

Frequently asked questions by parents of a child of secondary school age:

Q: Does the school have a strong Progress 8 score?

A: At The Henry Beaufort School there are no limitations to a child's attainment because we focus on a child's progress. The school has a strong Progress 8. Over the last five years the school typically reported a figure above 0.25 which means on average all of our students achieve GCSE grade's quarter of a grade higher than their key stage 2 scores predict.

Q: Does the school have strong and effective financial management of its budget?

A: Prudent financial management at The Henry Beaufort school has ensured that the school is in a strong position financially. We use our budget to secure well-qualified teaching and support staff as well as providing appropriate, good quality resources.

Q: What opportunities are there for our child to take part in extra-curricular activities?

A: Our curriculum extension activities run Monday to Thursday after school. We provide late buses three nights a week so that every child has the opportunity to take part in after school activities. These range from sport, music, art and drama clubs to Home Learning club and subject specific opportunities such as STEM and Mandarin club.

Q: What other enrichment opportunities are there for our child?

A: At The Henry Beaufort school we are very proud of our cultural enrichment programme. We organise trips to theatres and national sporting events as well as taking part in local events. We have a week called Enrichment week where all students are given the opportunity to take part in exciting trips including the whole Year 7 camping trip and trips to Paris, Berlin, France, Brecon. During Enrichment week all Year 10 students undertake a Work Experience placement. We also offer enriching trips during the term including the WW1 Battlefields. All students take part in our hbX (Cultural Challenges) supported by the school to ensure all students have access to these opportunities.

Q: Do you have a large turnover of staff?

A: Not at The Henry Beaufort School. Our loyal and committed staff are highly skilled as well as innovative and creative in their approach to teaching. Our Learning Ethos, [hb]² ensures that your child quickly becomes an independent learner, highly adept at responding to the requirements of the secondary school curriculum. This independent learning approach is recognised by Sixth Form colleges as a considerable advantage for A Level study.

Q: Why is vertical tutoring unique to our school?

A: Tutor groups contain students from all year groups. Vertical tutoring provides a friendly, more cohesive social environment to create a 'family' feel and allows students to work with people of different ages. Students also gain an understanding of what goes on throughout the whole school community and helps them to anticipate and prepare for the next stage in their school journey.

The Henry Beaufort School has 'a strong leadership team who work well together and are excellent models for staff'

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