

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear families

There have been many achievements to be proud of this term.

Our students have settled back into school eager to do well, foster new friendships and enjoy new learning. Currently, our overall student attendance is over 4% higher compared to this time last year. This is because our students enjoy school and are happy receiving high quality teaching from their specialist teachers. **Whilst we can see improvements in student attendance, this remains our number one priority.** If students are not in the building, they cannot learn or achieve their potential. Please encourage your child to attend school every day and build their resilience for employment.

When I began my Headship back in June 2023, parents raised concerns regarding the high level of supply staff at school. There were several reasons for this. Families will be aware from media the shortage in teaching staff in some subject areas. This is a national issue. To mitigate against this, we have put in place 'merged' teaching of two or three classes, whereby students are taught by a subject specialist and supported by a member of the senior leadership or pastoral team. This has worked well, and we will continue to implement this strategy rather than to use daily supply staff. We have also made changes to student timetables from January 2024. This is to ensure that we can provide the best quality teaching with subject specialists. **We believe our young people should get the best possible teaching, because a good quality education can change lives. We are 100% committed in putting students first.**

We have had several external visits this term from Ms Shirley Watson (CEO) and her team. There was a further visit by our Chair of the Local School Committee, Mrs Naz Akhtar and Mrs Karen Boyd. They reviewed our school systems, behaviour, and teaching and learning. We have received a very positive report.

Our Trust Concert was an immense success! Along with the rest of our Trust schools, our students did us proud. They demonstrated excellence in teamwork and showcased musical talents. **We are holding a mini-concert in school on Thursday 14th December at 3.30pm – 4.00pm. It is free! Please do try to attend and support the students and your school.**



Mr B K Dey



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Continued...

We are working hard to ensure students of all year groups receive meaningful homework every day. You can find the homework schedule on our website. As always, we are happy to receive feedback from parents. Mr Ward, Deputy Headteacher for Quality of Education, will be monitoring this important aspect of student work.

We have run various school trips, including Year 7 trips to Nell Bank Outdoor Activity Centre. **In January, we will be taking some students to the University of Cambridge.** Colleagues from this prestigious Russell Group university will also be working with students from Key Stage 3 and 4 at Beckfoot Upper Heaton. In March, we will hold a careers fair for all our students.

Year 11 students will have their second mock exams towards the end of January. Over 70% of our parents attended the recent parents' evening – thank you! We will schedule after-school lessons in the New Year for your child to attend. I know that we will receive your support with this strategy.

Please do take time to read the termly newsletter, the BUH Bulletin. The newsletter highlights so much that has happened at Beckfoot Upper Heaton.

We have made significant progress in a very short space of time. We are very proud of our students, staff and our Trust. We appreciate your continued support for our school – this is important to us.

Your support for our school sentence where we all belong, our three values of excellence, integrity and kindness, and to anchor all that we do with our five simple habits:

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

Thank you for helping us in our mission to become a remarkable school where no child is left behind.

We look forward to welcoming back all our students at 8.10am on Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Have a lovely festive holiday. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

END OF YEAR MUSIC CONCERT

FREE TICKETS TO BE
COLLECTED FROM
MAIN OFFICE



Come and enjoy some wonderful performances provided by some of Beckfoot Upper Heaton's most dedicated and talented musicians.

**MAIN HALL AT
BECKFOOT UPPER
HEATON**

DECEMBER 14TH
3:30PM - 4:00PM

Open to all students, parent/carers and staff

BECKFOOT TRUST 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT



Thank you!

Over 70% of our Year 11 parents attended

Parent Consultation Evening

We have 8 prize draw winners of a

£50 supermarket voucher

CONGRATULATIONS!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

More prizes to be won!

YEAR 7—Wednesday, 17th Jan 2024

Year 10—Wednesday, 24th Jan 2024

YEAR 8—Wednesday, 17th April 2024

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE!

100% Attendance, Well Done!

