

# Headteacher Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

## Highlights of the week

A shorter week thanks to the snow that arrived in Yorkshire by the end of the week. Year 11 have been working hard after their mocks for that last push before their final exams – good to see more golden tickets for excellence in learning from Year 11. Year 13 are midway through their mock exams. More students in each year group are engaging with their Sparx maths homework adding to their knowledge base. Our talented performers got to do their opening night of Annie Jr. The Musical before the weather forced us to postpone nights 2 and 3. We are hoping to put the show on once more for those who missed out. Unfortunately, the industrial action by the NEE looks set to impact further next week see our separate letter about arrangements for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March here [Beckfoot Oakbank School - Industrial Action March 15th and 16th](#)

Looking forward to meeting parents and carers who would like to find out more about our Local School Committee on March 15<sup>th</sup> 3.30-4.30pm and again on March 27<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm. Thank you to those who have already shown an interest in being involved further in our school community.

## Upcoming Events

13 <sup>th</sup> March	Post 16 Transition Day for Y11
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Local School Committee Information Event 3.30pm -4.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Local School Committee Information Events 5pm – 6pm <i>These 2 events will allow parents to find out more about what the LSC does and what being a member involves.</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y7 Parents' Evening 3.30pm -6.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Forum 5pm – agenda will follow but focus will be on our school improvement strategy.
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March*</b>	<b>Partial school closure day for additional staff training.</b> <b>Years 11 and Y13 will attend all lessons as normal.</b> School will be closed to Years 7,8,9,10,12 who will have access to remote learning materials for the day.

*\*This is a change to the calendar originally published at the start of the year.*

## Attendance for the week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday*	Friday*
<b>Year 7</b>	88	84.4	87.1		
<b>Year 8</b>	86.8	84.6	87.5		
<b>Year 9</b>	85.2	84.2	86.4		
<b>Year 10</b>	88.3	86.1	86.8		
<b>Year 11</b>	82.5	80.8	83.6		
<b>Year 12</b>	94.5	95.9	97		
<b>Year 13</b>	91.2	96	91.3		

\* Snow closure

Key

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

&lt;92%

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

1052 of our students had 100% attendance this week.

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

School is open as usual on Monday (unless we contact families), so let's have an excellent week of attendance and punctuality from all year groups. We definitely need to make the most of our time in school as we move into the final three weeks of the Spring term before the Easter break. See you Monday at 8:15!

## Golden Tickets

## Positive achievements

Last week	
Year 8	120
Year 9	89
Year 7	85
Year 10	84
Year 11	80

Year to date		Last week	
Year 8	76596	Year 8	1385
Year 7	68123	Year 7	1381
Year 10	51570	Year 10	949
Year 9	49169	Year 9	866
Year 11	39161	Year 11	701

## 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:

Millie D, Y8

**Well done!.**

## Y7 News

Well done to year 7 who have navigated a challenging week due to the weather! Great to see so many of you logging on and accessing online lessons via Teams. Year 7 are looking forward to national science week, following on from Mr Turner and Mr Philpott's assembly! Don't forget, parents evening is on **Thursday 23rd March**, the booking system is now open.

## Y9 News

Well done to Mr Saghir's group for winning the attendance prize and hope you enjoyed your breakfast ! Some super work in Spanish this week, so impressed with your accents, very authentic and confident. Well done Year 9. Also your behaviour was exemplary during the science week assembly. Very proud of you !

## Y10 News

A short week, but some great work from Y10 students. BTEC in-class assessments continued, and there will be time to make up any missed sessions over the next few weeks. The BTEC students have been really focused, and lots have been doing Period 6 on top of their work in class to ensure they get the best grades possible – let's see even more putting in the extra hours next week to reach their potential!

Amazing work from Year 10s and 1 Year 11 who will be published in a book called: Integer Stories (Inspired by Numbers). They had to write 100-word stories inspired by numbers. Students wrote about locked doors, time running out, futuristic worlds, dystopian life where we're all just numbers and not names – they were so imaginative. Brilliant work all, can't wait to see you in print Amber, Caden, Amy Jo, Bobby, Casey, Casey Mai, Clodagh, Daniel, Danilee, Faiza, Isabella, Joynal, Kadey, Kaitlyn, Laney, Leema, Leona, Lilly, Lottie, Lucy, Mahek, McKenzie, Mollie, Olivia Mae, Sahd, Sebastian, Spencer, Summer, Sumayyah – proud of you all.



## Y11 News

This week has all been about feedback, feedback and more feedback for year 11. In most year 11 classes students have been going through their mock papers to see how they can improve upon their grade even further, ready for the summer. I have been really impressed with how the year group have engaged with this process, their willingness, determination and desire to improve their grades has been great to see.


