

Headteacher Newsletter Friday 3rd February

Highlights of the week

Another busy week at Oakbank. More great learning going on over the week– I was impressed with the Y11 engagement and enthusiasm in our “big teaches” this week and was pleased to see so many of our Y11 students attending additional sessions. Great to see Y8 families at parents’ evening last night and thanks for the feedback you’ve given us. We’ll share that feedback with you in the newsletter next week. Thanks also to all of the parents who have attended Headteacher drop-ins this week – your feedback and questions have been great and definitely some common themes coming through.

Upcoming Events

6 th February	Year 9 Options Deadline
6 th February	BTEC Sport Resit Exam – arrive for 8.20am – 9am exam start
10 th February	School closes for half term
20 th February	School reopens - students to be at line up by 8.15am please
20 th February	Year 11 Mocks begin – see more below.

Attendance for the week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday*	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	87.7	90.1	42.9	86.8	85.9
Year 8	90.9	87.7	65.5	88.7	88.4
Year 9	85.9	84.2	50	85.2	85.6
Year 10	84.4	85.1	47.6	84.6	82.4
Year 11	85.1	83	60.5	82.4	69.9
Year 12	98.6	94.5	94.9	93.5	97.2
Year 13	89.1	94.6	82.9	94.4	96.2

Key

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

*National YTD attendance at 13.1.23 was 90.8% (DfE).

997 of our students had 100% attendance this week.

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

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

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

Positive achievements

Year to date		Last week	
Year 8	67865	Year 8	1739
Year 7	62371	Year 7	1165
Year 10	46345	Year 10	1017
Year 9	43762	Year 9	847
Year 11	36601	Year 11	531

Golden Tickets

Last week	
Year 7	128
Year 8	88
Year 9	66
Year 10	62
Year 11	47

Y7 demonstrating great learning this week, well done!

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:

- Alana J, Y7
- Freya Z, Y8
- Heath B, Y7

Well done to you all.

Yumi Zingy Street Food Tasting

32 students from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in Food testing with our own catering Team and the Area Team from Bradford facilities management. Students were asked to rate 6 new dishes from the list below. Executive Chef Damian talked about food trends and courses of the latest ingredients. Thanks to all who took part including our very own Beckfoot Oakbank Kitchen staff. Looking forward to the new menu being available for everyone in school.



Out and About in Our Local Community

Bingley 1st beaver group

Miss Moore and Mr Turner spent 2 evening helping 20 beavers achieve their science badge. The evening of investigating the science of diffusion, bubbles and rocket making was a big success. Many thanks to the incredible beaver leaders for allowing us to join them for the evening. Great to spend time with some of the younger members of our local community.



Assembly and Tutor lessons (Personal Development)

February is LGBTQ+ History Month



Assemblies this week marked the end of February's LGBTQ+ History month, it's annual part of the calendar at Beckfoot Oakbank ensuring that all students are represented and visible. Mr O'Connell delivered a detailed and rich presentation – did you know the first same-sex kiss was in 1927?! Neither did we until this week when we heard about how early Hollywood cinema was more representative of LGBTQ+ people than it is today!

Next week there is another meeting of our in-school students LGBTQ+ group on Wednesday after school. Another way we can ensure that everyone understands that 'we all belong here.' Thank you to Mr O'Connell for another memorable assembly.



Behind the Lens are many famous LGBTQ+ individuals.

Cecil Beaton is renowned for his photographs of and costumes for Marlene Dietrich, a film star of the 1930s -50s.

Marlene herself is also well known for her toying with gender identity and portrayal, often wearing male attire to challenge gender stereotypes and norms as early as the 1930s.



Y11 News

A number of students have BTEC Sport Resit Exam Monday February 6th, arrive at 8.20am for 9am exams start. Good luck.

Pictured are some of our wonderful year 11 students making the most of pizza and English intervention last Friday. I am sure this group of students and all of our many year 11s who attend intervention weekly will benefit in their mocks after half term. Speaking of which please access the link below which will direct you to our year 11 section on our website. It has the mock timetable and other important, assessment information.



[Beckfoot Oakbank School - Year 11 Support](#)

Y7 News

Well done to Oliva B and Poppy S who played for the Y8 girls football team this week. They were amazing and helped the team to 2nd place!

Y8 News



More brilliant work this week from year 8 students taking part in working with horses and achieving certificates for their good work.

Y9 News

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Post 16 News

It's been a busy week for Post 16 with the final round of interviews – we have had 115 applications, and all the students we have interviewed have been a credit to the Y11 Team – if you are still interested in applying to sixth form, then please come and see a member of the sixth form team to get an application– you can find us in G10 during break, lunch or after school till 4pm, every day.

