

Curriculum and Learning in KS3

We refer to KS3 at Beckfoot as the learning undertaken in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. Students have 25 hours of learning a week, plus a designated PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) session each week.

We work in partnership with our Primary colleagues to ensure that your child builds on the excellent learning that they have done in Year 5 and 6.

All students study the following subjects:

English and Literacy
Maths and Numeracy
Science
Geography
History
RE
French
Music
Art
Design and Technology
Drama and Dance
PE

In addition, some students study a Computer Science course in conjunction with Maths, or have additional English or Maths lessons within the timetabled week.

Wider Learning Days

During our Wider Learning Days (when we suspend the curriculum for the day), students are involved in STEM projects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) or wider PSHCE activities. Careers exposure and 'a job for a day' is important for students in Years 7 and 8 to get them thinking about their long-term future and ambitions.

Reading

All students in Years 7 and 8 are part of the Accelerated Reading programme and are expected to have 'a book in their bag' at all times. They are encouraged to read for a minimum of 30 minutes each day and will have weekly spelling tests in English.

All students in Year 9 are part of the Accelerated Reading programme and are expected to have 'a book in their bag' at all times. They are encouraged to read for a minimum of 20 minutes each day and will also have weekly spelling tests.

SPA

Twice a week during Tutor Time students can choose to attend a SPA activity (Sport or Performing Arts) which takes place during Tutor Time and their break. We encourage every student to get involved in enrichment activities and student leadership.

Personalised Pathways

In December and January of Year 8 students carry out a Personalised Pathways programme which culminates in you and your child, with the guidance and support of all of us, selecting which examination courses they would like to follow from Years 9-11.