

## Frequently asked questions by parents visiting secondary schools:

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

**A:** At The Henry Beaufort School there are no limitations to a child's attainment or progress. The school has a consistently strong Progress 8 score. Over the last seven years the school typically reported a figure above 0.25 which means on average all our students achieve GCSE grades at least a quarter of a grade higher than their Key Stage 2 scores predict they will achieve at 16.

**Q: Why does the school do consistently well in exam results?**

**A:** We have an experienced, effective and stable senior and middle leadership team. Our staff are relentless in their pursuit of what is best for every child in our school. We have robust assessment processes and a commitment to a five-year learning journey that prepares our students for post 16 and post 18 education. Our students are happy at school and proud of their achievements in class and in extracurricular pursuits. Our pastoral focus is on building resilience and celebrating kindness, gratitude and generosity. Student Voice is strong and integral to the development and improvement of our school year on year.

**Q: What is teaching and learning like?**

**A:** Our loyal and committed staff are highly skilled as well as innovative and creative in their approach to teaching. They get to know their students as individuals. Our Learning Ethos, [hb]<sup>2</sup> 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: What opportunities are there for our child to take part in extracurricular activities?**

**A:** Our curriculum extension activities run Monday to Thursday after school. These range from sport, music, art and drama clubs to Home Learning Club and specific opportunities such as Archaeology Club, Environmental Club and Mandarin Club. Late buses operate at 4pm three nights a week so that every child can take part in after-school activities.

**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 such as the Sparsholt Dragon's Den competition. Our commitment is to offer exciting residential trips to places such as New York, Germany and Italy, the WW1 Battlefields in France and Belgium, as well as Ski trips and a Year 7 whole year group camping experience to name just a few. All students take part in hbX, our inclusive Cultural Challenge programme. All students have access to these opportunities.

*'It was clear that all leaders are reflective about their work and pupil voice is used extensively in the school to aid this evaluation.'*  
[Local Authority Inspection Report]