



# Beaumont School

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## SCHOOL AIMS

**Our aim is to prepare young people to become active, caring and confident citizens who lead rewarding lives. We will do this by helping each young person to flourish within a school community which is committed to:**

- Providing outstanding learning opportunities within a broad and balanced curriculum;
- Creating a safe and caring environment in which every young person enjoys learning;
- Promoting equal opportunity for all members of our community, regardless of their ability, background or culture;
- Developing an awareness of our world, celebrating diversity and promoting a concern for the environment.

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.



Students receive an outstanding education at Beaumont School.

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# PROVIDING OUTSTANDING EDUCATION



**Martin Atkinson**  
HEADTEACHER

**Beaumont is a truly outstanding school which achieves the very highest levels of academic success across a broad and balanced curriculum, 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 Languages, Mathematics and Computing. The school provides an outstanding 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'.**

Over recent years, the school has been enhanced by the construction of new, state-of-the-art facilities for Sport, Mathematics and Computing and we continue to strive to improve our students' experiences in all areas. We look forward to the phased opening of our new Science block, comprising twelve laboratories and six additional teaching rooms, beginning in Autumn Term, with completion due in January.

I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of such a fantastic school, with over 1300 students and 150 highly qualified staff who are committed to giving of their best throughout their time with us. We are strongly supported in this by our Governing Body and parents.

I hope that reading this prospectus gives you some insight into life at Beaumont and it will help you to decide whether Beaumont is the right school for you and that, if you join us, you too will 'enjoy and excel'.

# JOINING BEAUMONT

## ENJOY AND EXCEL

**Beaumont is a community school in the true sense of the term. We ensure that the transition from primary school is as smooth as possible, understanding that many new students joining us may feel apprehensive.**

Experience tells us that students settle into Beaumont quickly and they benefit from the outstanding care and support given to them by the Head of Year 7 and our experienced team of Form Tutors. Our teams of Year 10 and Sixth Form mentors also play an integral role in helping everyone to feel part of the school, both before you join us and when you get here.

Members of our pastoral staff visit everyone who is joining our community in Year 7 to provide support and advice on making the transition to Beaumont.

We have found, through many years of experience, that students settle quickly into their tutor groups even if they

are not always with their friends from primary school. We believe it is important for all students to meet new people and build new relationships.

All students become a member of one of our seven Houses, giving them an opportunity to meet and work with students of all ages and abilities throughout their school careers.

Admissions to Beaumont are managed by Hertfordshire County Council. Information on this process is available by telephone on 0300 123 4043, by email at [hertsdirect@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:hertsdirect@hertscc.gov.uk) or on the web at [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)



“ Students make outstanding progress and their attainment, including that of the most able students... is much better than in other schools nationally.

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“ The behaviour and attitudes of students are exemplary.

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# WITHIN THE CLASSROOM

We pride ourselves on the quality of the learning experience at Beaumont, both within and beyond the classroom. Students are actively encouraged to be independent thinkers and enquirers and are supported throughout their time with us to develop life skills which will benefit them through their school life and beyond.

Our curriculum is based on choice, diversity and opportunity. Students have an exceptional range of option choices both at Key Stage 4 and later on when they reach the Sixth Form. Opportunities for students who join Beaumont's outstanding Sixth Form are increased still further by access to additional courses within the BeauSandVer Education Trust.

Those with special needs are treated with equality throughout the school. We aim to respond to the needs of every individual and support them to achieve their potential.

Beaumont students achieve great academic success. At Key Stage 4, our outstanding results can confirm our position as one of the highest attaining schools in the area, with major strengths in English, Mathematics and beyond. Furthermore, the school's Sixth Form results consistently place us amongst the top institutions nationally.

# RECOGNISED AT A NATIONAL LEVEL

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There are high levels of support for spiritual, moral, social and cultural aspects of learning.

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Progress across the curriculum is excellent. We build effectively on prior learning, enabling students at Beaumont to achieve significantly better GCSE and A Level results than they would at the great majority of other schools. As a result, we open doors to prestigious university study and fulfilling careers.

The development of skills for life-long learning is a high priority for the school and has resulted in *Skills4Success*, a programme developed by Beaumont staff which places skills development at the heart of every student's learning.

