

## Headteacher Blog Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

### Highlights of the week

Lots going on this week – we’ve seen great learning taking place in Year 11 Maths, super work in Year 10 English and some great work in technology from year 7 and 8. Year 9 have also been talking to senior leaders, their parents and their tutors about their option choices. Our Year 11 are showing great dedication to their studies in the run up to the mocks and the final GCSE examinations. Next week is our parents’ evening for Year 8 families and we look forward to seeing many of you there. Anticipation is building for the school performance of Annie Jr the Musical! The range of extra-curricular activities available to our students is detailed later in the blog.

### Upcoming Events

- **Thursday 2nd February Y8 Parents’ Evening** 3.30pm-6.30pm
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Headteacher drop-in sessions** 2.30pm -6.15pm. To book an appointment contact the school office on 01535 210 111 or email [office@beckfootoakbank.org](mailto:office@beckfootoakbank.org)
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February Year 9 Options Deadline**
- **In a change to the advertised dates our Musical will now take place on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – Annie Jr the Musical – tickets available now on ParentPay!**

### Attendance for the week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Year 7</b>	91.2	88.7	87	88.4	87.2
<b>Year 8</b>	85.9	85	87.7	88.4	86.9
<b>Year 9</b>	88.9	87.6	86.3	88.4	85.2
<b>Year 10</b>	87.3	84.7	83.9	86	84.8
<b>Year 11</b>	85.9	82.6	85.1	80.8	79.4
<b>Year 12</b>	98.6	94.5	89.9	98.6	100
<b>Year 13</b>	90.1	89.9	89.7	97.1	91.3

#### Key

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

1034 of our students had 100% attendance this week.

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

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

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

### Positive achievements

This week		Year to date	
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>1783</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>65293</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>1357</b>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>60153</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>1076</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>44988</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>42334</b>
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>Year 11</b>	<b>35735</b>

## Golden tickets

This week	
Year 8	251
Year 7	221
Year 9	166
Year 10	136
Year 11	136

## 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:

Freya, Y8

Josh G, Y8

**Well done !**

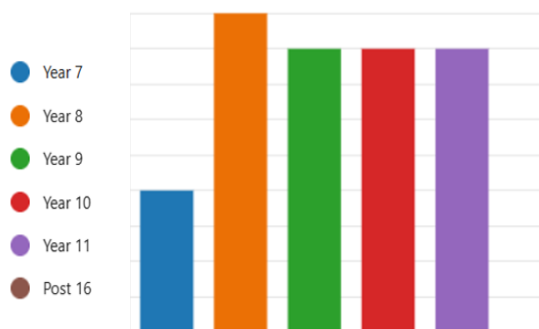
## Listening to our student voice

We've been asking our students about our Learning Habits and for their opinions – here's a summary of their responses so far.

### We are listening - student focus group on Learning Habits Jan 2023

**Which year group are you in?**

**Do you think these five Learning Habits will improve your lessons so you can learn more and remember more?**



### **Here are the Learning Habits: WHY DO YOU THINK THEY ARE IMPORTANT?**

- So people can have the same experience.
- I think that these are useful because some student like set targets for them to get to.
- So we can get a better education

- I think it's important because it's respectful to the school and it helps everyone understand how we should be when we get a job
- They are important because if you go for a job then you need to these things
- To get you into good habits and not bad ones
- They help us learn and achieve better if everyone has these
- So you can do well in school
- They make us ready to learn
- To always be switched on and have a good attitude to learning and to make sure you are safe
- So we can learn more
- I think it is important to follow these learning habits because it will help you become successful in life by knowing discipline and it will help you become prepared to do more stuff for example when you have a job like a teacher you need to prepare the lessons and be on time every day with suitable clothing to be an example to the students

