



16th December 2024

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Dear families

As we approach the end of a very successful term, I would like to say a huge thank you for all your continued support.

Students and staff have worked tremendously hard in what has been a very long term. We are ready for the Christmas break and to enjoy the festive holidays with friends and loved ones.

We have much to celebrate. Here are some highlights from this half-term:

- Students received almost 80,000 achievement points compared to 75,000 last year
- Number of fixed-term suspensions down by 6% compared to last year
- Attendance of students who are not in receipt of free-school lunch is at 91%
- We issued students in Y10 and Y11 with free folders and equipment to ensure they were ready to learn. Other students were given free stationery
- Year 11 students are in a better academic position this year after Mock 1 compared to last year. Their Mock 2 will begin on Monday 13 January 2025! GET READY!!
- Year 7 students reached the French SpellingBEE finals competition last week
- Girls' STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) presented their projects and won recognitions and well as rewards in a regional seminar
- Key Stage 3 students participated in extra-curricular after-school activities
- Christmas lunch served on Wednesday 18th December
- **Our first Winter Showcase will be held on Thursday 19th December at 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Please come and support your school. It's only one hour!**
- Christmas jumper or traditional wear day on Friday 20th December with the school finishing at 1.00pm for all students. **£1.00 donation to our children's charity to the conflict in Gaza**
- The last two weeks of this term, students were selected randomly to win prizes for attending school every day with big prizes distributed on Friday

We have implemented a new teaching and learning policy which enables students to work harder and develop their resilience. These habits are crucial in exams as students would be expected to write for longer as they get older. Most of our students are fantastic, and they will achieve very well at Beckfoot Upper Heaton.

As you will be aware, at Beckfoot Upper Heaton, we talk a lot about values and habits. 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 10 minutes of 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. We will continue to implement the 90-minute after-school detention if students arrive to lessons after the 4-min movement bell without a note from a staff.

We would ask you to discuss with your child safe use of their mobile phones when they are outside of school. **It is illegal to take photos or record using their phone without permission.** Mobile phone use is **not allowed** whilst on the school site as per our school policy.

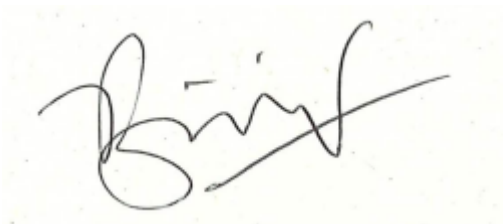
Thank you if you have not requested a family holiday abroad during term-time. Any gaps in learning will affect how your child performs in their examinations. We appreciate that air fares are cheaper during term-time, but we cannot put a price on a child's education.

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

Please stay safe as we wish you a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

**We look forward to welcoming back all students to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.05am.**

Yours sincerely,



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