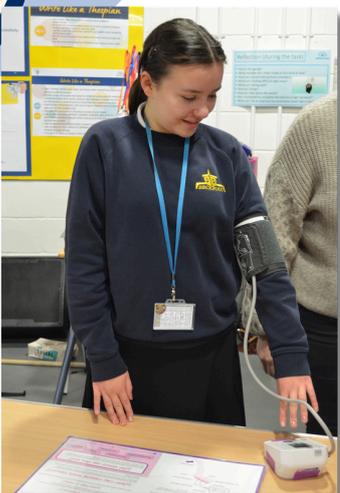
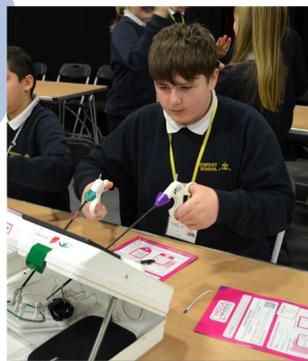




BECKFOOT FUTURES SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026

This term has been busy and exciting as usual. Targeted KS3 students took part in the engaging Medical Mavericks programme, giving them a hands-on introduction to careers in Healthcare and Science whilst trying keyhole surgery and taking blood from a fake arm! Year 11 students benefited from the Apprenticeship Unlocked event, helping them explore practical pathways and understand Post-16 options. We also welcomed guest speakers, including representatives from Nationwide and Robertshaw Construction, who delivered insightful talks about their industries, career journeys, and the skills needed to succeed. These events have provided students with valuable real-world insights and helped inspire their future aspirations. We have also been working away in the background on Work Experience for Years 10 and 12- this is something to look forward to at the end of the year. This term, we're shining a spotlight on careers in Science - from tackling climate change to developing life-saving medicines. Science careers are diverse, creative and in high demand, offering exciting pathways for students of all interests and strengths.

OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



CAREER OF THE TERM

Biomedical Scientist

What They Do:

Biomedical Scientists study samples of blood, tissue, and cells to help diagnose diseases, monitor treatments, and support medical breakthroughs. Biomedical Scientists play a crucial role in detecting illnesses like cancer, infections, and genetic conditions—making a real difference to people's lives.

Where could you work?

- Hospitals and NHS laboratories
- Research institutions
- Pharmaceutical companies

Skills that help

- Attention to detail
- Problem-solving
- Analytical thinking
- Teamwork

Subjects to focus on:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Maths

Careers Pathway:

GCSEs → A Levels (Science) → Biomedical Science Degree → Laboratory training → Professional registration

Science Spotlight - Emerging Careers

Here are some exciting science careers students may not have heard of:

- **Climate Scientist** – Studies climate patterns and helps tackle global warming
- **Data Scientist** – Uses data to solve problems in healthcare, business, and beyond
- **Forensic Scientist** – Works with police to analyse evidence from crime scenes
- **Astrobiologist** – Explores the possibility of life beyond Earth

Did You Know?

There are over 5 million people working in science-related jobs in the UK, and the sector continues to grow rapidly!

PARENT CORNER: TALKING ABOUT CAREERS

Career conversations help your child explore interests, build confidence, and feel less pressure about the future.

Start Simple - Ask open questions:

“What do you enjoy most at school?”

“What jobs interest you?”

“What would you like to do in the future?”

Listen & Support:

- Be curious and open-minded
- Let ideas change over time
- Avoid judging or rushing decisions

Explore Together - Useful resources:

- National Careers Service www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk
- STEM Learning UK www.stem.org.uk
- BBC Bitesize Careers www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/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 communicators, knowledgeable and expert learners, confident community contributors and future ready learners.



Preventative Curriculum

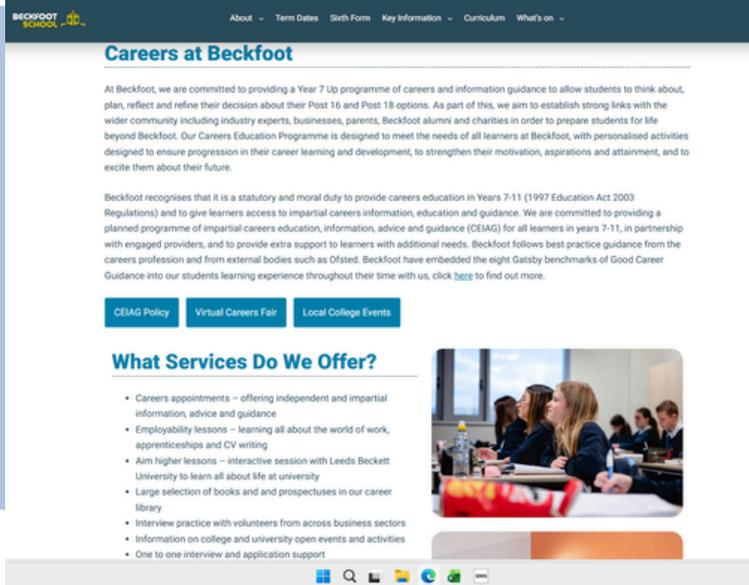


Enrichment and Extra-Curricular



Careers

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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.

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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