

Headteacher Newsletter Friday 26th January 2024

Highlights of the week

The subzero temperatures from last week were replaced with wind and rain this but our students continue to impress us in and out of lessons regardless! Year 11 have their final mock examinations over the next two weeks and their dedication to studying has been impressive. We look forward to welcoming Year 7 families next week at their parents evening. Alongside meeting teachers there will be short workshops including, Homework with Mrs Walsh, Career Pilot with Mr Delgado and a Reading Stall with Miss Brookes.

We love to hear about our students' successes beyond the school day so if you have any good news stories, successes (and of course any pictures!) that you want to share with us about your children's amazing talents please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing Danielle Clifford, Exec Assistant to the Headteacher on

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Upcoming events/Diary dates

- Week beginning 29th January Y11 mocks begin.
- Thursday 1st February Year 7 Parents' evening 3.30pm -6.30pm
- Wednesday 7th February Parent Forum Meeting (re-arranged) 6.30pm
- Friday 9th February Post 16 taster day for Year 11 students
- Monday 12th February Half Term
- Monday 19th February Students return after the half term break.
- Monday 19th February Year 13 mocks begin

Golden Tickets

Year to date		Last Week	
Year 7	4005	Year 7	393
Year 8	3679	Year 8	326
Year 9	3905	Year 9	396
Year 10	3335	Year 10	343
Year 11	2549	Year 11	273



Positive achievement points for learning habit 3

Year to date		Last Week	
Year 7	21007	Year 7	2308
Year 8	19433	Year 8	1918
Year 9	22422	Year 9	2395
Year 10	19564	Year 10	2172
Year 11	19636	Year 11	1939

Attendance

	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 7	84.6	91.4	89.3	87.4	88.8
Year 8	72.4	84.3	86.6	86.6	89.1
Year 9	80.9	83.5	84.4	83.3	84.6
Year 10	72.9	82.3	81.7	81.6	86.7
Year 11	72.2	81.6	82.7	83.7	84.6
Year 12	88.9	99.2	98.5	100	95.7
Year 13	93.2	92.6	94.9	96.6	94.9

Key

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

Between Monday 29th and Thursday 1st we are running a challenge: all students who attend every day have an opportunity to win some big prizes. Authorised absences during this point will not count against them (like medical appointments or illness with evidence). The winners will receive their mystery prizes on the final day. Good luck everyone!

Our expectations

We regularly share our expectations with students so that they know how they can be successful in their learning and so that we can remove any barriers to this success. It is important for us all to understand that when in school students are expected to be in lessons learning unless it is break or lunchtime. Time out of lessons should not be the norm or the expectation and we know that as we have increased our expectations of what students learn and what they do in lessons some students are finding the increased challenge difficult at times. We know that being expected to know more, remember more and do more is hard and staff will support students with this in a variety of ways.

The majority of our students get it right day in day out and make positive choices – the small number who do not are given opportunities to make the right choice but are clear of the consequences if they do not meet our very simple learning habits. We have now moved to same day detentions for lateness to school and lessons and already we can see the impact on punctuality across the school. Thank you to our families for your continued support.

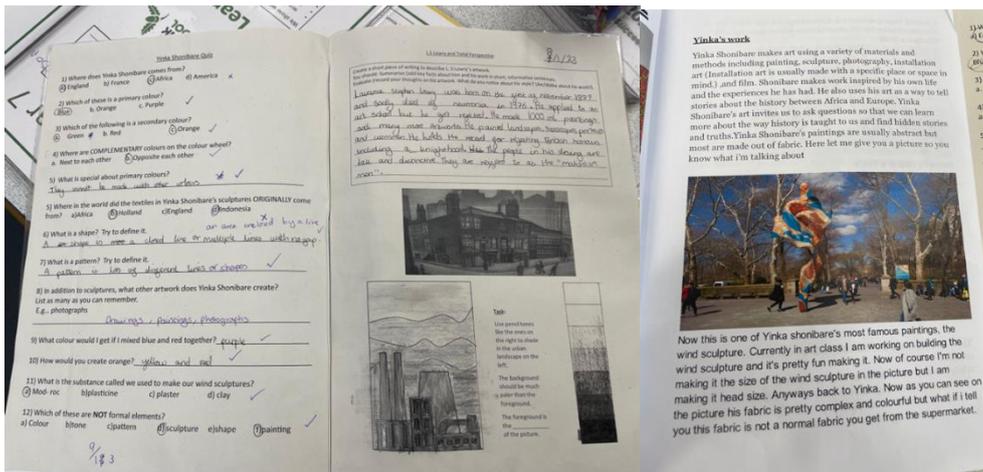
Extra-curricular activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Debate club (Y8, 10, 12, 13) LUNCH TIME F51 MED	Debate club (Y7, 9, 11) LUNCH TIME F51 MED	Girls Football All year groups DWH	Year 7/8 Football CBE/JGI	
Fitness Suite KS4 FBR	Year 9 Football DRI	Dodgeball KS3 MFL	Netball Year 7/8 DCH	Rugby year 7/8/9 JFL
Lego Club (all years - till 3.30) No new members until Spring term S34 C. Moore / J. Hird	Girls Rugby KS3 DCH/RST	Healthy Active ME Activity Room	Netball Year 9/10 DWH	Badminton All year groups TSH
	KS4 Football Astro GBO	Basketball KS3 CBE	Year 11 BTEC Intervention JIC/DRI	Fitness Suite KS3 JIC
	Drama Club (all years) G28 RSI		Dance/Cheerleading KS3 CFL	
	Science Club (Y7 and 8) MMI / ECO S43		Gardening Club (all years) S33 E. Cowham / S. Cooke	

