

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	2016	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/BeckfootTrustfamilysurvey>

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We live out every minute of our school day through our Trust motto; *Enjoy, Learn and Succeed.*

Our young people **enjoy** school through the experiential opportunities we provide including:

- There were in excess of 40 trips and visits in the last academic year.
- Year 11 were so business like in the 'revision conference' we put on at a nearby hotel where teachers of English, mathematics and science delivered sessions that allowed our young people to learn in a completely different way.
- All our Year 9 (now Year 10) students were involved with the charity First Give who seek to work with schools to empower

young people to become more engaged in community related initiatives. A tutor group from our school were selected to represent Yorkshire in First Give's national event. This included a tour of the Houses of Parliament.

Our young people **learn** in school through the academic, motivational and leadership opportunities we provide, including:

- Excellent motivational speakers including Kajal Odedra, the executive director for Change.Org UK division and Jon Hammond the BBC Radio and Television presenter.
- Students have really benefitted from these experiences and are developing their leadership skills through our student leadership body and Social Action Group.

- Students are really thriving in their positions of responsibility as they help shape the future direction the school travels in.
- Our young people **succeed** in school as seen in our Year 11 results:

- In the summer of 2018, the progress our students made from coming in to our school to leaving at the end of Year 11 allowed us to win a national award. This has enabled us to hold up our older students as role models for our younger ones.
- We have followed that up with another summer of success in 2019 in which we are thrilled again that our students have doors open for the next stage of their lives.

We are constantly looking to improve and are committed to become a truly remarkable school. We welcome any opportunity to work with our families so that no stone is left unturned in our bid to make our young people excellent people who are successful in whatever they chose to do when they leave us. Please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

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