



Headteacher Blog Friday 13th January

Highlights of the week

What a buzz our golden tickets and community tickets have generated this week! I have had some fantastic conversations with students about their work and how they are demonstrating our Learning Habits that we shared with you last week. I am really proud of the way our students have spoken about their learning and what they want to achieve and continue to improve on.

The Golden Tickets are specifically linked to learning habit 3 and the community tickets have been awarded for a range of activities linked to learning habit 1. Visitors to our school are also able to award platinum tickets for students that they see demonstrating our learning habits and showing their commitment to making our school a great place to learn and work where we are all able to enjoy, learn and succeed.

The Oakbank Way: Our Learning Habits

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*

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 18th January 5pm– Parent meeting** regarding our Ofsted inspection last term.
 - This meeting will give us an opportunity to discuss the school's Ofsted inspection that took place in November. The report will be shared with parents on Wednesday via MyEd and InTouch and will be available on the school website on Wednesday.
- **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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	92.7	91.2	89.1	91.7	88.6
Year 8	91.4	91.8	91.4	88.5	88.1
Year 9	90.7	89	89.7	86.6	87.4
Year 10	87.5	87.2	86.6	85.1	85.3
Year 11	86.7	83.5	82	81.3	82.6
Year 12	98.6	96.6	95.9	97.9	97.3
Year 13	93.4	97.3	94.3	92.3	94.1

Key

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

*National attendance up to 9.12.22 was 91.2%.

The attendance challenge for this half-term began this week; all students who manage to maintain 100% attendance and punctuality to school until February 3rd will get rewarded, plus be in with the chance of some mystery prizes. At the end of last term our winning students all took home selection boxes, and some lucky students also received £5 Love to Shop vouchers and £25 Asda vouchers, just in time for Christmas! Let's hope there are even more students in with a chance of winning the big prizes in February!

1084 of our students had 100% attendance this week.

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

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

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

Positive achievements

Year to date		Last week	
Year 8	60240	Year 8	3950
Year 7	56550	Year 7	3417
Year 10	42442	Year 10	2310
Year 9	39646	Year 9	2249
Year 11	32996	Year 11	1911

Golden tickets awarded this week

Year 7	285
Year 8	318
Year 9	274
Year 10	235
Year 11	216

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:

- Paige P in Year 8 – great progress this year and loving learning.
- Alfie R in Y7 – fantastic work in maths to achieve his golden ticket.

Well done!

Other news



Amazing work at the rehearsals for our upcoming musical theatre production Annie, taking place on the evenings of March 15th to 17th. Great to see how the show is developing with our talented musical theatre cast. Thank you to all those taking part. **And tickets are now on sale** for the Show which takes place on the evenings of March 15th to 17th

Please can we ask families to consider where they are parking to drop off and pick up students at either end of the day. Local residents have had issues with near misses and driveways being blocked. The safety of all our community is our priority.

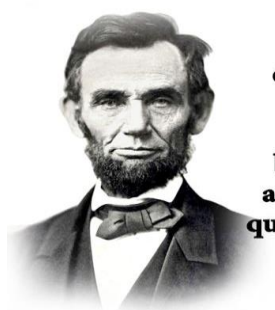
Our year 11 Lego team have been asked by The Institute of Engineering and Technology to demonstrate their Lego leagues at the finals this year. Their role will be to promote new teams at the event using the experience they have used over the years. It's a great honour and they have accepted the offer! Our year 7 will be competing and hoping to build on our Lego successes. Good luck year 7.

"We are hosting a STEM Exhibition at which we will have a FIRST LEGO League stand with a demo table. We were going to reach out to teams to see who would be interested in

manning the stand and showing how the mat and robots work, as well as chatting about the programme, but I'd like to offer it to your second team first if this is something they'd like to do?"

The kids by the way have said yes so looks like we will have a full on day with year 7 competing and year 11 in a new more advisory role as Lego Consultants! 😊

Assembly and Tutor lessons (Personal Development)



"Don't believe everything you read on the internet just because there's a picture with a quote next to it."

—Abraham Lincoln

We're really grateful to Mr Shearn, our Welco, who has led a week of assemblies and Tutor lessons on safety, the harmful impact of some online content and how it can lead to misogyny. Another theme was about radicalisation and extremism. These powerful assemblies complement the work we've been doing in Tutor lessons and we will continue to work on them including a look at some influential figures who are encouraging poisoned narratives about masculinity and women.

This week's Behaviour curriculum has been exploring the power of positivity with students, and how we can all increase our sense of enjoyment and belonging by adopting a positive mindset.

