

### Aspirations Programme in Tutor time

We are proud to have launched our **Aspirations Programme** in September 2020 for all students in years 7-11. It will form the basis of our *Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance* (CEIAG) offering within school. The programme is embedded within our tutorial period, with students exploring a wide range of topics relevant to where they are in their school journey. Twice weekly they will explore topics including “What is Higher Education?”, “Exploring Apprenticeships” and “Employability Skills” to name just a few.

At a time when the future of our children is at the forefront of our minds more so than ever before, we are confident this programme will provide students with the skills and information they need to make informed decisions about their choices at post 16 and beyond.

The Aspirations Programme is shaped by key developments within the labour market to ensure the content being delivered is current and meaningful. To help us achieve this Beckfoot Oakbank follows the Good Career Guidance and have embedded the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks. The Gatsby Benchmarks are a framework of **8 guidelines** that define the best careers provision in secondary schools.

They are as follows;

1. A stable careers programme
2. Learning from career and labour market information
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experiences of workplaces
7. Encounters with further and higher education
8. Personal guidance

Our programme is further supported by Unifrog. Unifrog is a complete destinations platform which allows students to explore and apply for courses at colleges, apprenticeship providers and universities. It also aims to refine employability skills, and assist students in creating CV's and personal statements. Students will be provided access to the site in a timely manner throughout years 7-11.

At Beckfoot Oakbank we are committed to adapting to the needs and feedback of our school community. Our Aspirations Programme is subject to an annual review with both teachers and students alike being invited to evaluate the programme. Feedback will also be sought after any CEIAG assemblies, employer engagement or career drop down events. We will use this information along with year 11 destination data to further shape and refine the programme for the next academic year.

**No child left behind  
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**Useful Websites**

**Apprenticeships**

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

**Post 18 options**

<https://www.ucas.com/>

[www.gohigherwestyorkshire.ac.uk](http://www.gohigherwestyorkshire.ac.uk)

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

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>