

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. Over the last three years our Progress 8 score has remained consistent despite the increased rigour of the GCSE Courses:

2017: 0.22

2018: 0.22

2019: 0.25 meaning that on average, all students attain a quarter of a grade higher in their GCSE's than their prior attainment projections.

This also means that the School has been placed in the 'Above Average Rating' for all secondary schools nationally.

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 an exceptionally 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 every night after school. These range from sport, music, art and drama clubs to Home Learning club and subject specific opportunities such as STEM club. We provide late buses three nights a week so that every child has the opportunity to 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 annual Mayor Making ceremony. Our commitment is to offer exciting residential trips to places such as New York, the WW1 Battlefields, Finland and Italy, as well as Ski trips and a whole year group camping experience to name just a few. All students in Years 7 - 10 take part in an annual Cultural Enrichment week at the end of the Summer Term.

Q: Do you have a large turnover of staff?

A: Not at The Henry Beaufort school. We have a stable and experienced Senior Leadership team. Ofsted have recorded that 'teachers and leaders at all levels are enthusiastic and ambitious' [Ofsted 2017]. 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.