

Post-16 Admissions Policy

Purpose:

To define the policy for admission of students into Post-16 (Key Stage 5) courses at Beauchamp College.

Policy:

We want Year 12 students at Beauchamp to follow a route to success that relates to their interests and abilities. For this reason all courses in Year 12 have entry requirements. These requirements are based on our understanding of the demands of the courses and of the qualities which students need to meet these demands successfully.

Beauchamp is predominantly a Level 3 centre (A levels and BTEC Nationals); however, we also offer a range of Level 2 courses (BTEC Firsts). Students wanting to study alternative courses are signposted to local FE colleges and other institutions.

1. Criteria for access to AS and BTEC National (Level 3) courses:

- Requirements for Level 3 courses are 5 GCSEs at grade C or better including Maths and English and representing at least 4 different courses taken in one examination period.
- In order to study specific subjects at Level 3 the normal expectation is that the student will have achieved at least a GCSE grade C in that subject. Some courses expect at least a grade B at GCSE.
- Many courses have additional specific requirements, see our 'Course Requirements' document for full details.
- We try as far as possible to provide courses to meet student demand, but where a course is over-subscribed, places on it will be allocated to those who in the college's judgement have the qualifications and qualities which make success and satisfaction likely.

2. Criteria for access to BTEC Extended Certificates & Diploma (Level 2) courses:

- Level 2 BTEC courses run for one year and are for students who do not reach the required 5 grade GCSE Cs necessary for Level 3 study. They are the equivalent of 4 GCSEs.
- Students need to have achieved 4 GCSEs at grade D taken in one examination period, including English Language, or above to qualify for a Level 2 BTEC course.
- Students who do not meet these minimum requirements will be offered advice and guidance so that they can find suitable alternative local provision (Level 1 and Level 2 programmes).
- Please also note that completion of a Year 12 (one year BTEC) course does not automatically entitle a student to access one/two year courses for the following year. Any students completing one year courses will need to have achieved at least a Distinction in both parts of their BTEC, and apply through the normal application process (LeCAP). Specific course requirements will also need to be satisfied.

3. Programmes available:

- The majority of Level 3 students will study four Level 3 courses (4 AS levels or a combination of BTEC Nationals and AS Levels) plus an enrichment course.

- Where appropriate (for example, when retaking GCSE English Language and/or Mathematics or when only narrowly meeting the basic requirements) some students will be advised to take three Level 3 courses plus an enrichment course(s).
- Level 2 BTEC students will study a combination of two Extended Certificates or one Diploma alongside retake GCSE Mathematics and/or English Language plus Personal Studies lessons.
- All students are expected to take GCSE English Language and/or Mathematics if a grade C has not been achieved.

4. Guidelines for Applicants:

- All students whether currently at Beauchamp or applying from outside need to complete a LeCAP form and will be treated equally as long as they meet the published LeCAP deadline date and our entry criteria.
- We typically admit approximately 650 students into Year 12. The number of places available to students who are not already at Beauchamp is dependent on the number of Beauchamp students who opt to continue their studies at Beauchamp and the courses available. Typically, we are able to admit approximately 200 new students into our sixth form.
- Consequently, as we have a limited number of places available and in recent years we have received more applications than we have places for, success with late applications cannot be guaranteed. Furthermore, we look carefully at each applicant's LeCap Form and attached reference before we make an offer of a place.
- We invite all (external) students who meet our entry criteria and put us down as a first or second choice on their LeCAP form into the college to discuss our expectations, answer any questions students may have and clarify options. Parents are also welcome to attend with students. This is not an interview. In addition, students and parents are shown around the college by our own students. We feel this is important as it gives you the chance to see the college during a normal day and to speak to our students about their experiences at Beauchamp, thus giving you a true reflection of life at Beauchamp. These meetings will take place during the spring and summer terms.
- Successful applicants will be contacted within four weeks of their tour with an offer conditional on their GCSE results meeting their chosen courses requirements.
- Applicants are expected to reply to their offer by mid May, and may only accept one offer.

5. Criteria for access to Year 13 (A2 level and BTEC National) courses:

- In order to progress from Year 12 to Year 13 a student must be able to put together as a minimum a programme of at least 2.5 Level 3 courses (e.g. 2 A2 courses and 1 AS course).
- Students taking AS courses will need to achieve a minimum of an E grade in order to progress on to A2 and will not be allowed to repeat courses that they have failed to achieve a pass grade in.
- Students who wish to progress to A2 having achieved 2 or more E grades will only be considered if they have an excellent record of effort, attitude and attendance throughout Year 12 and are approved by each subject leader in that subject.
- A student is entitled to complete study to A2 if they meet the criteria above. Where a student has not met the above criteria they will not be able to progress into Year 13 and will instead be offered advice and guidance with regard to suitable alternative pathways.



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Frequency of review: Bi-annually

Signed:..... (Chair of Governors)