

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Dear Families

As you are aware, since January I have been supporting the staff and students at Beckfoot Upper Heaton and I have been assisted in this by members of our central team, in particular Mrs Senior, Director of Professional Growth. As I write this, we are in the middle of our recruitment process for a Headteacher, and I will be able to update you on this after the half term holiday. Given that any candidate is unlikely to be able to start with us until the summer term, I have reached out to Dixons as a trust who I previously worked for and asked if they could offer support during this interim period.

I am delighted to let you know that Raouf Mohammed from Dixons Trinity has agreed to take on an interim role as Associate Headteacher to support me in leading the school during this period of change. Raouf is an experienced senior leader who has worked in one of the top performing schools in the country for many years. I am sure that his presence in the school until our new Headteacher takes up post will be of great benefit to us all. I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting Beckfoot Upper Heaton over the past few weeks and I will continue to be visible in the school, however, having Raouf in post over the next few months will allow me the opportunity to carry out other aspects of my role in other schools. Mrs Senior will continue to support the school for the time being.

Further to my meeting with parents on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023, please can I take this opportunity to remind you of our 5 learning habits for excellence.

- **Perfect uniform** – (100% of the time)
- **Equipment for learning** – (100% of the time)
- **Punctuality and attendance** – (100% of the time)
- **On task** – (100% of the time)
- **Polite response** (100% of the time)

Family support in helping students develop these essential learning habits is greatly appreciated.

Following that meeting, parents asked for clarity on our homework policy, and we communicated this to you on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. If you missed the communication, please find information here on our website [Beckfoot Upper Heaton - Homework Policy](#) or contact the school office and we will resend it.

As a result of the strike, we had to cancel the Year 7 Parents Evening. This has been re-organised for **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**, and we will be sending messages to remind you via ClassCharts and MyEd.

As you are probably aware, we are expecting there might be more strike disruption in the coming weeks, when we are sure that there has been no resolution to the current national situation, we will communicate to let you know of our arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

**Shirley Watson**  
Chief Executive Officer

# WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

## Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening

**Wednesday, 8th March 2023—4pm to 6pm**



### **Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 4pm to 6pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that the Year 7 parent consultation evening, cancelled due to industrial action, has now been rearranged for **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm to 6pm**. We very much look forward to meeting with all parents and carers.

All appointments can be made through our online booking system which opens at 9am on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February here [SchoolCloud - Beckfoot Upper Heaton](#) and can also be accessed via the website [Beckfoot Upper Heaton - Home](#).

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

You can find guidance to help you gain access to School Cloud here: <https://www.beckfootupperheaton.org/seecmsfile/?id=4972>

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

Regards,

Mr M Ward  
Deputy Headteacher

## BRADFORD'S DIGITAL CREATIVE CRUSADERS

Beckfoot Upper Heaton is proud to have been selected as part of The Arts in Schools programme. Ms Bone and Mr Saddique collaborated closely with a games design company to deliver an after school digital art club teaching students how to make a games programme. The collaboration was so successful that our school has been identified by A New Direction, a National online platform, as an example of best arts practice across the UK.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation's report The Arts in Schools, A New Direction has commissioned a suite of case studies designed to be a practical resource with inspiring examples that explore the value of the arts in education. Each case study has taken a how-to approach, to support you to develop ideas.

**They cover a wide variety of perspectives on the value of the arts in schools, grouped into the following seven themes:**

- Wide range of artforms: how can we ensure children experience the rich benefits of all art forms?
- Curriculum need: how can we build a project that supports identified needs in the curriculum?
- Power and voice: how do we embed the voices of children and young people and increase their ability to lead?
- Building equity: how do we make sure our project is inclusive, embraces the needs of children and builds equity?
- Wellbeing: how can our project respond to and help improve pupils' wellbeing?
- Real-world: how can we celebrate or address an important local issue?
- Area-wide creative change: how can a project embed the arts across multiple schools and settings?

You can read the full case study via the link below:

[Bradford's Digital Creative Crusaders | A New Direction](#)

## **Bradford's Digital Creative Crusaders**

**A snapshot of a teaching for  
digital creativity pilot led by  
two Bradford Secondary  
teachers**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

## MORE NEW LIBRARY BOOKS



The latest additions to the JB Priestley library at BUH were bought on the recommendation of both students and English teachers. Amongst them are some more footballer biographies, a new set of Darren Shan horror books, the Alex Wheatle Crongton books and classics such as 'To kill a mocking bird', '1984', 'Rebecca' and 'Lord of the Flies'. KS3 students now come to change their library books every fortnight so look out for these new books on your next visit!





