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DEADLINES

External applicants will be required to meet the same deadline as set for expressions of interest from Year 11 students at Beaumont. This will be set annually but will usually be the Friday of the penultimate week before the February half-term break. Any applications received after this date will be treated as late applications and will be placed on a waiting list.

MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Average point score of 7.0 points or greater for four A Levels.

Average point score of 6.0 points or greater for A Levels including Sciences.

Average point score of 5.0 - 5.9 points (including 3+ grade 6s) for 3 A Levels excluding Sciences.

Average point score of 4.0 – 4.9 points for vocational blend (combination of BTEC, CTEC and A Level subjects).

Applicants will also need to meet the specific criteria for the individual subjects which they wish to study (<https://beausandver.org.uk/about-us/subjects/subject-entry-requirements/>).


GUIDANCE TO APPLICANTS

Guidance will be given to students about their likely eligibility for admission based on a calculation of their average point score in the most recent mock exams. This allows students to decide the number and type of courses to apply for. Each subject will also have specific entry criteria in the form of a GCSE grade or equivalent. The criteria are reviewed annually. Students are expected to study either 3 or 4 A levels or a combination of BTEC/CTEC and A Level courses. The school will not accept students to study only 2 A Levels or equivalent, as this would not meet the national requirement for students to be at school on a full-time basis.

APPLICATION AND OFFER OF PLACES

When all of the applications have been received, the school will make provisional offers to students who have met the application deadline. Offers will be issued sometime in the spring term before GCSE examinations are taken. These offers will be made to all applicants simultaneously, although an oral offer will be made in advance to external students attending their advice and guidance meeting. Where any applicant is unsuccessful, the reason will be communicated.

Students who apply by the initial application deadline will be placed before any students on the waiting list, regardless of the school they have come from. Students who apply after the February deadline may be offered a place at the same time as other students, provided spaces are still available. After offers have been made the school will keep a “continued interest” list until the end of the first full week of the autumn term of the academic year in

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which the courses start. Any applications received after the publication of GCSE results will be considered only if there are no qualifying applicants on the continued interest list.

APPEALS

Unsuccessful applicants who wish to appeal against the decision not to offer a place may do so by submitting their reasons for appeal in writing to the school. Either unsuccessful applicants or their parents/legal guardians may lodge appeals. Appeals may be submitted against the decision not to make a conditional offer before exam results, or against the decision not to make a firm offer following exam results. In the case of a decision not to make a provisional offer, the appeal must be submitted within 20 school days of receipt of the letter sent by the school to communicate the decision. In the case of a decision not to make a firm offer, the appeal must be submitted at the latest by the date of enrolment for Year 12 at the start of the academic year for which the application was made.


Following the submission of an appeal, the Academy Trust, acting in its capacity as admission authority, will convene a panel of three people, who meet the requirements of the School Admission Appeals Code, to hear the appeal. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the School Admission Appeals Code. In the case of an appeal where the offer of a place would have been conditional upon exam results, the hearing will take place within 30 school days of the confirmation of exam results. In the case of an appeal where the offer of a place would not have been conditional upon exam results, the hearing will take place within 40 school days of the date of enrolment for Year 12 or within 40 school days of receipt of the appeal for students who apply at a later date. The appellants will be given at least 10 school days' notice of the hearing.

The panel's decision will be communicated to the appellants and to the Academy Trust, as admission authority, as soon as possible after the hearing, and not later than five school days afterwards.

ENROLMENT AND ADMISSION

Offers will be confirmed for students who meet minimum entry criteria.

1. Students who do not meet the deadline for the return of their enrolment form will have their offer of a place rescinded and will thereafter be treated as a late applicant.
2. On enrolment, students must sign the Sixth Form code of conduct and provide evidence of meeting the criteria for Sixth Form admission in the form of official examination documentation. Students who are new to Beaumont must also provide proof of their date of birth.
3. Any student who has not achieved a grade 4 in English Literature/English Language or Mathematics or does not hold an international equivalent grade in either of these two subjects will be required to study either or both English and Mathematics until this standard is achieved. The need for equivalences is negated if the student is studying A level English, Mathematics or both in the Sixth Form.
4. Students who have studied abroad and believe they hold an international equivalent grade in English and Mathematics will need to have this validated by the UK NARIC organisation (<https://www.naric.org.uk>) and present this information to the school.
5. Students must achieve a grade E in a subject in the internal Year 12 Threshold exam to continue with that subject into Year 13. A student must be able to continue with 3 subjects or the equivalent in teaching hours in order to progress from Year 12 to Year 13, in line with national requirements for full-time study. Students who are unable to

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continue with subjects will receive appropriate support to find suitable alternative options at the school.

6. The school will not allow students to re-take Year 12 with the same or similar subjects. However, exceptions may be made for students who wish to re-take Year 12 with a change of focus if there is sufficient evidence to suggest that they may be able to succeed.
7. Students whose attendance falls below 85% overall are unlikely to achieve success in their studies. Therefore, the Head of Sixth Form will intervene in the cases of students in this category to provide support with a view to improving attendance. This intervention may include recommending a change to a student's options. The school recognises, however, that there may be legitimate reasons for low attendance rates, such as ongoing illness. Attendance at registration/Tutor time/Study sessions and PSHCE are counted as part of overall attendance.