

Welcome to our Sixth Form



Sixth Form Information Event

September 2025 entry



Two decisions:

What next?

Where?



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Level 3 study - A Levels,
Vocational/Technical qualifications

Level 1/2 study

Apprenticeships



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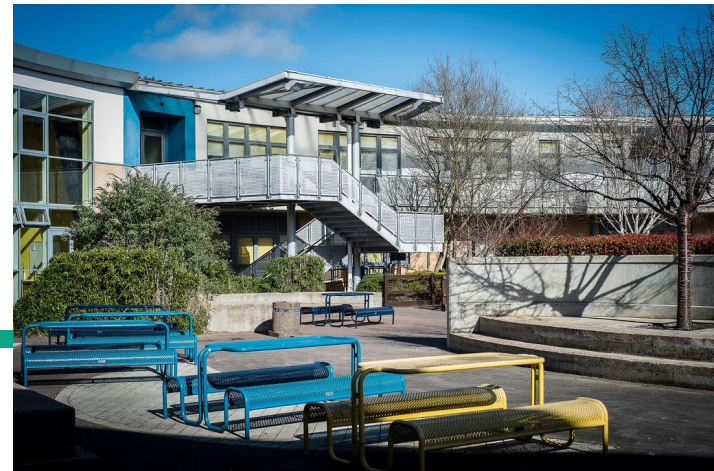
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Beechwood

Beechwood School Key Stage 5

Philosophy and Ethics Day

February 17th 2022

THE PROBLEM of EVIL: Does the existence of evil and suffering disprove the existence of God?

Instead of asking whether God Exists some philosophers prefer to ask the question whether it makes sense to propose that there is a good and all powerful being presiding over a world with evil and suffering in it - evil and suffering which God could prevent but either does not or cannot prevent.



CAREERS Department ...

On Tuesday 29th March, our Year 12 and 13 Science and Health & Social Care students, enjoyed a presentation by Ferus Walsh – Medical Editor for the BBC.

It was a fantastic experience for our students to learn about Fergus' career and to ask questions.







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Sixth Form Curriculum



Why Beechwood?

- Exceptional academic and personal support
- Range of enrichment activities
- Rounded curriculum
- **You** are at the centre of everything we do



LEVEL 3

A Level* (Level 3)

Art and Design
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Drama and Theatre Studies
English Literature
Geography
History
Mathematics
Media Studies
Philosophy and Ethics
Photography
Physics
Product Design
Psychology
Sociology

Applied Diploma (WJEC)* (Level 3)

(equivalent to one A Level)
Criminology

BTEC National Extended Certificate* (Level 3)

(equivalent to one A Level)
Business Studies
Health & Social Care
Information Technology
Science (Applied)
Sports

BTEC National Diploma* (Level 3)

(equivalent to two A Levels)
Business Studies
Science (Applied)
**Sports Development
and Coaching**

*Level 3 students are committing to a two year programme of study.

LEVEL 2

Professional Studies' Pathway** (Level 2)

GCSE English
GCSE Mathematics
BTEC Public Services
BTEC Business Studies
BTEC First Award in Sport

**Level 2 students are committing to a one year programme of study. Upon successful completion, students may then be positioned to progress on to Level 3 studies.

A-level or Vocational?

A-level

- Depth of subject content
- More examination based
- A-levels are externally assessed at the end of Year 13

Vocational

- Greater breadth of coverage
- More vocational
- Develops research skills
- Externally assessed in Year 12 and Year 13

Both provide a route to Higher Education

What pathway should I take?

Pathway	Requirements
3 A levels	To study a 3 A level programme you must achieve at least a grade 5 in English and Maths plus grade 5s and 4s from your remaining best 6 subjects. You must also meet the requirements for each subject you wish to study.
A -Level & BTEC combination	To study a combination of A levels and BTECs you must achieve at least a grade 4 in English and Maths plus grade 5s and 4s from your remaining best 6 subjects. You must also meet the requirements for each subject you wish to study.
3 BTECs	To study for 3 BTECs you must achieve at least a grade 4 in English and Maths plus grade 4s from your remaining best 3 subjects. You must also meet the requirements for each subject you wish to study.
Level 2	To study on our Level 2 pathway, you must achieve at least 5 grade 3s at GCSE including English and Maths

NB: Students who have not achieved a grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language and Mathematics will be required to re-sit these qualifications alongside their main course.

Entry Requirements

Along with the academic entry requirements, we also require that external and internal candidates:

- have **an attendance figure of 95%+ in Year 11** or have made a significant improvement in Year 11 from previous years or have special circumstances which meant that lower attendance was unavoidable i.e. medical need;
- have demonstrated that they are **reliable** by having a **good punctuality record**, or significant improvement in Year 11;
- demonstrate a **positive attitude to learning and their school community** so that there existed no behaviour concerns in Year 11.