*Skills4Success* is born out of research and a belief that it is transferable skills, alongside academic achievement, which will provide our students with the best opportunities in life. This whole-school initiative has already been shared and recognised at a national level and has demonstrated a positive impact on developing students' skills for independent learning.

The formal curriculum is supported throughout the year by a series of Curriculum Enrichment Days (CEDs) which encourage students to think and learn differently and they present them with opportunities and challenges which are not possible in the typical running of the school day. These days further develop students' abilities to work with others in circumstances outside of the 'normal' lesson environment and often involve working with those outside their own year group.

# LEARNING AT BEAUMONT

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

**We pride ourselves that all Beaumont students are offered a wealth of opportunities to enjoy and excel in learning and enrichment experiences beyond the classroom.**

Whether your talent is in Sport, Music, Drama, Science, Technology, The Arts or is one that you have not yet discovered, there is a new opportunity for you to explore at Beaumont.

All students throughout the school are expected to participate in, support and take a lead in extra-curricular activities. Furthermore, we encourage students to take responsibility for developing an activity should it not already exist. In addition, our Sixth Form captains play a pivotal role in leading younger members of our community in all aspects of our work.

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Students are very proud of their school.

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## EXCELLENCE IN SPORT

**Every Beaumont student is strongly encouraged to live a healthy and active lifestyle. Students have access to a wide range of sporting activities throughout the year, regardless of age, ability or gender.**

Our teams regularly perform exceptionally well at district, county, regional and national levels. Some highlights from last year include: U18 Girls' Rugby County champions, U13 and U15 Girls' Basketball County Cup winners, U18 Boys' Basketball County Cup winners, U13 and U15 Girls' Cricket County indoor and outdoor champions and Regional finalists, U13 and U18 Boys' Football County Cup winners, U16 Girls' Football County Cup winners and National Cup last 16. U12 and U18 Boys' Football District Cup winners, U12 Boys' Football National Cup quarter finalists, U16 Girls' Netball District Cup and League winners, U14 Girls' Netball District Tournament winners and District Cup winners, U15 Girls' Gaelic Football British Championship winners. Beaumont had six medal winners at the County Track and Field Championships and 41 medallists at the District Track and Field Championships. Our teams were County Tennis finalists in four age groups. Several other girls' and boys' teams also won or made finals in District competitions across a range of sports.

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An imaginative and extensive range of extra-curricular clubs, study-support and trips are offered by the school.

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## EXCELLENCE IN DRAMA

**The opportunities to discover Drama at Beaumont are truly outstanding and every individual is encouraged to take part, whether in front of or behind the curtain. The aim of the Drama department is to remain inclusive but with a quality of performance that is always remarkable.**

Lower School Drama clubs give performances in the Summer Term and these are supplemented by two school productions each year. In 2019, seventy Year 7 students were involved in a production of Toy Story and a number of our students, across all years, represent Beaumont in the National Youth Theatre and Youth Music Theatre UK.

2019 also saw another amazing project, developed by the Drama department, which involved our students and the wider community. With funding awarded from the National Lottery Community Fund, we commissioned playwright, Mark Wheeler, to write a brand new verbatim play, Game Over, based on the story of Breck Bednar. This play, premiered by our students, received national television and media coverage, has now been published. More performances of this important and innovative production will be available in the forthcoming year.



## EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC

**Music at Beaumont continues to provide opportunities for all. Every student at Beaumont has the chance to learn Music and the extra-curricular opportunities are wide and varied. There are opportunities in Music which students of all levels of ability and experience will both find enriching and enjoyable.**

The subject is taught by expert staff who have a national reputation for their music education publications. Our busy concert schedule showcases the range of high-quality ensembles at the school. Highlights include our musicals, jazz evenings and lunchtime recitals. Students at Beaumont represent the school at both regional and national levels on a regular basis, and many students go on to study Music at university.

# THE BEAUMONT COMMUNITY

Beaumont is a warm and welcoming environment and we are proud of the outstanding community spirit which permeates the school. Visitors frequently comment on the calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school, both inside and outside of lessons. All within our community have a responsibility to foster an atmosphere of respect, tolerance, safety and enjoyment.

The care we provide for our students is of paramount importance and during their time at Beaumont, students will experience a high level of support and guidance. This starts at the beginning of each day with their Form Tutor, whose responsibility it is to ensure that all members of our community are prepared and ready to start learning. Furthermore, we have a dedicated team of staff who are committed to meeting the pastoral needs of our students, supplemented by specialist external agencies if required.

