

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 8 Virtual Parent Consultation Evening Wednesday, 26th January from 4pm to 7pm

Due to the ongoing Covid situation, we have taken the decision to make this a virtual event rather than face to face to ensure the safety of our whole school community. This means that you will meet with your child's teachers via video call.



All appointments can be made through our online booking system which is now open and can be accessed via this link [SchoolCloud - Beckfoot Upper Heaton](#) and via our website here [Beckfoot Upper Heaton - Home](#).

Each appointment will last for 5 minutes with your chosen teachers.

Guidance to help you book appointments and to join your video calls can be found below:

<https://www.beckfootupperheaton.org/seecmsfile/?id=4972>

<https://www.beckfootupperheaton.org/seecmsfile/?id=5024>

If you require any support in booking your appointments or about any aspect of the parents evening please contact us at reception@beckfootupperheaton.org. We will be happy to help.

Poet visit to school

Sharena Lee Satti is an independent poet, author, spoken word artist and workshop facilitator and will be in school every Friday from now on to work with our girls on female empowerment. Each girl will have 2 sessions in a group of 12.



Sharena was born in Bradford, and lived in Windhill, Shipley for most of her youth but now resides in Bradford. She writes poetry about her own personal life, current environmental issues, social stigmas, homelessness, poverty and discrimination. She speaks openly about her past and the struggles she had to endure. Growing up in a dysfunctional environment. Sharena left school education at a very young age due to her home life, she was left caring for her Mother and younger siblings which cost her, her own education. She battled through her childhood when all the odds were against her. She struggled with her own identity being mix raced, (English, Indian and Pakistani) and also finding the will to push through life's barriers that's she faced. [Home | Sharena Lee Satti](#)

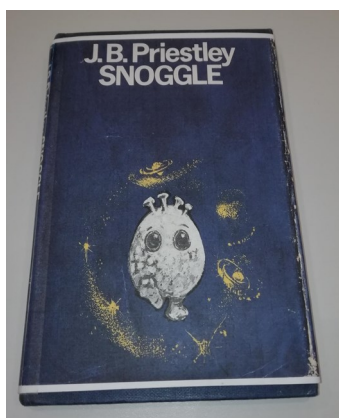
J.B. PRIESTLEY WINDOWS

Our J.B. Priestley windows have attracted a lot of media attention, getting our school on the front page of the T & A last week and in the Yorkshire Post yesterday. Read more via the links below:

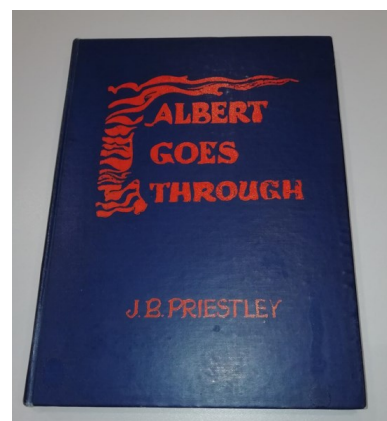
[Stunning J.B. Priestley windows unveiled at Bradford school | Bradford Telegraph and Argus \(thetelegraphandargus.co.uk\)](https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk)

[Beckfoot Upper Heaton - J.B. Priestley Windows in Yorkshire Post](#)

In response to a letter from Amaan (pictured), asking permission for our library to be re-named the J.B.Priestley library, the Chief Librarian at Bradford University has invited some of our library assistants to visit the J.B.Priestley Archive. We are hoping to take a group of eight to the university library where the archive is located this half term. The archive contains some of Priestley's original manuscripts as well as other artefacts from his life. Students study one of his plays, 'An Inspector Calls' for GCSE.



WINDOW ON FAME: WRITER REMEMBERED AT OLD SCHOOL



Pupils at Beckfoot Upper Heaton School, Bradford, admire five stained glass windows designed by author JB Priestley which have gone on display in the school library. Priestley attended the school - then called Belle Vue Boys - and his father was headmaster there. PICTURE: LORNE CAMPBELL/GUZELIA

OUR LIBRARY

Beckfoot Upper Heaton library is now fully open to students. Year 11s can use it any break, lunchtime or period 6, the other year groups can come two break times and two lunchtimes a week according to the timetable. Book Clubs for Yr 7s run on Tuesday lunchtimes and for Yr 8s on Monday lunchtimes. There is also a Games Club planned for Friday lunchtimes.

Staff can book out laptops and an additional classroom space at the far end of the library for research or revision lessons.

YEAR 11 SUPERVISED REVISION

To support all our Year 11 students in their preparation for examinations, the library will be available to students for supervised revision after school until 3.30pm every day. Those students who have been identified to attend a period 6 intervention must attend their session but can make use of the library on other days.

The library will be staffed by colleagues who can offer students support with their revision. The facilities in the library will include subject specific books and revision guides, the use of laptops, a quiet study area and spare equipment can be purchased. We are creating a space conducive to revision so working in silence and a high standard of behaviour will be expected of all students.

