

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear families

After 25 years in teaching, I have never witnessed a quiet term!

We continue with our resolve in providing the best curriculum that we possibly can to our young people. Teaching and learning is what we do best and will always be at the heart of what we are about at Beckfoot Upper Heaton. You will be aware of national staff shortages in some subject areas, namely, in history and in music. Despite the national challenges, we have managed to reduce supply agency staff this year to ensure our students are taught by a subject specialist and familiar face as much as possible. At times, this has meant merged group teaching to avoid supply staff cover lessons.

Our examinations data clearly shows that, when students attend school over 90% of the time, they achieve significantly better results than those students who attend less than 90% of the time. **What is your child's overall attendance?** We, therefore, have 5-simple habits to help your child achieve:

100% Perfect uniform

100% Equipped for learning with a school bag and a reading book

100% Punctuality and attendance

100% On task

100% Polite response

Please follow this link to read Mr Dey's full  
End of term letter to families

[End of Cycle 2 Letter to Families - March 2024.pdf](#)

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## CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

I want to thank you for your continued support for the improvements that we are making each day. We always welcome your feedback and take this into consideration when we write our policies.

At the heart of any policy must be the commitment to ensure that every child attends school every day, on time and, they maximise their learning by attending every lesson on time.

With the above in mind, from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, we changed the shape of the school day.

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri		55mins lessons – ALL		
8:05		School gates open		
8:15	Late	School gates locked		
08:15 - 08:17		Line ups		
08:20 - 8:50	MM	Morning Meetings - Eng, ma, sci, hist, geog & assemblies		
8:50 - 9:45	P1	All Yr groups lessons		
9:45 - 10:40	P2A	Yr 9 and 10	7/8/11 BREAK	09:45 - 10:00
10:00 -10:55	P2B	Yr 7, 8 and 11	9/10 BREAK	10:40 - 10:55
10:55 - 11:50	P3	All Yr group lessons		
11:50 - 12.45	P4a	Yr 9 and 10	7/8/11 LUNCH	11:50 - 12:20
12:20 - 13:15	P4b	Yr 7, 8 and 11	9/10 lunch	12:45 - 13:15
13:15 - 14:10	P5	All Yr group lessons		
14:10 - 15:05	P6	All Yr group lessons		
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Wednesday		60-minute lessons - ALL		
8:05		School gates open		
8:15	Late	School gates locked		
08:15 - 08:17		Line ups		
08:20 - 8:50	MM	Morning Meeting - English, maths, science, history & geog		
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## WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

### BEHAVIOUR & REWARDS

After the Easter break, our slightly amended Behaviour and Rewards protocols will be in place.

Positive postcards will be sent home by the Head of Year acknowledging when a student has reached the following Achievement Point thresholds: 50, 100, 200, 300, 500 and 1000. When students reach each of these thresholds they will be acknowledged in an assembly and the relevant students will be eligible for our end of term prizes.

When students achieve the specific Achievement Point thresholds, during weekly recognition and praise assemblies they will be awarded lapel badges to recognise their achievements. The Achievement Point thresholds are:

- ◆ 500 Achievement Points: Gold (Awarded by the Deputy Headteacher)
- ◆ 1000 Achievement Points: Platinum (Awarded by the Headteacher)

The top 5 students with the most achievement points in each year group will be celebrated each Friday during assembly. They will also receive a special 'Star Student of the Week' prize.

The top 5 students with the most improved attendance (biggest increase in overall attendance percentage) in each year group will be celebrated on Friday during their assembly.



# **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?**

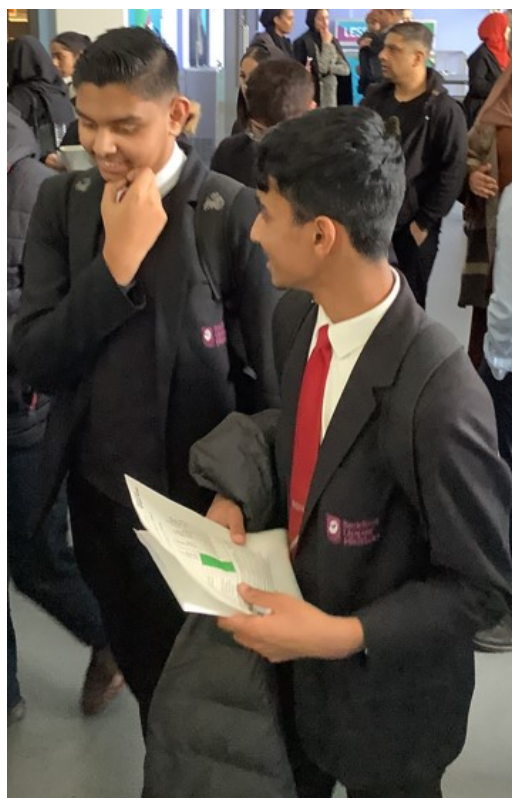
## **Year 11 Exam Information Event**

Wednesday, 6th March was a day of celebration for our year 11 students who were presented with their mock GCSE results.

