

Headteacher Blog Friday 2nd December

Highlights of the week

Another great week of learning at Beckfoot Oakbank and much to celebrate. Great work from Year 7 in English, Year 8 geographers doing well; Year 9 some superb work in creative arts. Year 10 and 11 continue to demonstrate resilience and determination. Holly in Y10 really impressed me with her attitude to school and her future ambitions – she's not missed a day of secondary school so far and is hoping to make it to the end of Y11 with 100% attendance! She loves her design and textiles work and this might be a future career choice. Lennon spoke to me about his plans beyond Y11 and his desire to get into the world of gaming – he already has his college course planned out. I also heard more from Jess S about the teachers who support her and how she fits in her horse riding / dressage competitions and fund raising for the British Legion. Jasper R, Amy B, Evie S and Finlay S met with me on Monday to share their thoughts about our calm corridors initiative. They were super prepared and made some great, well thought through points. We didn't finish our discussion so will reconvene next week for part 2!

I am incredibly fortunate to be able to serve such a great school community and am so proud of the students who are exemplifying our values of enjoy, learn succeed.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 6th December 3pm – 6pm– I will be holding a HT drop-in clinic for parents. Parents will be able to book a 15-minute appointment to come and discuss any relevant matters. Contact the main office to make an appointment. The plan is for this to run at least once a half term moving forwards.

Thursday 15th December 3.30pm -6.30pm Y11 Parents' Evening and Post 16 Options Evening.

Attendance for the week

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Year 7	87.2	88.5	87	85.6	82.5
Year 8	87	87.7	87	85	82
Year 9	87.5	87.3	87.5	88.4	83.7
Year 10	82.9	83.9	82.7	85.6	78.9
Year 11	84	85.6	83.9	79.2	77.4
Year 12	94.5	92.3	96.2	98.6	100
Year 13	82.6	86	94.4	86.7	85.7

Key

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

1010 of our students had 100% attendance this week.

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

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

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

The most improved tutor group from each year group have attended their rewards breakfast each day this week. A great way to start the day. Well done 13BWH, 12DOC, 11MMA, 10AMO, 9VMA, 8JPH, 7KPR.

The attendance challenge continues for another fortnight; any student who can maintain 100% attendance and punctuality to school will get a prize in the final week of term. 254 students are currently in the winners group – keep it up!

Everyone else, you can still be in the weekly pizza draw for 100% attendance in a week, so don't stop attending! And don't forget: **Every day, every lesson, every minute, counts!**

Positive achievements

Year to date		This week	
Year 8	48788	Year 8	2439
Year 7	46067	Year 7	2183
Year 10	35530	Year 10	1670
Year 9	32334	Year 9	1655
Year 11	28044	Year 11	1386

Headteacher meetings

Each week we celebrate students across school who are enjoying learning and succeeding, doing themselves proud and being great role models to others.

This week's thanks and congratulations go to:

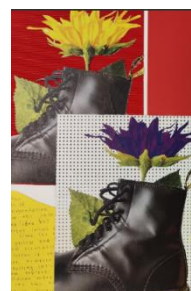
- Hollie G
- Lennon M
- Jess S

Well done to you all.

Y11 News



This week I wanted to shine a spotlight on the amazing progress Caitlin N (11LWI) is making in her photography work. I think you would agree these designs and photographs are fantastic and it is no surprise that she is on course for a fantastic grade in photography...keep up the good work Caitlin.



Y7 News

Well done to Fareed and Alfie who both represented Bradford Schools FA at the weekend. Alfie was player of the match!

Y8 News

Lucy G played an amazing game for Bradford City Girls against North East Leeds at the weekend. They won 5-3 and Lucy scored a hattrick! Well done Lucy

Geography teacher Ms White wanted to congratulate 8R1 on their attitude towards learning. Ms White said 'They are so enthusiastic, inquisitive and keen to learn. It is a joy to teach them.'

Y9 News

Year 9 have been working very hard in Spanish. I was so impressed hearing you describe what you plan to do at the weekend and what you will be wearing! Well done to 9VMA for winning the reward breakfast for brilliant attendance.

Y10 News

The year group have worked hard this week and have been leading the way in terms of manners in their interactions around school (which we have been testing as they enter the building in the morning) - lots of good mornings, how are yous and eye contact from the students – even first thing in the morning!

Top positive points on Class Charts went to Isabelle L in 10EFA and Junaid K in 10STU – well done you two! And a big congratulations to 10AMO for winning most improved tutor for attendance last week – well deserved.

