

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunchtime				
Debate Club – FS – MED Lunch 1 – Y7, 7 & 11 Lunch 2 – Y8, 10 & Post 16				
LRC open until 3.30pm	LRC open until 3.30pm	LRC open until 3.30pm	LRC open until 3.30pm	LRC open until 3.15pm
After School				
Choir – All year groups – G29 Miss Stacey	Year 9 Football - JGI	Year 7 Football - DRI	Year 11 Football - DRI	Badminton & Table Tennis All years Sports Hall - JIC/TSH
	Year 10 Football - TST	Netball 7 & 8 - ARO/KSH Sports Hall	Rugby 7 and 8 - MDR/JAL	Rugby 9/10/11 - MDR
	Guitar Group/Band - tbc	Dance/Fitness All years - AML	Girls Football All years - ARO/KSH	
		Boys Football Year 8 - GBO/SPA	Fitness Suite K54 - FBR	
		Y7 Science Club – S43	Girls Netball 9-13 - AML	
		Samba Band – All year groups – G29 RHO/TDU	Dodgeball K53 - MFL	
			Basketball All years - GBO	
			Musical Theatre – All years – G3 RKE/FO 2:50pm – 3:50pm	
			Y8 & 10 Lego Robotics S54 Starts 7.10.21	
			Y10 & 11 Languages Club – F31	

If you would like to attend any PE extra-curricular you will need your full PE kit and will meet on the MUGA straight after school on your designated day.
If any clubs are cancelled communication will be put on the website by break time each day.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Design Technology
Computer Science

Subject	When	Where	Club
Food	Wednesdays 1. 10.11.2021 2. 24.11.2021 3. 8.12.2021 2.50 – 4pm	G2	Bake Off Breads – Cakes – Biscuits – Pastries – Chocolate Competition and prizes
Product Design STEM	Thursdays 1. 11.11.2021 2. 25.11.2021 3. 9.12.2021 2.50 – 4pm	G14	Science – Technology – Engineering – Maths Problem solve and create Competition and prizes
Textiles	Wednesdays 1. 10.11.2021 2. 24.11.2021 3. 8.12.2021 2.50 – 4pm	G5	Art textiles scrap booking and technique exploration Competition and prizes
Photography	Wednesdays 1. 10.11.2021 2. 24.11.2021 3. 8.12.2021 2.50 – 4pm	G5	Take 10 - Photography Competition and prizes
ICT	Thursdays 1. 11.11.2021 2. 25.11.2021 3. 9.12.2021 2.50 – 4pm	S39	Live Coding Club Live coding with Sonic PI Competition and prizes

Year 7/8/9 Design Technology and Computer Science

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more inside!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the first magazine of our school year and I really hope that you enjoy reading it and see some of the great things that our students have been up to!

In September it was brilliant to see all of our students return back to school without the yellow tape, face masks and bubbles and staggered start times. We give a huge welcome to all of our new Year 7 students and their families, we are so pleased that they are with us and hope that they have enjoyed their first half term. Mrs Askham and Miss Lockwood tell me daily about the amazing things that Y7 have been doing, well done to all of you and keep your standards high! Also welcome to some new students in Y12, I know you have settled in well.

With 1580 students in school there is always lots going on and people being involved in different things. We have had so many students involved in Y7 and 8 football that we have had to recruit more staff! Y9 and Y11 football teams have had some great success and represented our school in away fixtures. Y9s have been involved with Bradford Manufacturing week with their Technology teachers and have been out on visits and listened to business owners. Y12 have been to Leeds University and Y13 have been busy completing the UCAS process for a place at university. I feel proud when I hear about how many of you have been offered a place already. I am also proud to see so many sixth form students involved in student leadership around school from supporting in the library to wearing orange hi-vis jackets in the dining room at lunchtime helping younger students.

All of Y7, 300 of them, have been to the outdoor pursuits centre at Nell Bank near Ilkley, the pictures are fantastic, but the stories and memories are even better and will last a lifetime.

