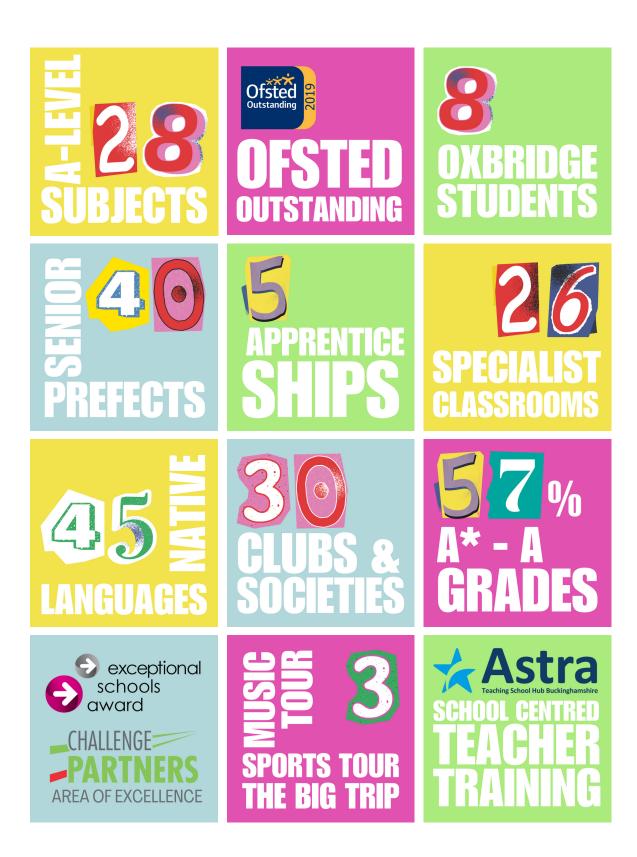






SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS 2024 - 2025

BEACONSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM



*2023 examination figures and leavers' destinations. **2023 – 2024 clubs and societies figures.



Beginning Year 12 is an exciting next phase of a student's academic career, and at Becky High Sixth, we are here to guide and support as you make important decisions about your future. Our supportive community, in which everybody is valued as an individual, means you can expect the highest level of care in every aspect of school life.

Most of our students go onto study at Russell Group or top universities, and students interested in applying for Oxbridge, medical, dental or veterinary schools are coached and supported through this very specific process. Whichever route you decide to take - degree, degree apprenticeship or the world of work - we are there to support and guide you.

Whilst academic success is of paramount importance, we also strive to provide an enjoyable and stimulating environment. Beyond the classroom there are many extracurricular activities for you to enjoy, but we also encourage sixth formers to take the initiative and set up their own clubs for their peers and younger students.

A sixth form education at Beaconsfield High School means students leave us with greater independence, resilience and aspirations for their future, ready to embrace the exciting challenges which lie ahead.

Ms Juliette Ganachaud (Director of Sixth Form) and Ms Tina Bond (Headteacher)



I've been at Becky High since Year 7 and when deciding where to study my A-levels, I couldn't imagine myself anywhere else. Our wonderful community of students and teachers means everyone is supported through their sixth form journey and encouraged to achieve and exceed their goals.

With a wide range of senior student and extra-curricular leadership opportunities, sixth formers are given just the right amount of responsibility and encouragement to develop their independence, ready for life beyond Becky High.

We have an extensive network of resources available to help students decide which future career path is best for them. I've been inspired through our enrichment program and assemblies and guided by our careers councillor into making the right decision for my future. In sixth form, I have made friends for life and so many new memories that I will cherish.

I have always found Becky High to be a happy, inclusive and uplifting community and I have loved my time here.

Sophie Tucker (Head Girl)



I joined Becky High Sixth in Year 12, and I chose it because of its outstanding academic reputation and how both students and teachers are dedicated to helping us thrive. I thoroughly enjoy all my lessons, especially maths! The resources provided are like no other school, making my lessons both educational and enjoyable and students are truly dedicated towards all aspects of their academics.

The Sixth Form Weekly contains lots of great resources that I otherwise wouldn't have known about, and the info is incredibly invaluable now we are considering UCAS applications.

