

# Welcome to Beal High School Year 9 Progression Evening



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# Every Child Succeeds



We want our students to be:



**Successful learners** who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve their full potential



**Confident individuals** who are able to lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives



**Responsible citizens** who make a positive contribution to society



# Beal is exceptional

Curriculum

Outcomes

Progression

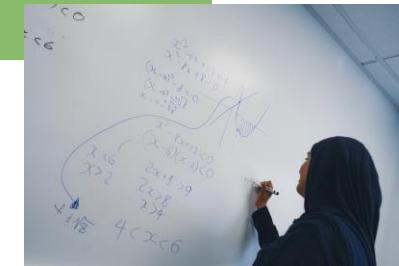
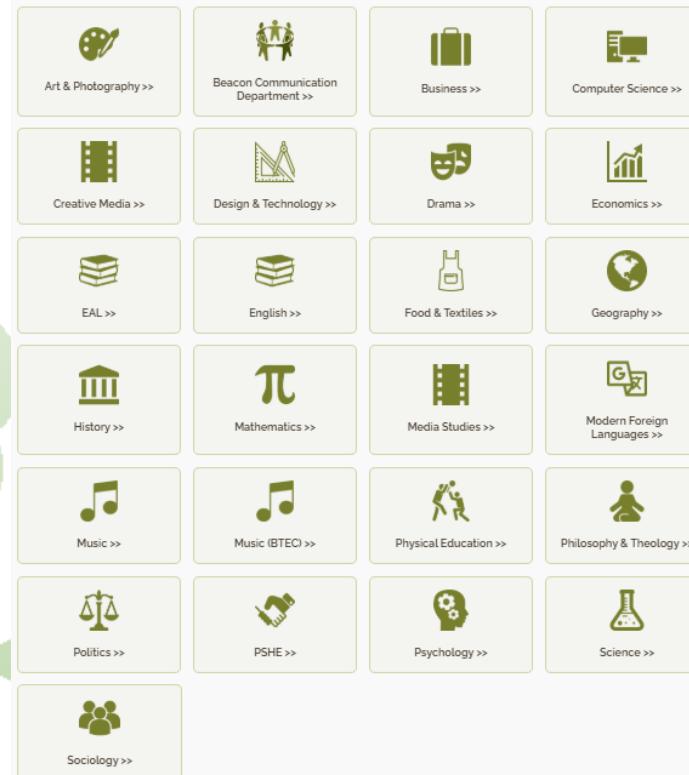
Pastoral

Wider opportunities



# An ambitiously broad and balanced curriculum entitlement

- ✓ 17 subjects at KS3
- ✓ 22 option subjects at KS4
- ✓ 8 x core subjects
- ✓ 4 x community languages GCSE
- ✓ 40 courses at KS5
- ✓ Higher Professional Qualification (HPQ L2)
- ✓ Extended Professional Qualification (EPQ AS)
- ✓ Duke of Edinburgh Award
- ✓ Extra-curricular and sporting curriculum



**'The curriculum is dynamic and carefully constructed to provide a range of differing routes to progression'**



# Exceptional outcomes



Rapid academic progress significantly above national averages



Most recent Progress 8 (+0.62) and Attainment 8 (55.4) in the top 10% nationally



Attendance in top 10% nationally



# 100% progression

Highest number ever to go to university:  
**383** students in summer 2025!

**76%** students secured first choice destination

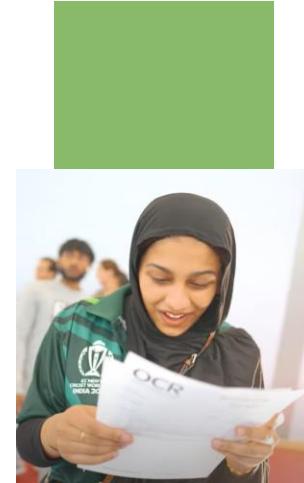
**25%** of students at elite Russell Group universities



# Destinations

-  Social Sciences & Humanities - 73
-  Business & Finance - 55
-  Medicine & Sciences - 51
-  Law - 35
-  Engineering & Design - 29
-  Science & Mathematics - 23
-  Technology & Computing - 15
-  Education - 7