Post 16 Transition Day on Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> for our Year 11 – taster sessions and advice and guidance for this important next step for our sixth form applicants.

## Post 16 News

Y13 students have completed their 8 hour criminology assessment this week.

Y12 have been sent an opportunity to apply for work experience at Airedale hospital- this is for clinical and non-clinical roles and will support students application to university.

[Work experience - Airedale NHS Foundation Trust \(airedale-trust.nhs.uk\)](http://airedale-trust.nhs.uk)



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Main Hospital Number 01535 652511

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The purpose of a work experience placement is to help individuals make decisions about future career options. Work experience is not only for young people, our work experience opportunities are available to anyone living locally as well as those attending schools in the local area.

Which programme to apply for?

There are three separate work experience programmes:

- Aspiring Doctors
- Clinical work experience
- Non-clinical work experience

Each programme has specific requirements and application processes. Please read the information on this page carefully to determine the most suitable work experience programme for you.



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## Staying safe and supporting your children

What is Chatroulette and what are the potential risks that children face?

In the words of its creator, Chatroulette “pairs random users for webcam-based conversations”. Reporting more than two million monthly users, it claims to be the largest random video chat website worldwide. Users are matched at random (hence ‘roulette’) and can end a video chat whenever they like – at which point, they are connected (again, at random) to someone new.

As you can imagine, the opportunity for this platform to be misused is huge and the potential for bullying, access to inappropriate content as well as illegal content is something that we want to keep all students safe from.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as adult content, hacking and blackmailing scams.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on a platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



Age Rating

18



# CHATROULETTE

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### Adult Content

Chatroulette is strongly associated with adult content. Following its launch in 2009, inappropriate – usually sexual – content was reported to have rapidly become 'rampant' on the site. An early study found that one in eight matches on Chatroulette involved someone naked, exposing themselves or engaging in a sexual act. Our research found that this ratio is now closer to seven out of eight.

### Blackmail Scams

It's not especially difficult for another Chatroulette user to record the feed from your webcam. Scammers have been known to lure people into committing a compromising act during a video call (often using an attractive, flirtatious accomplice as a 'honeypot') and then threaten to release the footage to their friends and family, in an attempt to blackmail them.

### Mobile Chatroulette

Parents should be aware that young people can now access Chatroulette via their phones. Although it does not have an app of its own, Chatroulette can be streamed through Minichat (on iOS devices) and OmeTV (on Android). The minimum age to download either app is 17, but the verification is far from robust: if they were determined to use the service, a child could simply input a fake age.

### Anonymous Chat Partners

The site doesn't require users to register any personal details (nor indeed to verify their age). It is also possible for someone to use 'fake webcam' software to hide their identity with face-changing filters and effects. This relative anonymity can embolden users to do or say extreme things on the platform. Bear in mind that, when a person ends a chat, they do not know – and cannot control – who they are going to interact with next.

### Damaging Self-Esteem

Many users purposely go on Chatroulette to mock, insult and ridicule other people. In addition to this kind of deliberate trolling, the ease with which someone can end a call and move on to the next chat participant can lead to a continued sense of rejection. We would advise that anyone who suffers from self-esteem issues or low self-confidence should avoid using Chatroulette.

### Hacking Potential

Although Chatroulette does not collect information such as your name or email address, the site *does* let people discover your IP address if they know how to look. Armed with that information, a hacker can attempt to connect directly to your home network and begin probing it for possible security weaknesses that they can then exploit.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### Choose the Correct Category

Recent modifications have now divided chats into three categories: 'Filtered', where no sexual content is allowed; 'Unfiltered', where participants are asked to adhere to safe content (this is not enforced and relies on users' honour and honesty); and 'Random', which comes with a clear warning that it may contain adult material. Under-18s are not allowed in these latter two types of chat.

### Consider the Consequences

If you have an older child, you could talk to them about Chatroulette and apps like it. Explain the possibility of being recorded doing anything on webcam (even as an adult) that could be used against them or could subsequently damage their digital footprint. It might be a slightly awkward conversation to have, but you'll be insulating them against even worse embarrassment in the future.

### Block and Report

If three users complain about the same individual within a five-minute period, that person is temporarily banned from Chatroulette. Anyone using the site should familiarise themselves with the reporting process. As a general rule (not relating specifically to this site), try to ensure that your child knows how to report inappropriate or offensive behaviour in any app, game or site that they use.

### Disable the Camera and Mic

If you do not allow your microphone and webcam to be activated when Chatroulette requests it, then the site will not pair you up with another user. Covering up the webcam would also protect privacy effectively – however, other users will tend to aggressively question this action and most likely become very offensive on the audio.