The extracurricular activities offered have everything you would want, from sport and music activities, to subject societies and mentoring schemes. The new starter lunch organised by sixth form staff was brilliant and made the transition process much easier. The students were welcoming which put many of my worries at ease and allowed me to settle in very quickly. Overall, moving to Becky High was the best decision I made, and I would definitely recommend it to Year 11s considering a move from their current school.

Ananya Anoop (Year 12 student)

About us

Our A-Level programme blends academia with leadership, creativity, teamwork, resilience and independent thinking. We believe it is this combination of learning and involvement that prepares you for life after Sixth Form. Our staff - talented subject specialists with broad life experience - prefer a respectful and collaborative approach when working with Sixth Form students and in return, we encourage independence, commitment and maximum effort from you.

The Sixth Form Team work closely with the Senior Prefect Team to ensure we are providing everything our Sixth Form students need to thrive and excel. Once you join us, we work hard to develop your character, foster your acumen and build your future aspirations.

Those driven to apply to Oxbridge are guided and supported through the early application process and the school has a strong pedigree of success; this year we celebrated 8 acceptances in a range of degree subjects including law, history, English, theology and French.





For those who don't go down the Oxbridge route. we provide extensive support and guidance for anvone wanting to apply to other universities, conservatoires, degree level apprenticeships and overseas universities.

STEAM initiative (Science, Our Technology, Engineering, Arts and recognises Mathematics) the importance of creativity across these subjects and throughout the curriculum. At Beaconsfield High School our aim is to prepare our beyond for life students the classroom. With an increasing demand on STEAM skillsets within industry, we aim to motivate and inspire pupils further to explore the rewarding opportunities available Students through STEAM. are encouraged to enter STEAM competitions, to engage in groups and clubs for further learning and to imagine the possibilities of a career in areas once not so accessible.

Our Sixth Form facilities include two dedicated study spaces: the Sixth Form Study Area is a large, supervised working space allowing students to focus in silence on their independent work; the 6HUB is used by students wanting to work quietly in small groups, as well as discuss and share resources.

The above is only a taste of what we offer so please, read on to find discover even more!

BHS EXAM RESULTS

9 - 8 grades at GCSE

6% 9 - 7 grades at GCSE

9 - 5 grades at GCSE

99% 9-4 grades in English and maths

A* and A grades at A-Level

A* - B grades at A-Level

55%

97%

A* - C grades at A-Level

Students who have accepted Oxbridge places.

Students offered a place at their 1st choice university.

83%

57%

94%



83%

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Your ambitions

Whatever your future career plan, we have the skills, extensive experience and know-how to get you there, combined with a portfolio of subjects to give you a strong, comprehensive grounding that really opens doors. So, the key now is to consider which A-Level options will work best for you.

First and foremost, you must enjoy what you are going to be studying. Two years is a long time and the hard work and dedication required to ensure success has to be balanced with real enthusiasm and motivation. Enjoyment comes when we spend time doing what we are good at, so consider carefully where your strengths lie.

Dependent on your career ambitions, you may wish to specialise or strategically combine certain A-Levels to lead to a particular degree. If that's your plan, take a moment to read the next page which offers a list of degrees with suggested A-Level subjects.

A rounded educational experience at this stage of your life will prepare you for the competitive world of work following your studies. Our Sixth Form offers so much more than the theory of A-Levels. We furnish you with the life skills, work knowledge and experience, and tools to thrive post beyond BHS.