Post 16 news

It has been another **successful week for university interviews and offers**– congratulations to Courtney who has been called for interview at Oxford. It has been a challenging process, involving a written exam, having to produce work and have it marked by staff and then sent off. We wish you all the best next week. The fact Courtney has been successful to get to interview is testimony to herself, her tutor and teaching staff – good luck Courtney.

Also, congratulations to Holly V who has received an Unconditional Offer from The Northern School of Art, to study animation. Fantastic achievement, well done.

We are now starting to get interviews for our students who have applied for Primary teaching courses – good luck to Tasnim who has been invited for interview at Manchester Metropolitan University.

So far, we have sent over 40 university applications – keep them coming in Y13

Work Experience remains the focus of Y12 student between now and February – if anyone in the community can offer a placement between the 12-16th June please contact either Emma Ellis or Manny Delgado – all community support is appreciated.

Just a reminder to the community that our **Sixth Form Open Evening** is on Thursday 15th December – all students and their parents from other schools are invited to attend.

Post 16 at Beckfoot Oakbank



Sixth Form OPEN EVENING
Thursday 15th December 2022, 15:30-18:30

Come and see what a fantastic, top performing sixth form looks like

Why choose us?

- + 100% success in securing interviews at Oxbridge
- + Work experience placements in Y12
- + Participation in Reach for Excellence, Realising Opportunities, Access to Leeds & Social Mobility to support university applications
- + Our A* - C grades are rising faster than the national average
- + Average Level 3 BTEC grade is Distinction
- + Bespoke tutor programme
- + Student Leadership opportunities

Latest Year 13 Leavers:

A snapshot of where some of our Y13 leavers went on to continue their education

DESTINATIONS

- St Andrews University- Mathematics
- Manchester University- Midwifery
- Liverpool University- Ancient History & Archaeology
- Aberdeen University- Politics & Sociology
- Bangor University- Zoology
- York University- Biomedical Science
- Northumbria University- Psychology
- Bradford University- Adult Nursing

Apprenticeships

- Business Administration- Fibrelife
- Customer Service Advisor- HMRC
- Digital Marketing- T & S Connect
- IT Sales Executive- CCS Bradford
- Graphic Designer- White Gyll

3 medics in the last 2 years!

100% of students who applied to university got in!

YEAR 13 UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS: SUMMER 2022



Finally, good luck to Y12 next week in their first Assessment Week.

Are your contact details up to date?

It's really important to us that we have the correct telephone number and email addresses **for more than 1 emergency contact** for each student. This is in line with "Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 Statutory Guidance for Schools (para 102)

We have some students where we only have one emergency contact and are getting in touch so that you can share additional information with us where possible.

You can update your details with us by contacting the school office 01535 21011 or email

office@beckfootoakbank.org

CEIAG – Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

Please find enclosed November's newsletter from Speakers for Schools – there are some great opportunities for our students to get involved in, and for parents, to see what we are doing to try and support careers at Beckfoot Oakbank

[Careers Newsletter 28 Nov 22.pdf](#)

I would also like to share some of the YouTube platforms we use to support our careers platform: these can be used by anyone who is interested in finding out more about careers

[\(318\) icould career stories - YouTube](#)

[\(318\) MYPATH - YouTube](#)

[\(318\) Career Insights - YouTube](#)

[\(318\) Careerpilot Free website for 13-19 year olds - YouTube](#)

[\(318\) Prospects - YouTube](#)

Just a reminder that you can email a member of the Careers Team – student or parent/carer - anytime, with any queries or questions – we are here to support Beckfoot Oakbank and the wider community:

OAK_Career_HE_Progression_route_enquiries@beckfootoakbank.org

Staying safe and supporting your children

This week we are sharing a new online Parent Support Group which is run by the Bradford and Craven NHS Mental Health Support Team. The monthly online support sessions are held over Zoom and are facilitated by mental health practitioners on a range of topics to support children and families with building positive relationships and their mental wellbeing.

The sessions encourage parents/carers participation - providing a safe space for them to share experiences, build positive relationships and receive peer support. Alongside this, the parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic.

For an invite, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



“Raising Yorkshire Puddings”

Parent Support Group

About Us:

The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. For an invite, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

Next Parents Support Group details: Tuesday 13th December 2022
Topic: “Supporting your child: Anger and Frustration”



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Parent Support Group



Tuesday
13th Dec



10:30am
or 7:30pm



Zoom
Email the address
below for the link

THIS MONTHS TOPIC:
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: ANGER AND
FRUSTRATION



This month we will be looking at supporting your child with the emotions of anger and frustration. Along with strategies and practical solutions that will support you.

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