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Dear families

We hope that you are enjoying a well-deserved break with your family and friends after an 8-week half-term!

We welcomed our new Year 7 students to our wonderful school. They all looked very smart! It was equally lovely to see all other students return after their summer holidays, 100% in school uniform and eager to begin their new academic year.

As you will be aware, at Beckfoot Upper Heaton, we talk a lot about values and habits. It was my pleasure to welcome to school Mufti Wajid from the Victor Street Masjid, Imam Aleem from Haworth Road Mosque and Dr Joshi, MBE (Deputy Lieutenant, Bradford) who spoke to our staff and students about human values and habits. It was important for our students to appreciate that our school is very much part of our community and values are just as important in our lives outside of school.

We, therefore, prepare our students for adulthood by ensuring they understand what we mean by our school sentence, **'the school taught students to act with integrity and kindness and they went on to demonstrate excellence in their chosen field; it was a place where all belonged'**. **Therefore, we model our five 100% habits:**

- Perfect uniform
- Equipment for learning
- On task
- Polite response
- Punctuality and attendance

Whilst most students attend their lessons on time and engage with the very important 'Do Now' activity in the first 10minutes of the lessons, there is a small number of students who arrive after the late bell. This means that lessons are disrupted, and they miss out on important knowledge retrieval work.

From Monday 4th November, any students who arrive to lessons after the late bell (without a note in their planner from staff) or internally truant, will receive a 90-minute after-school detention on the same day. You will be informed via ClassCharts.

This change will not impact on 97% of our students, and I want to thank them for taking their education seriously. Last week, many students received certificates and recognition for their hard work and attendance. You can monitor through ClassCharts the daily positive recognitions students receive from their teachers.

Year 7 students enjoyed their free school trip to Nell Bank Outdoor Education Centre.

Good luck to all Year 11 students in their first mock exams starting on Monday 4th November. Year 10 students also have their assessments.

Thank you if you have not requested a family holiday abroad during term-time. Any gaps in learning will affect how your child performs in their examinations. We appreciate that air fares are cheaper during term-time, but we cannot put a price on a child's education.

Thank you for all your support - it is very much appreciated. We are all working extremely hard to ensure that no child is left behind.

Please stay safe in the upcoming Halloween and bonfire night. Happy Diwali to those of you celebrating this week.

We look forward to welcoming back all students to school on Monday 4th November at 8.10am.

Yours sincerely,

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

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