Suggested A-level combination

Degree

American Studies Accounting Archaeology Architecture Biochemistry Biomedical Science Biology/Botany/Ecology/ Zoology	English or history. Maths preferred. Economics and business useful. History, English, geography, biology and chemistry. Most other subjects considered. Maths and physics useful. Evidence of artistic ability normally required (A level or GCSE). Chemistry essential and maths, physics or biology. Biology and chemistry plus computing, maths or physics. Chemistry and biology.						
Business Studies	Maths, business studies and economics useful. MFL for joint honours, for example business studies and Spanish.						
Chemical Engineering Chemistry Classics	Maths essential, chemistry or physics strongly preferred plus one other academic subject. Chemistry essential and at least one from maths, physics or biology. Latin and classics. History, English, philsophy and MFL also useful.						
Computer Science	Maths essential, further maths essential for some courses and strongly preferred. Computing and physics also required.						
Dance/Performing Arts	Dance/ Drama. Musical ability usually above a certain grade-Instrument/singing. Entry usually by interview and audition.						
Dentistry Economics Education	Chemistry, biology and either maths or physics. Maths strongly preferred. Business or economics useful. Specific A-Levels not required unless taking a subject based degree.						
Engineering (Civil, Electronic, Production and Mechanical)	Maths and physics essential. Further maths useful and one other science subject also recommended.						
English	English + any humanities subject. Classics and Latin useful. For certain courses MFL is also useful.						
Fine Art/Art Food Science/Nutrition Geography	Art + portfolio. History or English helpful.One or two science subjects from chemistry, maths, physics and biology.Geography preferred + biology, chemistry, computer science, maths, physics and psychology						
Geography							
Geology Covernment & Politics	useful. Combination of the sciences and geography useful. Politics history economics maths philosophy and ethics sociology						
Government & Politics History Law	Combination of the sciences and geography useful. Politics, history, economics, maths, philosophy and ethics, sociology. History, politics + English, MFL, classics or Latin. History, economics, English, politics, religious studies, latin, sociology.						
Government & Politics History Law Maths Medicine Modern Foreign Language	Combination of the sciences and geography useful. Politics, history, economics, maths, philosophy and ethics, sociology. History, politics + English, MFL, classics or Latin. History, economics, English, politics, religious studies, latin, sociology. Maths essential. Further maths strongly preferable and essential for some courses. Physics. Chemistry and biology and one other science subject. A-Level in the main language + one other language (can include Latin).						
Government & Politics History Law Maths Medicine Modern Foreign Language Music Nursing Optometry	Combination of the sciences and geography useful. Politics, history, economics, maths, philosophy and ethics, sociology. History, politics + English, MFL, classics or Latin. History, economics, English, politics, religious studies, latin, sociology. Maths essential. Further maths strongly preferable and essential for some courses. Physics. Chemistry and biology and one other science subject. A-Level in the main language + one other language (can include Latin). Music and Grade 8 performance preferred. One A-Level from any science subject strongly preferred plus two other A-Levels. Minimum of two sciences plus any other A-Level but not general studies.						
Government & Politics History Law Maths Medicine Modern Foreign Language Music Nursing Optometry Pharmacy/Pharmacology Philosophy Physics	Combination of the sciences and geography useful. Politics, history, economics, maths, philosophy and ethics, sociology. History, politics + English, MFL, classics or Latin. History, economics, English, politics, religious studies, latin, sociology. Maths essential. Further maths strongly preferable and essential for some courses. Physics. Chemistry and biology and one other science subject. A-Level in the main language + one other language (can include Latin). Music and Grade 8 performance preferred. One A-Level from any science subject strongly preferred plus two other A-Levels. Minimum of two sciences plus any other A-Level but not general studies. Chemistry and two from maths, physics or biology. Maths, politics, classics, philosophy and ethics. Maths, English and history can also be useful. Physics and maths. Other science subject also useful.						
Government & Politics History Law Maths Medicine Modern Foreign Language Music Nursing Optometry Pharmacology Philosophy	Combination of the sciences and geography useful. Politics, history, economics, maths, philosophy and ethics, sociology. History, politics + English, MFL, classics or Latin. History, economics, English, politics, religious studies, latin, sociology. Maths essential. Further maths strongly preferable and essential for some courses. Physics. Chemistry and biology and one other science subject. A-Level in the main language + one other language (can include Latin). Music and Grade 8 performance preferred. One A-Level from any science subject strongly preferred plus two other A-Levels. Minimum of two sciences plus any other A-Level but not general studies. Chemistry and two from maths, physics or biology. Maths, politics, classics, philosophy and ethics. Maths, English and history can also be useful.						
Government & Politics History Law Maths Medicine Modern Foreign Language Music Nursing Optometry Pharmacy/Pharmacology Philosophy Physics Psychology Sociology (including social	Combination of the sciences and geography useful. Politics, history, economics, maths, philosophy and ethics, sociology. History, politics + English, MFL, classics or Latin. History, economics, English, politics, religious studies, latin, sociology. Maths essential. Further maths strongly preferable and essential for some courses. Physics. Chemistry and biology and one other science subject. A-Level in the main language + one other language (can include Latin). Music and Grade 8 performance preferred. One A-Level from any science subject strongly preferred plus two other A-Levels. Minimum of two sciences plus any other A-Level but not general studies. Chemistry and two from maths, physics or biology. Maths, politics, classics, philosophy and ethics. Maths, English and history can also be useful. Physics and maths. Other science subject also useful. Psychology or a science useful. Maths essential for many courses. Economics, history and maths useful. A-Level sociology not always required.						