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Anas A 7A	Amelia A 8A	Mohammed F 9A	Subhan C 10A	Azher K 11A
Zahra A 7B	Yusuf A 8A	Aleena H 9A	Shayaan M 10A	Minahil R 11A
Hassan M 7B	Albjon C 8A	Mudassar K 9A	Abu Baqar S 10A	Muhammad I 11B
Tayba-Noor S 7B	Safaa K 8A	Eshaal K 9A	Resham A 10B	Sarrinah R 11B
Hasnain U 7B	Muhammad I 8B	Adam N 9A	Shifa F 10B	Umar H 10B
Riyaan F 7C	Qasim K 8B	Avaan A 9B	Rafi-Al I 10B	Armaan K 10B
Ibrahim A 7D	Hashir M 8B	Mohammed A 9B	Subhan U 10B	Tarram A 10C
Hamza H 7D	Muntaha N 8B	Amaan K 9B	Abigail S 10C	Owais A 10D
Lyla H 7D	Goodness E 8C	Ismaeel M 9B	Rayyan I 10D	Haleema S 10D
Azaan K 7D	Dominik F 8C	Uzain A 9C	Saif A 10F	Sajal A 10F
Lilly-bea M 7D	Muhammad M 8C	Subhan H 9C	Alyan N 10F	Alyan N 10F
Almas M 7D	Urwah-Jabeen Z 8C	Sana K 9C	Faatimah R 10F	Aleena Y 10F
Hashim A 7E	Palwasha H 8D	Ahmed S 9C		
Aleema A 7E	Abdul-Mateen A 9D	Hasnain A 9D		
Aqsa D 7E	Mobeen K 8D	Amelia K 9D		
Adyan H 7E	Sabeen A 8E	Hamas K 9D		
Amaan M 7E	Rayyan N 8E	Ialiba A 9E		
Ibrahim M 7F	Aleena R 8E	Agasa I 9E		
	Tayybah A 8F	Moosa I 9E		
	Sumayah C 8F	Ayvan K 9E		
	Suhaib F 8F	Amelia W 9E		
	Ibraheem H 8F	Awais A 9F		
	Aayan M 8F	Muhammad H 9F		
	Mohammed O 8F	Hibba R 9F		



LOCKERS FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

STUDENT LOCKERS FOR YEAR 11

We are always looking at ways to effectively utilise the spaces in school. This is difficult to manage and becomes more of an issue during exam periods as we look for ways to best support all our students and in particular, those who have additional exam access arrangements (EAA).

The January/February mocks are only weeks away, scheduled for the weeks commencing **29th January to Friday 02nd February 2024**. We would like to offer students the opportunity of having a locker in school for use for the remainder of year 11 and throughout the exam season. These can be used to store coats and bags (during exams) and will help to free up other spaces currently being used.

We will provide students with a locker, padlock and 1 key. The spare key will be kept in school for use if required. There will be chargeable (deposit) of £5 per locker payable via Parent Pay. This will become available from **Monday, 11th December** and lockers will be allocated on return in the new year. [ParentPay](#)

This deposit will be returned at the end of the summer exam series, subject to the following conditions being met:

- No damage to the locker on inspection
- Key and padlock returned to school

I would strongly encourage all students to take up this opportunity and welcome your support with this. Should you have any questions please contact the school reception (01274 493533) for further details.