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### Help us, to help you, to help your child

Would you like to improve your English? Reading, speaking, writing, listening?

Then come and join our friendly classes, held in the safety of our school building. Our new course is designed to help you understand English a little more. You will learn in the company of other parents and carers in a very informal way—tea and biscuits provided! Please contact Zoe Howard at

[zhoward01@beckfootupperheaton.org](mailto:zhoward01@beckfootupperheaton.org)

See translation of this information on our website here

[Beckfoot Upper Heaton - English Reading & Writing Skills for Parents](#)



## OUR LIBRARY ASSISTANTS



A group of Year 7 students, who have been working as library assistants since the start of the year, have passed their level 1 BUH Library Assistant qualification. In order to pass they had to shelve a selection of books from both the fiction and non-fiction sections of the library in the correct place.

They now each have a section of the library to look after on a daily basis. Well done to (from left to right) Amelia, Hashim, Ahmed, Muhammad Isa and Talha, as well as Tayybah, James and Muhammad (not pictured) and thank for your hard work and commitment.

## MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE

### Feb/March 2023 Mocks



DAY/ DATE	START	FINISH	EXAMINATION	LENGTH	EXTRA TIME FINISH	COMMENTS
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1115	1230	GCSE Science Biology	1 Hour 15	1249	AQA Science Biology (142) (12xt)
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	0830	1000	GCSE Maths paper 1 non calc	1 Hour 30	1023	Pearson Maths (142) (12xt)
	1105	1305	GCSE French Reading/Listening	1 Hr 20/1 Hr 45	1330	AQA French (9) (0)
			GCSE Urdu Reading/Listening	2 Hours		AQA Urdu (14) (0)
			GCSE History paper 1			AQA History (75) (6)
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	0830	1015	GCSE English Lang paper 1	1 Hour 45	1041	AQA English Lang (142) (12xt)
	1115	1245	GCSE Geography paper 1	1 Hour 30	1323	AQA Geography (52) (3xt)
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	0830	1015	GCSE R.E. paper 1	1 Hour 45	1041	AQA R.E. (21) (3xt)
	1115	1230	GCSE Science Chemistry	1 Hour 15	1249	AQA Science Chemistry (142) (12xt)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	0830	1015	GCSE English Lit	1 Hour 45	1041	AQA English Lit (142) (12xt)
	1115	1230	GCSE French Writing	1Hr/1 Hr 15	1315	AQA French (9) (0)
			GCSE Urdu Writing			AQA Urdu (14) (0)
			GCSE History paper 2	1 Hour		AQA History (75) (6)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	0830	0950	GCSE R.E paper 2	1 Hour 20	1010	AQA R.E (21) (3xt)
	1115	1245	GCSE Maths paper 2	1 Hour 30	1308	Pearson Maths (142) (12xt)
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	0830	1000	GCSE Media	1 Hour 30	1023	AQA Media Studies (11)
	1115	1230	GCSE Science Physics	1 Hour 15	1249	AQA Science Physics (142) (12xt)
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> March	0830	1015	GCSE English Lang paper 2	1 Hour 45	1041	AQA English Lang (142) (12xt)
	1115	1230	GCSE Geography paper 2	1 Hour 15	1304	AQA Geography (52) (3xt)
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	1115	1245	GCSE Maths paper 3	1 Hour 30	1308	Pearson Maths (142) (12xt)


## UNIFORM LOAN SHOP

Please can we ask parents/carers to ensure that their children return any borrowed items at the end of the school day. Students can borrow items every day, but these need to be returned.

If you have any borrowed items at home, please could we ask that you return them to school so that we can keep our Uniform Loan Shop well stocked to support all our students.

We would be very grateful for any donations from families. If your child has grown out of any item of school uniform, PE kit, even shoes and coats, we can use these in our loan shop. Please bring into school anytime and leave with reception or send items in with your child.

School is open over the half term break to receive any donations between 10am—2pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you



### Beckfoot Upper Heaton School shop price list

Pencils- 10P

Pens- 15P

Rubbers- 10P

Small Rulers- 20P

Pencil case with the equipment  
above- £1.50



## Essential Books for Maths Revision



Buy on  ParentPay

Year	Book	Price
Year 7 & Year 8	KS3 Maths Textbook 1	£6
	KS3 Maths Textbook 2	£6
	KS3 Maths Textbook 3	£6
Year 9	Foundation Core GCSE Maths 1-3	£9.90
	Essential GCSE Maths 4-5	£9.90
	Higher GCSE Maths 4-9	£9.90
Year 10 & Year 11	GCSE Maths Edexcel Student Book - Higher (with Online Edition)	£12.50
	GCSE Maths Edexcel Student Book - Foundation (with Online Edition)	£12.50
	GCSE Maths Buster – Revision and Practice Kit	£7.20

Please make all purchases via ParentPay - [ParentPay](#)  
New to ParentPay? Please contact the school office for assistance. Thank you

# **WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?**

## **CHANGING FUTURES**

Chris from the YMCA met some of our student leaders to welcome them onto the Changing Futures Peer Mentoring Programme.

