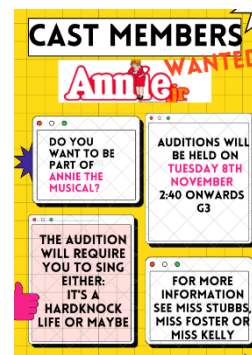


Head's Blog Friday 11th November

Highlights of the week

It's been another great week at Beckfoot Oakbank. We've seen some superb work in the creative arts from Year 9, Year 11 have completed their mock exams, year 7 have excelled in English, Year 8 have worked really hard in science and Year 10 continue to push on with their GCSEs and BTEC work. Our Post 16 students continue to demonstrate their willingness to act as role models and support our younger students. Auditions took place this week for our Musical Annie which will be performed in March. Thank you to all our talented students who took part and well done to those that were cast.



Assemblies this week with Mr Roberts have focused on the theme of Remembrance Day and our student leaders have been out and about in tutor time raising funds for the British Legion Poppy Appeal and Children in Need. Our whole school community observed a 2 minute silence impeccably at 11am today. Thanks to Helen Stansfield who once again played the last post for us so beautifully.

Some of our students will be representing our school and laying a wreath on Remembrance Sunday at Keighley memorial.

Attendance for the week

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Year 7	89.8	91	91.5	89.2	86.1
Year 8	89.8	88.4	89.6	88.4	86.7
Year 9	87.5	86.7	89.2	86.4	84.7
Year 10	87.1	86.1	84.5	85.4	84
Year 11	88.7	87.6	84.2	84	81.1
Year 12	95.7	95.2	96.2	94.5	95.2
Year 13	82.4	88.5	96.8	95.8	92.3

Key

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

1053 of our students had 100% attendance this week.

438 of our students had 100% attendance and 100% punctuality this week – WELL DONE!

380 students have had 100% attendance for all 8 weeks.

276 students have had 100% attendance and been on time every day this year.

Year 12 continue to show the rest of the years what great attendance looks like, but there were lots of students off this week. We ask that families do everything they can to get children in to school; an upset stomach with sickness or diarrhoea only requires a single day at home; headaches, sore throats and colds can be treated effectively with paracetamol and ibuprofen products; and a good night's sleep and a balanced diet helps the immune system fight off any unwanted bugs. Because: **Every day, every lesson, every minute, counts!**

The best attending form each year group had a reward breakfast each day this week. A great way to start the day. Well done 7JAT, 8MFA, 9MEN, 10JBO, 11BME, 12NCO and 13HBR!

Positive achievements

Year to date		Last week	
Year 8	38930	Year 8	3901
Year 7	36227	Year 7	3565
Year 10	28764	Year 10	3064
Year 9	25367	Year 9	2792
Year 11	23370	Year 11	963

Well done to Year 8 who continue to top the table. Particularly pleased with Year 10 this week!

Tutor time and assembly (Personal Development) this week

We are building towards another big Friday next week to fundraise for Children in Need, a number of exciting activities are planned.

BBC Children in Need Friday 18th November

Penalty shootout
Lunch 1 & 2
Can you beat the teacher?
3 shots for £1

Wear accessories on the day

Collection buckets
will be at Student Reception doors with Miss Berry
Your donations are greatly appreciated

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In Votes for Schools this week all students were exploring the issue of the voting age, and if it should be lowered to 16 to be in line with other legal freedoms. There were some powerful and persuasive arguments offered by students

across the different year groups. There's no doubt Beckfoot Oakbank might soon have a Prime Minister in Number Ten!

Vote!

Politicians make the decisions affecting our lives; we should have some choice in who does that.

I think the world could do with more young people voting. Right now there's a few issues I'd like a say on.

Absolutely! We learn about electrolysis and quadratic equations, so we can handle elections!

Should everyone be able to vote at 16?

Me and my friends struggle to choose what we want for lunch, let alone choosing the UK's leaders.

Everyone is more prepared to make informed decisions when they are 18.

Young people can't be trusted to make choices that would be in the best interests of everyone.

We will be sharing your thoughts on this topic with The Cabinet Office, UK Parliament Week, The British Youth Council, The Body Shop and The One Show.

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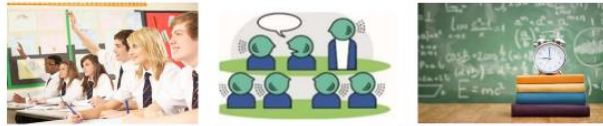
Elsewhere in our Tutor lessons Y7 and Y8 continued with their brilliant books during our Right to read sessions, and Y9-11 explored a current affairs article about how climate change is really badly affecting 1bn children world-wide.

Learning is hard and so we have to make every minute count in lessons to learn more and remember more.

