

# 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**

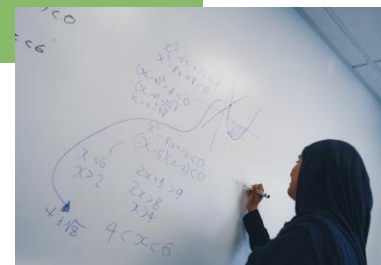
**Pastoral**

**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

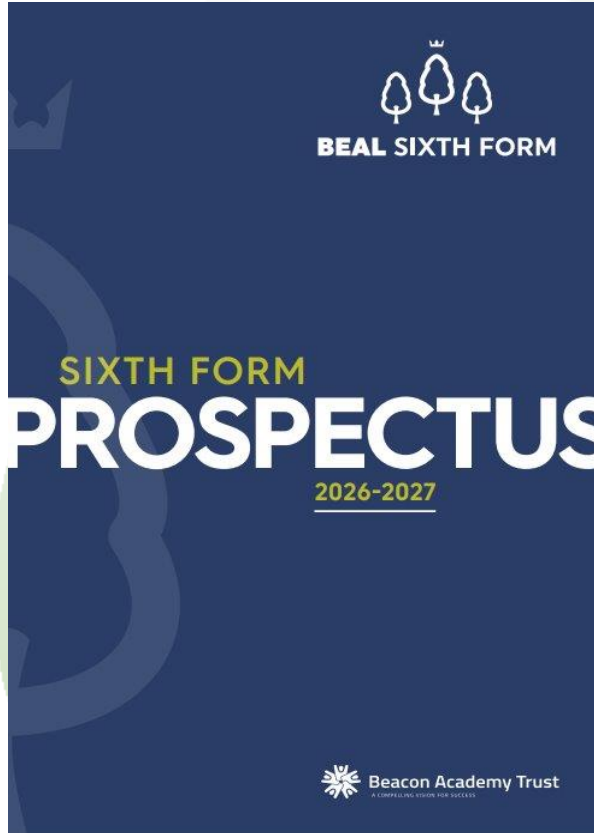
The expected combination:

- 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**

**BEAL**

# 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](http://www.bealhighschool.co.uk)

**Beacon Academy Trust**  
A COMPELLING VISION FOR SUCCESS

Woodford Bridge Road,  
Ilford, Essex IG4 5LP



# 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 has a navigation bar with 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 from the text 'Click on 'Year Groups' and then KS3' to the 'KS3' option in the dropdown. The main content area features a large image of students and staff, 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

[admin@bealhighschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@bealhighschool.co.uk)

## 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



The screenshot displays the Unifrog dashboard with various sections and progress indicators. Four large blue arrows point to the following sections:

- Skills profile**: Quiz not taken
- Quiz profile**: 2 of 4 quizzes complete
- Subjects library**: Subjects favoured
- Read, Watch, Listen**: Profiles favoured

Other visible sections include:

- Exploring**: Careers library (Careers favoured), Subjects library (Subjects favoured)
- Skills**: Completed all 12
- European universities**: 0 shortlists
- Oxbridge**: 0 shortlists
- Academics**: Missing
- College / Sixth Form**
- Know-how library**: Guides favoured
- Uni & Employer library**: Profiles favoured
- Courses**: No courses added
- MOOCs**: Make your first shortlist
- CV / Resumé**: Write CVs tailored for each roles
- Notes for Reference writers**: 2 notes missing
- Connecting**: Unifrog events (Directly with experts), Talents (Not joined)
- Post 18 Intentions**: Plan A and Plan B complete





# 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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TIMETABLE 2025-2026

Activity	Day	Time
Chess	Tuesday	12:30 - 1:30
Knitting	Wednesday	12:30 - 1:30
Reading Club	Thursday	12:30 - 1:30
Art	Friday	12:30 - 1:30
Music	Saturday	10:00 - 11:30
Football	Sunday	10:00 - 11:30

PDF

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



Padlet • joanna okosun

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
- **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