Please see the Admissions Policy and Prospectus for all Academic Entry Requirements

Choosing your subjects - some principles

- Consider your strengths.
- Study subjects you enjoy and will succeed in.
- Think about your aims after the Sixth Form.
- Do some research.

Make an informed, appropriate choice.



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What to expect



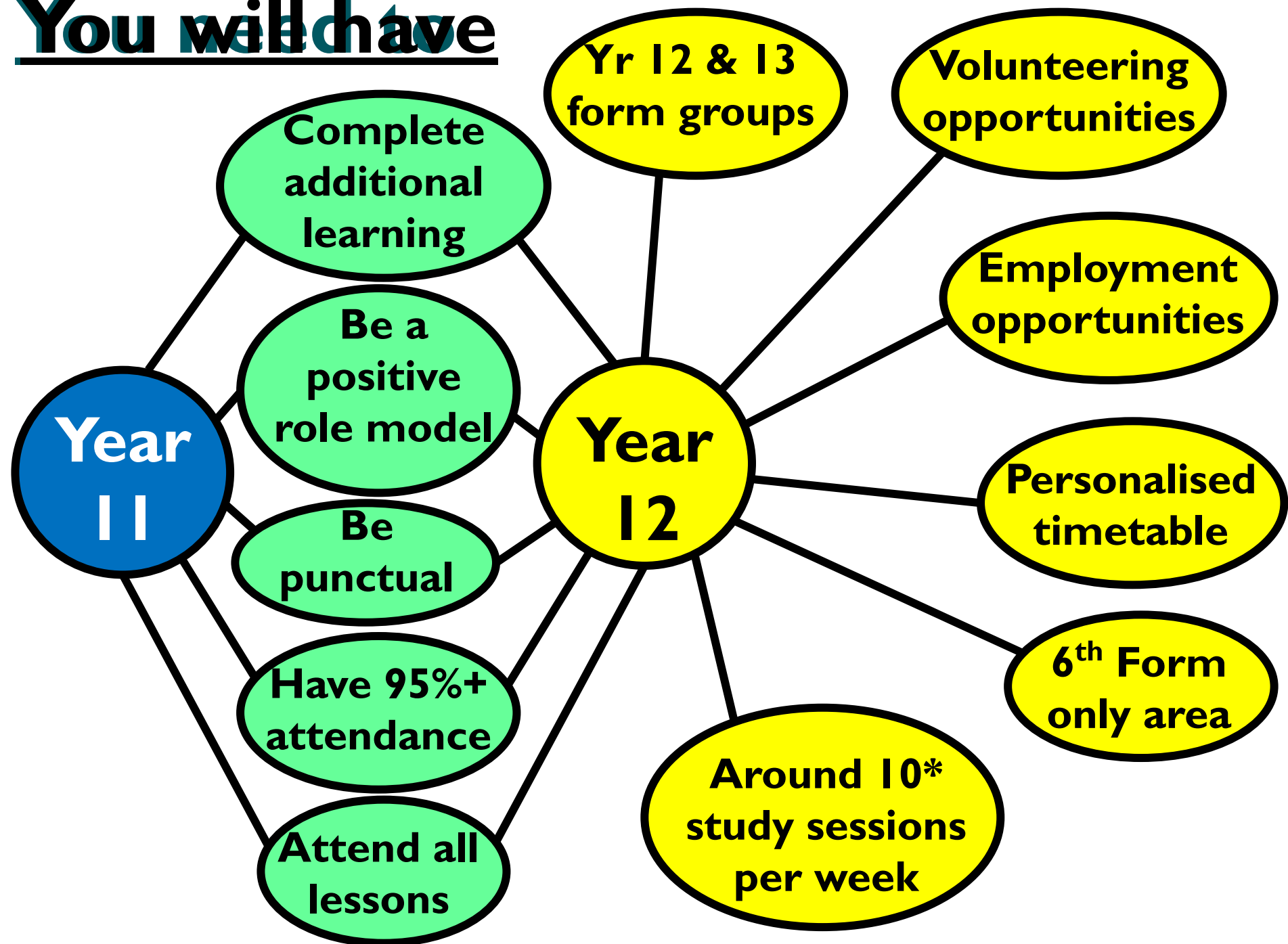
What can our Sixth Form offer you?

- A successful transition from Year 11.
 - Academic and personal support.
 - Personalised timetabling.
 - Enrichment opportunities.
 - Outstanding prospects post 18.
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Transition from Year 11



You will have



Transition into...

Year 12

2025

Year 11 → 12

A guide on what you need to know and do in order to be able to graduate into Beechwood's 6th Form and what to expect in September.