BORN IN BRADFORD

AGE OF WONDER



Age of Wonder

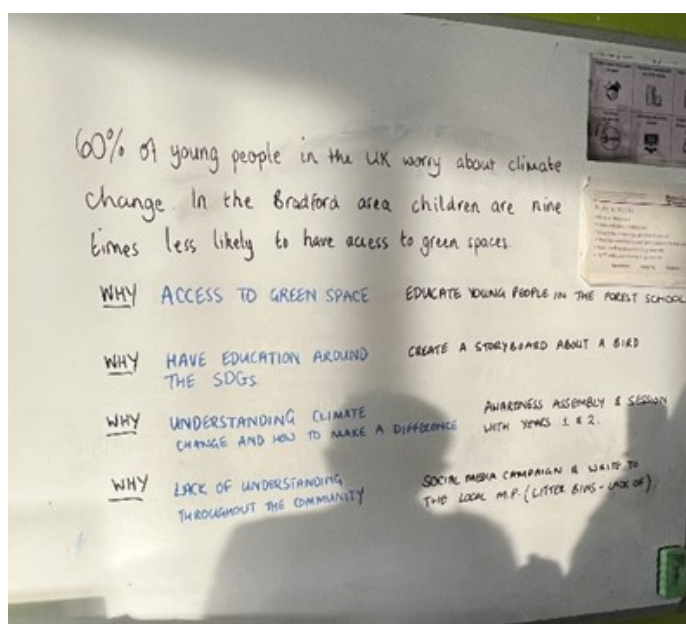
At Beckfoot Upper Heaton we are taking part in the Age of Wonder research which is part of the Born in Bradford research project. Our years 8, 9 and 10 have all completed surveys which will be used to inform the research team about life in Bradford from a teenage perspective. Our year 9's also took part in the health measures where their height, weight and blood pressure were measured as part of the research. We look forward to the publication of the data so we can explore how our students compare to local and national data.

NEXT GEN LEADERS

Next Gen Leaders

Our Next Gen leaders have been working away on completing their community project. They are dedicated to promoting long term change by educating young children so are in the process of creating an educational book which will be used to teach primary aged students about sustainability which also improving their literacy skills.

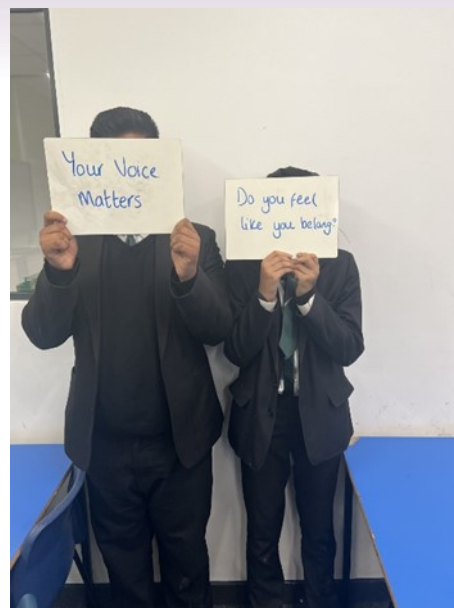
Did you know 60% of young people in the UK worry about climate change. In the Bradford area children are nine times less likely to have access to green spaces. This is why we are committed to improving this for the young people in our community.



BRADFORD CITIZENS

Bradford Citizens

In line with our school sentence, it is imperative that we all feel like we belong. Using the training from Bradford Citizens some of our Student Parliament have been running listening workshops with year 8 student to identify what we can do to ensure belonging for all of our students. Do you feel like you belong? What could be done to make you feel like you belong?



Time to give to our
most vulnerable



BECKFOOT UPPER HEATON FOOD
BANK AND CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

