

Careers Information Advice and Guidance

At Beckfoot we are committed to providing a Year 7up programme of careers and information guidance to allow students to think about, plan, reflect and refine their decision about their future. As part of this, we aim to establish strong links with the wider community including industry experts, businesses, parents, former Beckfoot students and charities in order to prepare students for life beyond Beckfoot.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth Form
Children's University	GCSE option choice interviews	Ahead Partnership Workshops and talks	Work experience	Post 16 choices careers interviews	* Work experience * UCAS and apprenticeship guidance

Outlined below is an overview of the types of experiences students will access at different stages:

Year group activities explained in more detail:

- Children's University – All Year 7 students are issued with a passport to learning at the start of Year 7. Throughout the year, students then accumulate credits and hours linked to extracurricular, community and charity initiatives. This culminates in students graduating at the University of Bradford where parents are invited to a graduation ceremony later in the year.
- GCSE Option choices – Students at Beckfoot choose their GCSE options at the end of Year 8. Students are issued with a personalised pathway booklet and receive an individual conversation with a senior member of staff to help them make decisions. This culminates in a Parents Evening where students and parents can discuss options with subject teachers.
- Ahead Partnership workshops and talks – This involves a careers fair event where students can speak to employers and industry experts in school. In addition, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) experts will deliver assemblies talks with students.
- Work experience – students complete a week of work experience with an employer of their choice. Our careers team work closely with students and tutors to prepare students for this and ensure they have an enjoyable and productive experience (and maybe even a part time job at the end of it!)
- Post 16 Choices – as with Year 8 students, Year 11 students will receive an individual conversation about guidance on next steps following their GCSE exams. This fits alongside the careers PSHCE work in tutor time.
- UCAS and apprenticeship guidance – Sixth Form students will get involved in a series of bespoke talks around post 18 options, industries and choices. There are also a series of evening events around University and apprenticeship opportunities. Sixth Form students will also attend open days and taster days throughout Year 12 and Year 13.

All year groups will also carry out:

- PSCHE time on Careers education – this will cover a full term of content that cumulatively builds up year on year from dream careers in Year 7 to interview skills by Year 11. (See separate PSHCE page for more detail).
- Careers interview – At Beckfoot we have a dedicated careers team who are trained to talk with students and advise them on next steps and career pathways. Students can book a careers interview at any time or maybe approached by the careers team for an interview
- Wider Learning Days – On these days, students are off normal timetables and take part in varying activities link to IAG according to different year groups around such themes as STEM, Careers days, outside agencies and speakers.
- College and University taster days – these will run with individuals and groups of students throughout their time with us based on interest and availability.
- Guest speakers, industry experts and outside agencies – students will be invited to talks from industry experts, careers agencies, former Beckfoot students and parents who can offer specific industry advice. This also includes the 'Speakers for Schools' programme.