

Headteacher Newsletter Friday 5th January 2024

Highlights of the week

It has been lovely to welcome back our students this week after the festive break. Very quickly students have settled back into their routines, and I have seen some great learning taking place. It has been my assembly week and we have revisited our core values of enjoy learn and succeed, reset expectations with each year group and looked forward to the half term ahead. We also spoke in the assemblies about the dangers and impact of vaping and e-cigarettes.

This is a relatively short half term but there is lots packed into it. We have parents' evenings for sixth form, year 9 and year 7, Y10 and Y12 in class assessments and Y11 have their final mock exams. We are also holding a careers fair – details later in the newsletter. We will be in touch with you as the booking system for each parents' evening opens.

Thank you to the local business who donated to our Christmas Raffle, VWG Mechanical LTD, SLV Brickwork LTD & Lee Kelly Glazing. We appreciate your support.

We love to hear about our students' successes beyond the school day so if you have any good news stories, successes (and of course any pictures!) that you want to share with us about your children's amazing talents please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing Danielle Clifford, Exec Assistant to the Headteacher on

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Upcoming events/Diary dates

- Thursday 11th January Post 16 Parents' evening 3.30pm -6.30pm
- Week beginning 15th January Year 10 In class assessments.
- Thursday 18th January Y9 Parents' evening and options information 3.30pm-6.30pm
- Week beginning 22nd January Y12 In class assessments.
- Wednesday 24th January Parent Forum 6.30pm
- Week beginning 29th January Y11 Mocks begin.
- Thursday 1st February Year 7 Parents' evening 3.30pm -6.30pm

Attendance

| | Friday (15.12.23) | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Year 7 | 84.5 | | | 90 | 87.3 |
| Year 8 | 80.3 | | | 90.2 | 88.4 |
| Year 9 | 74.7 | | | 91.2 | 86.4 |
| Year 10 | 76.1 | | | 87.3 | 87 |
| Year 11 | 77.4 | | | 88 | 86.4 |
| Year 12 | 94.9 | | | 97.1 | 94.1 |
| Year 13 | 99.1 | | | 97.4 | 97 |

Key

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|------------------------------|--|
| 94+% (National Average 2019) | |
| 92-93.9% | |
| <92% | |

Our expectations

We regularly share our expectations with students so that they know how they can be successful in their learning and so that we can remove any barriers to this success. It is important for us all to understand that when in school students are expected to be in lessons learning unless it is break or lunchtime. Time out of lessons should not be the norm or the expectation and we know that as we have increased our expectations of what students learn and what they do in lessons some students are finding the increased challenge difficult at times. We know that being expected to know more, remember more and do more is hard and staff will support students with this in a variety of ways.

The majority of our students get it right day in day out and make positive choices – the small number who do not are given opportunities to make the right choice but are clear of the consequences if they do not meet our very simple learning habits. We have now moved to same day detentions for lateness to school and lessons and already we can see the impact on punctuality across the school. Thank you to our families for your continued support.

Extra-curricular activities

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Debate club (Y8, 10, 12, 13) LUNCH TIME F51 MED | Debate club (Y7, 9, 11) LUNCH TIME F51 MED | Girls Football All year groups DWH | Year 7/8 Football CBE/JGI | |
| Fitness Suite KS4 FBR | Year 9 Football DRI | Dodgeball KS3 MFL | Netball Year 7/8 DCH | Rugby year 7/8/9 JFL |
| Lego Club (all years - till 3.30) No new members until Spring term S34 C. Moore / J. Hird | Girls Rugby KS3 DCH/RST | Healthy Active ME Activity Room | Netball Year 9/10 DWH | Badminton All year groups TSH |
| | KS4 Football Astro GBO | Basketball KS3 CBE | Year 11 BTEC Intervention JIC/DRI | Fitness Suite KS3 JIC |
| | Drama Club (all years) G28 RSI | | Dance/Cheerleading KS3 CFL | |
| | Science Club (Y7 and 8) MMI / ECO S43 | | Gardening Club (all years) S33 E. Cowham / S. Cooke | |

Year Group News

Y7 News

Well done on making a brilliant start to the term year 7. Right at the end of last term, students wrote thank you cards to members of staff who have gone the extra mile for them. This has been really well received by staff and helped everyone feel a sense of joy in the build up to Christmas. Students are continuing to get golden tickets and

community awards. They are settling back into their lessons. As a reminder we have year 7 Parents' Evening on Thursday 1 of February. We look forward to seeing you there.

