



Your Open Evening Questions Answered

What extra support is provided if my child is struggling in a subject?

Teachers will constantly review students' progress through both learning checks in lessons and through Progress Points and more formal assessments. Based on this, teachers will 'reteach' areas that students need to go over in order to close these gaps in learning. This is an ongoing process. Students in KS3 can also benefit from reading intervention where this is needed. In Year 11, we have an intervention programme that includes tutor time and Period 6 support.

What are the rules around mobile phones?

We recognise that technology plays a key part in today's world and so we have worked with our students to develop our approach to mobile phones. Students are allowed to use their phones in the atrium or outside at break and lunchtime. If they have their phone out in lessons, they will receive a P2 as per our PLS (Positive Learning Strategy). Misuse of technology, including mobile phones, will receive an appropriate sanction.

How do you push students who are exceptionally good at maths or English?

Students are setted so they are taught according to their ability profile. For extremely bright students at KS3 we use UKMT material to extend them. This involves individual challenges and problem-solving style questions to promote mathematical thinking. Students are also encouraged to read around the subject through books such as the Murderous Maths series.

Is there any more Ofsted inspection information, other than the report on the school website?

Our last Ofsted report is the latest documentation we have in terms of an Ofsted review. However, we benefit from a bi-annual internal review as part of a Trust and termly TAS (Team Around the School) meetings with the CIT (Central Improvement Team) to discuss standards and progress. As internal documents, we cannot share these widely.

Will we be inviting parents into the school in the future?

We would love to invite parents in but only when it is safe to do so, which is unlikely given the current climate.

Are the extra-curricular clubs listed on the website available to students in every year or based on numbers interested?

Our extra-curricular groups are well-established and all groups take place each year, with students joining groups to build on numbers from the previous year. The groups are for every student in the school, although some of the groups have a minimum standard to join, but there is always a group that will cater for less experienced musicians. For examples Groovetubes, leading onto Senior Band. If there is a group that students want setting up that caters for something new, we would always be excited to hear about this. We also have many student run ensembles that cater for specialisms too.

Are there peripatetic music teachers coming in for all instruments?

We have a wide range of peripatetic staff coming into school, we cater for the vast majority of instruments, including voice, piano/keyboard, bass/electric/acoustic/classical guitar, strings, woodwind, brass, voice and percussion. If in doubt, just send us an email and we will be able to give advice.

Are the extra-curricular clubs listed on the website available to students in every year or based on numbers interested?

All sports are open to all year groups. Some are split over different nights to accommodate numbers (where year groups are indicated). Sports that are oversubscribed (e.g. trampoline) are put on a rota so that everyone gets at least a half term block.

What sports teams do you have in each year group?

We have sports teams for: football, rugby, basketball, netball, cheerleading, table tennis, badminton, swimming, sports hall athletics, rounders, athletics, cricket, tennis, cross country, table cricket and boccia.

Do you manage to secure a challenging fixture list with other schools?

Yes, we enter Bradford school leagues, cup competitions, galas, festivals, Trust competitions, Bradford School Games and West Yorkshire invites to name a few!

What time does school open/close? How early can they arrive? How late can they leave?

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC), which is our library, and Atrium are open to students from 7.45am. Students can buy breakfast from 8.00am and we have a welcoming Atrium space. Lessons start at 8:30am. Lessons finish at 2.45pm and after-school activities usually end by 4.15pm. Students also have access to the LRC after school until 4.30pm. Any student who is not in an organised activity or using the LRC, should leave by 3.00pm. All students must leave the school site by 4.30pm.

Can students leave school at break or lunch?

Only our Sixth Form students are allowed to leave school during their break and lunch.

Where can I find more information about your school?

We provide lots of information about our school on our school website, Twitter and Facebook page.

Our website is www.beckfoot.org

Our Twitter is [@Beckfoot School](https://twitter.com/Beckfoot_School)

Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/Beckfoot-School-110841650759141/>

Each year, will have a designated Transition page to help Year 6 students transition to Year 7; please have a look at last years here http://www.beckfoot.org/?page_id=13970.

Do students have access to laptops/computers?

Students have access to laptops/computers during lessons where they need them. They also have access to computers in the LRC before school, at break, at lunch and after school.

How did the school perform in GCSEs and A levels this year?

The school got its best ever GCSE grades this year with 62% achieving strong passes in English and Maths (grade 5 and above) and 82% achieving passes (grade 4 and above). The average number of GCSEs passed per child is 7. 81% of students achieved 5 or more strong passes (grade 5 and above) including English and Maths.

Can we see a sample Year 7 timetable?

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Mon:1 Science LKS E9	Tue:1 History RCS E9	Wed:1 Mathematics SOA E9	Thu:1 German SJO E9	Fri:1 Art LHB E9
Mon:2 Drama SEH E9	Tue:2 Mathematics RPL E9	Wed:2 Design Technology NLS E9	Thu:2 Physical Education ALJ E9	Fri:2 Science LKS E9
Mon:Tu2 Tutor Time SAH E9	Tue:Tu2 Tutor Time SAH E9	Wed:Tu2 Tutor Time SAH E9	Thu:Tu2 Tutor Time SAH E9	Fri:Tu2 Tutor Time SAH E9
Mon:3 Design Technology AAH E9	Tue:3 English KED E9	Wed:3 Music JPR E9	Thu:3 Geography HEL E9	Fri:3 Physical Education ALJ E9
Mon:4 Computing SSI E9	Tue:4 Geography HEL E9	Wed:4 English LAC E9	Thu:4 Religious Education ELA E9	Fri:4 English LAC E9
Mon:5 English KED E9	Tue:5 German SJO E9	Wed:5 Science HAL E9	Thu:5 Mathematics SOA E9	Fri:5 Mathematics RPL E9

Can we see the curriculum overview for English, Maths and Science in Year 7?

Maths

- Working with numbers and the number system
- Fractions decimals and percentages
- Ratio and proportion
- The language of algebra
- Expressions and equations
- Sequences, functions and graphs

English

- Telling the Story
- A 'classic' tale?
- Shakespeare: To laugh or to cry?
- Shakespeare: Deeper focus
- Sonnets over time
- Oracy
- Autobiography

Science

- Enquiry Processes
- Organisms
- Forces
- Matter
- Energy
- Ecosystems
- Earth
- Electromagnets
- Genes
- Waves
- Reactions

More detail will be on the school website in the coming weeks as we develop our curriculum area.

What are the language choices through KS3, 4 and 5?

KS3 study German or French depending on their year half. KS4 study French or German at present.

How are year 7 grouped for their subject? Is streaming or setting involved?

It depends on the subject. We set where possible in Maths, English and Science but other classes are streamed.

What is the procedure for groups/sets for twins?

We look to put twins in separate year halves to support their independence and individualism. Twins can socialise with each other at break time and lunch time if they wish to.

How big are class sizes?

KS3 classes are, on average, 27. KS4 are, on average, 23.

How many lessons are taught by non-specialists?

In Y7, 8 and 9, all English, maths and science lessons are taught by subject specialists and the majority of all other lessons are taught by subject specialists too. In Y10, 11, 12 and 13, all lessons are taught by subject specialists.