

# Annual Report to Parents 2019

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'd like to start by welcoming new families to Beckfoot Trust. I hope that you feel excited to have secured a place for your child within one of our schools. The purpose of the report is to update you on the progress of the Trust.

We have ten schools in our Trust. All are located in the Bradford area and serve their local community. Our aim is to provide great schools for our pupils to grow up and learn in.

All of our schools are improving, some rapidly, as a result of working together as one team of schools. The intention is that every Beckfoot Trust school will achieve an Ofsted judgement of good or better. You can see on the right where we have got to.

School	Type of School	When they joined the Trust	Ofsted rating since joining the Trust
Beckfoot School	Secondary	2013	Outstanding (2014)
Hazelbeck Special	Special	2013	Outstanding (2015/2019)
Beckfoot Upper Heaton	Secondary	2015	Good (2018)
Beckfoot Allerton	Primary	2016	Requires Improvement (2019)
Beckfoot Heaton	Primary	2016	Good (2019)
Beckfoot Oakbank	Secondary	2016	Requires Improvement (2019)
Beckfoot Thornton	Secondary	2016	Requires Improvement (2019)
Beckfoot Phoenix	Special	2017	Not yet Inspected
Beckfoot Priestthorpe	Primary	2017	Not yet Inspected
Beckfoot Nessfield	Primary	2018	Not yet Inspected

## Some of our highlights:

- Very positive Ofsted judgements for those of our schools that have been inspected since joining the Trust. Two are now outstanding schools, others have progressed to being good, whilst others still requiring improvement are clearly improving at pace.
- In terms of results this year:
  - > At the age of five, 72% of our children achieved a 'good level of development', up from 68% in 2016. This says a great deal about what our schools are doing in nursery and reception years. These children are well placed to do well at primary school.
  - > By the age of eleven, 50% of our children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to only 34% in 2016. This prepares them well for secondary school.
- By the age of sixteen, 55% of our young people achieved a GCSE at Level 4 or above in both English and Maths compared to 48% in 2016.
- At eighteen the average A level grade in our schools was a C grade. Our newly established Trust 6th Form based at Beckfoot, Beckfoot Oakbank and Beckfoot Thornton will raise standards further.
- We have established annual or bi-annual Trust-wide events linked to sports, arts and debating.
  - > Well done Beckfoot Allerton for winning the Trust Debating competition this year. They were amazing. All of our schools are developing more and more learning opportunities for children to talk about ideas. Talk matters!
  - > We love the Sports and Arts. Last year we had our first ever Trust Arts Festival where children from all our schools showed their talents in dance, drama, art and music. It was great.

> Sports Day was fantastic with Year 6 and Year 7 children from all of our schools competing. Winners included children from all our schools. It was a particular joy to see children from our special schools competing against others from our mainstream schools and winning! Overall Beckfoot Priestthorpe and Beckfoot schools took the honours this year.

- We really believe in empowering our pupils. We want them to have a view about the world they live in. We held our first ever Trust-wide student conference in February 2019 which was brilliant. Student leaders challenged us to make sure our schools are fit for children growing up in the 21st century. The world is rapidly changing, the pressures on young people are more complex and of course the world of work is very different. We need to make sure our schools move with the times, keep our children safe, develop them as people, make sure they have ambition and prepare them for a great future.

- A similar theme has been evident within our Trust Conferences for our staff. Out of the Conference this year we have created a new vision for our Trust 'Creating Remarkable Schools'. You can find it on our website at <http://www.beckfoottrust.org/?p=62808>.

Finally, this year we are going to explore in detail how we can do more to engage with you as families. We know that a child has the best chance of succeeding in school if they know their family and school are working together as their support team. To start us off it would be really helpful to get some feedback from you on what you feel we are doing well, and how we can get better. The link to the Survey is below. I promise it won't take more than ten minutes of your time!

**Parent survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BeckfootTrustfamiliesurvey>

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## Annual Report: Beckfoot Oakbank 2019-20

At Beckfoot Oakbank we are incredibly proud of our students and their desire to be involved in shaping the way the school moves forward.

2019 saw Beckfoot Oakbank host the first Trust wide student leadership conference – a great moment for our student leaders

Some of the other highlights last year included:

- Three great celebration events where students were recognised for academic attainment, attitude to learning, community contributions, progress and sporting successes.
- Our school show – High School musical!
- Enrichment week saw our students engage in a raft of activities that added to their educational experience ranging from arts and crafts, a tour of Yorkshire to residential trips in Europe.
- In enrichment week the year 10 students engaged in a range of activities that would help prepare them for their next steps.
- We also had a range of winners in a prestigious engineering competition.
- Sporting success were many as are the opportunities to be involved in a range of sports and activities.

The summer results saw all of our Post 16 students be successful in their progression to higher education and at GCSE we saw a real increase in the number of top grades for individual students. We are not complacent and are working hard to develop our curriculum and improve outcomes for all our learners. Our students are polite and respectful towards their peers, staff and visitors as acknowledged by the Ofsted inspection team in May.

As a school we know we are on a journey of improvement and our aim is to be a truly great school. We are keen to involve our families and our local community in this

journey in order that we ensure that our students love learning, celebrate diversity and are inspired to be self-confident open minded, decisive young adults with the skills and experience to succeed in life. Please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

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