PRIZE WINNERS

Here are the winners of the 'Library quiz' and the 'Who do you think reads which book?' competitions that took place as part of the grand re-opening of the library last week.

Inaya Kashif Yr 7 and Phoenix Emmanuel Yr 10.

The other winner not pictured is Micheal Akande Yr 11.

They all received £10 book tokens.

Runners up were Mohammed Naqvi and Ar-yan Yousaf Yr 8 and Fizza Yasir Yr 7. They received chocolates.

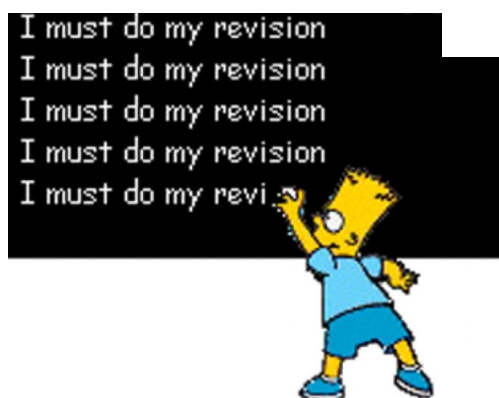


NOTICES & REMINDERS

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

Why not come and join our 'Tea & Talk' sessions with Miss Rabab after school on Wednesdays?

We make jewellery for charity, enjoy talking to peers and trusted adults and there's tea, juice and biscuits too?



Year 11 Revision Support

Follow the link below to access free tutorials to support with GCSE revision - each tutorial is broken down into the unit topics, matching the specification.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLp8BSCLLWBUctVT_HVxXzL74aBJIdBBqj

Beckfoot School Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday, 27th January

Next Thursday, the 27th of January, Beckfoot Sixth Form will be holding an in-person Open Evening between 5:30pm and 7:30pm at Beckfoot School. Follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.beckfootupperheaton.org/seecmsfile/?id=5065>

Year 9—Pre-School Booster Vaccinations

Year 9 students have been sent home with consent forms for the Pre School Boosters which need to be signed and sent back to Ms Nawaz, Healthcare Assistant as soon as possible. Thank you.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

ATTENDANCE

We are now working closely with a team of specialists from the Local Authority, Bradford Council, to improve students' attendance and punctuality. Students may see these colleagues around school from now on offering support to families.

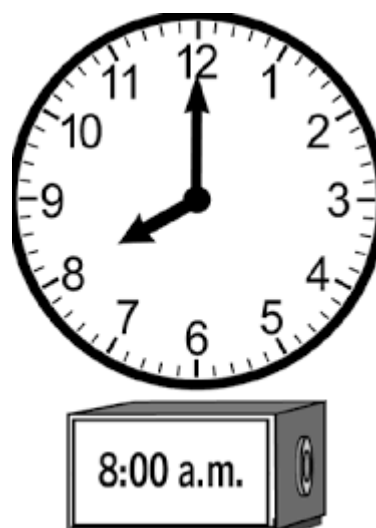
The best place for children to be is in school, and every effort should be made by parents and carers to ensure that they attend **every day and on time**. Whilst we appreciate that sometimes children do get ill, not all illnesses are serious enough to warrant missing school and a day of their education. Some minor illnesses, therefore, **will not be authorised from now on**. If your child has a headache or stomach-ache, please remember that lots of fluids and a paracetamol may help them to feel better and then able to attend school. Children often start to feel better once they're up and about. We also have a Healthcare Assistant in school to whom students can go if they feel ill whilst at school for some support.

Whilst students are still required to isolate for 5 days after a positive Covid-19 result, they should access schoolwork and contact teachers via ClassCharts. Please remember to contact school immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Please continue to contact the school daily when your child is absent on 01274 493 533 or via the MyEd app.

Soon we will be introducing sanctions for any students who arrive late. As a reminder, please see the start of the day timings below:

- 8.00am - Gate opens**
- 8.05am - Students to be on site**
- 8.17am - Students line up**
- 8.20am - First lesson starts**
- 8.21am - Students marked late**



FOOD BANK APPEAL



We need your help! Please support us and give generously.

We will be collecting for the next half term for families who use Bradford Central Food Bank. We will also be working on a long term initiative to support families in our own Beckfoot Upper Heaton Community. Anything you can donate will be appreciated. Please drop it off to the main reception office.

Thank you again from the Beckfoot Upper Heaton social action group.

Items we need are:

- ✚ Canned foods (beans, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, peas, sweetcorn, tuna, soup)
- ✚ Powdered goods (gravy and sauces, cup-a-soups, custard and puddings)
- ✚ Rice
- ✚ Tinned fruit
- ✚ Pasta
- ✚ Pasta sauce
- ✚ Cereal
- ✚ Lentils, pulses
- ✚ Tea bags
- ✚ Coffee
- ✚ Sugar
- ✚ Flour (small bags)
- ✚ Long life milk (cartons)



Extras:

- ✚ Snacks (crisps, chocolate, crackers, biscuits)
- ✚ Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, body wash)

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