- QMUL (35)
- King's College London (17)
- UCL (8)
- University of Nottingham (8)
- University of Warwick (5)
- University of Southampton (4)
- Imperial College London (2)
- Bristol (1)
- Cardiff University (1)
- University of Manchester (1)
- University of Sheffield (1)





- Other students have secured places on prestigious higher/degree apprenticeships at:

- *Barclays*
- *Deloitte*
- *Ernst Young*
- *Goldman Sachs*
- *Grant Thornton*
- *KPMG*
- *McGee (Civil Engineering)*
- *National Audit Office*
- *PWC*
- *Redbridge Council*
- *Shawbrook Bank*
- *Visa*
- *Vodafone*
- *Willis Towers Watson*





# The key to success

- ▶ The right subject choice for each student
- ▶ Academic core – Maths (numeracy) and English (literacy and oracy)
- ▶ An ambitiously broad, balanced curriculum
- ▶ Attendance, engagement and attitude
- ▶ Listening to advice and guidance



# Core curriculum

- English Language (GCSE exam)
- English Literature (GCSE exam)
- Maths (GCSE exam)
- Science (GCSE exam)
- Core Philosophy (No exam)
- Core PE (No exam)
- PSHE (No exam)





# Recommended approach

Each student has **four** option choices

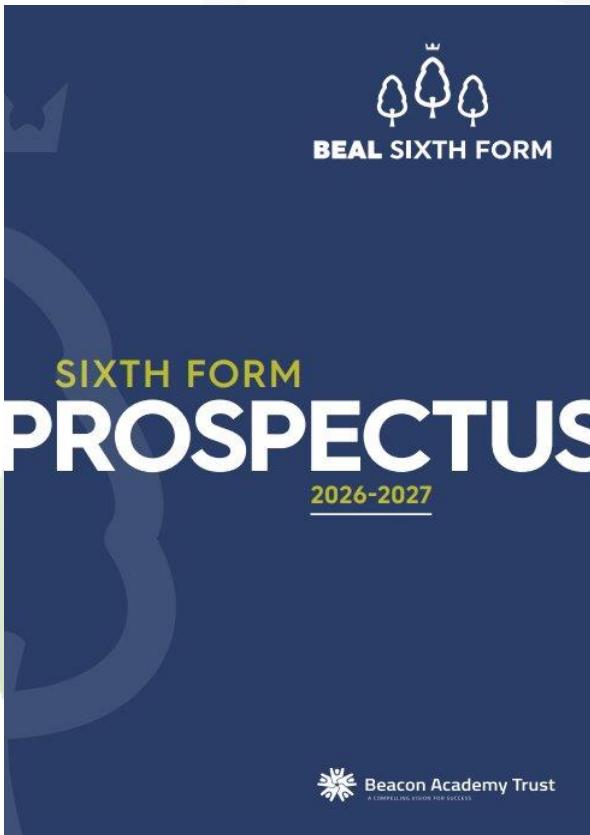
The expected combination:

- History **or** Geography
- A Modern Foreign Language (if they are likely to be successful and enjoy languages)
- A practical/ creative subject
- Avoiding unhelpful combinations

*This will give students a balanced range of subjects*



# Think ahead – progression after Year 11



Strong grades  
English, Maths  
and other GCSE  
subjects are  
needed to enrol  
onto Level 3  
courses

Beal Sixth Form  
Prospectus 2026-  
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# What will elite universities and degree apprenticeship providers demand?

- ▶ 8 top grades at GCSE (including English & Maths)
- ▶ Languages and History or Geography qualifications are highly valued amongst admissions tutors
- ▶ Medical courses may ask for 5 GCSEs at grades 8/9
- ▶ Universities will expect students to pass both English and Maths, with many requiring 5+.
- ▶ Some degree courses will ask for 6/7+ in Eng, Maths and Science
- ▶ Top grades (A/A\*) at A-level
- ▶ Engagement in super-curricular and extra-curricular



# Optional element – 40%



## Specialist Subjects:

### GCSE

Art and Design – Fine Art  
3D Design  
Business Studies  
Computer Science  
Drama  
Economics  
Engineering  
Food Preparation and Nutrition  
Media Studies  
Religious Studies  
Sociology