Our students will train to be peer mentors for Beckfoot Upper Heaton and have the opportunity to work with other schools taking part.

Pupils will develop our values of integrity, kindness, and excellence, whilst building their confidence and skills.





**SPEAKERS**  
for schools

# Ready to open doors to their future?

Virtual Open Evening



**BENTLEY**



**Join our 45-minute  
virtual open evening  
on 1<sup>st</sup> March to hear  
about fully funded  
work experience**

- ✓ **6.30pm-start**
- ✓ **Meet top employers**

**INTERESTED?  
CLICK HERE>>**

**To book your place!**

We know it's hard to help your child weigh up future careers when the job market has changed so massively, and there are so many different pathways you might not be aware of.

**Speakers for Schools** are a youth charity offering **FULLY FUNDED** work experience with big-name employers like Tesco, the NHS and Bentley Motors – with **1000s** of placements across the UK.

We're passionate about giving every young person from a state school or college the chance to face their future with confidence – wherever they live, at no cost.

During our session we'll intro virtual, in-person and hybrid options, and clearly signpost how your child can access eye-opening work experience.





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Disney · PIXAR  
**LIGHTYEAR**

**Half Term  
Film Special**

Family fun at  
our Community  
Cinema

**Tuesday 14 Feb  
2:30pm**

**At Bingley Arts Centre**

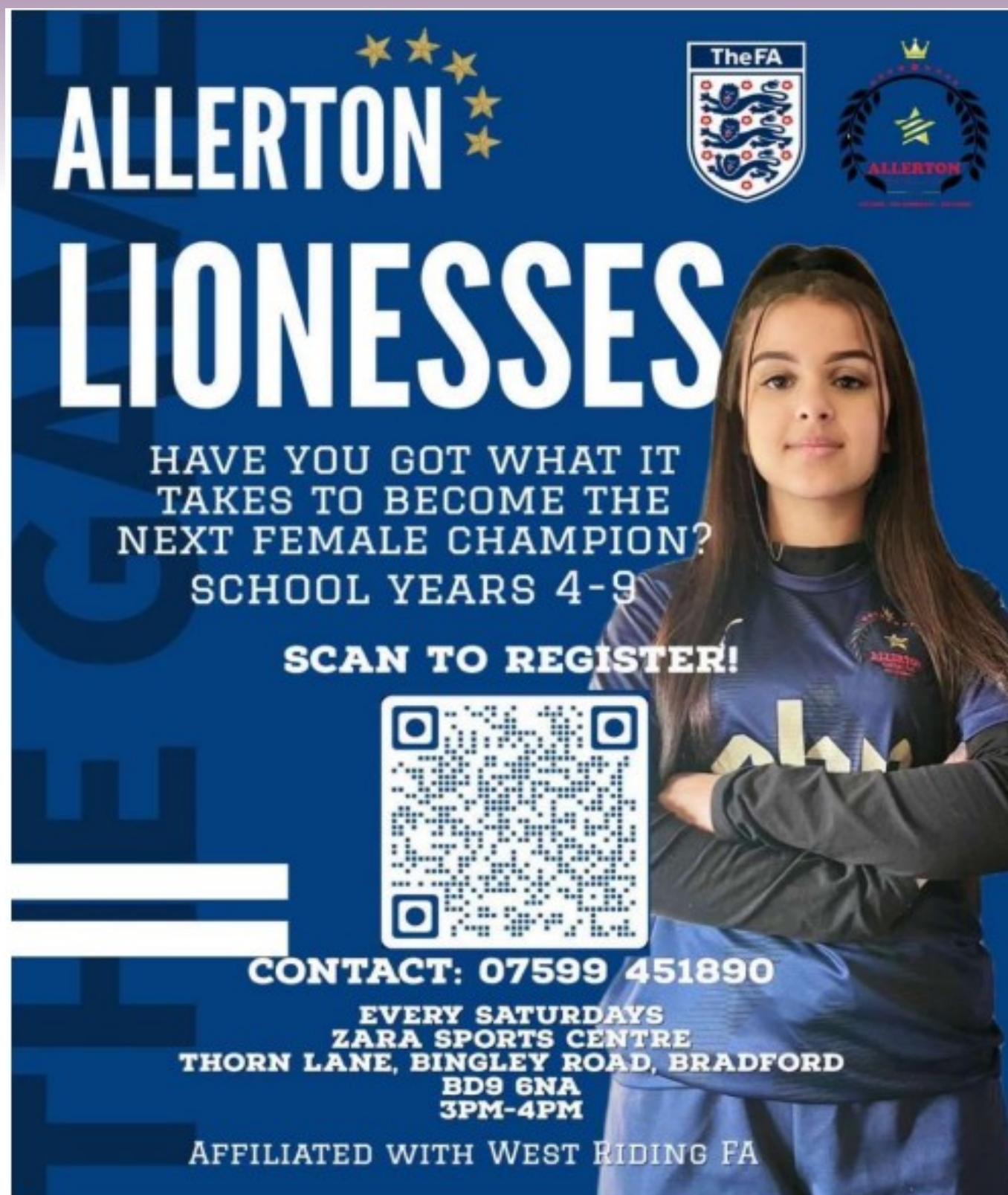
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This sci-fi action-adventure story of Buzz Lightyear follows the legendary Space Ranger after he's marooned on a hostile planet 4.2 million light-years from Earth with his crew and robot cat, Sox. Can Buzz find his way back home through space and time, despite the appearance of the mysterious Emperor Zurg?