Effie in Year 7 competed in a cheer competition at the weekend. She got the following results; Well done Effie!

1st for her duo

2nd for Pom

1st for cheer

1st for lyrical

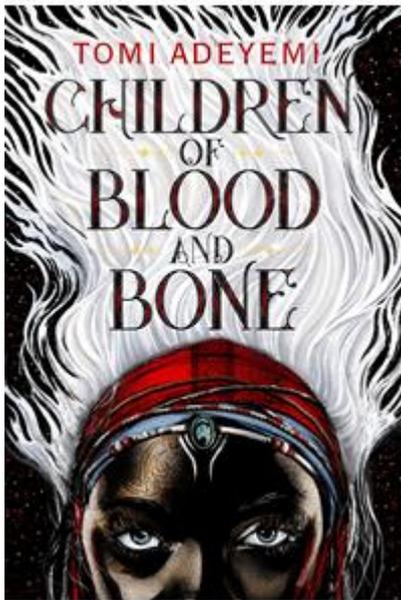


Y8 News

Year 8 have made a positive start to 2024 settling back into their lessons and producing some fantastic work. Ruby in Year 8 has achieved a huge number of Community Awards for her positive attitude around school. Well done Ruby.

This Term Year 8 will be reading 'Children of Blood and Bone' during form time.

One girl must return the magic to her land in the first part of a mesmerising trilogy steeped in West African mythology that combines heart-stopping drama with unforgettable characters. Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize Older Fiction Award 2019.



Y9 New

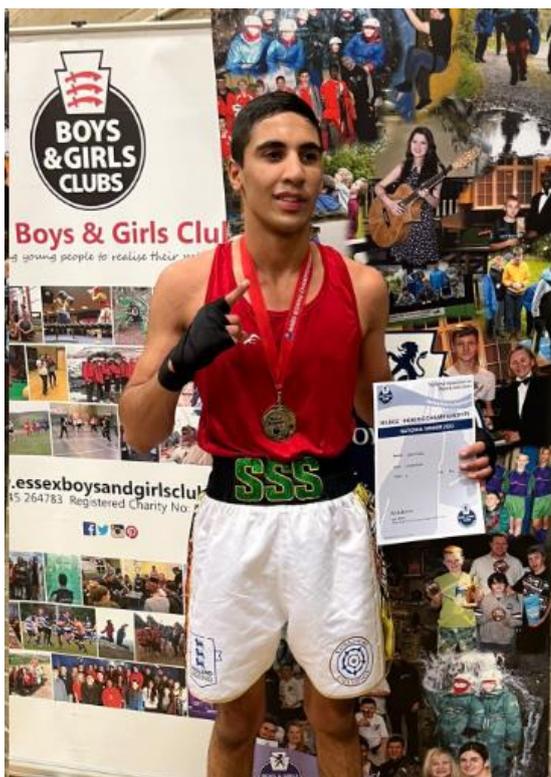
A very warm welcome back to you all Year 9, well done on a positive start to 2024. We have a short but busy half term ahead; your Options Booklets will be shared w/c 15th January and parents evening on 18th January will provide you with the information you need to make the right choices. Your tutor, year team and teachers will be providing you with lots of help and support and I will be available at tutor times to answer your questions about which subjects are the pathway to your success. Year 9 have looked incredibly smart, just a reminder that false nails and lashes are not part of our school uniform so please ensure you are not wearing them. Thank you for your great attitude to learning this week, so many of you have passed on your Golden Tickets. Keep it up Year 9!

Y10 News

Welcome back to all year 10 students and families after the break – we hope you all had a restful and positive time off. Our first assembly back was a crucial one, resetting and reminding about the habits and behaviours that will help all students enjoy school, learn effectively and achieve the success they deserve. Many of the year group are in excellent routines and habits already, but there is always room for improvement, especially as we begin a new year and term! Mrs Hart also spoke about vapes, explaining the legal facts and the dangers associated. We hope that all our students make good, informed choices and don't choose to gamble their future health on such a potentially dangerous habit.