In the same fashion as they would be on the actual results day on 22nd August, students collected their enveloped results then celebrated with their friends. A big well done to all our year 11 students on their mock GCSE results day. Remember the emotions you went through. We can do this together, 'Yes, we can!' Resilience is key!

Among top achievers were Rehaan A and Sarah H who achieved 9 passes at level 5 or above, with plethora of grade 8s and 9s amongst these.

Thank you parents and carers for attending this event. We had the highest ever turnout of parents!





# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

## Whole School Careers Day

Tuesday, 5th March was CEIAG (Careers, education, information, advice and guidance) day. Each year group participated in a series of workshops with a specific career focus including NHS, Airedale Wheelchair Services, Bradford College, University of Cambridge, University of Bradford, National Citizen Service and many more. This event gave all students an in-depth look at career pathways and enabled them to connect their learning to the real world. We received a lot of very positive feedback from students.



# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

## NEXT GEN LEADERS

The Next Gen Leaders have been working hard on their project ready for the celebration event this year. The team met with the representatives of the local MP Naz Shah to share their concerns about the local community and how they could help. The team have also visited Beckfoot Heaton Primary where they have shared their own story to raise awareness of the dangers of litter and the impact on local wildlife. They ran a workshop where they created bug hotels using previously discarded plastic bottles showing how we can upcycle plastic.





# **BECKFOOT UPPER HEATON LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**



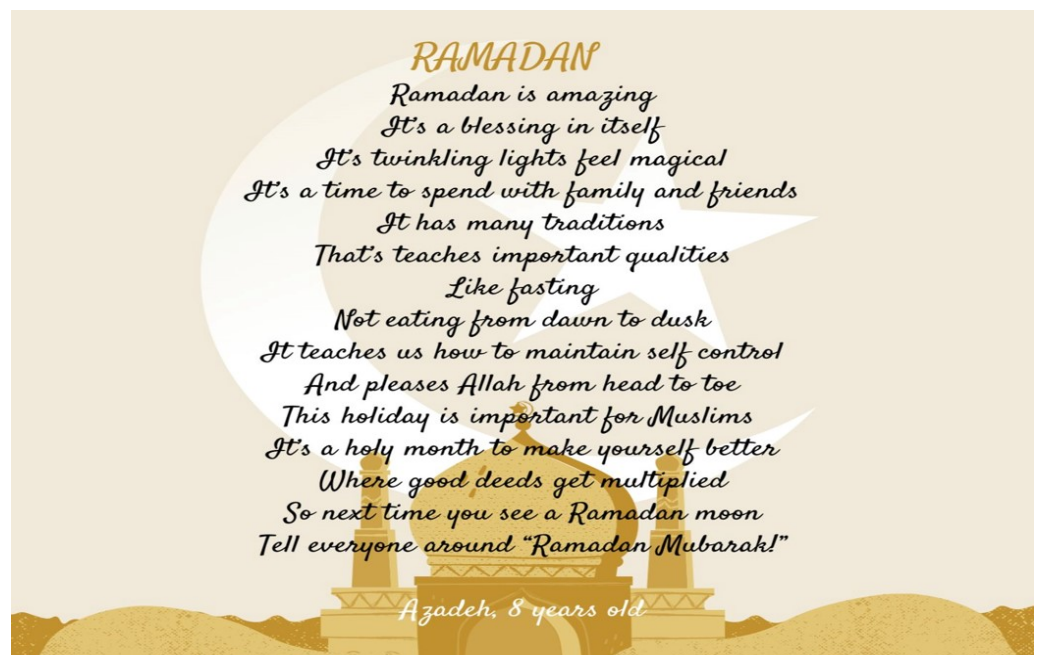
We are looking for local leaders and people involved in business and community services to join our Local School Committee (LSC). We would like to further strengthen our current membership by inviting people with a broad range of skills and experience to contribute to the strategic development of Beckfoot Upper Heaton.

