



Beaumont School

Year 9 Parent Information Evening

11th September 2017





Our aim is to prepare young people to become active, caring and confident citizens who lead rewarding lives.

We want every student who leaves Beaumont to do so with a sense of pride in their achievements, an awareness of their responsibilities and a sense of appreciation for all the opportunities they have experienced.





Year 9 Pastoral Team

Head of Year: Miss N Moody			
L	Mr G Stewart	R	Miss S Bennett
E	Mrs A Baker	N	Miss H Fraser
A	Miss B Bennett	S	Mr P Lavin
Wider Pastoral Team			
Mrs Y Powdrell Assistant Headteacher <i>i/c Pastoral Care</i>		Mrs S Hosegood Assistant Headteacher <i>Attached to Year 9</i>	



eSafety

The Issues

- Sharing information online
- Taking/sharing inappropriate images
- Trolling and cyberbullying
- Accessing unsuitable websites
- 'Meeting strangers online and in person'

What does school do?

- Members of staff i/c of eSafety – Mrs. Y Powdrell and Mrs. S Hosegood
- Yr7 project on internet safety
- Part of the PSHCEE curriculum
- Assemblies every year
- Procedures in school on the use of devices
- Internet filtering

What can parents do?

- Educate themselves!
- Have a conversation – be open and discuss what your children are doing online
- 'Follow' their child's account
- Privacy settings – check yours and your children's. Update and don't ignore!
- Establish rules on the use of devices and the internet.



Key Dates

SEPT	21st - CED 1 History and S4S	H	16TH – Options evening 18th – CED 3 24th – Parent Consultation Evening	MAY	24th – Full report issued
OCT	4th – Secondary Transfer Evening	FEB	2nd – Deadline for options choices	JUN	23rd – Rob’s Festival
NOV	7th – CED 2 Business / Economics Ethics and Philosophy	MAR	6th – CED 4 English	JUL	3rd-6th – CEW PGL / In school 12th – Interim report issued
DEC	2nd – Christmas Fair 14th – Interim report issued	APR			



What's new for Year 9?

- No home learning timetable
- Numerical 9 -1 grading in Science and Maths. GCSE course begins.
- Year 9 options
- Sex and relationships education begins in PSHCEE



Grading the New GCSEs in 2017



NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE									
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<div><div><div>4 = C</div><div>and above and above</div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above.■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as achieve an A and above.■ The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.</div></div>									
CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE									
A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	



Science

- Students will be starting the Science GCSE course, they will be taught in sets (4 per half year group).
- Graded assessment will be through end of topic tests, with grades being awarded using the GCSE 9-1 grading system.
- Students will be informed of their GCSE target grade as soon as these have been finalised, but should bear in mind that this is a target for what they should achieve at the end of Year 11, so if they are not meeting this target immediately in the tests they do then there is no need for a major panic at this stage.
- Students will have the option of studying either double Science or have the option to study three separate sciences (Separate Sciences option - which used to be Triple Science). They will need to have an average of a grade 6 across the tests they complete between September and January before option choices are made.



Year 9 Options

Support from 4 th January 2018	We advise that students...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dedicated tutor times• Individual guidance interviews with experienced staff members (January)• Guidance assemblies• Parent consultation evening• Options evening• Options guidance booklet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not follow• Use information• Ask quality questions• Prepare early i.e. are you developing the skills you need?• Target setting• Stay calm and make informed choices

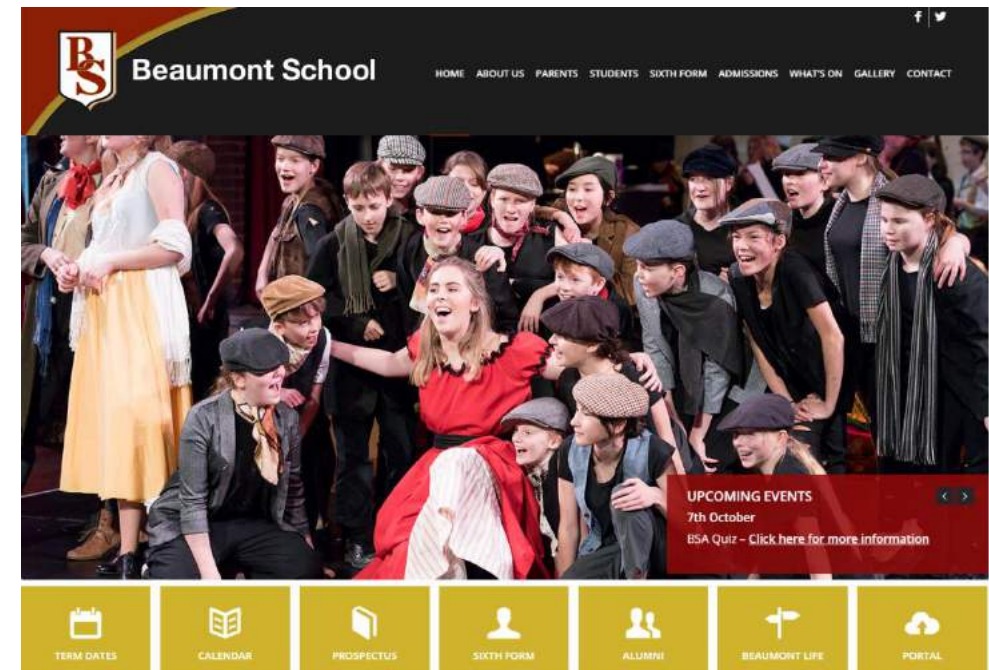
Options deadline: Friday 2nd February 2018

