

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

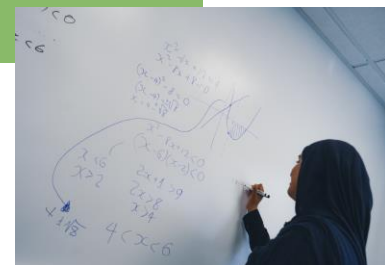
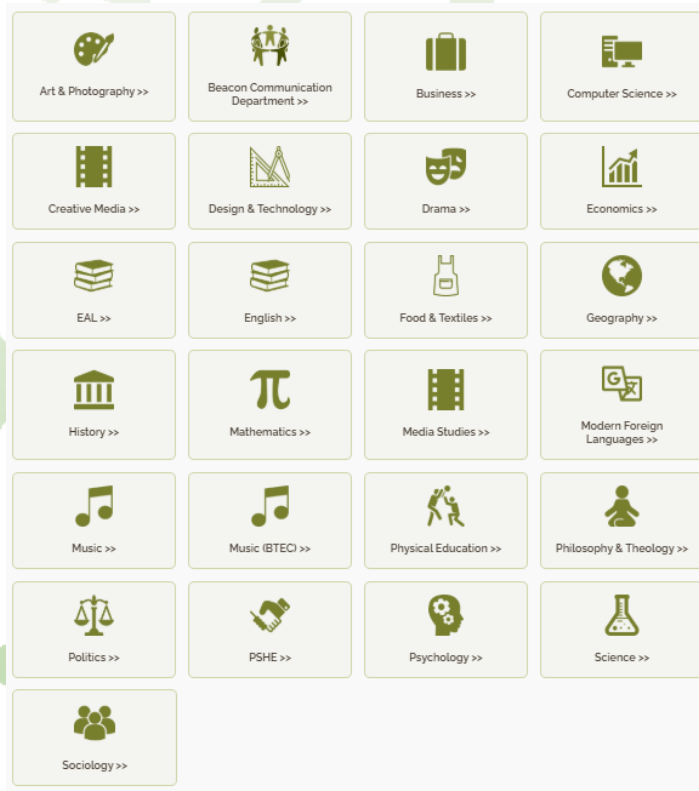
Pastoral

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'

Ofsted

BSF  **MATHS SCHOOL**

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

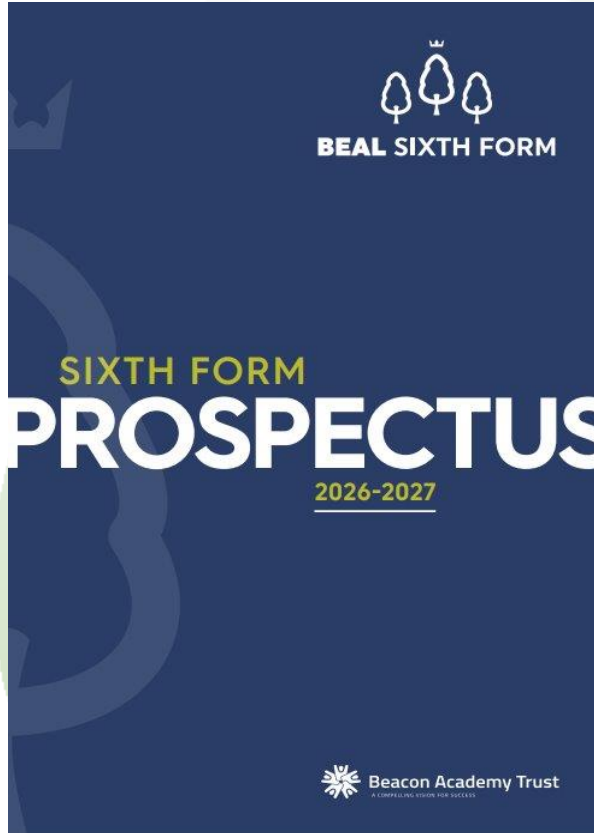
The expected combination:

- 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-
27](#)



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>P</u> assion	Friends/Family
<u>P</u> otential	Teachers
<u>P</u> rogression	'Prestige'



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**

GEEK OUT

IGNITE PASSION
INSPIRE PROGRESS
UNLEASH THE GEEK

From Year 7 to Year 13 on a seven-year journey of awe, wonder & joy, our students find their academic niche and pursue their passion!