Use this link to find out what subjects you may need to study at A-Level. This is not an exhaustive list of degrees and many universities will offer more options, such as joint honours, which means studying two subjects as one degree.

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Studying with us

At Beaconsfield High School we know that preparing for the next step after Sixth Form takes more than excellent A-Level results. We balance a considered programme of study and broader activity for a holistic learning experience that develops in you a deeper knowledge – something that is highly valued by universities and employers.

You will study the same three (in some cases, four) A-Levels across your two years in Sixth Form, with exams in Year 13 determining your final results. We offer more than 20 A-Level subjects which are listed on the next page.



Our Programme: Three A-Levels

Three A²Levels UCAS Programme PSHE Education Enrichment Series BHS and Beyond Programme Student Leadership Development Sport

Plus one of:

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) AS-Level (Spanish or French) Fourth A-Level

A-level Subjects:

Art, Craft and Design | Biology | Business Studies | Chemistry | Classical Civilisation | Computer Science | Dance | Drama and Theatre Studies | Economics | English Language and Literature | English Literature | French | Further Mathematics | Geography | Graphics | History | Latin | Mathematics | Media Studies | Politics | Music | Physical Education | Physics | Psychology | Religious Studies | Sociology | Spanish

For further details on the A-Level curriculum please see our A-Level Options Guide <u>here</u>.



SPORT & ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

PROGRAMM

APPRENTICESHIPS

Whatever your sporting ability, our Sixth Form games afternoon is the perfect way to stay active and healthy. Join one of our senior sporting teams and compete at national level in indoor and outdoor hockey, netball, dance and gymnastics or get involved in recreational activities like yoga, badminton and tennis. Sixth Formers can also participate in the Level 3 Sports Leaders Award, which offers UCAS points, and Level 2 Dance Leadership.

We are very ambitious for our students and run a comprehensive programme to support their future choices. Students investigate the different options available to them and are guided through the process with a bespoke programme of study and support from their Form Tutors, subject staff, Head of Learning and careers advisors.

A dedicated UCAS and Futures Day in the Spring Term of Year 12 mean our students are equipped to make informed and confident choices about their futures.

For students wanting to pursue degree-level study while gaining a head-start in their chosen career, degree apprenticeships provide the best of both worlds. BHS work closely with Amazing Apprenticeships who deliver the ASK programme, helping students understand apprenticeships and providing support through the application process.

Our **PSHE** programme continues throughout the Sixth Form and is embedded within the Vespa programme, enrichment series and collapsed lessons. Learning and Well Being Review Days are held twice a year for both Year 12 and Year 13 students. These are one-tointeractions between one a tutor and tutee. This invaluable personalised approach provides individual attention and tailored support for each student's learning and emotional needs.

PSHE EDUCATION

The Year 12 enrichment series and careers assemblies brings in a wide range of speakers, including alumnae and parents, from a variety of professional and vocational backgrounds. Students also hear from university representatives, providers and degree apprenticeship apprentices throughout their time in the Sixth Form. This broadens your knowledge, opens your eyes to other perspectives and possibilities, and gives you a greater learning experience.

All students are expected to take part in volunteering and work experience which will not only help you to think about future careers but will also provide experiences to reflect on in personal statement, interviews and CVs. Work experience provides an important insight into a 'real' world environment, enables students to make contacts for their future away from BHS and provides an opportunity to develop crucial soft skills useful in all walks of life.







University Preparation

Our students apply to university via UCAS and our staff are experienced in supporting through this students Staff guide students process. through university and degree research, help them course prepare their applications and for preferred interviews at their universities. Students applying for Oxford or Cambridge, or specialist courses which require early application - medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine - are also allocated a dedicated team of Sixth Form staff, as well as having access to support from the wider school community and our alumnae. This dedicated, hands-on support ensures that the majority of our students achieve an offer from their first-choice university.

Career Coaching

route Whatever you are considering when you leave at the end of Year 13, our dedicated careers team are available to advise on a one-to-one basis. You might decide you want to apply for a Degree Level Apprenticeship or a vocational qualification instead of a traditional degree, and if you do, there we'll be to help you navigate very different these processes.