### **What do you think about the Golden Tickets, Green community awards and Platinum tickets?**

- I like them but my tickets are worth more to me than the draw
- I think they are amazing and help with people's behaviour
- My opinion on golden tickets are that they really are amazing and help with people's behaviour
- they are a good reward
- A good way of improving punctuality, behaviour, and manners.
- really good, they push you to do good things and look after the school
- I think they're quite good because it makes us put our heads down a bit more and also it makes the class quieter
- I think they are helpful and it's making everyone want to behave more so they can get rewarded for it
- they are helpful because there is more people staying in lessons than getting red carded
- really good
- I think that the tickets are really good, they make me try my very best in lessons to try and earn one.
- I think they encourage the people to do better work
- I like them. People focus more in lessons.
- good because it is encouraging people to be good
- rubbish still haven't been given one
- they make being good enjoyable
- it is a good way of rewarding people for their work
- positive
- I think the different sort of tickets are a great way to get students to behave in classes because they have something to work for and for the ones who behave get awarded for their good behaviour

### **Y11 News**

In addition to the Panto mentioned below, the very talented Beth H year 11 and Scarlett S year 8 are also part of the cast for The Big Keighley Panto, this is a great achievement, well done girls, I am sure you will be great.

### **Y7 News**

Well done to Jacob W, Alex R and Fareed K who represented the Y8 football team against Parkside this week! All boys played well, and Mr. Richmond awarded Jacob the player of the match award.

### **Y8 News**

Macie and Demi have both achieved their 'BHS Achieve Award Level 1' in Horse Care. The girls have loved learning how to care for the horses and how to identify the various breeds. Congratulations.



Faith P represented her dance team in Manchester Arena at the weekend. Faith on the 'Solo Performance' for her cheerleading routine. She attends training sessions 3 times a week and has been involved in cheerleading since she was 6. Mrs Askham has seen the footage and she was fantastic!

## Y9 News

Congratulations to 9VMA for winning the attendance prize this week. We have had so many Year 9 golden tickets this week and I have seen some fantastic learning in History, Spanish and Science. Well done Year 9 !

## Y10 News

10STU won the most improved tutor group for attendance this week – well done! We also had stacks of Gold tickets given out to Y10 students this week, with three lucky winners receiving Love to Shop vouchers in assembly on Thursday. It is a testament to the wonderful majority of students who set a hardworking and conscientious tone, and a consistently high bar!

## Post 16 News

UCAS has officially closed for September 2023 University entry, and once again it has been another successful year for our students. Below is a table of all the universities our hopeful 56 have applied too – and once again we have had some fantastic offers, and potential life chances for our students.

University	Number of Applications
Aberystwyth University	1
Bangor University	2
Birmingham City University	2
Bishop Grosseteste University	1
De Montfort University	1
Edge Hill University	1
Hull York Medical School	1
Keele University	2
Leeds Arts University	3
Leeds Beckett University	30
Leeds Trinity University	16
Liverpool Hope University	2
Liverpool John Moores University	7
London South Bank University	1
Manchester Metropolitan University	21
Newcastle University	8
Northumbria University, Newcastle	4
Nottingham Trent University	1
Queen's University Belfast	1
Sheffield Hallam University	10
Staffordshire University	1
Teesside University, Middlesbrough	1
The Northern School of Art	3
The University of Edinburgh	1
The University of Law	4
UCFB	2
University Academy 92 (UA92)	1
University Centre Farnborough	1
University Centre Leeds, Leeds City College	2
University of Birmingham	1
University of Bradford	17
University of Bristol	1
University of Central Lancashire	6
University of Chester	2
University of Cumbria	2
University of Dundee	1
University of Essex	1
University of Exeter	1
University of Gloucestershire	1
University of Hertfordshire	1
University of Huddersfield	15
University of Hull	3
University of Leeds	15

Every year we raise the bar for Post 16 students at Beckfoot Oakbank, and this year is no exception. Students have had offers from some of the best universities in the country, on courses which will challenge their progress and attainment. We pride ourselves at Beckfoot Oakbank on being able to offer our students the best life chances and we wish all of our 56 hopefuls the best of luck – you've got this.

In order to support the attainment of our students we are pleased to announce that our Psychologists and Sociologists will be attending intensive, bespoke revision sessions at the White Rose Centre in March – events like this highlight our commitment to ensure we offer our students the best exam outcomes – more news about this event will be shared in upcoming blogs.

Although UCAS is closed, students who wish to send a late application can do, but the universities are under no obligation to consider these applications – if a student wishes to send a late application, we will of course support and help, but we cannot guarantee they will be successful.