Exam courses begin after May ½ term



New School Website

- New dynamic website created to improve the quality and ease of communication.
- The Curriculum section (under Students) replaces the Course Information and organised by subject.
- The Social Wall is a useful way of seeing the latest news.
- Google Calendar can be downloaded onto personal devices.
- New Beaumont App available on both Android and iOS.
 - Personalise by joining Groups of Interest.
 - Term Dates and the Calendar.
 - News Updates/ information direct from school Twitter feeds.
 - Links to Scopay, School Website and Google Classroom.
 - **Not using** the login option to avoid the app storing personal data.





Attendance

There is a clear link between poor attendance and attainment.

A child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life

90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all

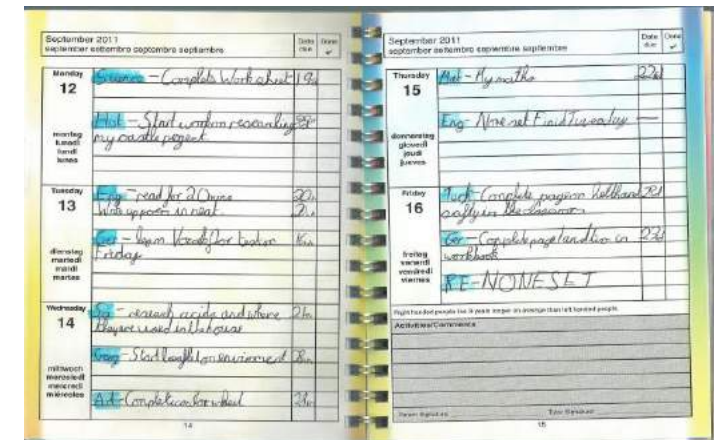
- As a school we state **96%** and anything under **93%** is closely monitored.
- If 90% or under, the government class this as 'persistent absenteeism' and the AIO will start to work with the school.



Communication between home and school

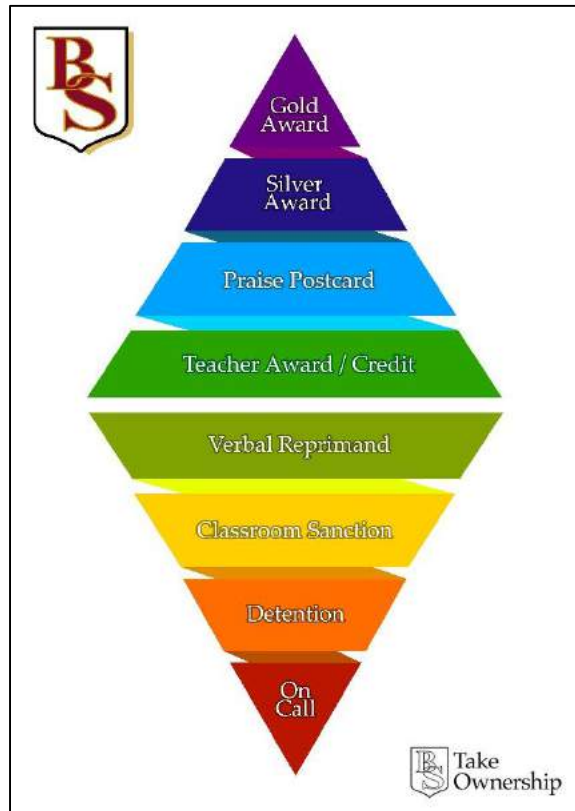
- Form tutor should be first point of contact (in most cases)
- If about a specific subject, contact the subject teacher or Head of Department.
- A full staff list can be found on the school's web site.
- You can also send a message to subject teachers via admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk or by telephone on 01727 854726.

- Reports
- Planner – please check and sign weekly
- Beaumont Life (now online only)
- Parent Mail and letters home
- Website, Twitter, Blogs and **Google Classroom**





Behaviour



- High expectations, inside and outside lessons
- Students to take responsibility for their behaviour and learning
- Positive learning environment and school experience for all
- Rewards and sanctions (Behaviour Diamond and Behaviour for Learning)



Five Ways to Well Being



Connect

Be Active

Take Notice

Keep Learning

Give



School - Life Balance

Home Learning

Extra Curricular
Opportunities

Hobbies

Friends

Independent
Study

Family

Be prepared - Look ahead - Speak to teachers - Work to maintain wellbeing
Take ownership



Thank you for coming

If you have any questions, please approach a member of staff at the front.

