



Beckfoot  
Trust

# RECRUITMENT PACK

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# Welcome

## Welcome Message from the CEO of Beckfoot Trust: David Horn

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining the Beckfoot Trust. We are a cross phase Multi Academy Trust established in 2013. We have steadily built up our Trust to nine Bradford schools crossing secondary, primary and special sectors. We educate close to 7000 young people and have over a 1000 staff.

Our aim is to create a group of remarkable Bradford schools delivering outcomes for learners that will place each school within the top 20% of similar schools nationally for progress made. We expect all of our schools to be 'good' in Ofsted terms by the time of their first inspection following conversion. We believe that to achieve that level of success, our students have to enjoy learning, feel safe and expect success. Equally importantly staff have to feel valued and workload has to be managed. Critically our schools have to be very well led so as to create a culture of trust. We have sought to describe that in the attached 'Remarkable Learning Environment' vision document, enclosed in this pack.

We believe that comprehensive education is unparalleled if done well. Our schools reflect the community they serve. We have no interest in shaping admissions. All of our schools are co-educational and are not faith based. We believe that all our students, regardless of starting point, can achieve great things. We never give up on any child.

There is a momentum developing across the Trust. Our recent Trust Conference (January 18) was attended by over 700 delegates from our teaching and associate staff. We all shared practice and learnt from one another. There is a genuine belief amongst our colleagues that we are creating something very special here.

We have our own Teaching School overseeing extensive collaboration and networking opportunities across our schools; a School Direct Teacher Training programme in place to identify the next generation of great teachers plus outstanding leadership training programmes for all teaching and associate staff. We have a developing view about teacher workload and we want a workforce that reflects the community we serve and is diverse and genuinely inclusive.

Our Trust is well organised commercially and has very effective governance. Our governance model is rooted in an understanding that a MAT is one legal entity accountable for one group of children. It has a secure infrastructure. It is a mature model.

We are excited about what we are trying to create here. The Trust has genuine moral purpose. We know why we are doing what we are doing. For too long generations of learners have not fulfilled their potential in many of our schools. The community we serve are entitled to something better. We are trying to tackle social inequality and demonstrate that schools are strengthened by working in partnership rather than in isolation.

We are looking to appoint people with the same values and absolute determination to make our Trust successful long term. If you have any questions or would like to visit our schools please email: [trustjobs@beckfoot.org](mailto:trustjobs@beckfoot.org)

Once again, a sincere thank you for expressing an interest in joining us.

David Horn

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# About Us

## Our Primary Schools:

### *Beckfoot Allerton Primary and Nursery School*

Beckfoot Allerton Primary and Nursery is a two form entry primary school. They joined the Trust in September 2016. The school was judged 'outstanding' by Ofsted prior to joining the Trust. Outcomes have dipped in the last few years however under new leadership the school is rapidly re-establishing itself as a fantastic school.

### *Beckfoot Heaton Primary and Nursery*

Beckfoot Heaton Primary and Nursery is a 3 form entry primary school. The school joined the Trust in September 2016. The school was judged by Ofsted as 'requiring improvement' prior to joining the Trust. The school has made remarkable progress in its first year and is developing a reputation locally and nationally for innovative practice.

### *Beckfoot Priestthorpe Primary School*

Beckfoot Priestthorpe is a one form entry primary school. They joined the Trust in September 2017. The schools was judged by Ofsted as 'good' prior to joining the Trust. This is a rapidly improving school with a clear strategy to progress from good to great.

## Our Secondary Schools:

### *Beckfoot School*

Beckfoot School formed the Trust in 2013. It is an 11-18 secondary school with 1625 pupils. The school secured an outstanding Ofsted judgement in 2014. It established a Teaching School in 2015 and secured a 'World Class Quality mark' in 2016.

### *Beckfoot Oakbank*

Beckfoot Oakbank is an 11 -18 secondary school with 1520 pupils. The school joined the Trust in September 2016. The school moves into a new purpose built accommodation in April 2018. The school was judged by Ofsted as 'requiring improvement' prior to joining the Trust. Under fresh leadership the school has identified a clear strategy to accelerate achievement rapidly.

