

Headteacher Newsletter Friday 12th January 2024

Highlights of the week

The first full week of the year has been busy- we welcomed our Post 16 families to parents evening last night. On Wednesday this week students had the opportunity to attend an assembly with Ashleigh Pain to support their mental health. We continued to see our students enjoying learning and being successful daily – there have been huge numbers of learning habit three stamps and golden tickets issued and we continue to see improved punctuality to school and lessons. The outcome letter from our HMI monitoring visit finally arrived and was sent out earlier in the week and is available on the website [Beckfoot Oakbank School - Ofsted Report](#) if you missed it. Some feedback from the parent voice survey last term is included later in the bulletin.

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

- 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

Golden Tickets

Year to date		Last Week	
Year 7	3284	Year 7	377
Year 8	3192	Year 8	374
Year 9	3194	Year 9	360
Year 10	2773	Year 10	363
Year 11	2049	Year 11	280



Positive achievement points for learning habit 3

Year to date		Last Week	
Year 7	16744	Year 7	2908
Year 8	16227	Year 8	2380
Year 9	17738	Year 9	3103
Year 10	15635	Year 10	2895
Year 11	15958	Year 11	2835

Attendance

	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 7	88	88.2	84.2	85.6	84.9
Year 8	84.6	86.8	86.8	85.4	87.3
Year 9	88.7	89.8	86.1	86.2	86.9
Year 10	83.2	85.7	85.7	81.7	85.3
Year 11	82.1	85.9	84.5	83.5	80.7
Year 12	95.7	99.2	96.5	98.6	95.7
Year 13	95.5	95	94.9	97.6	94

Key

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
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	

Personal Development

The pupils were visited by Ashleigh Pain delivered brilliant Mental Health sessions to all students Y7-11. Students were really impacted by seeing the display of managing mental health like a game of jenga. Students afterwards were really grateful for the sessions commented how 'important it was to help keep them and their close ones safe from poor mental health.'

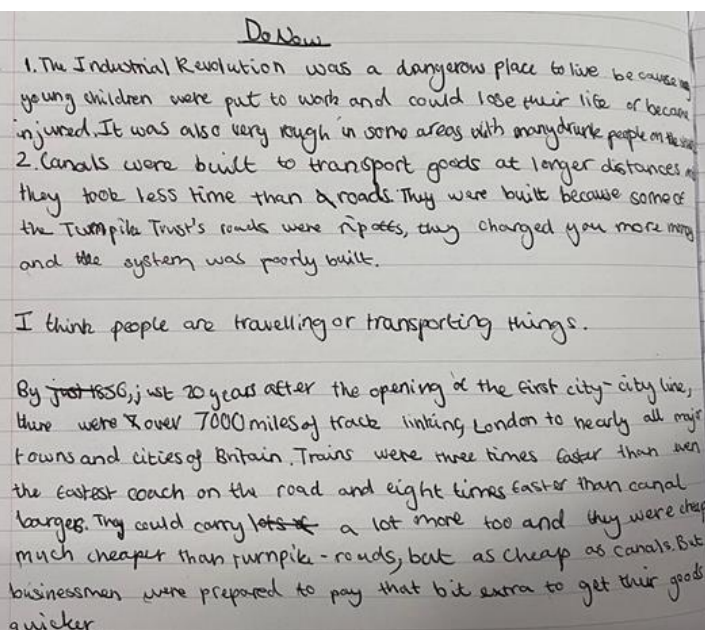
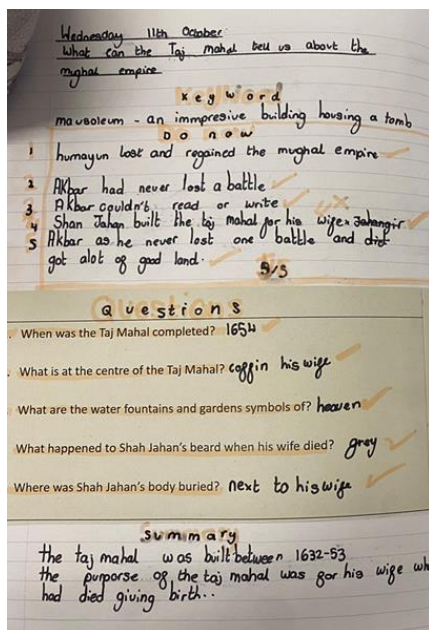
Year Group News

Y7 News

Year 7 have been learning about Shakespeare's take on Ancient Greece in English. Every class is reading A Midsummer Night's Dream in English. We've got some future stars of the stage in year 7! In other news year 7 attended an assembly about mental health and how we can all support each other. Just as reminder, year 7 Parents Evening is on the 1st of February. We are looking forward to inviting as many parents and carers in as possible, so that you can see the fantastic work produced by the children.