Y11 News

It was great to see the year 11s again after their well-deserved break, they have started the year in exemplary fashion. One young man who hopes to start 2024 as he left off in 2023 is Sahd I, a boxing champion. Sahd did exceptionally well last year and won the recognition of national champion, some feat. Good luck to Sahd for the upcoming year.



SPARX Reader and SPARX Maths.

All students in years 7 to 11 have access to Sparx Maths and all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have access to Sparx Reader. Students can access these programmes with the same login that they use for Teams and logging at school. You can log on here. **Beckfoot Oakbank School - Maths**

Sparx maths is now live so all students in Y7-11 have weekly online homework linked to the maths curriculum being followed. It's due in each Wednesday! Your child's tutor can help them if they do not know their login / password.

Educake

In Science we are launching a new online homework platform for years 10 and 11 called Educake where students can answer online quizzes set by their science teachers. Educake is also a fantastic tool for revision as students can log on and test themselves on their science knowledge. All students should have received their login details in class as a sticker in their planners but if they have any problems logging on they should speak to their science teacher or Mr Hazelgreen. Log on at <http://www.educake.co.uk> or download the app.



CEIAG – Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

Future Ready Learners – then please do so by clicking the link below

Beckfoot Oakbank School - Future Ready

futuregoals.co.uk/learn/our-region/ - find out more about opportunities in West Yorkshire

futuregoals.co.uk/learn/our-region/lmi-resources-regions/ find out about Labour Market Information in West Yorkshire

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We are delighted to announce that Y9/10/11 will have a Careers Fair on Thursday 18th January from 11-3pm in the Sports Hall – a letter will be sent the first week back to all parents outlining that day – if you are a local business or employer and would like to take part, then please contact mdelgado01@beckfootoakbank.org

HE & CAREERS FAIR

Meet with various organisations and businesses, including Mercedes and the NHS, and local Higher Education providers.

Open to Years 9, 10, and 11



Thursday
18 January, 2024

Running from:
11am - 3pm



Some Useful links

Bradford Parenting Cygnet Service

This programme is designed for parents and carers of children and young people aged 5-18 with an autistic spectrum condition.

This is a core Cygnet programme which is delivered over six, two and a half - three-hour sessions which sequentially work towards behaviour management and covers a number of topics.

[Bradford Parenting Cygnet Service | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#)

01274 513300

Child Autism UK

Child Autism UK helps children with autism achieve their potential. We provide services to enable children to overcome difficulties with communication, learning and life skills and give families the techniques and strategies to cope with autism through the use of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA).

[Support, advice and services for children with autism - Child Autism UK - releasing potential](#)

Help line:01344 882248

ADHD UK

Providing emotional and informational support for people with ADHD and their carers via telephone, email, social media and support groups.

<https://adhduk.co.uk/>

Creative Support – Bradford

Providing person-centred services for people with a learning disability, autism and mental health needs.

[Creative Support](#)

Janssen with me

Advice on ADHD for teenagers and parents.

[Home | Janssen With Me UK](#)

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For prospective families wanting specific transition information contact us on

Transition24@beckfootoakbank.org

Our Beckfoot Trust Mission:

Creating remarkable schools where no child is left behind.

Our Beckfoot Oakbank school sentence:

“Beckfoot Oakbank School ensured that every child succeeded in education, had a great career and enjoyed life”.

Our Oakbank values:

Enjoy: We **enjoy** belonging to Beckfoot Oakbank

Learn: We are all here to **learn**

Succeed: We are determined to **succeed**

Our Oakbank learning habits:

The Oakbank Way: Our Learning Habits

Learning Habit 1. Positive response: *Opening doors, tidying up, using good manners; ‘please’ and ‘thank you’.*

Learning Habit 2. Perfect uniform

Learning Habit 3. On task behaviour: *Working hard, taking part, following Learning Modes*

Learning Habit 4. Punctual to school and lessons: *Arrive to school before 08:20, arrive to lesson before the bell.*

Learning Habit 5. Equipped for success: *bag, pen, pencil, ruler, planner, mobile phones not seen or heard.*