A-level Media

THE POWER TO INFORM

Twenty years ago the media could be summed up as mainly print (newspapers and magazines) and audio/visual (television, radio and films). Audiences today have access to a huge number of additional channels that let us receive news, entertainment, information and advertising. This new digital media includes the Web and mobile phones - providing us with access to blogs, social networking sites and emails.

A-level Media Studies will enhance your enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of the media and its role in your daily life. The course introduces you to media ideas, theories & debates and the practice of production, which gives you the chance to develop a real understanding of media platforms, the contemporary media landscape and the influential role of the media in today's society.

SPECIFICATION = **AQA**

GRADUATION PROJECT

You work for the marketing department of a small record company called **Nutune Records**, and are involved in the promotion of a new band/musical act for their forthcoming debut album & twelve date tour.

As part of the promotion, the act needs to create an image that will allow them to appeal to an audience with an interest in an established musical genre. The marketing materials should also contribute to constructing a recognisable 'brand' for the act.

You are targeting a largely youth - based market but are keen to promote the act in a way that will appeal to more than just a niche audience. The act already has a Facebook and Myspace presence, which has generated some interest, and the record company now wishes to use more mainstream marketing techniques to reach a bigger and more diverse audience.

WHAT TO INCLUDE

- An explanation/biography of your fictional band/artist. This must include; where they are from, how old they are, how they will be represented and why, and who the primary audience is and how they will be targeted.
- An A4 magazine advertisement for their debut album - can be constructed by hand or using ICT.
- A billboard advertisement for their debut tour - can be constructed by hand or using ICT.

Top Tips

FIND THINGS OUT FROM DIVERSE & INTERESTING SOURCES

In addition to your online research, you need to look at books and journals. The most important ideas have been advanced in books and don't appear online in full.

EXPERIENCE LOTS OF DIFFERENT MEDIA

If you stick to watching the same TV shows you love you won't learn anything new. However, if you pick up a magazine, film or newspaper you wouldn't usually consume you will develop a greater understanding of key genre and institutional codes.

TAKE CARE WITH YOUR WRITING & PRESENTATION

As Media students this is very important. All the good quality media texts you see online, at the bus stop or on TV are presented perfectly (very carefully designed and laid out.) You are expected to produce work of the same calibre.

ENJOY YOURSELF!

A bit of cliché, however you must! It will show through in your work, and make it more effective. Enjoyment is functional as well as pleasurable.

WIDER READING



Essential Reading	Yr 12	Yr 13	Provided
Branston, G. and Stafford, R. (2010) <i>The Media Student's Book</i> : Routledge.	✓	✓	✓
Bennett, J., Hall, K. and Holmes, P. (2008) <i>Revision Express AS & A2 Media Studies</i> : Pearson.	✓	✓	
Probert, D. And Graham, A. (2008) <i>Advanced Media Studies</i> : Philip Allan Updates.	✓	✓	
Recommended Reading	Yr 12	Yr 13	Provided
Stevenson, E. (2008) <i>AQA Media Studies: AS</i> : Nelson Thornes Ltd.	✓		
Burton, J. And Stevenson, E. (2009) <i>AQA Media Studies: A2</i> : Nelson Thornes.		✓	
Rayner, P. (2008) <i>AQA AS Media Studies: The Essential Introduction</i> : Routledge.	✓		
Bennett, P., Wall, P., Benyahia, S. and Shirley, J. (2010) <i>AQA A2 Media Studies: The Essential Introduction</i> : Routledge.		✓	
<i>Broadsheet Newspapers</i>	✓	✓	
<i>Total Film Magazine</i> : Future Publishing Ltd.	✓	✓	✓
<i>Sight and Sound Magazine</i> : British Film Institute.	✓	✓	✓
<i>MediaMagazine</i> : English and Media Centre.	✓	✓	✓

Useful websites

Academic Websites

www.media.edusites.co.uk
www.theory.org.uk
www.new2mediastudies.com
www.aqa.org.uk

Film/TV

www.imdb.com
www.empireonline.com
www.bbc.co.uk/movies
www.netflix.com

Media Directories & Links

www.mediauk.com/directory
www.bfi.org.uk
www.englishandmediacentre.co.uk

Assorted Media Organisations

www.bbc.co.uk
www.channel4.co.uk
www.cnn.com
www.therealnews.com
www.independent.co.uk

Academic & personal support

- Tutor Programme
- Regular 1:1 target setting
- Post 18 research & applications
- Discussion of current affairs
- Development of key life skills
- Pathways mentoring
- Learning Mentor



Academic & personal support

Study Sessions

- Fantastic facilities for independent learning
- Support and guidance from staff
- Study groups
- Aid the transition from Year 11



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Enrichment opportunities

- Volunteering
- Employment
- University and employment fairs
- Sporting activities
- Half termly social events