We all **enjoy** being part of Beckfoot Oakbank

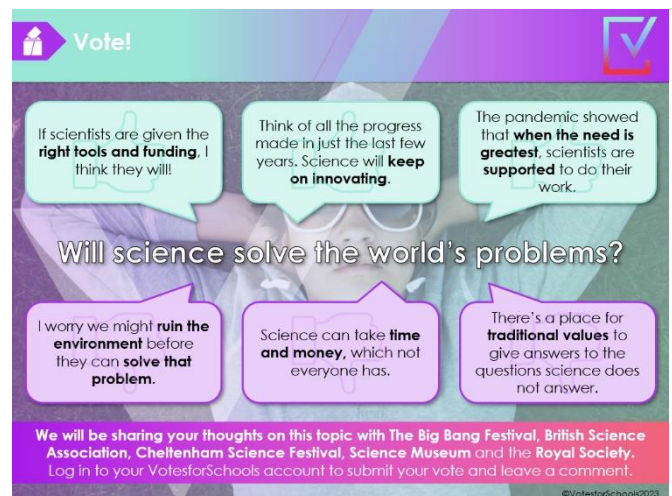
What do we have to do to make sure everyone belongs here?

- Keep smiling. Smiling is infectious and you can spread a lot of **enjoyment** by smiling.
- Say 'Hello!' or 'Morning' to others, and if someone speaks to you acknowledge them by replying. Walking past or ignoring them is hurtful and unkind.
- Building **belonging** and **enjoyment** makes this a nicer place for everyone to work and **learn**.
- **Actively listening** to one another shows **obvious kindness, respect** and genuine interest in others— this can transform someone's day. Taking an interest is powerful.
- Showing your **gratitude** is **good manners**. Saying 'thank you' to teaching staff after a lesson, or to an adult or student who helps you **is polite**. **We all belong here.**

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Looking more widely, older students have studied a current news article on the new Accessibility controller for the PS5 games console. The new device permits people with needs to play the console using an adapted controller. Students then debated the motivation behind such a move: profit or philanthropy? It certainly created some powerful arguments on both sides!

This week's Votes for Schools allows all our students to vote with other schools across the UK on burning topic. The live one for today is Will Science solve the World's problems? Students votes and comments will be shared with the Big Bang Festival, The Science Museum and the Royal Society amongst others – this is really powerful in showing students they have a voice that is heard and their views are considered more widely than in school.



Y11 News

After last Friday's assembly where we spoke about 'building good habits in school and beyond, there has been a positive response this week. Year 11 are showing a great attitude towards their learning, and we are having a good turnout in our intervention sessions after school, long may this continue. Hopefully, these good habits have spilled over into home life too, have you noticed your child's room being tidied more often?

Y7 News

Well done to Y7 student Jamie Lewis! Over Xmas, he was awarded a special performance award at his local karate club following an internal competition.

Welcome to Miss Crowe who has become the new tutor of 7JAT.

Y7 have also received a jaw dropping amount of 'Golden Tickets' and 'Community Awards' Keep up the good work.

Y8 News

Jess S has been winning rosettes again! Last week she was awarded the 'In hand' prize when she had to walk with Sully (the horse), trot 'in hand' and halt in front of the judges at Aireview equestrian for the RDA fun show. Jess also won rosettes in other aspects, her grand total was two 1st places, one 3rd and two 4ths! Fantastic Jess.

Year 8 have received a staggering number of awards this week, for their attitude towards learning and their positive contributions to the school community. Leo B-S in Year 8 has been presented with a numerous Golden Tickets for the excellent work that he has produced within lessons and for his fantastic attitude in the classroom. Keep up the good work!

Well done to Year 8 for working so hard on your English Assessments this week. Your behaviour and focus has been wonderful.

Y9 News



Well done Year 9 for a huge number of Golden and Community tickets this week. Year 9 continue to discuss their future ambitions in tutor time and assembly this week. They have also been planning for the forthcoming Careers Event on Tuesday 17th January where a host of educational providers and industries will be discussing the world of work, plus qualification and skills employers are looking for. Well done for all your fantastic preparation Year 9. We are also looking forward to Year 9 Parents and Options evening and to meeting families to discuss your child's progress. Please book your appointment, thank you.

Y10 News

Year 10 have had an excellent first full week back, demonstrating excellent attitudes and behaviours around school, and punctuality to lessons. They've also been getting to grips with an in-class assessment for English Language – a full Paper 1 with questions on a fiction text to demonstrate their ability to understand and analyse, as well as a piece of creative writing.

Post 16 News

This week has seen our UCAS applications reach over 50 – with more fantastic offers from a range of university providers. These include Professional Policing at the University of Law and York St John, Politics and History at Warwick and Manchester and Sport and Exercise Science at Huddersfield - Keep them coming Y13 as the deadline for all applications is the 25th January.

On Wednesday 24 Y12 students attended Coventry University where they had a tour and experience life as a student, attending seminars in Criminology and Psychology.



Finally, we are still accepting applications for our sixth form – please visit the school website for further information on how to apply.

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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