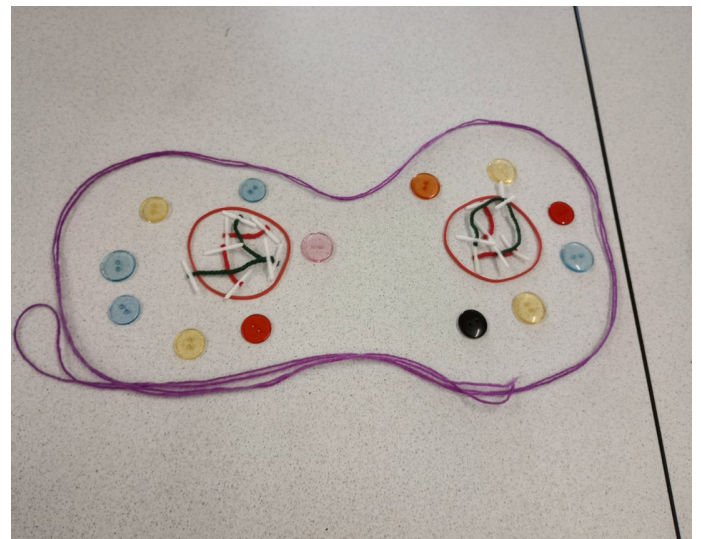
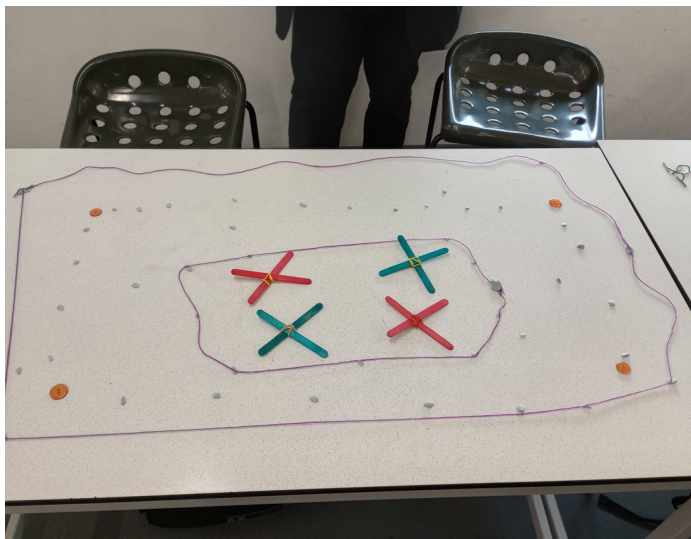
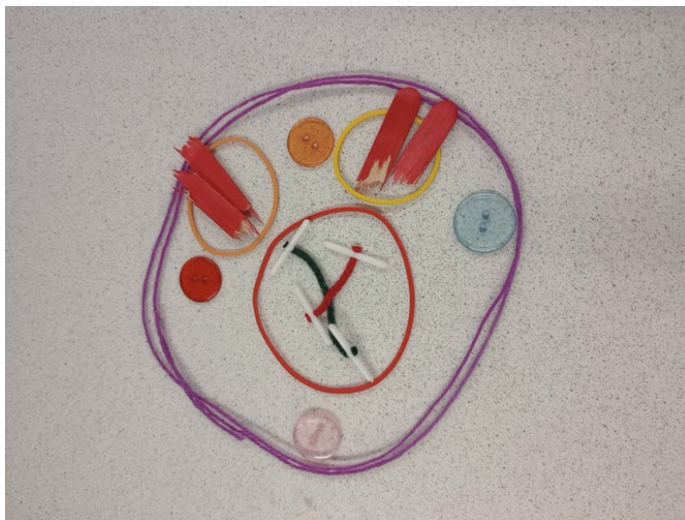
ALL ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED...

- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Rice Pudding
- Sponge puddings
- Juice
- Cordial
- Instant Mash
- Tinned Fish
- Custard
- Coffee
- Treats/chocolates etc
- Pasta Sauce
- Jam
- Rice
- Cereals
- Any Christmas gifts for Children.
- Toy/books/toiletries and clothing accepted.

Please can all donations be given to the safeguarding office.

EXCELLENT WORK IN SCIENCE

Mr. Forster's Year 9 Sc5 class have been busy designing models using strings and buttons! Each member of the class took part in building one of the models – by the end of the lesson, we had a series of models that could be used to explain each stage of the cell cycle! Students were then able to practice their oracy skills by explaining what it was that they had created, and, more importantly, they were able to explain how cells divide!



SCIENTISTS OF THE YEAR

The following students achieved the highest score in their year group in their Cycle One Science Assessments,

Year 7—Ola O

Year 8—Samica J and Hussain T

Year 9—Abdul H

Year 10—Rafay A

Year 11—Rehaan A

Well done to all of you! It is clear that you have a passion for science, and we would love to see you become prominent figures in the field of science in the future. Well done and keep it up!



WHAT'S GOING ON IN SCHOOL?

DRAMA CLUB



MR ISLAM

JOIN NOW!

You will learn how to:

- Act like a pro!
- Manage your **voice** with confidence!
- **Transform** into somebody else!
- Develop **teamworking** skills!

Thursdays at 15:05
F.15

• BUH DEBATE CLUB

F09 with Miss Javed & Miss Boxwell Every Tuesday @ 3.05pm.

