's behaviour policy.

A payment plan will be set up on My Child at School to support regular, small payments for the trip. We have worked very hard to keep costs down to a minimum. Further information will be sent out via letter directly for each year group trip.

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We look forward to working with you on our 'Are you on the Becket bus?' trip and we hope to see all our students secure eligibility for this reward.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher



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