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# Beaumont School

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS For entry September 2019

*Enjoy & Excel*



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## WELCOME TO BEAUMONT

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Beaumont is a long established, mixed community school located on the east side of St Albans, with specialisms in Languages and Maths. The school provides outstanding education for students aged 11-18 and all students are encouraged, through a wide range of opportunities to ‘enjoy and excel’.

We are a truly outstanding school which achieves the very highest levels of academic success, supported by excellent pastoral care. We are an 11-18, mixed community school with Academy status, located on the east side of St Albans, with specialisms in education where all students are encouraged to succeed and are given a wide range of learning

and enrichment opportunities in which to ‘enjoy and excel’. I am immensely proud to be Headteacher of such a fantastic school with over 1200 students and 150 highly qualified staff who are committed to give their best throughout their time with us.

**Martin Atkinson**  
HEADTEACHER

## WELCOME TO SIXTH FORM

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Choosing the right Sixth Form education is one of the most important decisions many of you will make. Beaumont School is proud to have a thriving, diverse, inclusive and highly academic Sixth Form, currently comprising 370 students.

Beaumont is justifiably proud of the results achieved by our students each year. We consistently rank within the top 5% of all schools nationally.

A broad curriculum, outstanding teaching, dedicated study and social areas, approachable staff and our ethos of achievement all contribute to this success.

However, your personal development is also a priority and there is a wide range of opportunities outside the academic curriculum from which to gain experience, confidence and valuable inter-personal skills.

Whether you decide to go to university, take a gap year, move on to college or embark on your career straight from school, we will support and guide you in planning and preparing for your future.

We would be delighted if you decide to become part of our outstanding Sixth Form.

**Paul de Kort**  
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

# ENTERING OUR SIXTH FORM

A smooth transition from Year 11 into the Sixth Form is our top priority for all students in the first term. We understand that the move into Sixth Form can appear daunting and we appreciate that many students joining us from other schools may feel apprehensive. We also recognise that students cannot move straight from Year 11 to being able to work like an undergraduate, so a clear framework of support and planning is in place for each student.

To assist with the transition we offer the following:

**Sixth Form Induction:** this is held late in the summer term, immediately after GCSE exams, and offers a very helpful introduction to life in the Sixth Form. You will experience sample classes in your chosen subjects, together with activities designed to encourage all students to feel part of the Beaumont community.

**Supported Enrolment:** students will meet with the Head of Sixth Form or their individual Form Tutor to confirm their subject choices, interpret timetables and receive general guidance.

**Integrated Tutor Groups:** Beaumont recognises the huge support the Year 12 students gain from sharing a Tutor Group with Year 13 students. Information regarding academic and non-academic life can be

“TEACHERS PLAN EXCITING, CHALLENGING LESSONS THAT STRETCH STUDENTS’ THINKING”  
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easily shared and the students feel part of an overall Sixth Form community. This is of particular benefit to students joining from other schools.

**Study Skills:** early in the Sixth Form, students are given practical advice on how to study effectively within their chosen courses.

**Pastoral Care:** a dedicated and experienced pastoral team is located in the Sixth Form Centre to support, assist, guide and encourage students.

**Assessment and Reporting:** reports are issued each term which include details of each student’s achievement, effort and progress versus target.

*“I will always remember our first Parents’ Evening - the relief that someone knew our son and was approachable and helpful... I am not convinced our son would be at university without your Sixth Form team”*

*Parent of a former student who joined us from a local school at 16.*



## OUR CURRICULUM

The wide range of challenging subjects we offer allows for the full variety of higher education and career paths to be selected.

We offer the following A levels:

**Art, Biology, Chemistry, Drama & Theatre Studies, Economics, English Literature, French, Further Maths, Geography, German, Government & Politics, History, Media Studies, Maths, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Philosophy & Ethics, Photography, Product Design, Sociology, Spanish.**

In addition, Beaumont delivers the following A Level equivalent qualifications:

**BTEC Business, CTEC Sport & Physical Activity and ICT. Other nationally accredited qualifications include the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and a Level 3 Certificate in Financial Studies.**

Details of our A Level outcomes this year can be found on the insert at the back of this brochure, with a more detailed analysis.

If you wish to study the subjects below, these can be worked into your programme through our excellent arrangements with the BeauSandVer Education Trust:

**Applied Science, Dance, English Language, Media Studies, Music Technology and Textiles.**

## UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

In 2018, over 90% of our students went on to a university of their choice; 41% gained a place at one of the ‘Russell Group’ universities. Beaumont students consistently access the most highly competitive courses.

Each year we support students who apply to medical and veterinary schools, as well as Cambridge and Oxford Universities. All students are given extensive university application and careers guidance, support and impartial advice.

We host a university application information evening for students in Year 12 each March, which helps parents to understand the process and therefore support their son/daughter as they make important decisions regarding courses to apply for and which universities or alternative career options to consider.