### Explore Alternatives

Despite its recent revisions, we would still strongly suggest that Chatroulette is not a site to be used by minors. Indeed, we would recommend that even adults proceed with extreme caution if using it. If a young person is adamant that they want to use a video chat service, then do some research and look at what else is available – there are lots of child-friendly alternatives out there.

### Meet Our Expert

Jonathan Taylor is an expert on online safety, social media and online grooming, having previously been a covert internet investigator with the Metropolitan Police for more than 10 years. He has worked extensively with UK and international schools to deliver training and guidance around the latest apps, platforms and dangers.



SOURCES: <https://www.thedailybeast.com/chatroulette-resurrected-as-users-double-under-coronavirus-stay-at-home-orders>  
<https://techcrunch.com/2010/03/16/chatroulette-stole-male-pornstars/>



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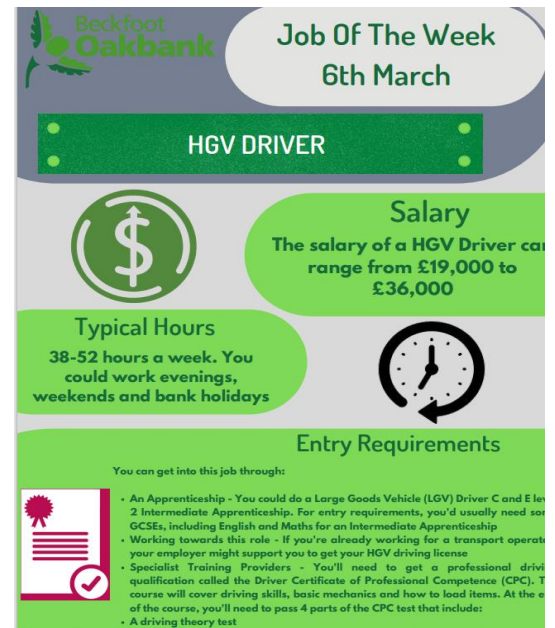
Take a minute to have a look at the Future Ready section – up-to-date Career information and Guidance

[Beckfoot Oakbank School - Future Ready](#)

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

This week has been National Careers Week, and students have had assemblies about careers in science. I have included a great link to the National Careers website:

[Welcome - National Careers Week](#)



**Beckfoot Oakbank**

**Job Of The Week**  
6th March

**HGV DRIVER**

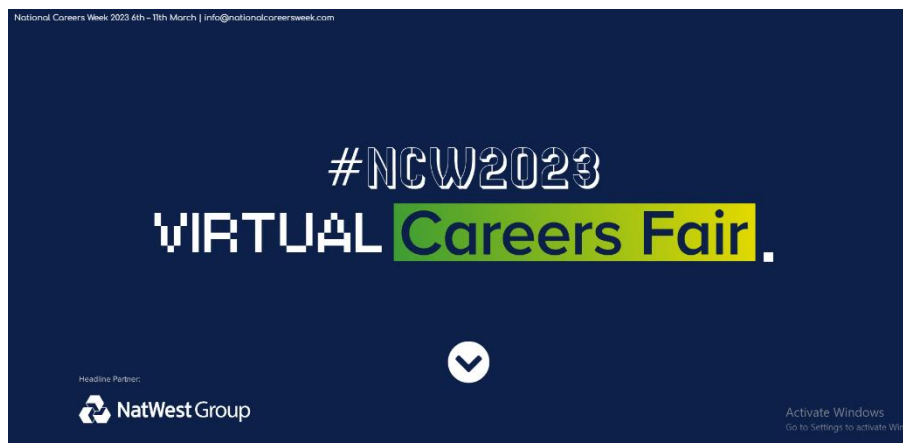
**Salary**  
The salary of a HGV Driver can range from £19,000 to £36,000

**Typical Hours**  
38-52 hours a week. You could work evenings, weekends and bank holidays

**Entry Requirements**  
You can get into this job through:

- An Apprenticeship - You could do a Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) Driver C and E Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship. For entry requirements, you'd usually need some GCSEs, including English and Maths for an Intermediate Apprenticeship.
- Working towards this role - If you're already working for a transport operator, your employer might support you to get your HGV driving license.
- Specialist Training Providers - You'll need to get a professional driving qualification called the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC). The course will cover driving skills, basic mechanics and how to load items. At the end of the course, you'll need to pass 4 parts of the CPC test that include:
  - A driving theory test

Also, take a minute and have a look at this brilliant virtual Careers Fair [VCF Lobby - NCW 2023 Virtual Careers Fair](#)



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