“ Students are very respectful towards each other and their teachers. Parents are overwhelmingly supportive of the school.

Numerous opportunities exist for students to forge new friendships, through activities such as inter-House competitions and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, as well as the many lunchtime clubs on offer. Student leadership is strongly encouraged, an example of this being our annual 'Rob's Festival' of music and sport, which raises money for the Prince's Trust and is led by a team of Sixth Form students.

The decisions which students make at key points through the school are carefully prepared for, managed and supported. Option choices at Key Stages 4 and 5 provide opportunities for students to create their own pathways through their learning and we support this by delivering key information, advice and impartial guidance at the right time for informed choices to be made.

“ The school's work to keep students safe and secure is outstanding.

The safety, well-being and enjoyment of all within our community are key to ensuring that all students excel. Safeguarding procedures are integral to the day to day running of the school and all members of staff play an important role in ensuring that every student has the right level of care to meet their individual needs.



# BEYOND THE BEAUMONT COMMUNITY

As is clear throughout this prospectus, being a part of Beaumont is about embracing the many opportunities we make available to you. Whatever your interests or talents, there is probably already an activity that suits your needs. If it doesn't already exist, we will encourage you to create that opportunity for yourself and others.

Students in every year group benefit from a wide range of opportunities to take part in extra-curricular trips and visits both in this country and abroad.

As a Specialist Language College we offer exchanges and study visits to Spain, Germany and France. We believe that the opportunity to experience life and culture in other countries is an invaluable learning experience and every effort is made to ensure that these opportunities are open to all students.

Most curriculum areas offer students day or residential visits, such as Drama and Music tours to Europe, ski trips, sports tours, a Geography study visit to Iceland and many other exciting opportunities. These include Year 10 Work Experience, university open days and lecture visits and Gifted & Talented enrichment programmes and competitions.

Our annual Curriculum Enrichment Week provides even more opportunity for students to take on new challenges and experiences. During the week, students can select from a range of practical, cultural and sporting activities on offer both inside and beyond school.



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AFTER BEAUMONT

# OUR FORMER STUDENTS

What some of our former students have to say about the school...

## Louis Maycock

Regardless of your background, culture or academic performance, there is one thing I can guarantee you will receive from Beaumont and that is a school which is dedicated to finding the gold within you. Beaumont enshrines a culture of excellence in all that it does, whether it is in the classroom, on the sports field or in extra curricular activities. It was this ethos that supported a once struggling student into university where he finished top of his class and then made that student say 'I will do better' and push for a Post Graduate Diploma in Building Surveying.

There is an old African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" which suggests that it takes a community to develop a child ready for adulthood and for me it was within the community of Beaumont School that I was given the tools to shape my future.



## Rossalyn Warren

The reason I am a journalist, writing stories from around the world for media such as The Guardian, The Washington Post, and CNN, is because of my time at Beaumont. I studied Drama, which is where I first fell in love with political theatre and story-telling. I also studied languages, which granted me practical skills as I've travelled as part of my job; English, where I learned how to think critically and Art, where my creativity was encouraged.

My teachers at Beaumont inspired me to be ambitious and gave me the confidence to pursue a curriculum that I was passionate about. The school provided a supportive, nurturing environment that encouraged independent thinking and collaborative work, both of which have been important to me and I've navigated my career. Beaumont also gave me friends for life, people who have been there for me throughout my adult life.



## Jerome Mayaud

Beaumont is a place of opportunity; a school where you are given the chance to be the best you can be. Regardless of where your strengths lie, Beaumont teaches you that everybody has a right to be ambitious. And importantly, it provides you with the skills and the confidence to realise that ambition.

Since leaving Beaumont, I have thrown myself into exploring the world around me: first with a Geography degree at Oxford University and then a Masters in Polar Studies (yes, penguins!) at Cambridge University. Having completed a PhD investigating the effects of climate change on desert ecosystems in southern Africa, I am now a Research Fellow at the University of British Columbia, working in Canada. Along the way, I've been lucky enough to travel and carry out fieldwork in such diverse places as Oman, Zimbabwe, Iceland and the Caucasus. However, without my teachers at Beaumont encouraging me to aim high, none of this would have been in my sights.



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