Making informed choices



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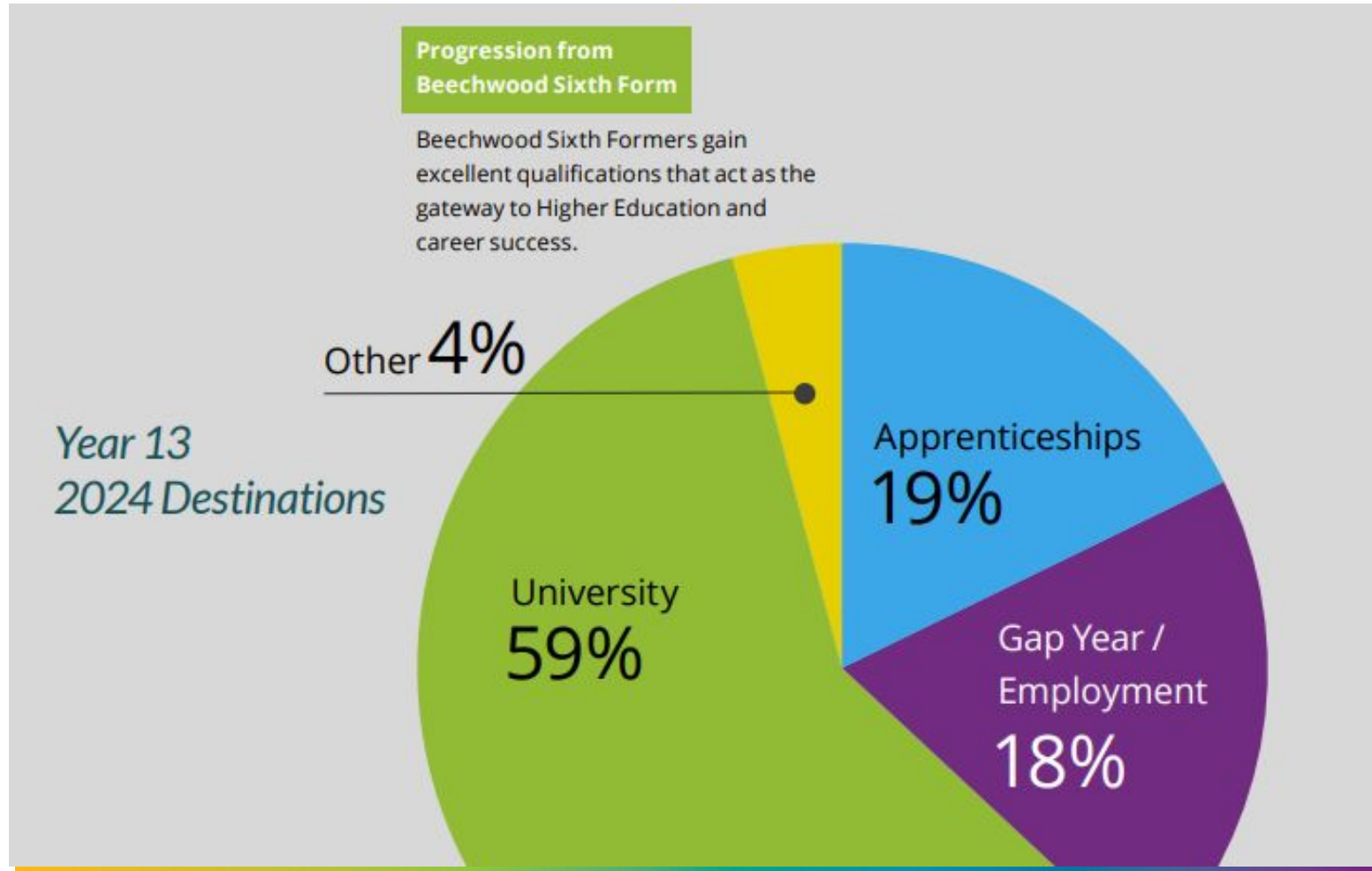
- The subjects that you choose to study can affect your options at university.
- It can be tempting to choose subjects that you enjoy and which interest you. But it's also important to think a bit further ahead.



Outstanding prospects post 18



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Key Dates



- **12 November 2024** – 2024 Applications open
- **24 February 2025** – Application deadline
- **27 March 2025** – Conditional offers confirmed
- **30 June 2025** – Sixth Form Induction day
- **21 August 2025** – Level 2 (GCSE) results day
- **21 August 2025** – Year 12 enrolment
- **3 September 2025** – First day of Year 12
- **12 September 2025** – Graduation Projects submitted
- **15 September 2025** – Graduation Assessment week
- **26 September 2025** – Courses finalised
- **October 2025** – Year 12 Graduation evening