Applications for Sixth Form can still be submitted – if you have not applied to Beckfoot Oakbank Sixth Form, but still want to, email a member of the team directly, call in the office at break or lunch, or if you are an external applicant – visit the school's website and follow the application instructions.

36th Oakworth Methodist Pantomime

**Dick Whittington**



**Evening Shows  
at 7pm:**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup>,  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>,  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> &  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
February 2023**

**2pm Matinees  
on both Saturdays**

Break a leg to our students from a range of year groups taking part in the Oakworth community pantomime. So many talented young people being community contributors. Thank you.

Phoebe FG, Matilda W, Bethany H, Artemis R, Aimee B, George F, Mya W, Albie E, Henry W, Jacob W, Grace Ella S, Lillie-Rose B, Isobelle L

## Assembly and Tutor lessons (Personal Development)



Each half term we have a safety and wellbeing focus to assembly, and this week Mr Trueman's assembly has been carefully tiered to each year group on consent. Students have examined real-life case studies and explored how consent always has to be clear for everyone to be safe.

## CEIAG – Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

Please take a minute to look at our Careers guidance section on the website:

[Beckfoot Oakbank School - Future Ready](#)

If you have any careers questions, or would like any guidance then drop us an email using the following address: [OAK Career HE Progression route enquiries@beckfootoakbank.org](mailto:OAK_Career_HE_Progression_route_enquiries@beckfootoakbank.org).

Students can also interact with up-to-date career advice by visiting their bespoke TEAM Careers page – or if they want to use a simple and easy careers platform, they can access this website:

[Careerpivot : Plan your future work & study](#)

Every week we have job of the week – check out this link to see all the different types of jobs there are:

[Beckfoot Oakbank School - Careers - Job of the Week](#)





## Job Of The Week

### 23rd January

## YOUTH WORKER



### Salary

The salary of a Youth Worker can range from £18,000 to £33,000

### Typical Hours

37-39 hours a week. You could work evenings and weekends



## Entry Requirements

You can get into this job through:

- A University Course - You could do a Professional Youth Work Qualification, which is a degree recognised by the National Youth Agency. You could also undertake a degree in relevant subjects including: Youth & Community, Community & Youth Studies, Youth & Theology and Informal & Community Education. Entry requirements include: 2-3 A-levels, or equivalent for a degree.
- A College Course - You could do a level 2 or 3 diploma in youth work practice. Entry requirements include: 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, and work experience.
- An Apprenticeship - Apprenticeships relevant to this role include: Level 3 Youth Support worker, Level 3 Peer worker and Level 6 Youth worker. While working as an Apprentice, you could also work towards the level 2 and 3 certificate in youth work practice. Entry requirements include: 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship. 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship.
- Working towards this role
- Volunteering
- Applying directly

Years 9-11 have been reading their news article focussed on an interesting social media trend. Does believing you are lucky make you more successful? Can you make your own luck? But, alongside considering the potential dangers of this thinking.

## Lucky girl syndrome passes 80 million views

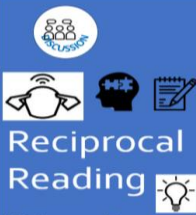


*Meaning: Lucky girl syndrome is based on the law of assumption, or the idea that you can make things come true.*

Is positive thinking a way of fooling yourself? People who believe they are lucky have happier and healthier lives. But scientists warn that too much positivity can be a dangerous thing.


## Oracy and Current affairs | What is going in the world?

**Syndrome** – a group of symptoms that together are characteristic of a specific disorder  
**Lucky girl syndrome** – a spin on manifestation, the belief that positive thinking will help you to achieve your goals  
**Collisions** – an accident that happens when two vehicles hit each other with force  
**Talismans** – Objects that are believed to bring good luck.  
**Appealing** – attractive or interesting  
**Benefits** – Something that produces good or helpful results – something that helps you  
**Guilty** – Ashamed and sorry for doing something  
**Successful** – Having achieved something  
**Delusion** – A false belief or judgement



### Reciprocal Reading

Whilst your Tutor reads the article out loud to you, follow it on your own copy:  
**Clarify:** Circle any words or phrases you don't understand.  
**Clarify:** Underline the most important parts of the article.  
**Question:** Place a tick near parts of the article you want to ask questions about.