### BTEC

Music Technology

### NCFE Technical Award

Health and Fitness

### Cambridge National

Information Technology

**Subjects students  
should  
take:**

***Geography or History***

***French, German or  
Spanish if they are  
likely to be successful  
and enjoy languages***





# Additional Community Languages

- Arabic (EDEXCEL)
- Bangla (AQA)
- Chinese (AQA)
- French (AQA)
- German (AQA)
- Greek (EDEXCEL)
- Gujarati (EDEXCEL)
- Hebrew - modern (AQA)
- Italian (AQA)
- Persian (EDEXCEL)
- Polish (AQA)
- Portuguese (EDEXCEL)
- Punjabi (AQA)
- Russian (EDEXCEL)
- Spanish (AQA)
- Turkish (EDEXCEL)
- Urdu (AQA)
- Tamil (IGCSE)

- *If students are able to speak, read and write fluently in one of the languages above, they may choose to take a Community Language GCSE.*





# Making the right choice for you

Strong reasons	Weak reasons
<u>Passion</u>	<b>Friends/Family</b>
<u>Potential</u>	<b>Teachers</b>
<u>Progression</u>	<b>'Prestige'</b>

***Make an informed decision based on the year 9 reports, conversations with school staff and your aspirations***



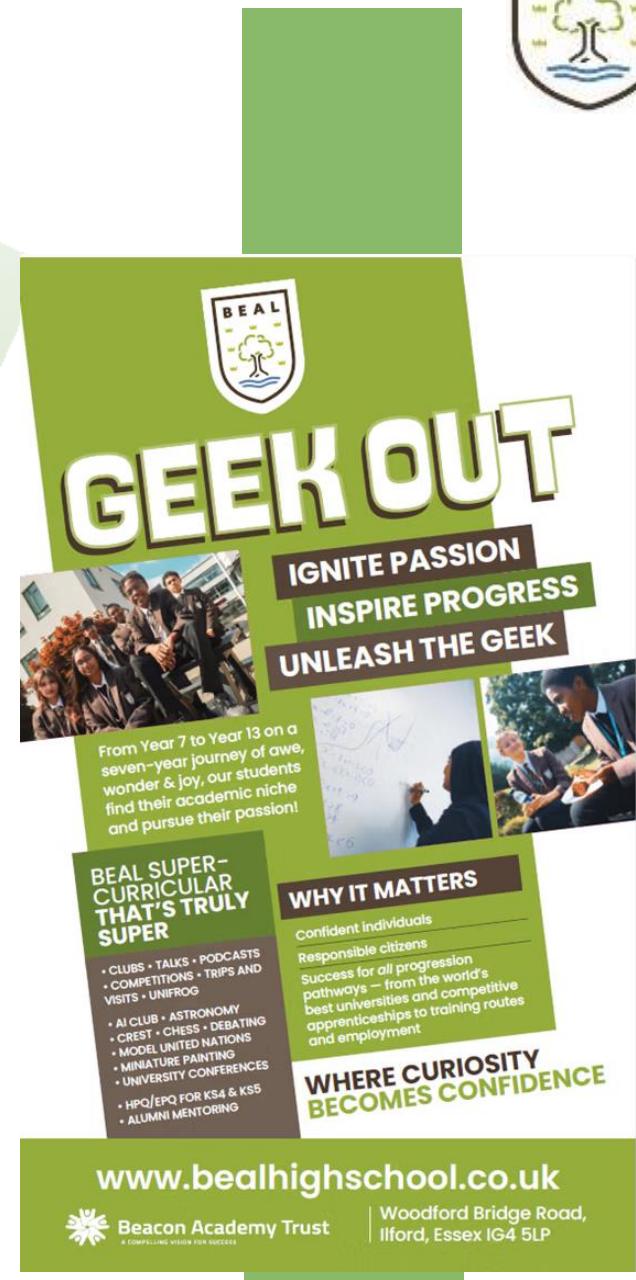


# ***Student Ambassadors***



# Support in place for students

- **Subject assemblies** on Wednesday mornings
- **GCSE Taster lessons** in class
- Information, Advice and Guidance **mentoring 1:1**
- **Parents' Evening** on Tuesday 24th February 2026
- **GCSE options handbook** and subject information on the Beal High School **website**
- Access to **Unifrog**: careers library, subject library and wider enrichment activities
- Access to the **Beal Geek Out Padlet**
- Appointments with our **careers' advisor team**