Y8 News

Congratulations to 8AT for winning the Attendance breakfast this week!



In History students have been focusing on the Industrial Revolution. Katie J and Tileasha have produced some fantastic work looking in depth at the transport system. Well done girls.

Y9 News

A great week of learning for Year 9, high numbers of Golden tickets across all subjects. Students in science are learning about the impact of human interactions on the environment. I have been extremely impressed at how knowledgeable and articulate our students are when discussing current global and national concerns around pollution and biodiversity. I've been lucky to hear some thoughtful and well-informed viewpoints in lessons.

The KS4 Option booklets containing all subjects offered will be issued to students on Monday 15th January ahead of Y9 Parents and Options Evening, Thursday 18th January. We look forward to welcoming as many parents and carers as possible, to discuss current learning, future choices and the options process. Finally, well done to 9AT for winning the attendance prize, hope you enjoyed your rewards breakfast!

Y10 News

Year 10 students began their next round of in-class assessments with English this week. Other subjects will continue over the next week. As always, students should consider these a great opportunity to experience real GCSE papers, identify their strengths and understand what they will need to work on this year and next to gain the grades they need for their next steps. It has been great to see how seriously the students have been taking the assessments so far; if they continue to demonstrate this level of commitment and hard work, they are guaranteed to get the success they deserve. Keep it up, Year 10!

Y11 News



After 5 years of developing skills and building knowledge all students are completing their courses across the different subjects. In some subjects, such as art, technology, photograph, to name a few, it is very clear to see the fruits of this labour, as final pieces are being produced. The painting below is just one example of this, what a fantastic piece of work produced by Esme G, t where she has used oil paints on canvas – just amazing.



Post 16

A big thanks to all those parents who attended last night's Post 16 Parents Evening – it was great to see so many students and families there.

We are now in the final push for UCAS – we have sent 48 applications and I know we have several students who are still too complete their applications. The deadline for all UCAS application is the 31st January.

Applications for Sixth Form are still open – if you have not applied to Beckfoot Oakbank Sixth Form and still want too – come and find Mr Delgado or Mrs Ellis to get an application. We will be holding over Sixth Form Taster morning on Friday 9th February – further details about this event will be sent out over the next two weeks

Finally, good luck to Artemis, Matilda and Phoebe who will be appearing in the Oakworth pantomime and well done to Eli Dodd, whose artwork is to be exhibited at Keighley Arts Hub during February

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.

Parent Voice Feedback

Last term we asked for your feedback on our parent survey. We discussed the results with the parent forum group just before the end of last term. Within this survey we asked you about workshops that you might like us to run to support you as parents, the suggestions included emotional resilience, helping with homework, careers information, info about the curriculum content being covered – we are currently looking at which of these areas to develop first. We continue to develop our communication methods and thank all the parents who gave us helpful feedback in this area. We are committed to working with you to benefit your children. Here are some of the results from our recent survey, 70.5% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child does well in school. 74.1% agree or strongly agree

that the school has high expectations for their child. 82.9% agree or strongly agree that there is a good range of subjects available to their child at this school. 86.4% agree or strongly agree that their child can take part in clubs and activities at this school. We will continue to gather your views and listen to your feedback.

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

Use these links to navigate our pages easily.

[Work Experience \(booked by Students\)](#)

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[Host a Speaker at your school](#)

[VTalks Library](#)

[National Teen Book Club](#)

[Past Imperfect Podcasts](#)

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

The event will be open to families from 3-3.30pm

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:

11:00am – 3:30pm



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Here are some of the local businesses/HE providers/agencies who have confirmed they will be attending:

- Mercedes
- West Yorkshire Police
- Ministry of Defence
- Royal Navy
- RAF
- Civil Service
- NHS England
- Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust
- Equans
- Tilbury Douglas Construction
- Fives Group
- Robertson Construction
- Ison Harrison Solicitors
- Barnado's
- University of Bradford
- Leeds Beckett University
- Bradford College
- Keighley College

- Craven College
- Leeds Trinity University
- Shipley College
- Wates Construction.....any many more

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
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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.*