We are all here to learn

Moving around the building in a **safe and calm routine** is really important. It means we can all move to lessons with **pace and purpose**, and so increase **learning** time – remember that **every minute counts**. Having a **safe and calm routine** means we can ensure that classrooms and the atrium is left **clean, tidy and litter-free**.

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- Leaving Break and Lunch in a **safe and calm routine** increases **learning** time, it means there are no interruptions to the lesson, or to your hard work. **Marginal gains add up to make a big impact.**
- Heading directly for your lesson, not by the longest route, not doing laps, clearly increases **learning**.
- Moving with **pace and purpose** keeps everyone safe, and it increases our ability to **succeed** as well as our improve our **learning**.

We are all here to learn

What do we have to do to help us **learn** and make every minute count?

- When the whistle is blown, waiting silently in your seat to be dismissed from the atrium keeps stairs and corridors **safe and calm**.
- Allowing adults to check for litter means we can all take responsibility to keep our lovely school **clean, tidy and litter-free**.
- Moving to directly each lesson with **pace and purpose** by the shortest route increases **learning** time. Safe and calm corridors are more **enjoyable** places.
- Students walking late into the lesson affects the attention of the rest of the group and the teacher, making **learning** harder.
- Remember **learning is hard** – every positive routine helps us to **learn more and remember more**. This means we can all **succeed**.

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We have also been teaching all students this week about the importance of moving around the building punctually and responsibly because we're all here to learn, to enjoy and to succeed. This to help students to understand the changes to routines after break and lunch that are starting on Monday.

Y11 News

Well, they made it...year 11 completed their mock examinations relatively unscathed. For the last two weeks the year group have been working incredibly hard, most days having an exam in the morning and then in the afternoon. They have been an absolute credit in their conduct and approach. I am sure they will enjoy a well-deserved weekend (without revision).

Y7 News

We are delighted that some of our year 7s took part in the auditions for our musical Annie and congratulations to those that got parts, brilliant. We'll be keeping you posted about their progress and will share information about how to get tickets nearer to march when the show takes place.



Y8 News

Faith P represented her cheerleading club in Stoke last Saturday, she is in team 'Unique'. Her squad has 31 members in total and they train 3 times a week in Keighley Civic Centre. Faith performed a solo and came 3rd in the 'Junior Poms'. Well done Faith!

Year 8 have challenged themselves to 'be kind' this week making the extra effort to open doors and to say good morning. We've had lots of positive comments about their attitude and manners. Well done year 8, keep up the good work.

Y9 News

Well done to 9MEN for winning this week's reward breakfast for best attendance in the year group!



Year 9 were fantastically behaved and respectful during our Remembrance assembly. Thank you for being so considerate Year 9. Lots of Year 9 students have been saying "good morning", reflecting their good manners and attitudes within our school community.

Y10 News

Well done 10JBO for winning the attendance breakfast for being top attending tutor group last week. This week is looking like a

close finish!

Well done to all the students who got positive points this week – we had lots with exemplary uniform, nearly as many achieving their personal best in lessons, but the biggest figure was those demonstrating the confident communication while learning in lessons.

Keep going Year 10!

Post 16 news

A huge congratulations to Bronwyn Calvert Y13 who had her own poem published in 'The Power of Poetry' a competition for young writers. Her poem was titled 'Green Leaves in a Grey City'. We are really proud of her and hope this drives her on to apply to university for a creative writing course.

Continuing with Y13 successes – UCAS – the university admissions process. So far, we have sent over 30 applications – and this year is turning out a great year for offers from Russell Group and other college provider. Below are some of the offers/successes so far:

- 2 x students have been invited for nursing interviews - one of the students has already been offered a conditional offer at Man Met
- 2 x students have interviews for an Occupational Health courses, one in London and one at Bradford Uni
- 14 students have had contextual offers from Russell Group Universities - York, Liverpool, Manchester, Warwick, Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds and Newcastle
- 1 student has completed the Oxbridge process and is waiting to hear if they have been invited to interview
- 8 students have received all their offers - well done to these students

Finally, this week saw the launch of the Y12 Work Experience week - we are pleased to announce that we have launched Work Experience week with Year 12. This will take place from Monday 12th June - for one week - if you are a local business and are able to offer Work Experience places during this week, please can you get in touch with Mr Delgado or Mrs Ellis - any help from the community would be much appreciated.

Our expectations

This half term we will be having a real push on punctuality both to school and to lessons. From Monday 14th November we have a new routine for the end of social times for Years 7 to 10. This routine will build on the success of the morning line up at the start of the day and give tow further opportunities to ensure that students are ready to learn.

From Monday 21st November after school detentions will return for students who are late to lessons and consequently missing out on crucial learning. Next week we will speak to our students in assemblies and their tutor lesson about the importance of being on time, why it matters so much to them and us. The letter home to families today outlines the new routines for the end of social times and has information about the detentions.

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