The LSC meet four times a year at the end of the school day. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact **Kirsti Greer, Executive P.A. to the Headteacher at [kgreer01@beckfootupperheaton.org](mailto:kgreer01@beckfootupperheaton.org)**.



# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

## CELEBRATING RAMADAN



Follow this link to view full assembly presented to all students this week

<https://www.beckfootupperheaton.org/ramadan-assembly-monday-18th-march-2024/?cat=21>

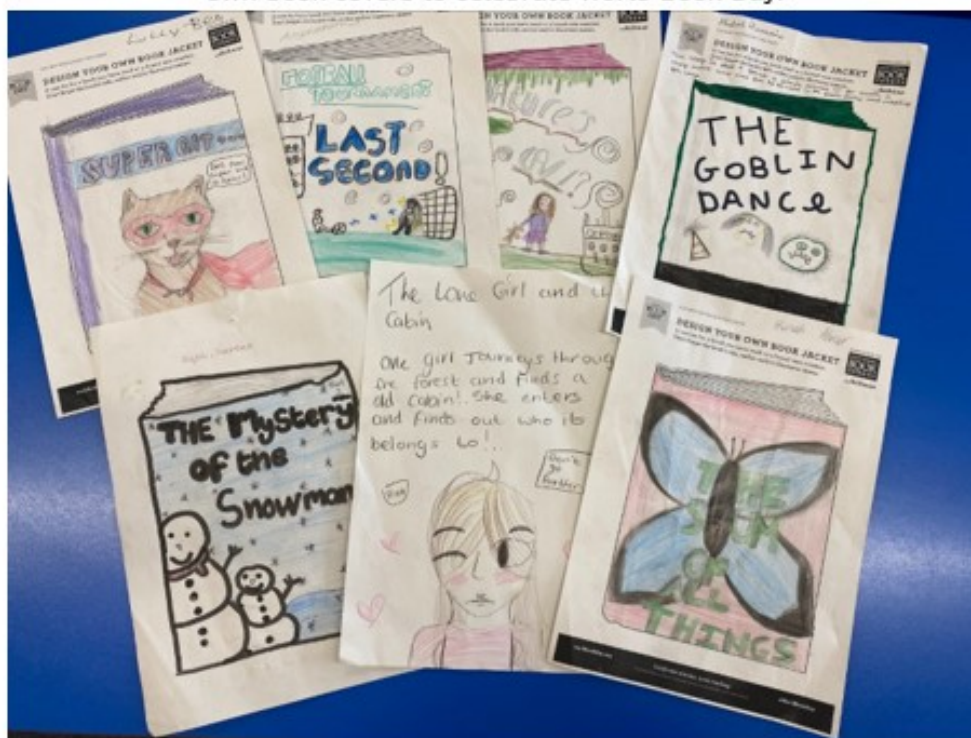


# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day! - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 have been getting creative and designing their own book covers to celebrate World Book Day.



Can you guess your teacher's favourite book?

Match the teacher to their favourite book!

- Mrs Javed
- Mr Camp
- Ms Smith
- Ms Rushworth
- Ms Blyth
- Ms Azram
- Mr Akhtar
- Mr Hart
- Ms Nutton
- Mr Broadbent
- Ms Edwards
- Mr Hussain



