

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

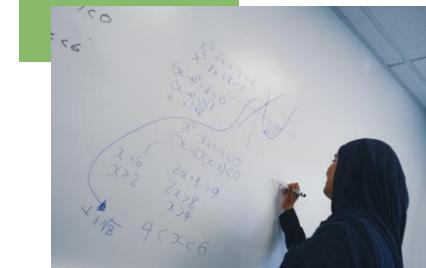
Pastoral

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

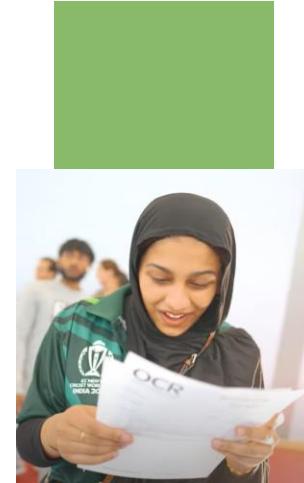
25% of students at elite Russell Group universities



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

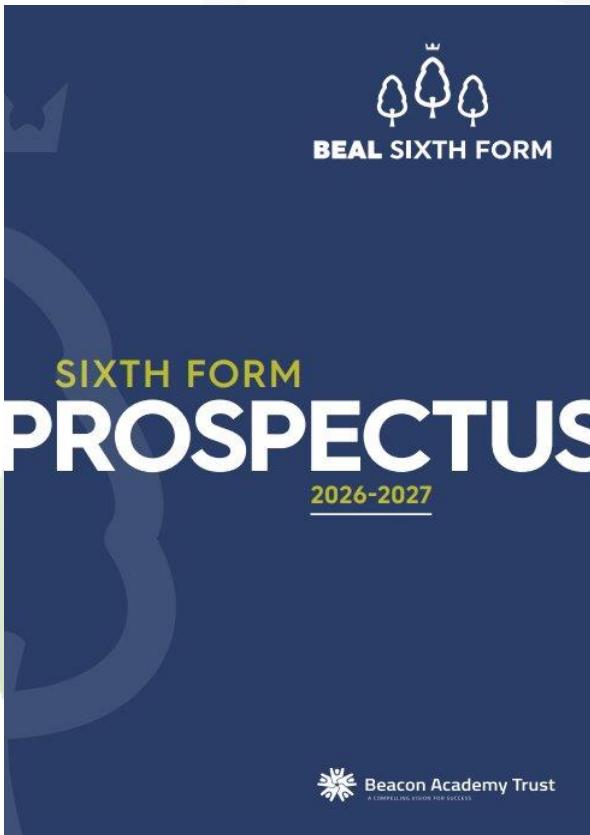
The expected combination:

- 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-
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>Passion</u>	Friends/Family
<u>Potential</u>	Teachers
<u>Progression</u>	'Prestige'

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



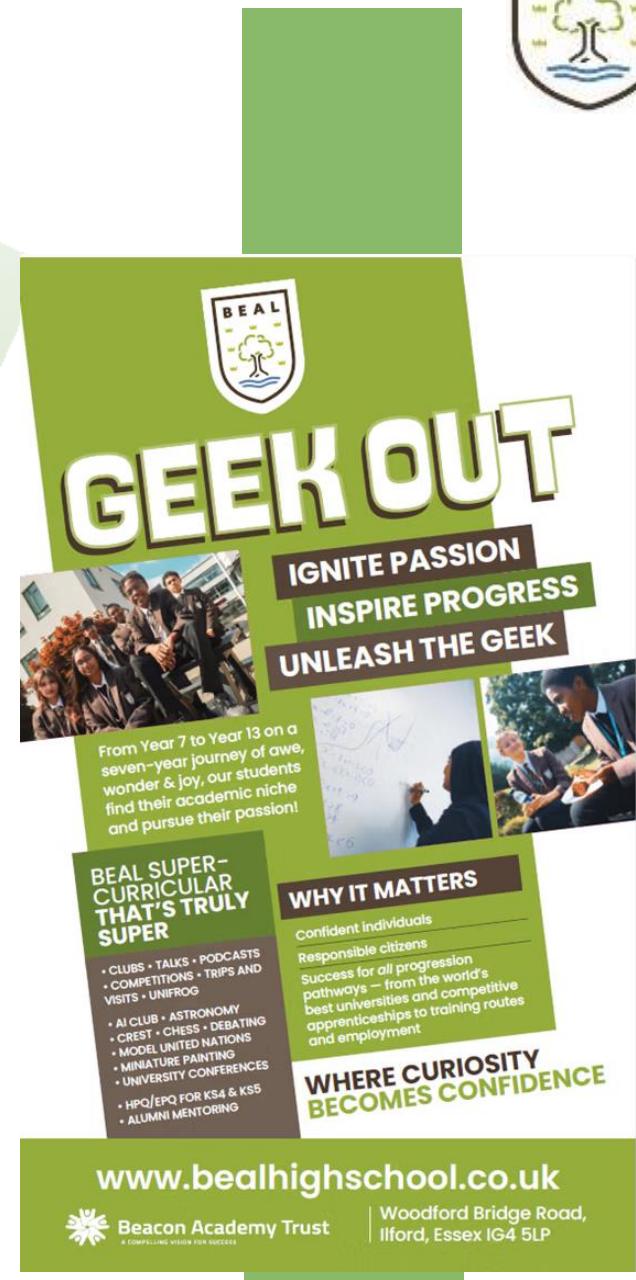


Student Ambassadors



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**



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 Unifrog. 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 address, "www.bealhighschool.co.uk", and its location, "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