The graphic is a green and white promotional graphic for Beal High School. It features the school's crest at the top left. The word "GEEK OUT" is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below it, the tagline "IGNITE PASSION, INSPIRE PROGRESS, UNLEASH THE GEEK" is displayed in a smaller, bold, black font. There are three small photographs: one of students outdoors, one of a student writing on a whiteboard, and one of students working together. A text box on the left lists "BEAL SUPER-CURRICULAR THAT'S TRULY SUPER" activities, including clubs, talks, podcasts, competitions, trips, visits, and various clubs like astronomy, chess, and debating. Another text box on the right discusses "WHY IT MATTERS" for confident individuals and responsible citizens, mentioning progression pathways to universities, apprenticeships, and employment. The bottom of the graphic includes the school's website "www.bealhighschool.co.uk" and its location "Woodford Bridge Road, Ilford, Essex IG4 5LP". The graphic is set against a background of green and white abstract shapes.

# GCSE options handbook and subject information on the Beal High School website.

Click on 'Year Groups' and then KS3

ABOUT US ▾ SCHOOL INFORMATION ▾ PARENT INFORMATION ▾ YEAR GROUPS ▾ BEAL SIXTH FORM NEWS ▾ EXAMS ▾

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

KS3

KS4

**BEAL SCHOOL**

An outstanding, diverse and vibrant community

FEATURED EVENTS

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## YEAR 9 TEAM 2025-26

### Head of Year

Mr Goss

### Deputy Head of Year

Mr Salem

### SEN Deputy Head of Year

Ms Pithia

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## YEAR 9

Year 9 is an exciting and important year where students choose their GCSE options and **continue to develop skills** and techniques required to help them excel both in and out of school. This year we also **explore further career options** for the future. In addition, Year 9 gives students the **opportunity to develop their academic skills** by taking an early GCSE in the Higher Project Qualification. As well as studying, we make sure to involve students in as many extra-curricular activities as possible to make the most of the wide range of opportunities available at Beal.

[GCSE Subject Information 2026](#)

[KS4 Options Handbook 2026](#)

[Beal Sixth Form Prospectus](#)



Click on the links for options information. This is in the Yr 9 section of the KS3 area on the Beal website





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# Beal Geek Out 2025-26



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## Beal Geek Out 2025-26

### Geek Out details

#### Beal Geek Out!



Use this padlet to explore all the many opportunities there are to Geek Out as a Beal High School student

### Beal-based activities (1)

#### Beal extra-curricular timetable



#### Drama clubs yr 7-9

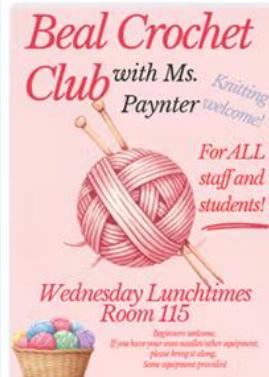


#### Tuesday lunchtimes dr1

#### Chinese Art + Language club

### Beal-based activities (2)

#### Crochet club



#### V+A innovate



Interested in design and in years 7, 8 or 9? Why not take part in the

### Online opportunities

#### Explore: the home of big questions



#### Creative writing competition



### Wider listening/reading

#### Read, Watch, Listen

Find stuff to make you smarter

Go to [Read](#) [Watch](#) [Listen](#) - Student - Unifrog



#### Law in action podcast



Padlet + joanna okosun

High Fliers



#### Medical History podcast



Padlet + joanna okosun

High Fliers



### Oxford/Cambridge university enrichment

#### Oxford online Maths club



High Fliers



#### Oxford university Psychology YouTube channel



Padlet + joanna okosun

High Fliers



#### Cambridge uni masterclasses





# KS3-KS4 Progression Key Dates

- **20th January:** KS3-4 Progression Evening + GCSE Options information on school website
- **24<sup>th</sup> February:** Yr 9 Parents' Evening
- **25<sup>th</sup> February:** Link to GCSE Options MS form emailed to parents
- **18<sup>th</sup> March:** Deadline for GCSE options form to be submitted