To Y11; well done to those of you who have been staying after school to 'period 6' sessions to support your studies especially in English, Maths and Science. Your October Half Term I know will be spent revising for the mocks for the 2 weeks after the holiday. An important time for you all. Do your best and we all send you a 'good luck' shout. The school Eco-garden project has begun at the Captain Tom Moore Centre and we have some new planters in the school yard. We are raising money for Manorlands through a book sale and we will be supporting Children in Need after the holiday with 50p or a £1 donation to wear non uniform bottom half (PJs is the theme this year I think!)

As we start a new half term, I hope that all students come to school every single day - there is not a moment to waste - and that everyone tries their best every single day. What new thing will you get involved in? And where will you start to push yourself more? You are at secondary school once in your life - make every bit of it the best that you can. Thanks to all the staff and students for their hard work this term and also parents for their support. Enjoy the magazine.

Miss Smith.

YEAR 7 TRIP TO NELL BANK

Over a week the whole of year 7 went for a day out full of adventures and fun. They all did team building throughout the day and had to overcome some big obstacles. There was some great team work going on where students had to work with people who they have not ever met before. One adventure was where the team had to get a baguette, plastic chicken and a bowl of water over, under and up the obstacles, what made it really hard was the person holding the object was not allowed to move! There were some very creative ideas here.

We had some very wet students by the end of the day but all went home having had a great day out and made some new friends.

Mrs Askham.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

We hope everyone had an amazing Halloween, and thoroughly enjoyed the well-deserved half-term holidays.

We would love to see all your pumpkin carvings, costumes and/or decorations this year, so please email pictures to Mr Mistry, for a chance of winning a little prize for the best ones!



MR SMITH RETIRES!

After over 13 years at Oakbank, Mr Smith has retired! A much loved, and appreciated member of staff, whom the students and staff respected dearly, will now get a well-deserved rest!

Mr Smith had the following to say,

"I would like to thank everybody for Friday (my last day). All their kind words in person and in their cards, on their shirts, and on the Year Team books. As well as the presents that they gave me are so much appreciated."

From everyone at Oakbank, we hope you have a happy retirement and enjoy all that free time you now have to play golf!



THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE HAS GONE DIGITAL!

We know in today's day, being online is the 'new normal', which is why we have decided to bring the school magazine to you in a new way.

A link to download and open the school magazine will now be readily available through your email. We are also looking to introduce QR codes as a means to quickly scan and access the magazine electronically. We will be printing a limited amount of paper copies, but as we look to #SaveTheTrees, we hope you simply ask your tutor for a link to the magazine if you can't access your school email.



During August, fifteen Year 7 students took part in Transition Summer School. Staff and students alike had a fabulous week, getting involved in a multitude of activities such as yoga, baking, Boccia, looking at our future aspirations, literacy and numeracy tasks, abseiling, gorge walking and all finished off with afternoon tea with their families.

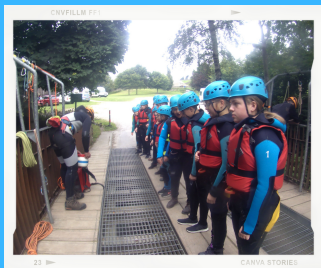
It was a fabulous opportunity for students to begin to find their way around the school, make new friends, build positive relationships with Oakbank staff, and challenge themselves to try new things.

During our abseiling and gorge walking trip students and staff took on the challenge to abseil 50 feet into a steep gorge. Once in the gorge we swam/walked through the river taking turns to dive and slide off rocks and explore caves. We were so proud of the students that day, overcoming their fears, facing uncertainties, supporting their peers, and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Feedback from parents and students was great with students particularly enjoying baking, abseiling, and yoga, and parents enjoyed being waited on by their children during afternoon tea.

We hope for more opportunities like this in the future.

Thank you to Mrs Mody, Miss Sutherland and Miss Libby who helped achieve this great week!