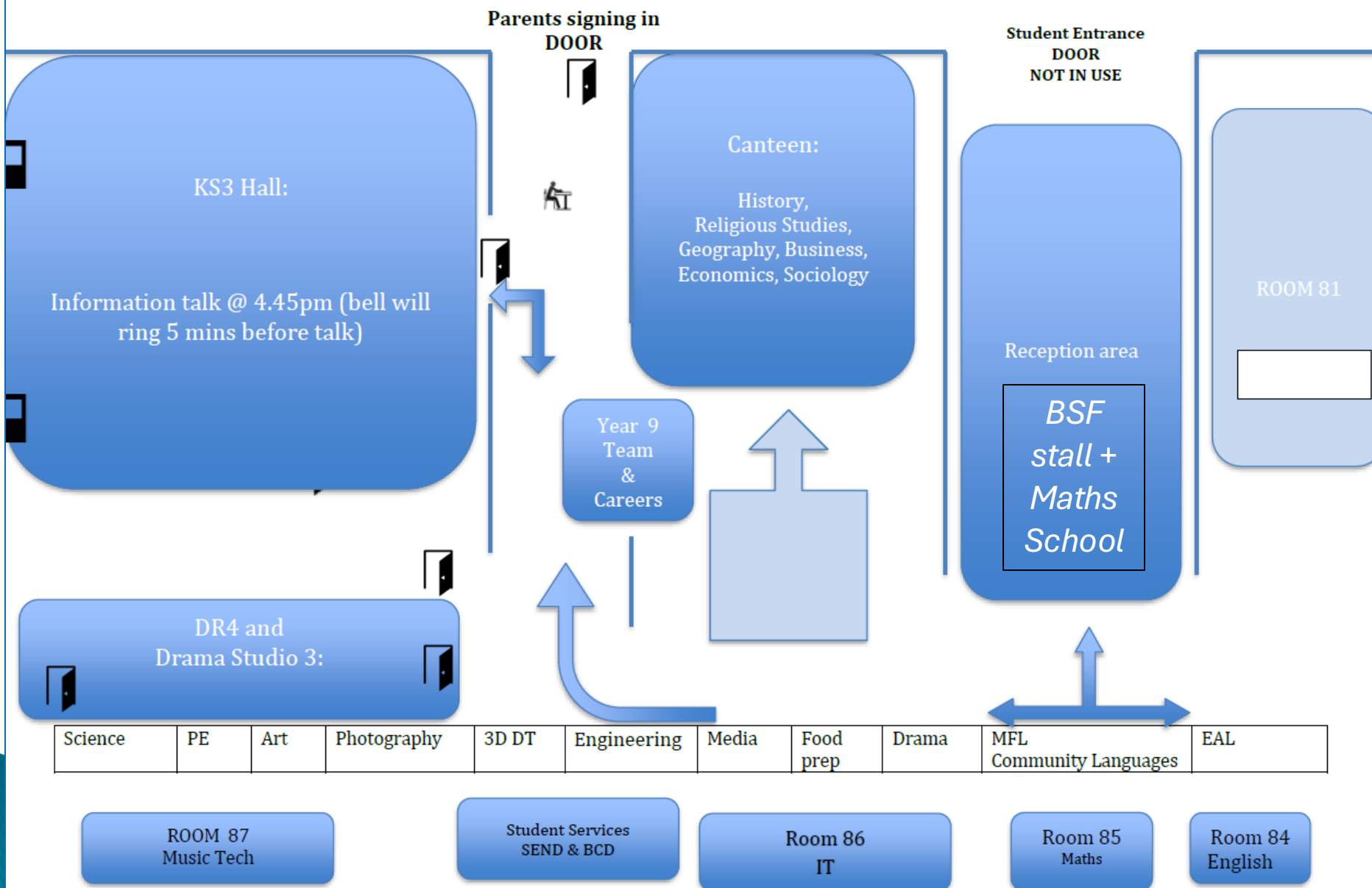
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Your child must fill in the form from their **school email address** so they should check now that their email is working and sort out any issues ahead of the form being sent.

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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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