

Headteacher Newsletter Friday 15th December

Highlights of the week

This week has been another successful week with much to celebrate. Year group assemblies each day have recognised the achievements across the half term. I've been lucky enough to run additional 'pop up' rewards for the students in each year group who have shown their commitment to learning day in day out as shown by their tally of learning habit 3 stamps and golden tickets. I wrote to you last week about our expectations and our ongoing commitment to calm corridors and disruption free learning. The difference in the last eight days has been marked, We have seen a significant reduction in the numbers of students who are late to school (i.e. arriving after 8.20am) and a significant improvement in punctuality to lessons. There has also been an increase in the number of positive achievement points awarded in lessons. We thank you as families for supporting us to ensure that all students can enjoy, learn and succeed. Our drive in these areas will continue in the new year.

We are currently consulting on reducing our published admission number for 2025-26 – details are available on the website. [Beckfoot Oakbank School - Admissions Consultation December 2023](#)

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 DClifford01@beckfootoakbank.org

Finally, I hope that you all have an enjoyable break during the school holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Upcoming events/Diary dates

- Tuesday 2nd January INSET Day – school closed to students.
- Wednesday 3rd January Students return for Spring term

Golden Tickets

Year to date	
Year 7	2871
Year 8	2796
Year 9	2804
Year 10	2388
Year 11	1751

Last Week	
Year 7	309
Year 8	304
Year 9	243
Year 10	207
Year 11	135



Positive achievement points for learning habit 3

Year to date	
Year 7	13661
Year 8	13637
Year 9	14370
Year 10	12522
Year 11	12967

Last Week	
Year 7	1846
Year 8	1743
Year 9	2114
Year 10	1547
Year 11	1634

Attendance

	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 7	89.6	87.9	88.4	88.6	85.9
Year 8	84.1	85.4	84.7	86.1	84.7
Year 9	84.8	87.3	85.6	83.3	79.8
Year 10	77.7	81.4	81.4	81.3	81.4
Year 11	79.2	81.3	79.1	80.5	78.4
Year 12	94.4	98.5	97.7	97.1	95.6
Year 13	94.3	92.4	89.1	98.4	99.3

Key

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

Have a restful break over the next two weeks. We look forward to seeing all students back safe and well on Wednesday 3rd January.

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	

Year Group News

Head of Year Christmas Hamper Awards ready to be delivered to our students. Thank you to the local business who donated VWG Mechanical LTD, SLV Brickwork LTD & Lee Kelly Glazing!

Y7 News

On Monday year 7 attended a wonderful rewards assembly where their fantastic work this term was celebrated. Huge congratulations to the winners, and to all year 7 for having an incredible term and an excellent start to your time at Beckfoot Oakbank. I am consistently wowed by the incredible hard work and achievement of the year group which is shown by the incredible number of golden tickets they have received this year. Well done and I hope you have a wonderful holiday.

Y8 News

Congratulations to all our prize winners this week. 8MY came first place for their fantastic attendance and 8AT achieved the most Learning Habit 3 Points across the entire year group. Evie M won £50 in the Golden Ticket prize draw and Robson H won £100! Congratulations. Well done to Sophia B, Poppy S, Kasey C and Brogan F for receiving their certificates for the Girls Football Bradford City Tournament, we are incredibly proud of you.





Y9 New

Well done Y9 for an incredibly successful term. It has been a pleasure watching you learn and focus across lessons, and get to know your interests and talents at social times. Which brings me to our first shout out – very well done to Maisie R for her superb crochet skills, she made ALL of these for the Christmas Fair. They look fabulous.

We hope you enjoyed our rewards assembly Year 9, Ms Askham and Miss Lockwood love sharing all those prizes in recognition for effort, attendance and being a positive part of the community. Take care in the holidays everyone and look forward to seeing you in 2024, we are back to school Wed 3rd January.



Y10 News

Well done to Year 10 on a really successful first full term of their GCSE courses. We celebrated their impressive effort and commitment to learning in our assembly on Thursday morning with prizes for learning habit 3s, golden tickets and top attenders. We also recognised the tutor groups with the most positive rewards from their English, Maths and Science teachers. And the big golden ticket prizes were well received by two deserving winners. The pop up reward assembly with Mrs Hart was a fantastic surprise, and it was brilliant to see so many Y10 students getting the extra recognition that they deserved.

Although not everyone is singled out for a special mention in our celebrations, we made a point of highlighting how proud we are of the way they have begun Year 10 as a year group. There are so many great students, who meet our expectations all of the time, and many really good students who rarely fall short; the habits they are securing now will guarantee them well deserved success next year – and in their life beyond school!

Have a wonderful Christmas break with your families; we look forward to seeing all of the students safe and well on Wednesday 3rd January.

Y11 News

Well done Year 11 in what has been a busy first term to their GCSE year. We are so proud of all the students, their approach to their work and exams so far has exemplary. In today's rewards assembly individuals and groups were acknowledged for all their efforts – it was great to see, big shout out to Miss Rhodes and Miss Majid for organising a great start to the last day of term.

We wish all the year group a well-deserved rest, spending time with family and friends...ready to go again in the New Year.

Post 16

It has been a positive half term for Post 16 – we have had some excellent university offers and we are on track for all students to have their applications sent by the January deadline – we have already sent over 30 applications and we have another 15 to go in the new year – well done Y13

Y12 have their first assessments in January – I have enclosed a link for the subject revision booklet for any students who didn't collect one

- [Year 12 Booklet for Jan in-class assessments 2024.docx](#)

Finally, here are a few pictures of Y13 students who attended their Progression Modular ceremony at Leeds Beckett University on Wednesday – well done





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

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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.

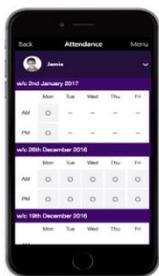
Open to Years 9, 10, and 11

 **Thursday
18 January, 2024**

**Running from:
11am - 3pm**



SIMS parent app



We are changing our school app and this will come into effect during the first week after the school holiday. You will be receiving a message inviting you to download the new app, please download as soon as possible and familiarise yourself with it. The app will enable you to access information about your child such as attendance, conduct and daily timetable. The new app will also be used for school to communicate with parents.

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 \(barnardos.org.uk\)](https://www.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](https://www.childautismuk.org)

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](https://www.creativesupport.org.uk)

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Advice on ADHD for teenagers and parents.

Contact Us

Follow us on X **@BeckfootOakbank**

Contact us at **office@beckfootoakbank.org**

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.*