### *Beckfoot Thornton*

Beckfoot Thornton is an 11 -18 secondary school with 1446 pupils. The school joined the Trust in September 2016. The school was judged by Ofsted as 'requiring improvement' prior to joining the Trust. A change in leadership of the school from April 17 has transformed the progress of the school.

### *Beckfoot Upper Heaton*

Beckfoot Upper Heaton is an 11 -16 secondary school with 415 pupils. The school joined the Trust in September 2015. The school moved into a new purpose built accommodation in January 2017. The school was judged by Ofsted as 'special measures' prior to joining the Trust. The school is being transformed, over subscribed in the lower years and developing outcomes that place already place the school in the top 20% of similar schools for progress made in basics.

## Our Special Schools:

### *Hazelbeck*

Hazelbeck is a school for students with special educational needs aged 11 – 19. It was the first school to join the Trust in 2013. Within 18 months the school had moved from one requiring improvement to outstanding (2015) in every category. It is co-located with Beckfoot School. It is a remarkable school.

## *Beckfoot Phoenix*

Beckfoot Phoenix is a school for students with special educational needs aged 2 – 11 years old. They joined the Trust in September 2017. The schools was judged by Ofsted as 'good' prior to joining the Trust. This is a rapidly improving school with a clear strategy to progress from good to great.

## Our Remarkable Learning Environment

We are creating schools with a very distinctive culture and ethos. Schools where you sense something magical is happening the moment you enter them. We have sought to describe that in this 'Remarkable Learning Environment' vision document.

### BECKFOOT TRUST SCHOOLS REMARKABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

#### WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE STAND FOR

The Beckfoot Trust is a cluster of cross phase Bradford schools, all located within a 20 minute drive of Beckfoot School, all genuinely comprehensive in character and keen to demonstrate that school to school collaborative practice can create exceptionally successful learning communities.

#### CORE PURPOSE

Beckfoot Trust schools will create remarkable learning environments in which students expect success because of their ambitious attitude to learning, the challenge provided by staff and the support they receive at home.

#### MEASURING IMPACT

Each school creates outcomes for learners that rank them in the top 20% by comparison with students in similar schools by their first inspection.

#### BY 2019

We expect all our schools who joined the Trust before 2017 to be rated either 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. If not yet inspected, we expect schools to be judged to be 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by our External Review lead.

#### COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

We are equal partners and work collaboratively to establish the 'best idea'. We network. We sow seeds by grouping people together, establishing multiple pockets of collaborative practice across our schools and sharing what we learn.

#### TRUST SUPPORT

The Trust provides a support structure for each school in relation to the following:

- Understanding and defining the approach to school improvement
- Developing consistency while respecting uniqueness
- Knowing schools well and holding them to account
- Supporting succession planning through the Identification of talent, deploying and developing leaders.
- Developing professional development networks
- Training teachers to join our schools
- Co-ordinating shared events that celebrate achievements
- Securing strong governance and genuine local engagement
- Providing commercial efficiency

#### THE 10 KEY FEATURES OF OUR SCHOOLS

1. **Core Values:** All our schools share the same Trust Value statement: 'Enjoy - Learn - Succeed'. We believe that you have to enjoy learning to be successful.
2. **Learners:** Every one of our learners, regardless of social background, special educational need or academic starting point, is expected to achieve excellence academically and socially. We want our learners to be literate, numerate and possess good communication skills.
3. **Leadership:** Our leaders shape the culture, the strategic direction and the climate of our schools. They inspire colleagues. They are highly visible. They distribute leadership effectively and empower colleagues to innovate. They assess impact accurately and hold colleagues to account in an emotionally mature way. They are learners and seek regular feedback on the effectiveness of their leadership from pupils, staff and parents.
4. **Curriculum:** As a cross phase Trust, our curriculum seamlessly transitions from early years, to primary and then to secondary settings. We prepare our learners to flourish in the adult world by allowing them to learn appropriate knowledge and work related skills, and experience wider learning activities.
5. **Quality Teaching:** Our teachers design learning. They are experts in planning lessons with clear purpose to ensure that every learner can: a) problem solve, b) work independently and in teams, c) demonstrate leadership, d) create things that were not there before, e) show off what they have learnt, and f) reflect on how to do even better.
6. **Climate for Learning:** The school creates the climate that allows learning to flourish. Learners feel safe, they are rewarded for great attendance and positive behaviour. They both respect and contribute positively to the community.
7. **Staff Welfare and Professional Development:** Our staff are cherished. Their work life balance is preserved. Pointless bureaucracy is abandoned. Staff have formally identified time to plan and work collaboratively. Their professional development is paramount and stems from self-reflection and appraisal. We seek to identify talent and promote from within the Trust.
8. **Parents:** Our schools actively involve parents in all aspects of the school's activity. They are key partners in supporting their child's learning. We communicate effectively with them and encourage them to visit the school regularly to discuss their child's learning and to see them exhibit their work.
9. **Data:** Data is used Trust wide to gather appropriate information so as to systematically and accurately inform learning development for both learners and staff.
10. **Commercial Effectiveness:** Every school is cost effective, links in fully to shared service development and is legally compliant in all aspects including safeguarding



