

8th March 2023

Dear Families

I am delighted to confirm that we have a new Headteacher for Beckfoot Upper Heaton who will take up the post at the end of May. Following a 3-day competitive process, we appointed Biman Dey, a very experienced leader who is local to this area and has dedicated his educational career to working in Yorkshire. He is currently employed by United Learning and has been instrumental in securing a Good Ofsted in his current school. Biman's current school have kindly agreed to release him for 5 days before he fully takes up post so that he can undertake his trust induction and handover with the current team. Biman particularly impressed us with his vision and high ambition for our school. He has received excellent references and we know that he will work with integrity and perseverance to support our whole community.

I am continuing to keep close oversight of Beckfoot Upper Heaton during this interim period and when I am not on site, I ensure a daily report from the current Associate Headteacher, Raouf Mohammed. As you know from his previous letter, Raouf is working closely with me to support the rapid and continuous improvement of our school for the benefit of all our students. We are very fortunate to have his expertise.

There is an opportunity for **Year 9 parents** to meet Raouf and the senior team on **Monday, 20th March** where they will present on the curriculum offer for students from September 2023. There will be three 40-minute sessions available and families are invited to attend one session only. **These will begin at 3pm, 4pm and 5pm.**

Students will have some option choices to make and the deadline for this will be **Wednesday, 29th March**. Our main priority is to make sure all our students have access to a highly ambitious curriculum. Our curriculum reflects our academy sentence

The school taught students to act with integrity and kindness so they went on to demonstrate excellence in their chosen field. It was a place where everyone belonged.

Student success in their curriculum is supported by our 3 academy values.

Excellence: We work hard. We strive to be better tomorrow than today.

Integrity: We are honest. We do what we say we do.

Kindness: We work as a team. We do the right thing because it is the right thing to do.

And our 5 learning habits.

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)

CEO: Shirley Watson

Chair of Academy Trustees: John Winkley

As always, we greatly benefit from your support in us securing the highest possible standards in all our learning habits. Our students deserve nothing less.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sh. Watson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Shirley Watson
CEO
Beckfoot Trust