It's an exciting time, but whichever route you choose, we're right there with you. **15** Our students are also expected to choose one of the following in addition to their choice of three A-Levels:

Extended Project Qualification The EPQ is the opportunity to

The EPQ is the opportunity to research a topic that interests you and create a dissertation, field study/investigation, artefact or performance related to that topic. It is highly regarded by universities as it is indicative of wider reading and knowledge; many universities make lower A-level offers to students undertaking an EPQ

This AQA qualification is graded from A* to E and can earn you up to 28 UCAS points.

AS-levels

Spanish and French AS-Levels are one-year courses, examinable at the end of Year 12.

Fourth A-level

This option is only recommended for students who are very academic and driven, and who are comfortable with the additional commitment needed to achieve the highest levels of success. There is a minimum entry criteria in order to study four A-Levels.





Getting involved!

Team Projects

We encourage all students to take part in team projects such as Duke of Edinburgh, the National Citizenship Service or Young Enterprise as these offer opportunities to mix with a wide range of people, gain leadership experience, and help improve selfawareness and self-confidence.

Trips and Visits

Expanding your knowledge outside of the classroom is important.

We offer a wide range of trips and experiences for Sixth Form students. Previous years have seen music trips to Prague, Barcelona and Edinburgh; sports tours to South Africa, geography trips to inter-school Iceland. and international conferences with the Model United Nations Club, the **Biology Department trip to Juniper** Hall in Dorking, theatre trips, dance workshops and a visit to CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research.

Creative Experiences

Our Performing Arts and Creative Arts Departments offer exciting opportunities to get involved in the creative side of our community.

Join Senior Choir, Senior Strings, our Symphony Orchestra or Wind Band, or get involved in the annual school play or dance show.

For artists, our hallways are your gallery; but we don't stop there, we work with local businesses to showcase your talent to the wider community too.





Community Spirit

The Becky High community is what makes us so special and it's what brings students together across the year groups.

Our Equality and Diversity Senior Prefects develop a calendar of engaging events to ensure Sixth Formers connect across the two years. The **Sports** annual Dinner the PE organised by Department celebrates the sporting outstanding achievements of our students. Our Charities Prefects organise events to raise money for the school's chosen charities (over £20k last year), our Heads of Houses run competitions inter-house across all year groups to build House spirit and connect the year groups and of course, there's the end of term BBQ and Bounce in the summer term.

Sixth Form students also volunteer in the local community and provide an inhouse mentoring service for students through our Blossom and Roots Programme.

Student Leadership

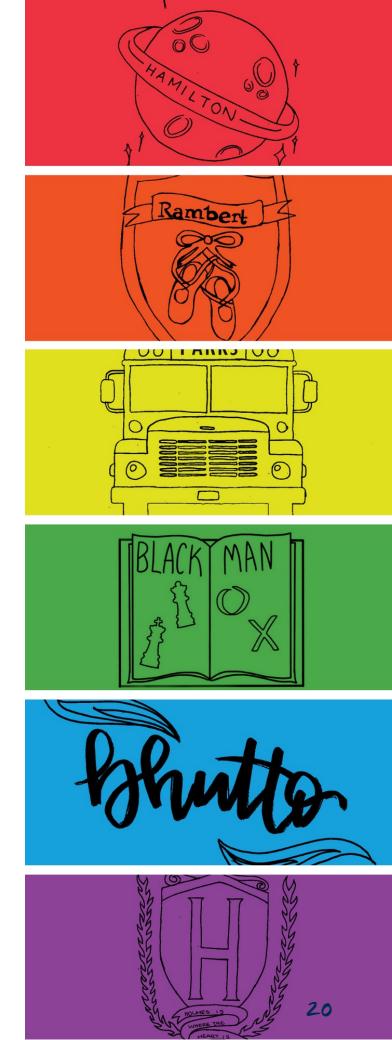
The Sixth Form Student Leadership team comprises of the Student Leader, Deputies and Senior Prefects. Staff not only respect the voice of the student body, but relish the opportunity to work with them to develop and enact change.

The Student Council and the unite Prefect team students all across vears. meeting regularly to discuss and action improvements and new ideas. The Sixth Form Student Council focuses on the needs of the Sixth Form including big plans for continuous improvements to the school's facilities.

