

Sixth Form Bulletin September 2024 – Year 12



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this message finds you well. It has been a pleasure to welcome our new students to Beckfoot Sixth Form, and it's been wonderful to see them quickly engage with their lessons with such dedication and focus. Years 12 and 13 move by incredibly fast, making it crucial for students to seize every opportunity available to them over the next couple of years to ensure they leave Beckfoot with a range of exciting options.

As your child starts to contemplate their next steps, whether it be university, apprenticeships, or employment, please know that we are here to support them every step of the way. Both the Sixth Form and Futures teams are experienced in guiding students through this pivotal transition, and we strongly encourage students to seek our advice and assistance whenever they need it.

The step-up from Year 11 to Year 12 is significant in terms of academic demands, and so we are also here to help support your child in developing their independent learning skills. An important part of this is Atomic Habits, and we encourage you to ask your child about this, and how they have planned out their week so they can make best use out of their time while in school.

Finally, thank you to those who attended our Welcome Evening last week. If you were unable to attend, the presentation is available on the Beckfoot website, and the link has also been sent through Class Charts.

We are excited for what promises to be a productive and busy term ahead, and we deeply appreciate your continued support in helping our students succeed.

Warm regards,

Dr Glenn Wright

Key dates

23rd September 2024	Beckfoot Lecture – Reading Buddies - 3-4 pm
7th October 2024 onwards	Students required to be in school for tutor, private study and lessons only
21st October 2024	Beckfoot Lecture - Driver Safety Talk – 3-4 pm
7th November – 5th December	Futures Month
13th December 2024	Careers Networking event for Law
16th January 2025	Year 12 Parents Consultation Evening (online)
16th June 2025	Start of Year 13
16th June – 27th June 2025	Year 12 Mocks
July 2025	Futures Day (exact date tbc)

Attendance

One of the most significant factors influencing students' academic success is their attendance. On average, students with attendance below 90% achieve three grades lower in their final A-Level exams than those with attendance above 90%. We truly appreciate your ongoing support in encouraging your child to attend all lessons, tutor sessions, and private study periods. These sessions provide crucial opportunities to benefit from the expertise of their teachers and tutors during this critical stage of their education.

If your child is absent for any reason, we kindly ask that you inform us through Class Charts or by emailing the Sixth Form team directly.

Dress code

We would like to remind you of our Sixth Form Dress Code, which is found at [Beckfoot School - Sixth Form Expectations](#). Following the dress code is important as it helps students present themselves appropriately for a professional working environment. If a student's attire is deemed unsuitable, they may be asked to return home to change. We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring your child adheres to these expectations.

Class Charts

Students who are new to Beckfoot Sixth Form have had their Class Charts codes sent to them via post. If you have not yet received this code, and therefore cannot access Class Charts, please contact the Sixth Form team directly.

Non-contact time

Starting from the 7th of October, Year 12 students who have demonstrated a strong Attitude to Learning will be allowed to attend school exclusively for tutor sessions, private study, and lessons. Students should arrive in time for their first lesson or tutor session, whichever comes first, and may leave after their final lesson of the day. While students have the option to leave during non-contact periods, we strongly encourage them to stay on-site and make full use of the study facilities available.

Careers

During Year 12, students will have numerous opportunities to engage with professionals from various industries, enhance their CV-writing and interview skills, and explore a wide range of post-18 options. We are also fortunate to have the expertise of Elizabeth Palmer, our dedicated Careers Advisor, who offers tailored guidance. Students are encouraged to book an appointment with Liz by emailing her at epalmer01@beckfoot.org for personalised advice on their next steps.

Place2Be

Sixth Form can be a demanding period for students, balancing the pressures of university and apprenticeship applications, coursework deadlines, revision, A-Level exams, and maintaining a personal and social life. For those who may be struggling or feeling concerned about their mental health, we are pleased to offer access to Place2Be, a professional counselling service available in school. If your child would like to speak with someone, they can reach out directly to Place2Be at becplace2be@beckfoot.org or talk to a member of the Sixth Form team for support.

16-19 Bursary

The 16-19 Bursary is available to support students from low-income households with expenses such as textbooks, revision guides, stationery, transport, and school trips. If you believe your child may be eligible, please complete an application form and submit it to Ms. Smith in the Sixth Form office. Your child can obtain a letter from the Sixth Form office.

UCAS

For students considering applying to university, the process is completed through UCAS. We will formally begin preparations for September 2026 entry in June/July 2025.

As part of the application, teachers provide predicted grades for students. At Beckfoot Sixth Form, these are based on evidence from Year 12 assessments. You can find our detailed policy on this at [UCAS Predicted Grades Policy - Beckfoot](#).

To help your child submit the strongest possible application, we strongly encourage them to engage in the broader aspects of life at Beckfoot. This includes volunteering, gaining high-quality work experience, and taking full advantage of the super-curricular opportunities available in each subject. More information on this can be found at [Beckfoot Super curriculum](#).