- **This week's hot topic up for debate is 'Gang Culture' affecting 12-17 year olds.**
- You will look at the latest news stories, information from Youth Services and hear directly from teens who have been involved.
- **YOU then decide who has got the right ideas;**
- **A MOTION will be made and in PAIRS or INDIVIDUALLY put forward your case as:**
 - **The PROPOSTION and build your argument.**
 - **or**
 - **The OPPOSITION and create a rebuttal.**



MORE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are delighted to be able to offer the extra-curricular activities shown below. **All clubs run from 15.05 to 16.05.**

Parents/carers need to give consent for students to participate in any of these after-school activities.

Students should come to the school office to collect a parental consent form. **No students will be allowed to join a club without a signed form.**

Day	After School Club	Club Leader	Location
Mondays	Sport: Football (Year 9 and 10 Boys) (w/c 27/11/23)	Mr Broadbent	MUGA
	Year 7 boys' Football	Mr Armitage	MUGA
Tuesdays	Music Club	Mr Hart	G.16
	Sport: Intra-form Football Tournament Year 7 (Nov-Jan)	Mr Ahmed	Sports Hall
	Girls Football (Key Stage 3)	Miss Carrick-Knowles	MUGA
	Debate Club	Ms Saleem & Ms Boxwell	F.14
	STEM Club	Mr Rauf	S.06
	GCSE Science Revision	Miss Ali	S.09
	Wednesday	No clubs	
Thursdays	Sport: Year 11 BTEC Sport Intervention	Miss Carrick-Knowles	G.27
	Art Club	Mr Akhtar	G21
	Badminton	Mr Broadbent	Sports Hall
	Drama Club	Mr Islam	F.15
Friday	Art Club (First lunch – 12.35 to 13.05)	Mr Akhtar	G.21



STUDENT PARLIAMENT PRESS RELEASE

The Student Parliament has been very active this term, focusing on the Children In Need campaign. Our main goal was to raise funds for this charity through various events and activities. One successful initiative was the bake sales, where students and teachers showcased their baking skills and sold delicious treats. We also organized competitions like drawing Competitions and a bearpees Challenge to engage our fellow students and staff. Thanks to the support of our school community, we raised £378.39, which will make a difference in the lives of children in need. We couldn't have done it without the guidance and dedication of our teacher, Mrs. Morgan. [Pictured Below with student, Amaan]

We want to extend a big congratulations to our Head of Parliament, Amaan Aslam [pictured below] for his recent nomination for the prestigious Terry Wogan Award and for earning his Silver Blue Peter Badge. Amaan's contributions to our community have been incredibly valuable and greatly appreciated by many. His hard work has made a positive impact on numerous students. However, due to his Year 11 commitments, Amaan has made the difficult decision to step down from his role on December 15th. We are fortunate to have our exceptional Student Parliament Leaders stepping in to fill the vacancy left by his resignation.

Watch this space to find out more about what Student Parliament are up to!



DON'T MISS OUT!

KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL



1. Access your child's ClassCharts account daily

[Access pupil details \(classcharts.com\)](https://classcharts.com)

2. Download the MyEd app

[My Ed School App](#)

3. Read all school letters and notices on the website here

[Beckfoot Upper Heaton - All Other Letters Home 2023-24](#)

MyEd Android



ClassCharts Android



MyEd iOS



ClassCharts iOS



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, 5th January**. Any items not collected by this date will be washed and donated to our School Uniform Loan Shop.



Uniform Donations

Families—has your child grown out of any item of school uniform, PE kit,, coat or shoes? If so, would you consider donating these items to the Uniform Loan Shop?

All items would be gratefully received.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



THIS TERM WE SAY GOODBYE TO....

Mrs L Morgan—Assistant Headteacher

Mrs J Knight—KS3 Lead

Ms C Moran—Assistant Headteacher

Ms R Rabab—Year 7 Lead

Mrs N Middleton—KS4 Lead



Merry Christmas



**School finishes at 12.25pm
Friday, 15th December**



School reopens on

Tuesday, 2nd January 2024

**We look forward to seeing all students at
8.10am**