Our six Houses - Bhutto, Blackman, Rambert, Parks, Hamilton and Holmes - are led by a team of 12 Sixth Form House Captains.

Societies

We offer ever-growing an number of societies led by Sixth Formers, allowing for further leadership opportunities and educational gain. Example of these include: MedSoc, LawSoc, Soc, Debating Club, Maths Economics Society, Oxbridge Society, Finance Club, Model United Nations. Red Cross. Spanish Culture Club and Formula 1 Club.



Supporting you every step of the way!



Ms Ganachaud is the Director of Sixth Form, an Assistant Headteacher as well as a Maths teacher. Ms Ganachaud has worked at Beaconsfield High for seven years and with Sixth Former students for over ten years.



Mrs Greenwood is the Sixth Form Administration Manager and pastoral support. She was an engineer in a past life and has supported Sixth Form students at Beaconsfield High Sixth Form for seven years.



Mrs Gill joined the Sixth Form as Administrative Assistant in 2021 and looks after Sixth Form attendance and careers. She ran a team of Investment Bankers in the City for many years before joining us.



Ms Allen is Head of Learning for Year 13. She is also Head of Faculty for Social Sciences and Heads up to Sociology Department. Ms Allen has an overview of any pastoral concerns relating to Year 13.



Ms Farrugia is Head of Learning for Year 12. She teaches English and is the Subject Lead for A-Level Media Studies; having taught at BHS for 4 years. Ms Farrugia has overview of any pastoral concerns relating to Year 12.

Sixth Form Tutors

Sixth Form students receive one-to-one support from their Form Tutors to meet all their mentoring, nurturing or coaching needs. Tutors work directly with students to guide and support them through Sixth Form life including their A-Level studies, their personal wellbeing, the UCAS process, degreeapprenticeship applications, or any other route they choose to pursue.

Applying to join us

We welcome students who are driven, have a strong work ethic, are academically ambitious and have a vision for their future.

To join our Sixth Form, you will need a minimum of 44 points from your best 8 GCSE results. The following must also apply:

- GCSE Maths and English (Literature or Language) must be Grade 5 or above.
- You must achieve the minimum GCSE grades required in your intended subjects of study, as detailed on the following page.

The majority of our students study 3 A-Levels and an EPQ. The option to study 4 A-Levels is only a possibility for applicants achieving at least 64 points from their best 8 GCSEs. Students wishing to study Further Maths as a 4th A-Level who have not quite achieved the minimum of 64 points but show a real strength in maths and further maths at GCSE will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

GCSE point scores will be calculated as below:

Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Point score	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

All of the A-Level options available to start in September 2024 can be viewed on the next page.

External students should complete the online application form linked <u>here</u> by Monday 29th January 2024.

Current Beaconsfield High School students will receive a link to an online application form during the first half of the spring term of Year 11.

Note: We will do everything we can to run the courses outlined on our curriculum. However, where we don't have sufficient interest we may not be able to run certain courses, but we will work with you to find another that is suited to your strengths and your future aspirations.

Any student wishing to change their A-Level subjects once they have started the course in September of their Year 12 will only be able to do so up to the end of September. This allows all students to experience four weeks of the teaching cycle (weeks A and B) in all their subjects.

A-level Entry Criteria 2024-25

A-Level Course	44 points from your best 8 GCSEs, GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English plus the requirements below
Art, Craft and Design	GCSE Grade 6 in Art or Textiles
Biology	GCSE Grade 7 in Biology
	OR two GCSE Grade 8s in Additional Science
Business Studies	GCSE Grade 5 in Math and GCSE Grade 6 in English
Chemistry	GCSE Grade 7 in Chemistry
Classical Civilisation	OR two GCSE Grade 8s in Additional Science GCSE Grade 6 in English Literature or History
Computer Science	GCSE Grade 7 in Computer Science
computer science	OR substantial programming project (any language)
Dance	GCSE Grade 6 Dance and dance experience
Drama and Theatre Studies	GCSE Grade 6 English or Drama
Economics	GCSE Grade 6 English and Maths
English Language and Literature	GCSE Grade 6 in English
English Literature	GCSE Grade 6 English Literature and English Language
French	GCSE Grade 7 in French
Further Mathematics	GCSE Grade 9 in Maths
	OR GCSE Grade 8 in Maths and 9 in Further Maths
Geography	GCSE Grade 6 in Geography
Graphic Communication	GCSE Grade 6 in Graphics, Art or Design Technology
History	GCSE Grade 6 History
Latin	GCSE Grade 7 in Latin
Mathematics	GCSE Grade 7 in Maths
Media Studies	GCSE Grade 6 in English
Spanish	GCSE Grade 7 in Spanish
Music	GCSE Grade 7 in Music and achieved Grade 6 on main instrument
	(keyboard skills and Grade 5 Theory are desirable)
Physical Education	GCSE Grade 6 in a science and one main sport
Disseiter	OR GCSE Grade 6 in PE
Physics	GCSE Grade 7 in Physics OR two GCSE Grade 8s in Additional Science
Politics	GCSE Grade 6 in English
Psychology	GCSE Grade 6 in English, Maths and a science
Religious Studies	GCSE Grade 6 in English
	OR GCSE Grade 6 in Religious Studies
Sociology	GCSE Grade 6 in English