BRADFORD MANUFACTURING WEEK

Powell Industries Visit

Current Engineering apprentices from Powell UK came to deliver a workshop to some of our yr 10 engineering students. The afternoon included a Careers in Engineering/Powell/Apprenticeships Presentation, Interviewing, and the importance of a Portfolio and a Tower building team exercise. The year 10s involved really enjoyed chatting to the apprentices and the chance to find out more about a potential career in engineering!



BUH Panel Visit

As part of Bradford Manufacturing Weeks a group of business people from local companies & organisations visited Beckfoot Trust students at Beckfoot Upper Heaton.

Students from years 9 & 10 from Beckfoot School, Beckfoot Oakbank and Beckfoot Upper Heaton were given an insight into routes into manufacturing and recruitment, with ideas in how to better pursue a career in manufacturing and other areas. Students posed a wide range of questions to the visitors and were given detailed insights into the businesses represented.

Students gained a good insight into the panel's background, the work their companies do and the potential ways to be successful with their own future employment opportunities, at this critical stage in planning for their futures.

Powell UK Factory Visit

A select group year 9 students visited the Powell UK site in Bradford, they were given a factory tour and had the chance to experience work in a manufacturing environment, students enjoyed the chance to have some hands on experience of engineering in practice and benefited from chatting to Powell industry employees about the different pathways into engineering.

Quote from Paul Dale - Powell Industries

"The Powell team came back from Oakbank with a great buzz around the pupils and the activities. Great engagement and also valuable experience for our apprentices who presented. We are lucky to have them in our team.

It's always good to welcome enthusiastic pupils (and teachers!) into our factory and with our STEM ambassador programme I look forward to working with you again in the future, in the context of a BMW or otherwise."

The pictures above show our Y9 students visiting Powell Industries manufacturing site and our Y10 engineers working in the Powell Industries workshop in school.

CAREER CLUB!

- Do you want to research a career you are interested in?
- Do you already know what career you want to do, but need more advice from our careers team?
- Or do you simply need good honest advice and guidance?

Starting in November, you can come along to Career Club and discuss with our career team how your GCSE's, personal interests and skills can all help shape what you want to do after school!

Year 7 and 8

Every TUESDAY with Shona Stone at 2:40pm - 3:40pm
Meet in the Sixth Form common room.

Year 9 to 13

Every WEDNESDAY with Mrs Towers at 2:40pm - 3:40pm
Meet in the Sixth Form common room.

Refreshments will be provided!



LEGO LEAGUE COMPETITION!

A team of year 10 students entered the First Lego League competition. They had a lot to live up to as Beckfoot Oakbank have been winners several years in a row. This year's competition was remote and the team had to program a robot to complete several actions on a mat. Alongside this, they had to demonstrate team skills and complete a project. This year's project was a challenge to get people to move more. Our team designed a teacher versus student PE challenge, which the kids won. On competition day they competed well on the mat and were in the top 5 teams. We won the project element and were congratulated on our presentation, Lego movie, and skills in risk assessment.

STAR STUDENTS OF THE HALF TERM

A huge congratulations and well done to all those in school who have been regularly meeting the Student Absolutes and going above and beyond to be a success at Beckfoot Oakbank. The following are the top achievers on Classcharts in each year group:

- Jessica B. (7BK6)
- Imogen U. (8SPA)
- Lucy M. (9LFO)
- Zohaib A. (10MRA)
- Asim K. (11PHE)



STUDENT LEADERS ARE COOKING UP A STORM

When Manchester United and England star, Marcus Rashford teamed up with professional chef, Tom Kerridge, our Health and Well-being student leaders looked to re-create one of their #FullTimeMeals.

The two have created 52, pocket friendly and seriously tasty recipes that the whole family can cook – dishes to fill hungry tummies. These recipes are simple and easy to follow with emphasis on limited equipment and inclusion of store cupboard goods with a longer shelf life.

So, our Health and Well-being student leaders went about making a lovely Pea and Ham Risotto. The dish was quick, easy and healthy!

The students took to one of our Food Tech rooms and made the dish, and as Mr Mistry and Miss Ross would agree, the meals tasted amazing!