# GCSE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

DAY/DATE	START	EXAMINATION	DURATION
Weds 8th May	PM	BTEC Promotion & Finance for Enterprise	2 Hours
Thurs 9th May	AM	OCR Engineering AQA RE Christianity/Islam	1 Hour 15 1 Hour 45
	PM	AQA Italian Listening AQA Italian Reading AQA Urdu Listening (F) AQA Urdu Reading (F) AQA Urdu Listening (H) AQA Urdu Reading (H)	45 Mins 1 Hour 35 Mins 45 Mins 45 Mins 1 Hour
Fri 10th May	AM	AQA Biology Single P1 AQA Biology Triple P1	1 Hour 45 1 Hour 15
	AM	AQA English Lit P1	1 Hour 45
Mon 13th May	PM	OCR Sport Studies	1 Hour 15
Tues 14th May	AM	AQA French Listening (F) AQA French Reading (F)	35 Mins 45 Mins
Weds 15th May	AM	AQA History P1 America/ Conflict & Tension in Asia	2 Hours
	PM	OCR Computer Science Pearson Arabic Listening (H) Pearson Arabic Reading (H)	1 Hour 30 45 Mins 1 Hour 5
Thurs 16th May	AM	OCR Maths P1 (Calc) Pearson Maths P1 Non Calc	1 Hour 30
	PM	AQA RE Thematic Studies	1 Hour 45
Fri 17th May	AM	AQA Chemistry Single P1 AQA Chemistry Triple P1	1 Hour 45 1 Hour 15
	PM	AQA Geography P1	1 Hour 30
Mon 20th May	AM	AQA English Lit P2	2 Hours 15
	PM	AQA Italian Writing	1 Hour 15
Tues 21st May	PM	AQA Urdu Writing (F) AQA Urdu Writing (H) OCR Computer Science P2	1 Hour 1 Hour 15 1 Hour 30
Weds 22nd May	AM	AQA Physics Single P1 AQA Physics Triple P1	1 Hour 45 1 Hour 15
	AM	AQA English Language P1	1 Hour 45
Thurs 23rd May	AM	AQA English Language P1	1 Hour 45
	PM	Pearson Arabic Writing	1 Hour 25
Fri 24th May	AM	AQA French Writing	1 Hour
Mon 3rd June	AM	Pearson Maths P2 Calc OCR Maths P2 Non Calc	1 Hour 30
Tuesday 4th June	PM	AQA History Health + People/ Elizabethan England	2 Hours
Weds 5th June	AM	AQA Geography P2	1 Hour 30
	PM	OCR Health & Social Care	1 Hour 15
Thurs 6th June	AM	AQA English Language P2	1 Hour 45
Fri 7th June	PM	AQA Biology Single P2 AQA Biology Triple P2	1 Hour 45 1 Hour 15
	AM	Pearson Maths P3 Calc OCR Maths P3 Calc	1 Hour 30
Tues 11th June	AM	AQA Chemistry Single P2 AQA Chemistry Triple P2	1 Hour 45 1 Hour 15
	AM	AQA Geography P3	1 Hour 15
Fri 14th June	PM	AQA Physics Single P2 AQA Physics Triple P2	1 Hour 45 1 Hour 15
	AM	WJEC Hospitality & Catering	1 Hour 20
Thurs 20th June	AM	WJEC Hospitality & Catering	1 Hour 20

# FREE TUITION FOR YEAR 11

## How good is your child’s attendance in school?

Year 11 students at Beckfoot Upper Heaton are able to access free tuition after school (see schedule below). We encourage all students to take advantage of this precious resource. Every lesson counts, and every tuition session attended will improve the chances of better results this summer.

When we return after the Easter holiday, there will be 20 school days left before the first GCSE exam.

After-school multi-faith prayer rooms are available for those who wish to pray before their free tuition.

Monday 15.05 – 16.05	Tuesday 15.05 – 16.05	Thursday 15.05 – 16.05
<b>Computer Science.</b> <b>Mr Saddique</b> <b>S15</b> <b>Unit 2.1 Algorithms</b> <b>Unit 2.2 Programming</b> <b>Fundamentals</b>	<b>English</b> <b>Ms. Saleem and Mr. Camp</b> <b>English Literature Paper 1,</b> <b>Grade 5</b>	<b>Geography</b> <b>Mrs Siggins</b> <b>S18</b> <b>Grade 5</b>
		<b>Geography</b> <b>Mr Uddin</b> <b>S17</b> <b>Grade 3/4</b>
<b>Maths</b> <b>Mr A Hussain</b> <b>F04</b> <b>Grade 4 Focus</b>	<b>Science</b> <b>Mr Ahmed / Mr. Khalid</b> <b>S05 / S.03</b>	<b>History</b> <b>Mr Armitage</b> <b>S16</b>
	<b>Engineering</b> <b>Mr Hudson</b> <b>G27</b>	<b>Art, Engineering, Food and</b> <b>Health and Social Care</b> <b>Ms Abbot</b> <b>G27</b>
	<b>Art</b> <b>Mr Ahktar</b> <b>G21</b>	<b>Science - Physics</b> <b>Mr. Forster</b> <b>S.01</b>
		<b>Science - Chemistry</b> <b>Miss Ali</b> <b>S.09</b>



# WHAT'S COMING UP?

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are delighted to be able to offer the extra-curricular activities shown below next term.

Parents must give consent for students to participate in any of these after-school activities. Remember to indicate the club or clubs your child wishes to join. All clubs start the first week back, so please ensure your child brings their consent slip to the school office on Monday, 8th April.