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

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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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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)

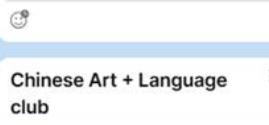
Beal extra-curricular timetable



Drama clubs yr 7-9



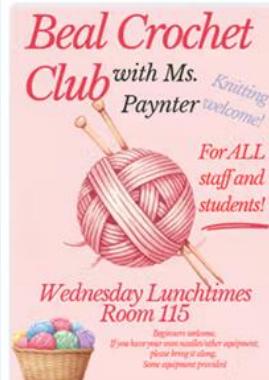
Tuesday lunchtimes dr1



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



Medical History podcast



Oxford/Cambridge university enrichment

Oxford online Maths club



Oxford university Psychology YouTube channel



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

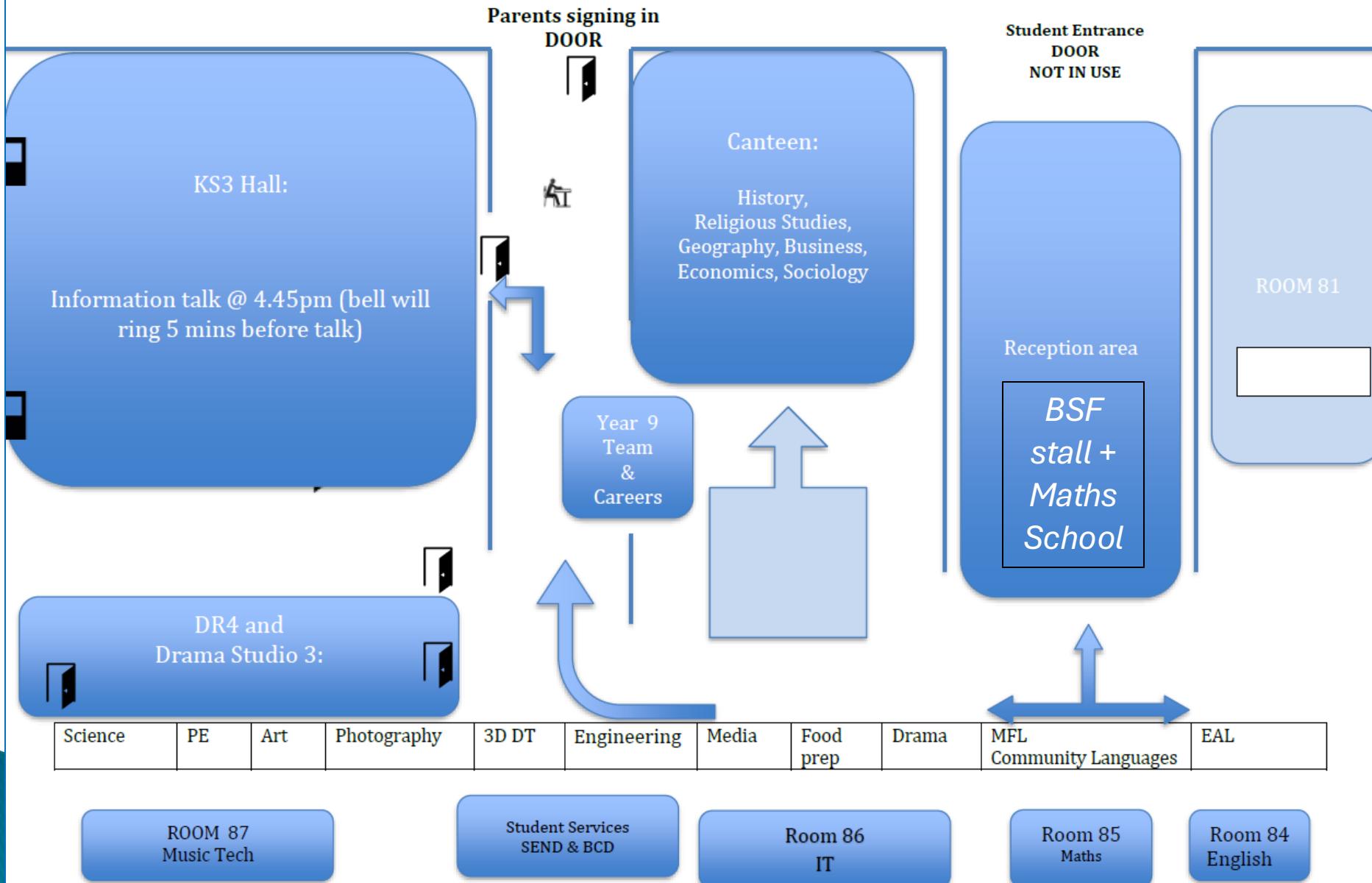
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Your child must fill in the form from their **school email address** so they should check now that their email is working and sort out any issues ahead of the form being sent.

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



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



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