# Options MS Form

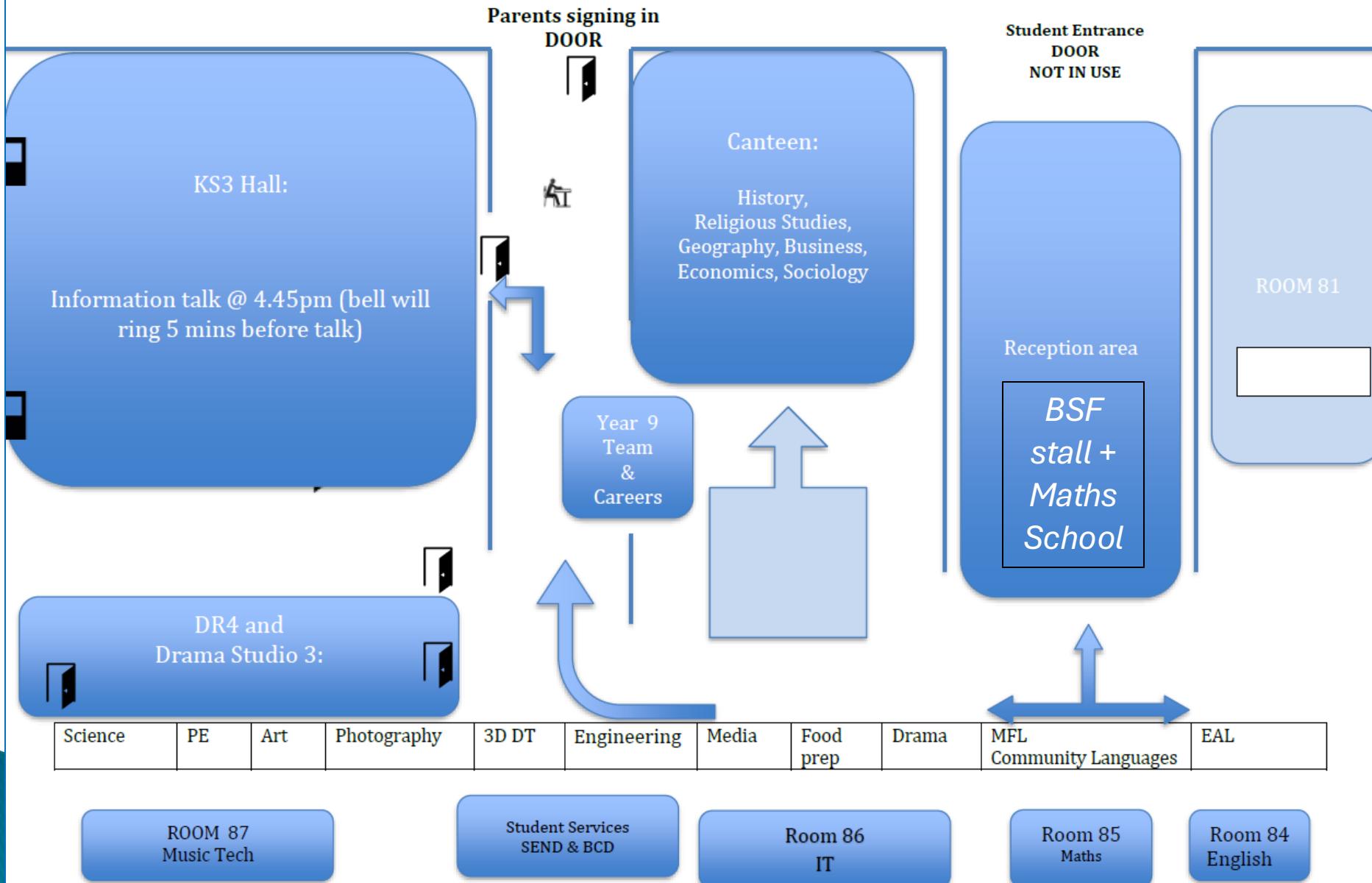
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Your child must fill in the form from their **school email address** so they should check now that their email is working and sort out any issues ahead of the form being sent.

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## Year 9 Progression Evening KS3/4 - KS3 Ground Floor (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026)



# Thank you for joining us at our Beal High School Year 9 Progression Evening



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