**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. *Students should hand this slip to the teacher running the club.***

Day	After School Club	Club Leader	Location
<b>Monday</b>	Sport: Football (Year 9 and 10 Boys) (w/c 27/11/23)	Mr Broadbent	MUGA
	Industrial Cadets (Year 8 and 9) (w/c 18/03/24)	Miss Ali	Science Department
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sport: Intra-form Football Tournament Year 10	Mr Ahmed	Sports Hall
	Debate Club	Ms Saleem & Ms Boxwell	F.14
	STEM Club	Mr Rauf	S.06
	GCSE Science Revision	Miss Ali	S.09
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>No clubs</b>		
<b>Thursdays</b>	Art Club	Mr Akhtar	G21
	Badminton	Mr Broadbent	Sports Hall
	Drama Club	Mr Islam	F.15
<b>Friday</b>	Art Club (First lunch – 12.35 to 13.05)	Mr Akhtar	G.21

## MULTI-FAITH QUIET ROOM

To support spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) engagement in school, we are able to provide a supervised, quiet space to allow students to pray / reflect during their lunchtime.

Students should ensure that they have their lunch before using this facility as lunch will not be served in the last 5-minutes. Food should be eaten in the canteen or canopy areas as no food is allowed on the corridors or the classrooms. Under no circumstances will students be allowed to leave lessons to pray as there is no need for this to happen based on prayer times checked locally. Students can use the following rooms, as detailed below for prayer.

Days	Boys	Girls
Monday 5A		Ms. Saleem F07
Monday 5B	Mr. Saddique S15	
Tuesday 5A	Mr. Saddique S15	
Tuesday 5B		Ms. Saleem F07
Wednesday 5B	Mr. Saddique S15	
Wednesday 5B		Ms. Azram / Ms. Hussain S19
Thursday 5A	Mr. Saddique S15	
Thursday 5B		Ms. Hussain S19
Friday 5A/5B	Mr. Iqbal / Others S14	Ms. Sait / Ms. Hussain S11

If you would like your son/daughter to access this provision, please ask them to see Mr Iqbal, Mr Saddique, Ms. Sait or their Head of Year for a sticker. This sticker must be shown to lunchtime duty staff for permission to access the Quiet room.

We expect all students to demonstrate our school values, demonstrate respect and show understanding to those of all backgrounds, faiths, and no faith. Failure to do this will result in access being withdrawn. Thank you for your support with this. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or any other member of the BUH Leadership team.

## **STUDENT LOCKERS FOR YEAR 10**

We would like to offer students in Year 10 the opportunity of having a locker in school for use for the remainder of their time here at BUH.

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 [ParentPay](#)

This deposit will be returned at the end of Year 11 in July 2025 subject to the following conditions being met:

1. No damage to the locker on inspection
2. Key and padlock returned to school

We 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.





# **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



## **CLASSCHARTS MESSAGE FROM A PARENT**

As a parent, I would encourage other parents and carers to download ClassCharts. This is an app which provides a great insight into school resources.

From this app, you can access your child's behaviour, attitude to learning, attendance and regular academic updates. You can also read the school newsletter which contains upcoming school events and regular updates about the school.

ClassCharts has been very beneficial for me as I have been kept up to date with my sons' daily academic performance. Parents can be informed when teachers award achievement points, detentions, etc. Therefore, I think it would be useful for every parent or carer to download the app so you can become more aware of your child's learning.

**Mrs Tasleem Ali, Parent**

**Access your child's ClassCharts account daily**

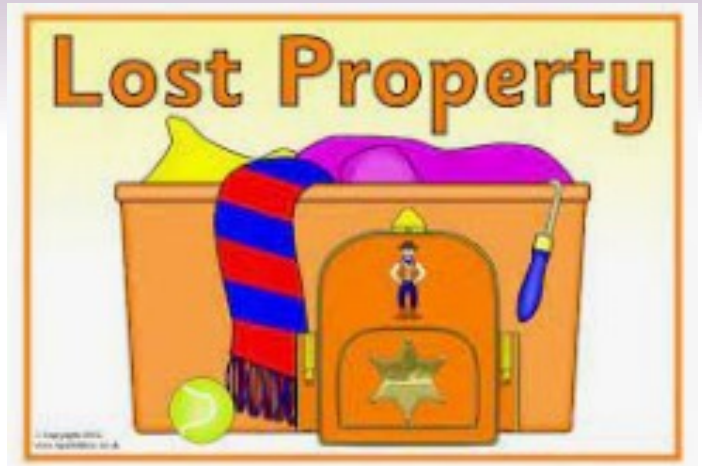
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## Lost Property

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, 12th April**. 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.



## **School closes on**

Friday, 22nd March  
for Easter break



## **School reopens on**

Monday, 8th April

We look forward to seeing all students at  
8.05am