Bingley Community Cinema is held in our fantastic 350 seat auditorium. There will be an opportunity to purchase snacks & drinks from our tuck shop - free tea, coffee or juice with every ticket.

**Tickets: £5 each - under 2's free**  
**Booking: [bingleyartscentre.co.uk](http://bingleyartscentre.co.uk)**  
**Or contact the box office: 01274 567983**


**4 tickets  
for the  
price of 3**



# ALLERTON LIONESSES

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TAKES TO BECOME THE  
NEXT FEMALE CHAMPION?  
SCHOOL YEARS 4-9

**SCAN TO REGISTER!**



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3PM-4PM**

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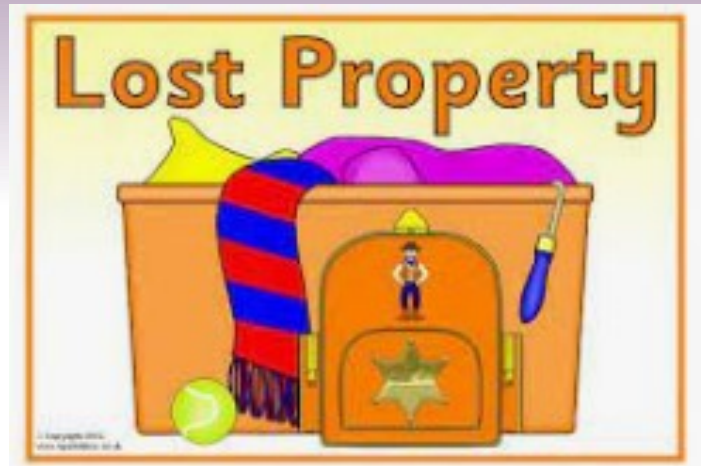
Please note students will need to send a text message to the number on the poster in order to reserve a place at these sessions.



## Lost Property

Have you lost something this half term? We have a number of items of school uniform, PE kits, bags and even coats.

Please come and collect your items before **Friday, 24th February**. Any items not collected by this date will be washed and donated to our School Uniform Loan Shop.



## Need advice or support?



Tell somebody  
It is important to talk to someone that you trust. This could be a family member or a friend. If you can't do this you can also find support at any of these sources. Never keep it to yourself!



Childline -

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Phone: 0800 1111

# YOUNG Mi MINDS

Young Minds -

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)



Kooth-

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## Stay Connected



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### Signing up to Class Charts

1. Select **Sign up** from the main page and fill in the form provided. Enter your **parent** code into the **Access code** field.

**Please note:** Your Access Code is **not** the same as your password. The access code is only needed for the initial sign up.

2. Click on the **Sign up** button below the form.

3. Confirm the pupil's date of birth when prompted. Click on the **Date of Birth** field and use the date picker to enter the correct date.

4. A **confirmation message** will appear, indicating that the sign up process is complete. **Verify** your email address to continue.

LOG IN SIGN UP

Email address

Access code (provided by school)

Name

Password

Repeat password

SIGN UP

Date of birth confirmation

To confirm you are the parent / guardian, please enter your child's date of birth.

Date of birth

OK CANCEL

✓ You have successfully signed up.

**Have a great half term holiday  
everyone!**

**School reopens for all on  
Monday, 20th February**