Academic Pathway:

Course Title / Spec	Minimum expected grades	English Language Requirement	Maths Requirement
Facilitating Subjects (subjects most commonly asked for by Universities and allow access to the widest range of degrees)			
Biology	6-6 in combined Science or 6 in Biology (Single Science)	5	5
Chemistry	6-6 in combined Science or 6 in Chemistry (Single Science)	5	5
English Literature	6 in English Language or Literature	6	4
French	6 in French	6	4
Geography	5 in Geography	5	5
History	5 in History	5	4
Maths		4	7
Physics	6-6 in combined Science or 6 in Physics (Single Science)	5	6
Spanish	6 in Spanish	6	4
Non-Facilitating A Level choices (may be required by some Universities for particular degrees)			
Art	5 in Art GCSE	4	4
Computer Science	5 in Computer Science	5	5
English Language	6 in English Language or Literature	6	4
Psychology		5	6
Sociology		5	4

Applied Pathway:

Course Title / Spec	Minimum expected grade	English Requirement	Maths Requirement
Applied Science <i>Level 3 BTEC</i>	4-4 in combined Science	4	4
Business <i>Level 3 BTEC</i>	Level 2 Pass in BTEC Business or equivalent	4	4
Criminology <i>Level 3 Applied Diploma</i>		4	4
Design Technology <i>Level 3 BTEC</i>	5 in any Technology subject	4	4
Sport <i>Level 3 BTEC</i>	BTEC Sport Lev 2 Pass or equivalent 4-4 in Combined Science or a 4 in Biology (Single Science)	4	4
Health and Social Care <i>Level 3 BTEC</i>		4	4
Performing Arts <i>Level 3 BTEC</i>	4 or higher in GCSE Drama or equivalent	4	4
Music Performance <i>Level 3 BTEC</i>	4 or higher in GCSE Music or equivalent	4	4

*****We aim to support our students in providing the choices they want and accommodate these as far as possible. Subjects can only go ahead if there are viable class sizes.***

Extra-curricular Timetable

Below is the extra-curricular offer for this half term.

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 BRI/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 BRI	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 J6I	Samba group All years - 629/30	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 - 63 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 - 63 HST / IFO / RKE	
		First Story Y7-10 - F50/63 EBO	Coding Club Y7-9 - S4 ASH	
		Pre-6CSE French Club Y9 - F31 AWA/PHE/MBE/LWI		

Period Support and Supplies

We always have a range of free of charge sanitary products for any families that need them. They can be collected from Student Reception or the Library. If you would like supplies for over holidays including the half term coming up, just call in and collect what you need. There is a toilet in each block that also has supplies. If you need any support with managing periods, please let us know at Student Reception, year office or tell any member of staff. We will be happy to help.

Library Books

Can you help us please? We have a number of overdue library books that we are hoping can be returned. Mrs King will be sending out letters are reminders. Can you please try and locate any overdue books that you may have at home. They are such an important resource for all our students. Thank you.

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

Staying safe and supporting your children

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).

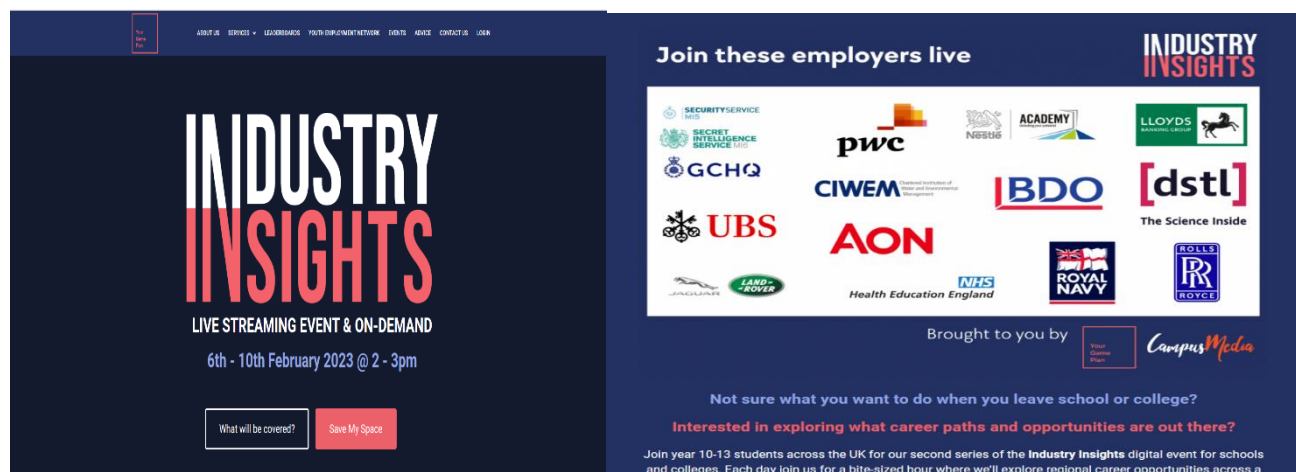
Students can also interact with up-to-date career advice by visiting their bespoke TEAM Careers page – or if they want to use a simple and easy careers platform, they can access this website:

[Careerpilot : 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](#)

Next week is National Apprenticeship week – why not check out the on-demand videos for a range of different apprenticeships



[Industry Insights - Your Game Plan](#)

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