2019
PROSPECTUS
THE BEACONSFIELD SCHOOL
A SPECIALIST ARTS COLLEGE
DISCOVERING THE POTENTIAL IN ALL
We are committed to ensuring that our students have the best possible learning environment and are given opportunities to help discover their potential in a caring and supportive environment. We aim to provide teaching that allows students to thrive and become confident, independent and informed citizens of the future.

Our values, coupled with our modern approach to learning, ensure that our students develop into ambitious learners who are striving for excellence and the highest levels of achievement across all areas of school life. Our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 curriculum is broad and provides students with a solid platform for post-16 learning, which offers a variety of academic and vocational pathways. Our dedicated team of staff and dynamic teaching methods enable students to develop their own desire for intellectual enquiry and personal development.

The school provides pupils with a robust curriculum that strongly supports their emotional and social development. OFSTED 2019

Central to The Beaconsfield School vision is a commitment to providing students with exceptional learning experiences both in and beyond the classroom. We hope that we can help them to develop into strong, resilient individuals who will be able to make a positive contribution to the local, national and international communities and organisations to which they belong in the future.

The pastoral team of mentors and year leaders play an extremely important part in ensuring our students are able to achieve, stay healthy, keep safe and make a positive contribution. Building long term relationships as they progress through school, they provide support and guidance both academically and socially. We place a great deal of emphasis on praise, rewarding and celebrating successes through assemblies, prize giving and achievement point system.

Our school aims underpin our ethos:

- To encourage a love of learning so that all students can reach, or even surpass their potential.
- To provide an extensive range and variety of extra-curricular activities and support, so all students can engage and find their niche in school.
- To give students opportunities to broaden their horizons and develop skills to enable them to be leaders in any walk of life.
- To develop values of respect, understanding and support for others and a sense of the importance of community.

VIBRANT AND INNOVATIVE SCHOOL
We offer a broad and balanced curriculum which has been designed to offer every student a chance to achieve. It builds skills, knowledge and understanding each year in order to fulfil the school motto ‘Discovering the potential in all’. The personal skills which support academic excellence; resilience, reflectiveness, resourcefulness as well as collaboration and empathy are both taught and reinforced through all subjects, these areas are fundamental to developing successful learners. It is our aim to enable our students to become assessment capable learners who have the tools to become successful and are able to follow any career pathway they choose.

*Teachers are wholehearted in their desire for pupils to achieve well. Relationships between teachers are constructive and built on trust and mutual respect. OFSTED 2019*

Psychologist Carol Dweck developed the concept of Growth Mindset. Students learn about Growth Mindset in a variety of ways including assemblies, external speakers and of course in lessons. The aim is to change ‘Red Brains’ to ‘Green’ Brains and encourage students to become more successful learners.

The Beaconsfield School Learner Profile is a series of attributes that underpins the whole school program and has been introduced across all teaching and learning. We encourage our students to think creatively, to be reflective learners, good problem solvers, team players and good communicators. We are dedicated to making sure every student makes progress. Learning is about partnership and we keep you as parents regularly informed via reports, parents evenings, emails or phone calls and all our social media sites.
The Sixth Form at The Beaconsfield School is the natural progression for current students at the school. We offer a wide range of Level 3 courses through subjects taught at the school and in partnerships with local schools and providers. Students are supported by a dedicated Sixth Form team who offer specialised careers advice in order to ensure they have the correct information to help them make the right decisions. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning as such they have access to a dedicated study area fully resourced for out of lesson learning.

**Sixth Form students are making strong progress due to teaching that consistently deepens thinking and develops knowledge, skills and understanding. OFSTED 2019**

Students are expected to take part in the life of the school helping with events in school and taking part in programmes to help students lower down the school develop self-confidence. We believe that the facilities and the curriculum and the teaching we offer provide our students with the best possible chance to achieve their full potential.

At The Beaconsfield School we are passionate about our students achieving and developing the best possible qualifications and skills to enable them to fulfil their career aspirations. It is imperative that we offer a curriculum at Key Stage 5 that prepares our students for the global economic challenges and competition that they will face throughout their working life. We are convinced that the IBCP can do just that and are pleased to be one of the first in the area to propose such a course to our students from September 2019. The International Baccalaureate Career Programme is an internationally recognised course followed by students around the world. It seeks to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young adults who are prepared for the modern world. The programme leads to University and other higher education facilities, further education, apprenticeships or employment.

**Teachers provide frequent opportunities for the most able pupils to deliver their extended writing skills, think analytically, problem solve and reason in context. OFSTED 2019**
We recognise the importance of enriching the curriculum and students are encouraged to participate in an extensive range of activities, including sports, arts, craft, games and drama amongst others. All clubs help our students develop confidence and building a sense of personal achievement. Students are also encouraged to take part in House competitions throughout the year to build achievement points.

During the course of the year students also have the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of educational and sporting trips, including Duke of Edinburgh, Shakespeare for Schools, Beatz, museums, field trips and overseas trips.

**Pupils spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is strong. Pupils benefit from a variety of trips, visits, extra curricular activities and external speakers that further enhance the curriculum. OFSTED 2019**

We offer extension activities for our most able students, regularly entering debating, poetry, mathematics, sporting, drama and art competitions. The Brilliant Club is a charity that works with schools in the new selective sector of state education in order to encourage and equip individuals with the skills required to access the very best Universities around the world.

The Learning Support department provide support to students in lessons and in addition practice with reading, handwriting or keyboard skills. A Homework Club operates after school for any student who wishes to have some support with homework tasks.

**The majority of pupils make secure progress because teachers use their strong subject knowledge to plan challenging lessons that enthuse and motivate. As a result, pupils make significant gains in their understanding and develop their wider subject skills well. OFSTED 2019**

**ENRICHMENT**

At The Beaconsfield School we are committed to ensuring all students have access to impartial careers advice from third party agencies, support in school and access to employers who can advise students when considering their future options. All students are encouraged to take part in five day’s work experience in Year 10 during their holidays. Our Year 12 students are given time to attend a work experience placement relevant to their career ambitions.
Teachers have high expectations of their pupils and expect every pupil to do their best. This heads to a collaborative ethos where standards are high and pupils are motivated and supported to produce work that they are proud of. Leaders have a strong understanding of the school’s strengths and weaknesses and are robust in their quest to raise achievement. OFSTED 2019

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