

16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear families,

At Beckfoot Upper Heaton, we are immensely proud of our students. It has been a delight to see how quickly students have returned to our 5-simple 100% habits following the summer holiday. This was only possible through your steadfast support for the school, and our shared mission in 'creating remarkable schools where no child is left behind'. Thank you for the excellent start your child has made to the new academic year.

We can only achieve our shared mission of 'creating remarkable schools where no child is left behind' if your child is in school as close to 100% of the times as possible. If your child's attendance is currently close to 100% and they are punctual to school every day - thank you, as they are more likely to be successful in their chosen careers than those with poor attendance record. This is true in real life.

You will be able to access your child's attendance through ClassCharts. So, please download the app today. You will also be able to view other important information about your child and how they are doing in school using this app. If you need any support, please come along to one of our coffee mornings where staff will be on hand to provide practical support. Dates and times of these coffee mornings will be published on our website in the coming days.

In this half term, we had a quality assurance visit by the CEO (Ms Shirley Watson) and colleagues from our Trust. We have received excellent feedback report on the improvement. Some of the highlights in the report were as follows:

- Students looked smart and wore their school uniform with pride
- Students were polite and moved around the school in a calm and safe manner
- The whole school was calm and purposeful. Students at break times were well behaved. They enjoyed being with each other, including having positive relationships with staff on duties
- In lessons, students engaged well with learning in a purposeful learning environment

Ms Watson and her team will re-visit the school next half-term

We strongly believe that, where possible, students should have opportunities to learn outside the classroom.

- Year 7 students went to the Nell Bank activities centre for the day to build relationships with their peers and tutors. We received a lot of positive feedback from students and staff.
- **WE WON!** Our students won the Next Gen Leaders' trophy for their work on climate which they led with Beckfoot Primary School last summer.
- There is nothing more important than to be able to save a human life. All our students have received training from '**Restart a heart**' campaign led by the British Heart Foundation which involved paramedics from UK Ambulance Services and other charitable and public sectors.
- Year 11 geography students carried out their GCSE fieldwork at Hornsea.

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You will have received flyers about our Beckfoot Trust 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert. To celebrate this important milestone, students from all our schools in the trust will be taking part in a special live music event at **St Georges Hall in Bradford on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6pm-8pm**. It would be lovely if you are able to support this event. All the details are on our school website - [Beckfoot Upper Heaton - Home](#).

All Year 11 students will begin their important mock exams straight after October half-term on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. The details are on our school website. To support parents and students to get the most out of the mock exams, we are holding an information evening this **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3.45pm-4.30pm**. **Please do everything you can to support your child by attending this event.**

Please find some key dates for next half-term:

Key Events	Year group	Day/Date	Time
Parents' Consultation Evening	Year 9	Wednesday 29/11/23	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Parents' Consultation Evening	Year 11	Wednesday 06/12/23	4.00pm – 6.00pm

You will receive more information closer to the above dates. However, please see our school website **Families** tab for more information on Parents' Consultation Evenings.

[Beckfoot Upper Heaton - Term/Holiday Dates](#)

Key Events	Year group	Date
Assessment week	7	13 Nov – 17 Nov
Assessment week	8	30 Oct – 03 Nov
Assessment week	9	30 Oct – 03 Nov
Assessment week	10	20 Nov – 24 Nov
Mock Examinations (2 weeks)	11	30 Oct – 10 Nov

You will receive details of what students need to revise so that they can be well prepared to perform to the best of their ability. All students in Y7-10 have their Knowledge Organisers. This is a good starting point for their revision.

As you can see, all our students have important dates to look forward to next half-term. At the outset of this letter, I mentioned the importance of having attendance as close to 100% as possible. **Students will automatically be disadvantaged if their attendance is below 97%.**

There can be nothing more important for parents/carers than to ensure their child/ren receive the best education they can. A good education is what changes lives.

Therefore, our one school sentence, 3-school values (Excellence, Integrity, Kindness) and 5-simple 100% habits are a key to overall student success.

- 100% Perfect uniform
- 100% Equipped for learning
- 100% Punctuality and attendance
- 100% On task
- 100% Polite response

**All Year 11 students should be very hard at work with revision for their very important mock examinations. All Year 11 students will receive revision materials this week.**

School closes for half term on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October and reopens on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8am. Thank you for all your continued support. Have a lovely half-term.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B.K. Dey', written on a light-colored background.

**Mr B.K. Dey**  
**Headteacher**

