

BECKFOOT FUTURES

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2025

This has been one of the busiest and most exciting terms yet for Careers! Students have taken part in a wide range of opportunities, including a visit to Leeds College of Building, our celebrations for National Manufacturing Day, and a couple of fantastic trips for small groups of Year 8 and 9 girls to the STEM Centre at Bradford University. We also enjoyed a workplace visit to the Yorkshire Building Society, alongside several in-house Aim Higher events that inspired students to explore future pathways. And of course, we ended the first half term with our biggest event of the year - the Annual Careers Fair for Years 9-13. We have just finished 5 weeks of amazing 6th form careers talks delivered by professionals from many different sectors, some of whom were ex-Beckfoot students. We are grateful to have so many industry contacts who are willing to share their experiences with our 6th form students.

A special mention goes to our Year 9s, who were absolutely incredible during their interview practice and impressed every visitor they met.

OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



CAREER OF THE TERM

Career of the Term: Urban Planner - Humanities Path

What They Do:

Urban Planners design and shape the places where we live, work, and move. They study how cities grow, how communities use space, and how environmental, cultural, and economic factors interact.

Why It Fits Humanities + Geography:

Urban planning is rooted in understanding people — their histories, cultures, identities, and needs — as much as understanding landscapes. Planners use geographic data (like land-use maps, population patterns, climate risks) but also rely on human-centered inquiry to ensure that spaces are fair, accessible and meaningful.

Where They Work:

- City and regional governments
- Environmental and community organizations
- Private planning and architecture firms

Skills That Help:

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Research and critical thinking
- Cultural and historical awareness
- Communication and community engagement

Salary:

Entry-level / graduate/assistant planners typically start around £25,000–£28,000/yr. For “planning officer” or early-career roles, many earn around £28,000–£40,000/yr. Experienced planners / senior roles can earn £45,000–£55,000/yr or more, especially with chartered status, seniority, or in larger organisations. (Source: Prospects)

PARENT CORNER: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S CAREER JOURNEY

Parents and carers play a crucial role in helping young people make informed and confident choices about their future. Even simple conversations at home can spark ideas, build motivation, and reduce anxiety around next steps.

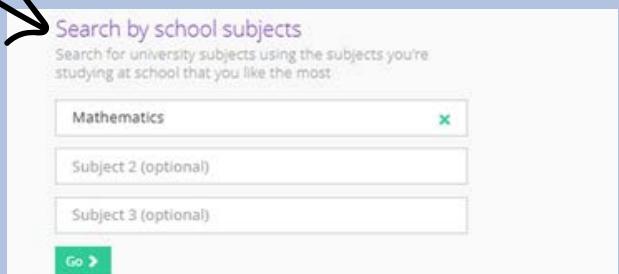
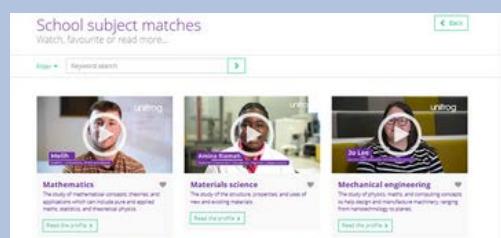
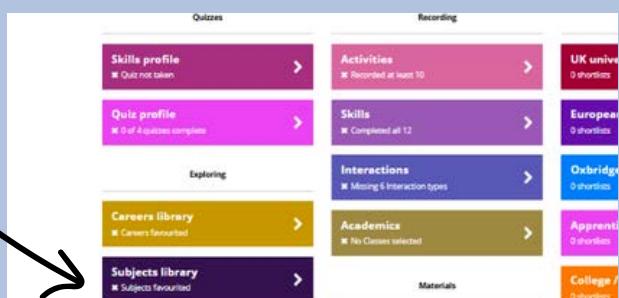
Why not explore the Unifrog platform with your child? There is a huge library of short videos about various different careers.

1. Login to Unifrog: Sign In - Unifrog

2. Scroll down to the subjects library

3. Scroll down to the left to search

4. This shows a series of short videos about various careers



HOW CAN OUR TEAM SUPPORT YOU ?

The Team

Have you seen our website?

We have a wealth of resources available to support your child including links to providers, employers and Universities; resources for parents and information about our futures programme. This is updated regularly with labour market information, open days and so much more! Please have a look and get in touch if you have any queries.



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Personal Development

The personal development of our pupils permeates, complements and enhances all areas of school life including Tutor Time, assemblies, careers guidance, and extra-curricular and enrichment activities. Pupils benefit from our ambitious approach to personal development, broadening their horizons to increase the likelihood of all pupils becoming confident, communicative, knowledgeable and expert learners, confident community contributors and future-ready learners.



Preventative Curriculum



Enrichment and Extra-Curricular



Careers

Year 11 & Year 13 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 Years 11 & 13, we encourage all students to have a Plan A and a Plan B in place for the 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.

Careers at Beckfoot

At Beckfoot, we are committed to providing a Year 7 Up programme of careers and information guidance to allow students to think about, plan, reflect and refine their decision about their Post 16 and Post 18 options. As part of this, we aim to establish strong links with the wider community including industry experts, businesses, parents, Beckfoot alumni and charities in order to prepare students for life beyond Beckfoot. Our Careers Education Programme is designed to meet the needs of all learners at Beckfoot, with personalised activities designed to ensure progression in their career learning and development, to strengthen their motivation, aspirations and attainment, and to excite them about their future.

Beckfoot recognises that it is a statutory and moral duty to provide careers education in Years 7-11 (1997 Education Act 2003 Regulations) and to give learners access to impartial careers information, education and guidance. We are committed to providing a planned programme of impartial careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) for all learners in years 7-11, in partnership with engaged providers, and to provide extra support to learners with additional needs. Beckfoot follows best practice guidance from the careers profession and from external bodies such as Ofsted. Beckfoot have embedded the eight Gatsby benchmarks of Good Career Guidance into our students learning experience throughout their time with us; click [here](#) to find out more.

[CEIAG Policy](#) [Virtual Careers Fair](#) [Local College Events](#)

What Services Do We Offer?

- Careers appointments – offering independent and impartial information, advice and guidance
- Employability lessons – learning all about the world of work, apprenticeships and CV writing
- Aim higher lessons – interactive session with Leeds Beckett University to learn all about life at university
- Large selection of books and prospectuses in our career library
- Interview practice with volunteers from across business sectors
- Information on college and university open events and activities
- One to one interview and application support



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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