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Application Deadline JANUARY

MARCH

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Conditional Offer Day External applicants only

Induction Day 27 (TBC)



GCSE Results Day **28 (TBC)** Tour and External applicants only





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SEPTEMBER Term Starts O4 (TBC) for Year 12

learn more!

Open Evening Our Sixth Form Open Event is Tuesday 14th November 2023, 17:00-19:30. Please see our website nearer the time for up-todate information.

Meet Your peers

Later in the year, we offer our usual Induction Day during which with vou'll connect subject teachers for your chosen A-Level They will provide you with an introduction to their course and outline the summer bridging work to be completed before joining the Sixth Form in September. External applicants will be invited to visit school once their exams have finished. This will be an opportunity to tour the school, as well as meet other applicants and the Sixth Form Team. Current Year 12 students will be on hand to talk more about life in the Sixth Form and answer any questions.

Ready to apply? Once you are ready, external applicants should complete the online application form linked on page 22 of the prospectus and return it by the deadline to the Sixth Form Office. Current BHS Year 11 students will receive an application form following their mock exams at the start of the Spring term. Please direct any questions to sixthform@beaconsfieldhigh.buck s.sch.uk.





Our alumnae

For us, our alumnae are a wonderful example of how Becky High prepares students for life after school and university. The paths our students choose diverse, exciting and are challenging. Every year, alumnae return to us to take part in careers talks, including our Sixth Form Series, speak in Enrichment assemblies, provide invaluable mentoring support and mock interviews to current students, and we couldn't be more proud of them.

The following alumnae profiles will give you a flavour of just some of our students' exciting career choices!



Dr Melanie Windridge

Dr Windridge left BHS to study physics at Bristol University, followed by a PhD in plasma physics from Imperial College London in 2009. She is a plasma physicist specialising in fusion energy and currently works as the Communications Consultant for Tokamak Energy. Melanie also loves the outdoors and summitted Mount Everest in 2018!

Katie Raettig

Katie left BHS to study sociology at the University of Bath. She is currently the Post-Production Coordinator at Outpost, an independent TV and film postproduction company at the world famous Pinewood Studios. Katie is also a keen writer and 'Disney fanatic' and writes regularly for the US Disney fan information site WDWNT.

Saliha Mahmood-Ahmed

After BHS, Saliha studied medicine at Kings College graduating in She is currently an NHS 2012.iunior doctor training in gastroenterology. She has always had a passion for cooking and in 2017 won the BBC's MasterChef competition. She has since written her own cookbook winning Best New Cookbook the in 2019 **Observer Food Monthly Awards!**



Beth Rigby

Beth left BHS to study social and political science at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge where she graduated with a first. She continued her studies at the University of London where she master's gained in Latin a America.

She has worked as a journalist for the FT and The Times and is now the Political Editor for Sky News.

Bekah Cork

Bekah left us to study music at The University of Birmingham and after graduation she joined the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra as their Planning Assistant Manager. Currently she is the Artistic Planning and Tours Manager at the Roval Scottish National Orchestra.

Jessie (Baker) de la Merced

Jessie left us to study Biological Anthropology at The University of Cambridge followed by a one studentship at Harvard vear University studying political communications. She went on to intern at Google, spent three years at Brunswick Group before joining Facebook where she is now the EMEA Communications Director.

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