



15th July 2024

Dear families,

This is my final letter of the year.

I cannot believe how fast this year has gone. Together, we have achieved so much to ensure that Beckfoot Upper Heaton is a school of choice in our community. We will be full in Year 7 next year with 45% female to 55% male students. This has only been possible through the hard work from our parents/carers, community leaders, external agencies, staff and students.

Throughout the year, we have been visited by various stakeholders in quality assuring our school improvement plans in creating a remarkable school where no child is left behind. These audits were carried out in the areas of student academic performance, students' wellbeing and safeguarding. Additional scrutinies were carried out throughout the year by the Local School Committee members.

I am pleased to inform you that all stakeholder visits have recognised the significant improvement that has taken place in the past twelve months. Indeed, one student commented that the school is 'unrecognisable' in comparison to the previous year.

This week, over 150 students will attend their rewards trip to Flamingo Land. Such whole-school trips have been suspended for a long period of time, partly due to Covid-19. We are pleased that so many students met the criteria for a free place!

On Friday 19th July, we will have our first non-uniform/traditional wear day. Many students had asked for this day when I was interviewed for Headteacher 12-months ago. Staff are also invited to participate in this special event. We are asking for a donation of £1.00 from every student and member of staff. All the money raised will go to a children's charity to help children in the Gaza conflict. If you would like to donate, you can do so via ParentPay until Monday 22nd July 2024 or bring your donations to our school reception. Thank you for your generosity in this important cause.

Arrangements for welcoming back our students in September:

- School is **closed** to all students on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September for staff training days (please see our school website, Families tab [Beckfoot Upper Heaton - Term/Holiday Dates](#))
- Wednesday 4th September at 8.05am: **ONLY** Year 11 and new Year 7 to attend
- Thursday 5th September at 8.05am: **ALL** students to attend
- **ALL students are reminded to wear their current school ties when they attend school (this is to keep the uniform cost down for our families)**
- Year 11 students will be issued with a 'free of charge' new black tie for graduating into their final year at Beckfoot Upper Heaton, but they must attend school wearing their blue ties on the first day.
- **ALL** students must bring their **full school equipment** and a **school bag big enough to carry a A4 ring binder folder.**

The headlines are as follows:

Questions	Percentage agree or strongly agree (2023-24) - school	Percentage agree or strongly agree – Parent View May 23
My child feels safe and happy at this school	92%	41%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	85%	25%
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly	83%	29%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	86%	43%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at school	90%	68%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	80%	37%

Thank you for completing the parent surveys during the parents' consultation evenings. Although we have more to do in improving our communication system with families, thank you for your feedback which I have shared below.

As I have stated previously, the best way you can support your child in their education is to ensure that they aspire to 100% attendance and punctuality, you do everything you can to attend parents' evenings, and rigorously monitor our five 100% habits. **The best way to do this is by downloading our free Class Charts app.** Please see ([Beckfoot Upper Heaton - Home Learning - Class Charts](#))

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

We look forward to continuing our strong professional partnerships next year. Students in every year group have the potential to achieve amazing outcomes. We have been encouraged by all students in how they conducted themselves in their summer assessments. We are very hopeful with our current Year 10 cohort for a record-breaking GCSE result in August 2025!

Our students are keen and inquisitive learners with high career ambitions. Together, we will do everything we can to help our students to achieve their goals in becoming responsible, knowledgeable, and well-skilled citizens, so that they can contribute positively to our community as future leaders.

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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