*A list of the university destinations of last year’s Sixth Form students can be found as an insert at the back of this brochure.*



## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IN OUR SIXTH FORM

All Sixth Form students are encouraged to take on leadership roles within the school. These range from drama, music and sport to specific subject responsibilities. Vital life skills in communication, organisation and leadership are developed as well as the promotion of a sense of community.

Students take on many responsibilities. There are currently 45 Captains in 15 different areas across departments and Houses. Students run clubs, support class lessons and lead extra-curricular events. Additionally our Summer Festival, a large, annual music and sports event held at Beaumont to raise money for The Prince's Trust and the school, is "run by students, for students". There is a successful peer mentoring programme, which enables pupils from Year

7 to 11 to meet weekly on a one to one basis with a Sixth Form student.

Recent investment in the school has doubled the size of our Sixth Form facilities. Additional private study space, an enhanced Common Room incorporating a modern cafe and social area, together with an improved library, have been provided to all Sixth Form students. Investment in IT has delivered wireless access in the Sixth Form dedicated zones and across the school site.

“ THE STRUCTURES IN PLACE SUPPORT LEARNING, PROGRESS AND ATTAINMENT VERY WELL ... SO STUDENTS MAKE OUTSTANDING PROGRESS...” OFSTED

## ENGAGING IN OUR SIXTH FORM LIFE

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Academic achievement is of paramount importance but students enhance their intellectual and social development by participating in the many extra-curricular opportunities that are offered in drama, music, sport and community involvement.

### DRAMA



Beaumont delivers an ambitious programme within Drama, with two school productions each year. The aim of the Drama Department is to remain inclusive with a quality of performance that is always truly amazing. In 2017, we hosted the National Youth Theatre auditions in school. All Sixth Form Drama students were invited to audition and a number were successful in securing a place in the company. In 2018 a number of Sixth Form students represented Beaumont in the National Youth Theatre and each year we have several students who successfully gain places at prestigious theatre schools and universities around the country to further their studies.

### MUSIC



The Music Department at Beaumont offers a wide range of enjoyable and enriching extra-curricular opportunities. Our Sixth Form students regularly represent the school locally, as well as at regional and national events. The choirs, vocal ensemble, bands and orchestras are justifiably proud of the enviable reputation they have earned. Individual advice, support and guidance are also offered to students interested in pursuing further study of Music at university.

### SPORT



Every student at Beaumont is strongly encouraged to live a healthy and active lifestyle, although there is no compulsory games programme. Students have access to a wide range of sporting activities throughout the year in sports such as Football, Netball, Rugby, Basketball and Athletics and many of our Sixth Form students represent Beaumont at district, county, regional and national events. Our sports facilities now include top quality grass pitches, alongside floodlit all-weather pitches and Multi-Use Games Area. Our new, four court sports hall, including an extensive fitness suite, opened in 2016.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



There are wide and varied opportunities for students in the Sixth Form to become further involved both within the school community and in the wider community. Examples include mentoring younger students, sitting on the Sixth Form Council, running a lunchtime club and participating in The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. There are Sixth Form Captains for all subjects and Houses plus opportunities to help organise charitable events such as the annual Summer Festival in aid of the school and the Prince's Trust and Beaumont community.

“ THE SIXTH FORM IS OUTSTANDING. MOST STUDENTS AT THE END OF YEAR 11 TRANSFER TO THE SIXTH FORM AND THE VAST MAJORITY GO ON TO THEIR FIRST CHOICE OF UNIVERSITY...”

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

Having considered your subject options with reference to our academic entry criteria sheet provided, please complete our Application Form included in your pack and return it to us by the stated deadline to ensure first priority consideration.

*(A spare application form and detailed subject information can also be found on the Beaumont School website, details below).*

After the deadline for application, if you are applying from another school, you will be invited to attend a guidance meeting to discuss your subject choices. This is a very informal meeting and will give you the opportunity to ask questions about the school, your subjects and your future aspirations. Internal applicants will have a similar guidance meeting with a member of the school's Leadership Team in January.

In the first instance, you will be allocated to classes taught at Beaumont. In the rare event that we cannot fit in all your subject choices here, you will be contacted regarding attending classes at one of our BeauSandVer Education Trust partners for that particular subject.

You will be invited to our two day induction programme towards the end of June.

You will receive a formal offer of a place for September, subject to you meeting the entry criteria with your Summer GCSE results.

“ STUDENTS' PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELL-BEING IS OUTSTANDING. THEY ENJOY SIXTH FORM LIFE ...” OFSTED

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Beaumont, Sandringham and Verulam Schools have been in a successful consortium for over 20 years. This partnership, which converted to an Education Trust in 2016, allows us to offer a wider curriculum to Sixth Form students. In the event that a chosen subject is not offered at Beaumont, students will be given the opportunity to study the subject at one of our consortium partners. Students are transported by minibus between the partner schools during the day. The Heads of Sixth Form of the three schools meet regularly to ensure the smooth running of the consortium.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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Further information about Beaumont Sixth Form is available from the following sources:

**Beaumont website:** [www.beaumontschool.com](http://www.beaumontschool.com)

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