

***“Achievement in the Sixth Form is outstanding...” OFSTED***

# WELCOME TO BEAUMONT



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. In 2020, we were delighted to open our new Science block and have ambitious plans for further developments over the coming years.

I am immensely proud to be Headteacher of such a fantastic school with over 1543 students and 184 highly qualified staff who are committed to give their best throughout their time with us.

**Martin Atkinson**  
HEADTEACHER

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# WELCOME TO SIXTH FORM



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 454 students.

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

A broad curriculum, outstanding teaching, dedicated study and social areas, approachable staff and our ethos of achievement for 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 in which to gain experience, confidence and valuable inter-personal skills.

Whether you decide to go to university, complete an apprenticeship, take a gap year 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 to welcome you as a member of our outstanding Sixth Form.

**Joanna Tolley**  
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 their 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 lessons 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.

**Tailored Tutor Programme:** Tailored Tutor Programme: In Year 12, the focus is transition to KS5 study, where students are given practical advice on how to study effectively within their chosen subject areas. In Year 13, the emphasis is upon preparing students for life beyond Beaumont. All students are given support with the UCAS process, information, advice and guidance in relation to all career pathways, and the opportunity to book appointments with a Hertfordshire Services for Young People advisor should they need it.

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

**Facilities:** 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.

*"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.

***"Teachers plan exciting challenging lessons that stretch students' thinking."***

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# OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum allows selection from a wide range of challenging subjects.

We offer the following A Levels:

Art, Biology, Business Economics, Chemistry, Computer Science, Drama & Theatre Studies, Economics, English Literature, French, Further Maths, Geography, German, History, Maths, Media Studies, Music, Philosophy & Ethics, Photography, Physical Education, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Sociology and Spanish.

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

**CTEC Level 3 in Business, Sport & Physical Activity, IT and BTEC Level 3 in Creative Digital Media. 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, including three-year trends, are available on the school website: [www.beaumontschool.com](http://www.beaumontschool.com).

We are able to offer a range of subjects through our extensive curriculum and, with our arrangements with the BeauSandVer Education Trust, the following subjects can also be worked into your programme: Business Studies, Dance, English Language, Music Technology, Product Design, Textiles and Law.

# DESTINATIONS

Each year, we support our students' applications to a wide range of prestigious courses at highly sought after institutions, such as medical and veterinary science schools and Cambridge and Oxford Universities.

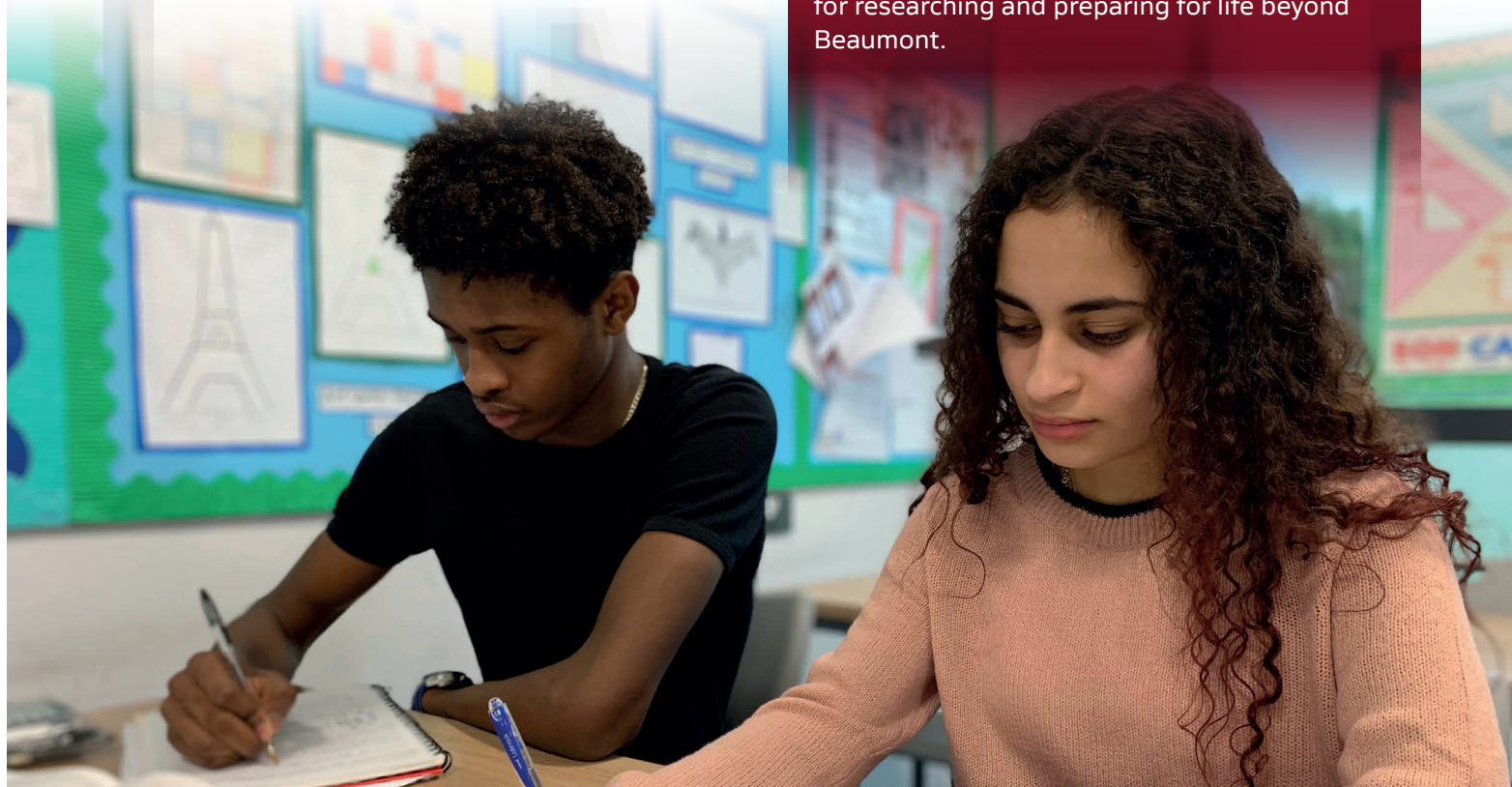
We host a university application information evening in the Spring Term, which helps parents to understand the process and therefore support their child as they make important decisions regarding courses to apply for and which universities or alternative career options to consider.

## APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS

We also support students who want to pursue the apprenticeship route. We invite various speakers, including alumni, to talk to students about the opportunities available, how to access them and how to secure a place on highly competitive schemes. We work closely with ASK (Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge) network which provide workshops to support those students interested in an apprenticeship pathway, whilst also providing tailored one to one guidance where necessary.

## UNIFROG

We provide access to Unifrog, an online platform, for all of our students. Unifrog provides comprehensive and up-to-date information on a wealth of university, college and Apprenticeship courses in the UK and beyond, including Degree Apprenticeships. It is an excellent resource for researching and preparing for life beyond Beaumont.



# ENGAGING IN SIXTH FORM LIFE

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 the opportunity to take part in two school productions each year, run KS3 clubs as our Drama Leaders, and attend many theatre trips and practical workshops. We host National Youth Theatre auditions annually in school, where we invite Drama students to participate. Last year we saw a record number of students being awarded a place on the NYT Summer course. Many Drama students go on to successfully securing places at prestigious theatre schools and universities around the country to further their studies, where we will support and coach students with their preparations. In 2019 the Drama department was awarded funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, to commission playwright, Mark Wheeller, 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 and is performed by Youth groups and Schools from across the world.



## 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, bands and orchestras are justifiably proud of the enviable reputation they have earned. The school has close links to the National Youth Concert Band and encourages students to audition for a variety of prestigious ensembles. Additionally, our students benefit from masterclasses with leading professional musicians. Individual advice, support and guidance are also offered to students interested in pursuing further study of Music at universities or conservatoires.



## SPORT

Every student at Beaumont is strongly encouraged to live a healthy and active lifestyle. We introduced Wellbeing Wednesdays in 2019. Sixth Form students are able to play sports entirely for the enjoyment of taking part. Our excellent facilities are at their disposal including the fitness centre, four badminton-court sports hall, top quality grass pitches, floodlit all-weather 3G pitch and Multi-Use Games Area. Our sports teams regularly perform exceptionally well at district, county, regional and national levels. Some of the highlights from the last full year of competitive sport include: U18 boys' and girls' Basketball County Cup winners, U18 girls' Football County League and District Cup winners, U18 girls' District Netball Cup winners, County/Academy representation in both boys' and girls' Basketball, girls' football and Cross Country. Beaumont had five medal winners at the County Track and Field Championships and 24 medalists at the District Track and Field Championships.



## CONTRIBUTING TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

There are wide and varied opportunities in the Sixth Form to become involved in the school community. We are keen to emphasise the importance of being able to contribute to a community as it has benefits for personal well-being, developing leadership skills, and experience which allows greater understanding of how organisations operate. Consequently, we ask all students in Beaumont Sixth Form to contribute to the school community each week during term time. There are a huge range of different types of contributions which are available:

- Pastoral mentoring of KS3/4 school students - we have about 100 students being mentored by Sixth Form students for 15 minutes each week.
- Subject Leaders who get involved with support in academic departments and their activities.
- Academic mentoring support for KS3/4 school students where lower school students receive help in revising for exams and support in difficult areas.
- Rob's Festival and other Charity Events
- Support in other areas of the school (the library, reception, IT, technology, science, PE)

Each year we also have a cohort of Year 12 students entered for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards. Students work hard at four sections throughout the year, culminating in their expedition.