Year Group News

Y7 News

This week we have been celebrating the hard work year 7 students have been putting into their art work. Heidi Carpenter has been learning about L.S Lowry and Ibrahim M has written a project about Tina Shonibare. There is so much brilliant work going on in Year 7.



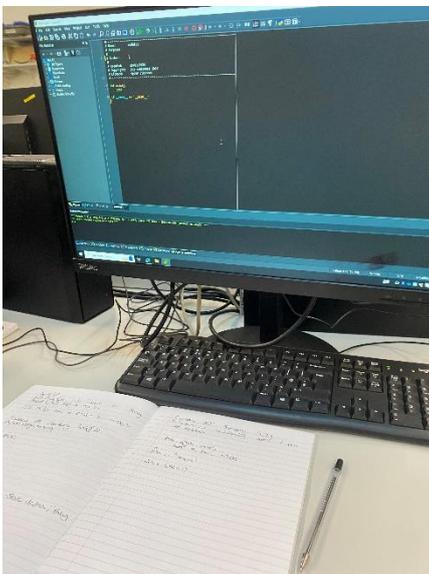
We are looking forward to seeing you all next Thursday for Parents' Evening.

Y8 News



Year 8 have produced some outstanding drawings in Art lessons with a focus on insects, they have been working on building texture and depth within their sketches. Isabel, Ben and Oliver were focused and passionate when I dropped into the lesson to see what they were working on.

In Computer Science Year 8 have been exploring coding and programming, Mason used the codes to explore how his images would respond.



Congratulations to 8WW for winning the attendance breakfast, keep up the good work!
Top of the Golden Ticket Table: Tinashe, Isabel & Amelia S! Congratulations.
Top of the Learning Habit 3 Table: Isma, Ethan C & Maea. Well done!

Y9 News

Lots of great learning this week, well done Year 9. I also wanted to share this wonderful feedback about two of our Y9 students. Aleena A and her twin sister Ameera A are both doing a 2 week 'Young Leaders' course at Highfield Centre in Keighley. This is to help them to learn how to be a team. They volunteer for 6 hours and in this time, they get trained while helping staff in the Centre. Their Mum works there with the over 60's – so it runs in the family!

Aleena said the best bit was 'getting to know new people.' Thank you for making such a positive contribution to your community.

Well done Millie D who competed in a tournament for Haworth Hawks last weekend. Her team won 6 out of 9 matches! Next Wednesday Millie will be representing Beckfoot Oakbank at Bradford Grammar for Yorkshire Schools. Good Luck Millie!

Y10 News

Assessments continued this week, as well as a milestone for the year group, as they managed a day with the best behaviour scores across the school – the first time they've managed it this year, which is no mean feat! We hope this is a sign of things to come, as they continue to develop the habits and routines that will guarantee them success over the next three terms.

They also had a great assembly on Thursday about employment opportunities in the Army. As always, we encourage all of them to think carefully about the options available to them, and what their plan A, B C and D might be for after Year 11! There is no need to choose just yet, but knowing your options, and the grades that are required to access them, is crucial so uncertainty and anxiety can be avoided later.

Y11 News

Although the main thrust of the mock examinations start next week Spanish speaking exams have started this week, well done to all the year 11s who did their speaking exam, the MFL team were extremely happy with some fantastic results. One of these students who did really well in her speaking exam was Tayibah Abdul (pictured right) and not only that but even more impressive was that Tayibah came 3rd in a national writing competition where entrants had to write a story in six words: *Bunny jumped in hat. Hat disappeared.* Well done, Tayibah, what an achievement – a great week!



Post 16

We are now in the final push for UCAS – we have sent over 50 applications and I know we have several students who are still to complete their applications. We have had a great year for Russell Group applications, with over 47 applications, ranging from Edinburg to King's College London – deadline for all UCAS application to be sent is the 31st January. If you are the parent of a student who is going to university this year then the following PPT will assist with any student finance related questions/queries

Student Finance.pptx

Applications for Sixth Form are still open – if you have not applied to Beckfoot Oakbank Sixth Form and still want to – come and find Mr Delgado or Mrs Ellis to get an application. We will be holding over Sixth Form Taster morning on Friday 9th February – further details about this event will be sent out over the next two weeks

SPARX Reader and SPARX Maths.

