



Beckfoot  
**Thornton**

Post 16

2018

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# Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to Beckfoot Thornton School. I hope that our prospectus gives you a flavour of the fantastic educational opportunities available here. Beckfoot Thornton is a non-denominational, non-selective school, welcoming girls and boys from all backgrounds from the local community. We have 1450 students in our school with over 150 in our sixth form.

The school joined the Beckfoot Trust in October 2016 and I took up post as headteacher in March 2017. We have now embarked on a school improvement journey that will create a truly great school and a remarkable learning environment at the heart of our local community. We are well supported by the Beckfoot Trust and by parents through our Local School's Committee.

Our core purpose is to inspire our students to achieve the best that they can. We are ambitious, caring, proud and passionate about our students. As a school, we are committed to fulfilling this core purpose in all that we do. Indeed our school motto 'ENJOY – LEARN – SUCCEED' very much reflects our ethos, and our image of the 'Beckfoot Thornton Learner' illustrates the skills and qualities we are seeking to nurture in our students. We have a burning desire to smash down glass ceilings and create truly remarkable learning environments for students and staff to work within.

**Mr Jeremy Richardson – Headteacher**

Joining the Beckfoot Trust has given our school exciting opportunities to ensure that we further develop our successful Post 16 provision. This will ensure that we are able to meet the needs of our students in this ever-changing environment. It is my view that education should be exciting and challenging, instilling a 'love of learning' that allows our students in Post 16 to reach their full potential. I also believe it is essential that Post 16 students take ownership and responsibility for their own learning; that they are encouraged to be active learners and take every opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding. As a school, we support our students in developing these skills, enabling them to successfully pass examinations.

Students are encouraged to supplement their academic studies with various enrichment opportunities, such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Progression Module, which are very attractive to both employers and universities.

**Mrs Karen Kingston – Assistant Headteacher – Director of Post 16**

# Courses at Beckfoot Thornton

We offer both A Level and BTEC courses at Beckfoot Thornton. 3 A Level Courses, 3 BTEC courses or a combination of both can be studied, subject to entry requirements being met.

Our entry requirements are as follows:-

- Grade 5 (or B or merit) or above in at least 5 subjects or a minimum point score of 50 across all qualifications and:
- Grade 5 or above in Mathematics, and grade 5 or above in either English Literature or English Language

BTEC requirements:-

- Grade 4 or above in Mathematics, and grade 4 or above in English Literature or English Language

Each subject has its own specific entry criteria, which can be viewed on the application form.

Irrespective of pathways chosen, students must have demonstrated through their attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning that they are suited to level 3 courses.

Please be aware that subjects will only run if there is enough interest in them. Where numbers are low we will withdraw the subject from the offer. Where courses are oversubscribed we will use the admissions policy procedure to prioritise places.

## Important Dates:

**Post 16 Open Evening** – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Application Deadline** – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Internal Interviews** – January 2018

**External Interviews** – February 2018

**Conditional offer Letters** – June 2018

**Internal Students – Enrolment Day 1** – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

**External Students - Enrolment Day 2** – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Induction Day - All Students** – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

# A Message from our Student Leaders

## Head Girl

6th form is a stressful journey as it prepares you for University. As Head Girl, I can completely agree it is a challenging time, however, it is also a memorable time. My time at Beckfoot Thornton has truly been valuable. I have been offered and involved in countless opportunities including creative arts, sports and academic experiences, which I know have helped me become the independent student I am today. As a student who plans to pursue Music Technology at University, I can assure you this school has provided me with the skills and experiences I have needed to pursue my career choice. Not only has the school guided me into my chosen career path but it has allowed me to become both a creative and academic student. When I leave for University, I will not only be leaving with my A Levels, but I'll be leaving with valuable experiences, skills and memories of my time at Beckfoot Thornton.

Deepali Mistry

## Head Boy

The sixth form at Beckfoot Thornton Academy is a particularly bright spot on the school as a whole! It has a soul which radiates through and supports our wider community at Thornton. If the students are the lifeblood of our sixth form then the common room is its heart, serving as an important area to work, relax and socialise for all of our students. There has always been and will continue to be a strong, social and approachable community of individuals here, creating a positive and welcoming atmosphere from the first day to the last. The staff, both teaching and pastoral, also contribute greatly to the success of our sixth form. They push us to achieve the greatest results that we can, and also support us in our development and growth and in our preparation to move forwards into the world. I feel valued, supported, and pushed at Beckfoot Thornton sixth form.

Max Dulson



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