



BEAUCHAMPS HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM



It is my huge privilege to be Headteacher at Beauchamps High School and I am honoured to lead such an inspirational group of staff and students.

This is an exciting time for you; a time for you to make important decisions about your future. Sixth Form is the next step in your learning journey and at Beauchamps High School, we are committed to supporting you in your goals to achieve the absolute best that you can. We have a team of Sixth Form staff who are here to work as a team for you, in order to prepare you for a bright and promising future.

Our thriving Sixth Form offers everything our students love about their education in an environment where they are treated as young adults. Our sixth formers are role models to our younger students.

The Beauchamps community is a family, in which everyone aspires to achieve their best and beyond.



# Wellbeing

At BHS Sixth Form we pride ourselves on the fantastic support offered to our students during their Post 16 journey. We are fully aware that some students will need more support than others but all students will receive the necessary support to help them achieve their potential. Each student is allocated an individual mentor to support and guide them during their two-year journey.

We want every student to make the most of their experience at BHS Sixth Form, therefore communication between school and home is vital. Please call or email if you have any concerns or questions, even if you think your request is trivial. Sixth Form is a new experience for both students and parents, and we are here to help.







### **Student Leadership**

Beauchamps is a family, and as such, we value the voice and individuality of each and every student. Our 6th Form Lead Ambassadors play a significant role in both the everyday life of the school and the Student Council and frequently contribute to discussion about ways to develop and improve our school. All 6th Form students are encouraged to apply to be part of the Lead Ambassador team as an excellent opportunity for them to develop leadership skills, in anticipation that they may use these in their future lives.

### Lead Ambassadors:

I chose to apply for the position of Lead Ambassador because I wanted to challenge myself, taking on a role with variety; where I can explore new interactions as a team member or as a leader, and develop new skills too. This role lets me set my own goals and put forward a personal ambition, while still holding the important purpose of embodying the student's voice and connecting all areas of the school community together. I believe that this position can operate as a link between the sixthform leadership and the students, with the opportunity to explore issues and wishes which can be adopted accordingly. I aim to encourage other students to explore their potential; become comfortable in who they are; ensure that our school reflects our opinions and ideas, as well as aspire to be a determined and forward thinking ambassador for the Beauchamps High School. Oliver

I feel proud to be Lead Ambassador of Beauchamps, as I understand how important it is to be somewhat of a role model to younger students in the school. I hope I can inspire others to be the best they can be, through hard work, perseverance, but most of all, through kindness. Beauchamps truly values everyone and I'm honoured that I can take on this role and represent our amazing Student Body. Erin

## **Pastoral Support**

As well as brilliant tutors and a strong Sixth Form team we also have a designated Sixth Form Pastoral Manager available to support students in difficult times. They will do all they can to keep you supported throughout your time in the Sixth Form. Why might a student want a Pastoral Manager?

- "I'm so disorganised!"
- "I can't cope!"
- "English isn't my first language"
- "I just feel overwhelmed"
- "Things are really difficult in my personal life and it's affecting school"

The leap from GCSEs to A Levels can be tough and at BHS Sixth Form we are proud of our commitment to offer individual support to any student who would benefit from it, making sure that everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential. We spend time with students individually or as a group to provide regular or occasional support. We also have very close links with lots of external agencies that can help and support young people.



## **Pathways**

Every student matters to us and therefore we tailor learning and support to enable personalised development through the Sixth Form.

Life and Learning in the Sixth Form is very different to Year 11. A significant challenge for students is the move away from very formal lessons, where the majority of the learning is directed by the teacher, to taking more responsibility and more independence in their learning. For example, students will often be taught in much smaller classes to enable more personalisation, however there will be an expectation that students will prepare ahead for lessons, take their own notes, meet deadlines, undertake independent research, use their own initiative to extend their knowledge beyond the classroom. Students in BHS Sixthform can follow 1 or 3 pathways

- A Complete A Level Pathway consisting of 3 or 4 A Levels
- A Hybrid A Level/Btec Pathway consisting of a mix of A Level and Btec courses
- A complete Btec Pathway

All of these pathways come with the option to take additional professional qualifications to support your progression to University or be more competitive in the job market.

Post-16 Education Decisions – What you decide to study post-16 can have a major impact on what you can study at degree level. Whether or not you have an idea of the subject you want to study at university, having the right information now will give you more options when the time comes to make your mind up.

https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk

## **Post 18 Progression**

We are focused on supporting students to achieve their very best in whichever career path they choose. Whilst over 70% do go on to their first choice university, our partnerships has also enabled students to secure prestigious apprenticeship placements, with PwC, British Army, Southend Airport, the list goes on

We offer an extensive programme to help students develop their talents and help them to prepare for their application to university. Our dedicated careers team, mentors and pastoral manager offer support throughout the academic year; from academic support to drafting UCAS personal statements. Our Higher Education initiatives are tailored to offer bespoke support for our students from the moment they become a Beauchamp's Student.

**Higher Education Initiatives** 

- HE and Careers Days, offering advice and provide invaluable networking opportunities.
- University application support from our dedicated and 6th form team, including 1:1 guidance and support
- Visits and talks by university academics
- Personal Statement workshops
- Mock interviews

#### **University Links**

We work with a wide variety of universities such as, King's College London, Cambridge University, Loughborough University, Reading University to name but a few.

Our links with universities means you will be able to partake in initiatives run by these institutions, including university mentoring, academic masterclasses and tailor-made educational visits by academics from a range of disciplines.



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