

# BECKFOOT FUTURES SUMMER NEWLETTER



## EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

What a busy term this has been!

The Year 10 Further Education (FE)/Higher Education (HE) activities were rescheduled because of the snow day in March, giving our new Year 11 students the opportunity to hear from Bradford University and Beckfoot Sixth Form last week. Some students had the opportunity to visit Keighley, Craven and Shipley College and a small group of students visited the Aviation Academy at Leeds Bradford Airport.

We have also led some small maths specific career events such as a visit to Sheffield University to find out more about STEM careers and the maths4girls volunteers who linked in to talk to students about how they can use maths in their future.

## 6th Form Futures Day

Our Beckfoot 6th Form students enjoyed their first ever Futures Day on Tuesday 27th June. They learnt more about UCAS and applications, made a first draft of their personal statement and had the opportunity to speak to University experts. As part of the day, students were interviewed by a wide range of industry experts, giving them the opportunity to practice their skills and learn new interview techniques ready for the world of work.





# Awards



We have also had an exciting term ourselves as the team was shortlisted for the best careers programme in pre-16 education by the Career Development Institute, the professional body for careers education. We are absolutely delighted to be recognised at this level!

Alongside this, we attended the annual Skillshouse Awards in Bradford. Our partner, Jonathan from Hays Recruitment, won the award in the category of Outstanding Business Contribution following our nomination. We are absolutely delighted that Jonathan has been recognised outside of school for his exceptional contribution to our futures programme. Throughout the year, Jonathan and his team have supported us with interview practice for year 12 and workplace visits and we look forward to working with them again next year.

# Results August 2023

With exams ending, many pupils will be preparing to take their next step into further academic studies or the workplace, which we know can be confusing and feel a bit daunting.

Our careers advisor, Liz Palmer, will be available on GCSE results day (Thursday 24th August) to offer impartial advice and guidance. She is contactable on both A Level (Thursday 17th August) and GCSE results day by phone 07811 504139 or email: [liz.palmer@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:liz.palmer@bradford.gov.uk).

**Good luck to all of our new Year 11 students who are ready to go on work experience in the last week of the school year.**

**We wish them all well and hope everyone has a lovely summer.**





# careermap

## How Parents Can Support With Careers at Home

The new issue of careermag for school leavers is now live, you can subscribe here:

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Turn to page 48 for a helpful article from the CDI that explains to students how to explore career pathways.



# FUTUREGOALS

We recommend the future goals website which has a dedicated area for parental support and advice about careers.

[futuregoals.co.uk/engage/parents-carers/](https://futuregoals.co.uk/engage/parents-carers/)

### Support your child to make the right choice for them

Know your A-levels from your T-levels? How to get into University with a BTEC? This mythbusting guide will support you to understand the basics of different qualifications and how they can lead into a multitude of career routes to enable you to support your child to make the right choice for them when it comes to choosing the right qualification route for them.

Watch our animation and then have a go at the activity to find out more. It might be good to do this as a team with any young people you are wanting to support and the handy booklet also provides a downloadable summary.

Qualifications Explained

Interactive activity

Complete our interactive activity to learn the different qualification routes that can be taken for the same jobs.

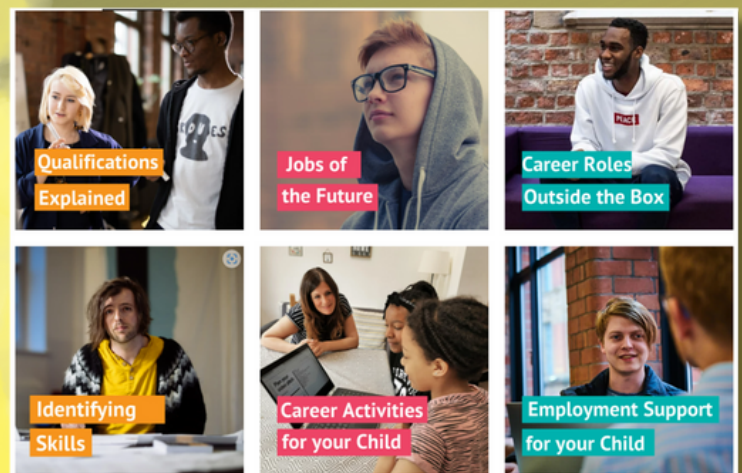
Start Activity

Information booklet

This handy booklet provides a downloadable summary of the different qualification routes for you and your child to explore together.

Print or Download Booklet

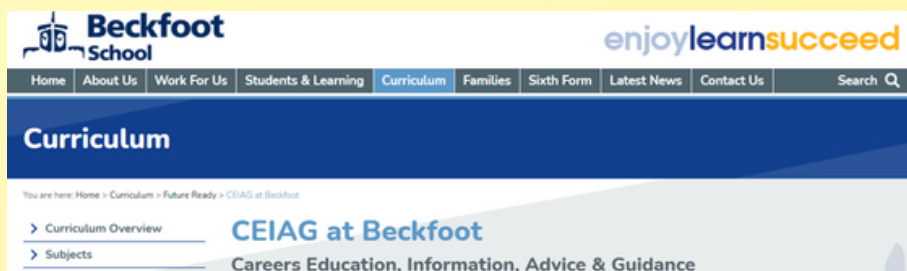
Download booklet



Each section has a short video outlining key details, an interactive activity and an information booklet.



# How can the Beckfoot Futures Team support you?



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Follow us on twitter.  
We post regular updates such as Job of the Week, information about open evenings, events and updates on our latest activities.  
<https://twitter.com/BeckfootFutures>



## Year 11 Advice and Guidance

For impartial advice and guidance, we have a dedicated service on site Wednesday to Friday from Liz Palmer. As students near the end of year 11, we encourage all students to have a Plan A and a Plan B in place for next year. If you'd like to request an appointment for support with your next steps, please do so via the careers team based in the LRC where we also have an up-to-date library of helpful resources.



## The Team



**Liz Palmer**  
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Please get in touch if we can support in any way, if you have any feedback from our futures newsletter or if you would like to feature in our future publications.

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