## Working for the Trust

*'Creating an environment that values its people'*

### **Our Commitment to you:**

#### **We will:**

- Seek to attract and retain talent through our recruitment practices to ensure we are an Employer of Choice.
- Offer an ambitious, motivating and vibrant place to work.
- Provide excellent performance management and professional development opportunities.
- Support collaborative working and share best practice.
- Provide a model of senior leadership that is committed to supporting and developing others.
- Reduce unnecessary workload and free teachers up to teach.
- Reward our staff, adhering to national pay and conditions.
- Promote wellbeing and provide regular and effective clear communication.
- Make it a priority to listen to our employees to seek and understand their views and to act on feedback, engaging with employees directly and through negotiation and consultation with recognised trade unions.
- Provide absolute clarity about our values and our collectively owned vision.
- Provide clear and consistently applied management systems and policies.
- Provide a generous approach to a range of flexible working patterns and family friendly policies.
- Offer a contributory pension that is competitive with those offered elsewhere.
- Offer additional benefits including access to on-site facilities, paid DBS, a free flu jab (tbc), free eye test and access to a salary sacrifice scheme (childcare vouchers).

### **Our Expectations of you:**

- Embrace the Remarkable Learning Environment of the Trust.
- High levels of professionalism and a desire to keep learning new things.
- Be flexible and adaptable in your approach to team working, collaboration and resilience.
- Embrace performance management initiatives to get the most out of opportunities available.
- Positivity and a willingness to work hard and go the extra mile

*'Making Beckfoot Trust the employer of choice'*

## Application Process

Please visit our website [www.beckfoottrust.org](http://www.beckfoottrust.org) - Trust vacancies and download the recruitment pack and application form.

### **How to Apply for our vacancies:**

Please complete the enclosed application form providing full details of your education and employment history, including any unpaid or voluntary work. Where there are gaps in your employment, please state the reasons why (e.g. gap year, career break, unemployed etc.). Applications should be completed and received by post or email no later than the deadline on the advert.

Use the job description and person specification as your guide and give specific examples, where possible, to demonstrate how you match the requirements for this post. We require details of three referees, one of which must be your current or most recent employer.

Please provide their names, email addresses and daytime contact numbers.

Please sign the declaration on the final page of the application form. If you are submitting your application electronically, you will be required to sign this page if invited for interview.

CVs are not accepted as part of the application process. Please ensure you fully complete the relevant application form. If you have a disability that prevents you from completing the application form, please contact the school to discuss.

### **Important Information**

Applications will be evaluated against the requirements of the post, with those candidates that best fit the requirements being shortlisted. Details of the interview programme will be confirmed after the closing date. If you have not been contacted within one month of the closing date, please assume you have not been shortlisted. In this case, may we thank you in advance for your interest in this post and wish you the very best for the future.

We would strongly encourage you to browse our website as it will also give you a good idea of what our school is like. However, no website can replace the experience of coming into the school and seeing us first-hand. We would warmly welcome you to visit our school and if you would like to take advantage of a tour, do please contact the school office to register for a visit. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will do everything they can to assist.

### **Safeguarding Children**

Beckfoot Trust makes reasonable decisions about the suitability of prospective employees based on checks and evidence including: criminal record checks (DBS checks), barred list checks and prohibition checks, together with references and interview information.

We look forward to meeting you.