

Headteacher Blog Friday 6th January

Welcome back.

It was great to welcome students back after the break and see so many of them eager to learn. Their first day back allowed us to deliver elements of our values and character curriculum and reset expectations. It also allowed us to begin to share information with students about “The Oakbank Way” including our Learning Habits and how we will recognise student success.

Over the coming weeks we will be sharing more information with you and our students but in essence The Oakbank Way is our shared framework for how we expect children and adults to interact with each other, it is where we strive to create a remarkable school where all are able to ‘Enjoy, Learn and Succeed’. It is the foundation of our school culture; “*the way we do things here*”. It brings together in one place many of the things we have been working on in school over the last few months.

Our Learning Habits provide a framework to ensure our core values (*Enjoy, Learn and Succeed*) are embedded within our daily practice and routines. From the first day at Beckfoot Oakbank School, children are expected to pick up and keep our five Learning Habits which we believe every student has the ability to demonstrate. In summary they are

- 1. Positive response:** *Opening doors, tidying up, using good manners; ‘please’ and ‘thank you’,*
- 2. Perfect uniform**
- 3. On task behaviour:** *Working hard, taking part, following Learning Modes*
- 4. Punctual to school and lessons:** *Arrive to school before 08:20, arrive to lesson before the bell*
- 5. Equipped for success:** *bag, pen, pencil, ruler, planner, mobile phones not seen or heard*

We will be sharing more information about how we are supporting our students to be successful in assemblies, lessons, tutor time and through this newsletter. We will also be clear with students and families about what will happen if students choose not to keep to our Learning Habits.

Upcoming Events

We have a lot packed into a short half term

- Thursday 12th January Post 16 Parents’ Evening 3.30pm -6.30pm
- Tuesday January 17th Flu Immunisation for Years 7, 8 and 9 –Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also protects others that may be vulnerable. The vaccine is given through a nasal spray. If the nasal spray is unsuitable for your child an injection is available. Please complete you e-consent here, this link will close on Wednesday 11th January [Vaccination Consent \(bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk) This is the **Beckfoot Oakbank** school code you will need: **BF143112**
If you need more information or support with the form, please call Mohammed on 01274 221269. You can also read further information about the Flu Vaccine on our school website and here [Child flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- Thursday 19th January Y9 Parents Evening and Options Information 3.30pm -6.30pm.
 - Alongside the usual appointments with subject teachers there will be a 15-minute presentation in the hall at 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and an SLT help desk available all evening.
- Thursday 2nd February Y8 Parents’ Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
- Thursday 2nd Feb Headteacher drop-in sessions 2.30pm -6.15pm. Details to follow about how to book an appointment.

Attendance for the week

			Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7			91.7	90	89.6
Year 8			93.8	92.8	91.9
Year 9			89.5	90.1	90.1
Year 10			90.9	90.6	88.4
Year 11			84.1	87	84.4
Year 12			100	97.2	93.8
Year 13			94.6	94.3	89.4

Key

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

Better attendance this week than we saw at the end of term in all year groups, but still a long way to go before we secure good attendance across the board.

1233 of our students had 100% attendance this week.

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

162 students have had 100% attendance for the year to date.

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

Positive achievements

We will share achievement point totals next week. In addition to achievement points and existing rewards Monday 9th January sees the launch of our Golden tickets, community awards. Classroom based staff will be able to award up to three golden tickets in each lesson to acknowledge great learning (Learning Habit 3). There will then be weekly, half termly, termly and yearly draws for each year group.

All staff will be able to issue a community award for a whole range of positive behaviours in and around school. I know from the assemblies this week that our students are excited about these additional opportunities for their positive actions to be recognised.



Y7 News

Welcome back to our Y7 superstars! We hope you've had a wonderful break and enjoyed all the festive celebrations!

It was wonderful to see Y7 enjoying the varied activities during the tutor day on Wednesday this week. The students were able to engage with career opportunities and developed an understanding of knowledge organisers.

Y8 News

Reece M trains in Taekwondo 3 times a week and recently came first in the Highest Kick Competition and second in fighting and in patterns! Keep up the great work Reece



Jack J has won the 'Man of Steel' award for Silsden Storm Rugby Team. The award was given to Jack for his fantastic tackling and wonderful teamwork.

Leo K has enjoyed attending the school Dungeons and Dragons Club which took place after school last term. Leo explained how there is a 'Dungeon Master' who reads a story, and the team are allocated different characters who aim to survive by using dice to determine their fate. Sam R is also a fan of the game and aims to start his own Dungeons and Dragons group this term.

Good luck to the Year 8 netball team who will be playing several fixtures over this half term against a range of schools. We know you will be great and look forward to hearing all about it.

Y9 News

Happy 2023 Year 9! A fantastic start to the year with great learning all week. Online booking is now available for our Year 9 face to face parents evening 19th January. It will be brilliant to see parents and carers as some of you have not been in our school and met us in person.

We have been so impressed by the questions and research Year 9 have been discussing with us around Options and their future careers. We have an extremely talented year group with so much potential.

Not long now until our Parents Evening on Thursday January 19th from 3.30-6.30pm.

Y10 News

Happy New Year to all students and families in Year 10, and welcome to another successful term! IT has started well for Year 10 who have demonstrated their maturity and manners throughout the first three days. It's been great to see everyone back and working hard, even though body clocks are definitely not used to being up and ready for school!

Please support students getting back into sensible sleep routines, taking exercise and eating well so they can avoid the winter bugs over the next few weeks.

Y11 News

You may have heard that Willow Stocker leaves us today. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Willow, who has been a fantastic Year Team Leader for this year group during the last two years. Willow has worked tirelessly with the year group and so many students have benefitted from this hard work. We all wish Willow the best in her next role.

Post 16 News

Welcome back to all our Post 16 students, great to see you all again.

Our Post 16 Parents Evening takes place on Thursday 12th January Post 16 Parents' Evening 3.30pm -6.30pm. We are looking forward to welcoming our students and families into school.

Are your contact details up to date?

It is 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.

We are really looking forward to hosting our first Careers and HE+ Fair on Tuesday 17th January for Y9 1:40-2:40 and then Y10 2:40-3:15 in the Sports Hall. We have been lucky enough to secure a range of outside agencies to come and attend your fair – a huge thanks to our NCOP Progression Office, Mr Amin, for organising this event



- Omega Security Systems
- Younique Accountancy
- Queens' College (University of Cambridge)
- Dandelion Organisation
- Bradford College
- Qube Learning
- University of Bradford
- Bombay Stores Wholesale
- Vision for Education
- University of Huddersfield
- NHS Supply Chain
- Shipley College
- Bradford Council (SkillsHouse)
- West Yorkshire Police
- Leeds Trinity University
- Rachel Harriet Coaching
- Ex-pressed Steel Panels
- Robertson Construction
- The Opportunity Centre
- Keighley College
- Department for Work & Pensions
- Leeds Beckett University

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