All students in years 7 to 11 have access to Sparx Maths and all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have access to Sparx Reader. Students can access these programmes with the same login that they use for Teams and logging at school. You can log on here. [Beckfoot Oakbank School - Maths](#)

Sparx maths is now live so all students in Y7-11 have weekly online homework linked to the maths curriculum being followed. It's due in each Wednesday! Your child's tutor can help them if they do not know their login / password.

Educake

In Science we are launching a new online homework platform for years 10 and 11 called Educake where students can answer online quizzes set by their science teachers. Educake is also a fantastic tool for revision as students can log on and test themselves on their science knowledge. All students should have received their login details in class as a sticker in their planners but if they have any problems logging on they should speak to their science teacher or Mr Hazelgreen. Log on at <http://www.educake.co.uk> or download the app.

CEIAG – Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

Future Ready Learners – then please do so by clicking the link below

[Beckfoot Oakbank School - Future Ready](#)

futuregoals.co.uk/learn/our-region/ - find out more about opportunities in West Yorkshire

futuregoals.co.uk/learn/our-region/lmi-resources-regions/ find out about Labour Market Information in West Yorkshire

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**JOB FAIR
DISCOVERY DAY**

Are you looking for a new job?

Have you ever wondered what type of jobs are on offer within social housing?

When – Thursday 1st February
Three timeslots available, choose the best one for you:
9am – 10.30am
11am – 12.30pm
2pm – 3.30pm

Where – The Quays, Victoria Street, Shipley, BD17 7BN

How – book your slot here 



Come along to the Incommunities Discovery Day to find out what we can offer as an employer and register interest in current and future job opportunities.

There will be chance to ask questions and find out about the different jobs in each of these teams:

- Property Services
- Health & Safety
- Neighbourhoods
- Grounds Maintenance and Estate Services
- Communications and Marketing
- Data & Insight
- Income
- Customer Services
- Customer Voice
- Human Resources

Book your slot here 

We really value your child’s feedback on last week’s Career’s Fair – I have already sent this out but please can you encourage your child to complete the QR code if they are in Y9/10/11 - feedback is essential in ensuring next year’s is even better



Careers Day Fair Feedback
18/01/24



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Your child in Year 9, 10 or 11 visited the Careers Fair in school on Thursday.

Please can they scan the QR code and complete the online survey to provide feedback.

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Some Useful links

Bradford Parenting Cygnet Service

This programme is designed for parents and carers of children and young people aged 5-18 with an autistic spectrum condition.

This is a core Cygnet programme which is delivered over six, two and a half - three-hour sessions which sequentially work towards behaviour management and covers a number of topics.

[Bradford Parenting Cygnet Service | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](https://www.barnardos.org.uk)

01274 513300

Child Autism UK

Child Autism UK helps children with autism achieve their potential. We provide services to enable children to overcome difficulties with communication, learning and life skills and give families the techniques and strategies to cope with autism through the use of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA).

[Support, advice and services for children with autism - Child Autism UK - releasing potential](#)

Help line:01344 882248

ADHD UK

Providing emotional and informational support for people with ADHD and their carers via telephone, email, social media and support groups.

<https://adhduk.co.uk/>

Creative Support – Bradford

Providing person-centred services for people with a learning disability, autism and mental health needs.

[Creative Support](#)

Janssen with me

Advice on ADHD for teenagers and parents.

[Home | Janssen With Me UK](#)

[Contact Us](#)

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**For prospective families wanting specific transition information contact us on
Transition24@beckfootoakbank.org**

Our Beckfoot Trust Mission:

Creating remarkable schools where no child is left behind.

Our Beckfoot Oakbank school sentence:

“Beckfoot Oakbank School ensured that every child succeeded in education, had a great career and enjoyed life” .

Our Oakbank values:

Enjoy: We enjoy belonging to Beckfoot Oakbank

Learn: We are all here to **learn**

Succeed: We are determined to **succeed**

Our Oakbank learning habits:

The Oakbank Way: Our Learning Habits

Learning Habit 1. Positive response: *Opening doors, tidying up, using good manners; 'please' and 'thank you'.*

Learning Habit 2. Perfect uniform

Learning Habit 3. On task behaviour: *Working hard, taking part, following Learning Modes*

Learning Habit 4. Punctual to school and lessons: *Arrive to school before 08:20, arrive to lesson before the bell.*

Learning Habit 5. Equipped for success: *bag, pen, pencil, ruler, planner, mobile phones not seen or heard.*