BEAL SUPER-CURRICULAR THAT'S TRULY SUPER

- CLUBS • TALKS • PODCASTS
- COMPETITIONS • TRIPS AND VISITS • UNIFROG
- AI CLUB • ASTRONOMY
- CREST • CHESS • DEBATING
- MODEL UNITED NATIONS
- MINIATURE PAINTING
- UNIVERSITY CONFERENCES
- HPQ/EPQ FOR KS4 & KS5
- ALUMNI MENTORING

WHY IT MATTERS

Confident individuals
Responsible citizens
Success for all progression pathways — from the world's best universities and competitive apprenticeships to training routes and employment

WHERE CURIOSITY BECOMES CONFIDENCE

www.bealhighschool.co.uk

Beacon Academy Trust
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GCSE options handbook and subject information on the Beal High School website.

Click on 'Year Groups' and then KS3



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A screenshot of the Beal School website homepage. The header contains navigation links: ABOUT US, SCHOOL INFORMATION, PARENT INFORMATION, YEAR GROUPS, BEAL SIXTH FORM, NEWS, and EXAMS. A dropdown menu is open under 'YEAR GROUPS', showing 'YEAR 6 TRANSITION', 'KS3', and 'KS4'. A green arrow points to 'KS3'. The main banner features a photo of students and a teacher, with the text 'BEAL SCHOOL' and 'An outstanding, diverse and vibrant community'. At the bottom, there is a green button labeled 'FEATURED EVENTS'.

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 student 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



unifrog



Skills profile
✖ Quiz not taken

Quiz profile
✖ 2 of 4 quizzes complete

Exploring

Careers library
✖ Careers favoured

Subjects library
✖ Subjects favoured

Know-how library
✖ Guides favoured

Uni & Employer library
✖ Profiles favoured

Courses
✖ No courses added

MOOCs
Make your first shortlist

Read, Watch, Listen
✖ Profiles favoured

Special opportunities
0 shortlists

Skills
✖ Completed all 12

European universities
0 shortlists

Oxbridge
0 shortlists

Academics
✖ Missing

College / Sixth Form

Personal statement
✖ Added

Subject
✖ Overall Ref finished

CV / Resumé
✖ Write CVs tailored for each roles

Notes for Reference writers
✖ 2 notes missing

Irish
0 shortlists

Connecting

Unifrog events
✖ Directly with experts

Talent
✖ Not joined

Post 18 Intentions
✖ Plan A and Plan B complete



Beal Geek Out 2025-26



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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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TIMETABLE 2025-2026

Activity	Day	Time
Chess	Monday	10:00-11:00
Knitting	Tuesday	10:00-11:00
Reading Club	Wednesday	10:00-11:00
Art	Thursday	10:00-11:00
Music	Friday	10:00-11:00
Sports	Saturday	10:00-11:00

