



## Beauchamps High School

### Admission Arrangements for September 2020 - 2021

Students will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability and aptitude. The number of intended admissions to Year 7 for the year commencing 1 September 2020 will be 240. The National closing date by which parents may express a preference is 31 October 2019. Applications should be made using the Common Application Form supplied by Essex County Council. Parents residing outside of Essex who wish to apply for a place should name the school as one of their preferences on their home Authority's application form. All parents will be notified of the outcome of their application by post on 1 March 2020.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked after children. (*A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).*)
2. Where a child is living in the defined geographical area of Wickford, the closest to the school being given the highest priority (as determined by straight line distance).
3. Where a child has a brother or sister (sibling) attending the school, the closest to the school being given the highest priority (as determined by straight line distance).
4. Where a child is living outside the defined geographical area of Wickford, the closest to the school being given the highest priority (distances are calculated by the Local Authority, as defined in the Secondary Education in Essex booklet, by use of a Geographical Information System which accurately measures the distance from the home address to the school).

Exceptional medical circumstances may supersede all or some of the above criteria. Such requests must be supported by medical evidence from a doctor or other registered health professional setting out why the preferred school is the most suitable school, and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to travel to another school, at the time of application. Applications made on this basis will be considered by the Governing Body, who will decide whether the evidence provided demonstrates that the medical circumstances are exceptional and if it is appropriate for the application to override those in other admissions criteria.

Children with an EHCP which names a school in the EHCP are required to be admitted to the named school. Thus, these students may be provided with a place regardless of the admissions criteria mentioned above.

Parents who wish their child(ren) to attend Beauchamps High School must apply following the arrangements set out in the scheme for the co-ordination of student admissions in Essex, by the specified closing date. The overall admissions arrangement will accord with the agreed scheme for the co-ordination of secondary school admissions and the procedures outlined in the Secondary Education in Essex 2020/21 booklet (including the scheme timetable, late applications, change of preference, offers and withdrawal of places, maintenance of the waiting list and determination of residence procedures etc).

**Siblings:** For applications made in the normal admission round a sibling is defined as a child living in the same family unit in the same family household and address as a child who attends the school in any year group. This, therefore, includes brothers and sisters and step brothers and sisters. In addition biological siblings, in any year group will be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. For mid year applications a sibling is defined as a child living in the same family unit in the same family household and address as a child who attends the school at the time of application and determination.

**Late Applications:** Applications for Year 7 received after the closing date will be treated as late applications unless there is evidence to show that the application could not have reasonably been made on time. Late applications will be handled in accordance with the co-ordinated admissions scheme operated by Essex County Council and published in the Secondary Education in Essex 2020/21 booklet. Non-Essex residents should refer to the co-ordinated scheme published by their home local authority.

**Waiting List:** Unsuccessful Year 7 applicants will be placed onto a waiting list, which will be maintained by Essex County Council until the end of August 2020, and thereafter by the school.

**In Year Applications:** In-year applications are to be made directly to Beauchamps High School in accordance with the operational arrangements published by Essex LA and using the LA's standard application form. The school criteria will apply as for new intake admissions. The school will hold a continuous waiting list for up to one month from the time of application. Applicants may renew their interest regularly to remain on the waiting list thereafter.

**Right of appeal:** Unsuccessful applicants will have the right of appeal to an independent Appeals Committee, which will meet on a specified date. Parents must register their appeal within 21 days of the date on the refusal letter.

**Admissions to the Sixth Form:** The school is proposing to admit 120 in Year 12, including 20 who will be admitted for the first time in September 2020. Year 12 students will be admitted to study an academic A Level pathway only if they meet the entry requirements of Grade 5 in English and Maths and 4 other GCSE grades at 5 or above or equivalent. To follow a vocational BTEC Pathway a Grade 4 in English and Maths plus at least 3 other GCSE grades 4 or above or equivalent is needed. In addition students must meet the specific requirements for individual subjects detailed in the prospectus.

**Oversubscription Criteria where the Sixth Form is oversubscribed:** Existing Year 11 students applying for a Sixth Form place and external students applying to be admitted for the first time will be offered a place according to the school's existing Admission Arrangements.