Meaning: Lucky girl syndrome is based on the idea of superstition, or the idea that you can make things come true.

## Extra-curricular Timetable

Below is the extra-curricular offer for this half term which is also on the website.

### Extra-curricular Timetable

2.45pm - 3.45pm unless otherwise stated

Half-term 3

If you would like to attend any extra-curricular PE you will need your **full PE kit** and will meet on the **MUGA** after school on your designated day.  
 If any clubs are cancelled, students will be informed during the day or before if possible, through the e-bulletin and tutors.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Debate Club (lunch time) Years 8, 10, 12 and 13 - F51 MED	Book Club (lunch time) Years 7, 9 and 11 - F18 EBR	Year 8 Football DRI/RSA	Rugby Year 7, 8 and 9 MDR/AHE	Book Club (lunch time) Years 8, 10, 12 and 13 - F18 EBR
		Girls Football All years DWH	Football Year 10 and 11 DRI	Debate Club (lunch time) Years 7, 9 and 11 - F51 MED
Lego Robotics Club All years - S32 Mrs Moore and Mrs Hird <small>*No new members until May half-term.</small>	Year 9 Football GBO/SPA	Cheerleading Year Years 7, 8 and 9 KPE	Year 7/8 Netball DWH/KPE	
	Netball Year 9, 10 and 11 Sports H. - AML	Badminton and Table Tennis KS4 - Sports Hall JIC	Dodgeball KS3 MFL	Badminton and Table Tennis Years 7, 8 and 9 - Sports Hall TSH
	Year 7 Football JGI	Samba group All years - G29/30	Fitness Suite Y9-11 KPE	Fitness Suite Y7 and 8 MDR
	Girls Rugby Years 7, 8 and 9 Astro / Field	Science Club Years 7 and 8 JBU / FHO / MMI and Mrs McCarter	Dance Club Y7 and 8 - Dance Studio CFL	
	Drama Club All years - G3 HST / IFO / RKE	Science Olympiad: Physics Y10 and 11 - S1 MHU	Drama Intervention Y11 Drama Classes - S4 IFO	
	History Homework Club Y10 and 11	Eco Club All years - S3 SPA	Drama Club All years - G3 HST / IFO / RKE	
		First Story Y7-10 - F50/G3 EBO	Coding Club Y7-9 - S4 ASH	
		Pre-GCSE French Club Y9 - F31 AWA/PHE/MBE/LWI		
		Book Club Y9, 10, 11 - LRC MHU		

## Communicating with our families

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We share letters and important messages with families through our parental app MyEd and by text message from our student information system. Letters are also shared on our website [Beckfoot Oakbank School - Letters Home](#). If you need to update your contact details, please contact us at [office@beckfootoakbank.org](mailto:office@beckfootoakbank.org)

## Industrial Action Update – Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>

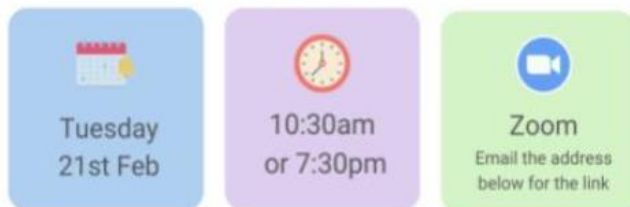
[Beckfoot Oakbank School - Industrial Action Wednesday February 1st - Letter to Families - Update](#)

## Parent support group

BRADFORD AND CRAVEN  
trailblazer NHS

### Raising Yorkshire Puddings

Parent Support Group



THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:  
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: BEREAVEMENT



In this month's Parent Support Group we will be looking at bereavement. We will be joined by a specialist in bereavement to discuss how to support children and young people in this area

 [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

An **online Parent Support Group** run by the Bradford and Craven NHS Mental Health Support Team is taking place monthly for families

The monthly online support sessions are held over Zoom and are facilitated by mental health practitioners.

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.

There is a different topic discussed each month. For an invite, please email:

[mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

**First Meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10.30am or 7.30pm**

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