The student team have also completed a classroom based session and a physical activity session. We look forward to many more students joining the team and being a part of all the fun activities we get up to, with health and well-being the main focus!



COOKING CHALLENGE!

You've seen our Student Leaders challenge themselves in the kitchen, now it's your turn.

Below are some of the recipe's you could make, just scan the QR code to bring up the website. Then, give one of them a go, and send a picture of the end result (whether it's good or bad) to Mr Mistry. This should be fun!



TEACHER FEATURE

WITH MISS RHODES

Get to know more about Year 9's Team Leader, Miss Rhodes, from what she loves about her job, to the serious topic of pineapple on pizza!

Tell us a bit about your current and previous roles in school?

I came to Beckfoot Oakbank 7 years ago working in what is now the HUB as a Support Assistant. I worked with students in numeracy as a mentor and then HLTA before moving to the year teams. I worked with the previous "Greens" before I moved to the "Burgundy's" when they were in Y8. I was lucky enough to stay with them until they reached Y11 with the fabulous Mrs Askham. I then moved to the "Reds" last October and became their Head of Year... they're a fantastic year group and I love working with them.

What do you enjoy most about working in school?

The best part is getting to know the students you are working with, knowing who they are as individuals. Each of them are unique and great in their own way. That what really makes it.

What song are you currently hooked to?

Right now, Hey Ya by Outkast, but I like all music all the time!

What is your takeaway of choice?

Chinese!

What is your favourite holiday destination that you've been to?

Jamaica.

What holiday destination are you dreaming of going to?

Safari in South Africa and stay in a tree top hotel that looks over the watering hole.

Important question, Pineapple on Pizza, yes or no?

Yes! People just say no because they don't like to admit that they actually do like it.

What is your favourite film or TV series ever?

The Lion King, Best film of all time. End of.

How would the other teachers in school describe you in 3 words?

Absolute legend (don't need 3 words).



Finally, what is your motto in life?

There's only 1 you, so don't waste time comparing yourself to others. Live every day to your best and love yourself. If today sucks, start again tomorrow.

Huge thank you to Miss Rhodes for getting involved in this edition of the school magazine's Teacher Feature. Let us know whom you would like to get to know more about in the next magazine by emailing Mr Mistry with the subject line, Magazine Teacher Feature!

OAKBANK IS ROCKING!

Mr Horsfall's Music Department Update.

Bradford Music service have nominated us to Music Mark to become a Music Mark School for our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum.

More good news, choir has started at Oakbank! Miss Stacey rehearsed and I had the privilege of accompanying on piano our very first choir rehearsal singing 'Aint no mountain high enough' last Monday. The small but perfectly sounding group will be hitting the high notes soon! Maybe 'Aint No Mountain High Enough' could be our school anthem, Covid and all!

Even more good news, Samba band rehearsed this Wednesday 29th September for the first time in what seems like ages! They were loud, proud and in time! I thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the Agogo part after school!



CALMING AND MINDFULNESS

It's normal for us all to feel stressed, overwhelmed and in need of a good moment to ourselves, to relax, and look after our mental health. Scan the QR code to open a great website which will offer you a great variety of exercises, apps, activities, games and more.



TAKE
time for
your
SELF



OAKBANK ART SHOWCASE!

Our school is full of wonderfully creative students, and the art work above is just a small insight into the talents of our pupils. The artwork on the left is a piece by Year 8 student, Grace Prescott. The other, is a digitally created piece by Year 11 student, Jessica Cook. Thank you to both students who were more than happy to be involved in the magazine's art showcase.

In each magazine issue, we are looking to showcase more and more brilliant pieces of art, so please feel free to email Mr Mistry via oakjms@beckfootoakbank.org. We hope to have a full page of art in the next magazine, due to be released around Christmas time!

Just to keep everyone updated, here are a few key dates coming up during the build up to Christmas.

- Bonfire Night - November 5th
- Armistice Day - November 11th
- World Kindness Day - November 13th
- Remembrance Sunday - November 15th
- Children In Need - November 21st
- School Training Day - November 26th
- End of Term! - December 17th