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Clubs-Timetable-2025-26

Drama clubs yr 7-9

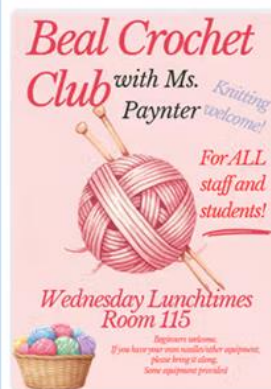


Tuesday lunchtimes dr1

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



Padlet • joanna okosun

High Fliers

Creative writing competition



High Fliers

Wider listening/reading

Read, Watch, Listen

Find stuff to make you smarter

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

Law in action podcast



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High Fliers

Medical History podcast



Oxford/Cambridge university enrichment

Oxford online Maths club

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High Fliers

Oxford university Psychology YouTube channel



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High Fliers

Cambridge uni masterclasses

KS3-KS4 Progression Key Dates

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



Options MS Form

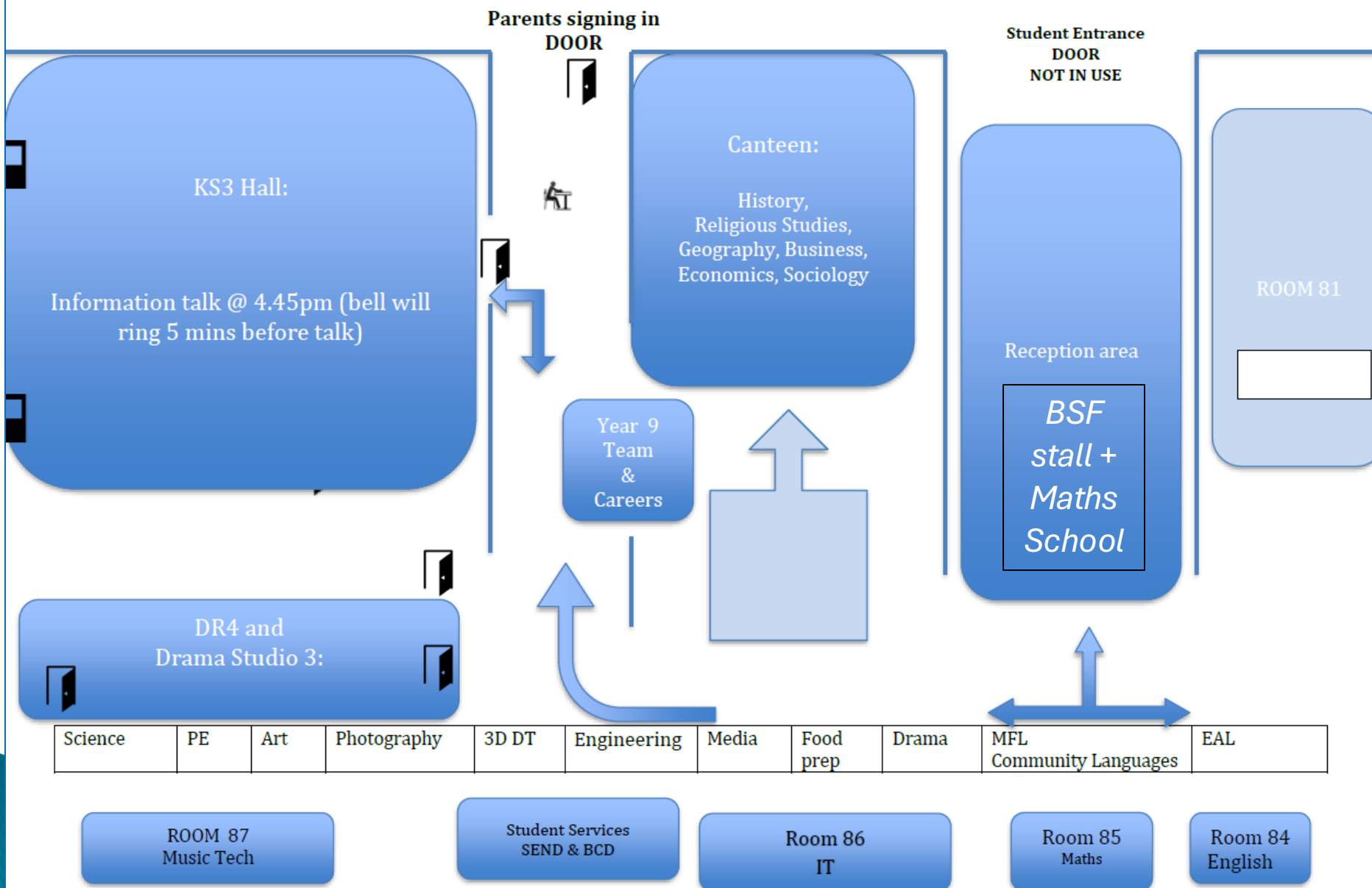
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Your child must fill in the form from their **school email address** so they should check now that their email is working and sort out any issues ahead of the form being sent.

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



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