

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: Hazelbeck School 2019-20

At Hazelbeck we take every opportunity to build our young people's self-belief.

We focus on supporting them to be confident communicators who are as independent as possible and are increasingly proud of our students future. We are immensely proud of our students and take every opportunity to learn from them, to learn how they learn. From this knowledge we give them the building blocks to learn skills that are meaningful and relevant to them. We take every opportunity throughout the day to help them transfer these skills.

We also make sure that our students have as many opportunities as possible beyond the classroom. Last year we saw more of

our students involved in performing arts and sports events. They took part alongside mainstream peers to perform or compete. In all these situations they shone, reminding us that anything is possible, their enthusiasm and determination infectious. Some of our students performed at the School of Northern Ballet with the Flamingo Chicks, a truly beautiful experience.

We had our first Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition and a number of our students have now achieved their Silver Award. We have LOTS of visits and residential trips including those which had been funded through student enterprise activities. The trips were then planned and organised by our students. We also saw our first residential abroad – some of our

students had an amazing three day visit to Paris. We had our first 'Week in the Woods' which was a request from some of our students after their Bronze residential. They were responsible for organising and arranging activities for other students across the school throughout the week. This was a great achievement for them and it was amazing to see so many of our students being able to apply their skills in new and different situations.

We are now working on developing our curriculum to make sure it is even more student centred and we need your help to make sure that we are getting it right for every young person. We need to know what is important to you and your child so that

we can continue to improve and ensure our students achieve the very best they can. We know the partnership with you is essential if we are to make sure we keep moving forward as a school and make sure your child has the very best experience they can from their time in school. Please get in touch at any point, we would love to hear from you.

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