



# Beech Hall School

KINDNESS • RESPECT • INTEGRITY • AMBITION



# WELCOME FROM THE HEADMASTER

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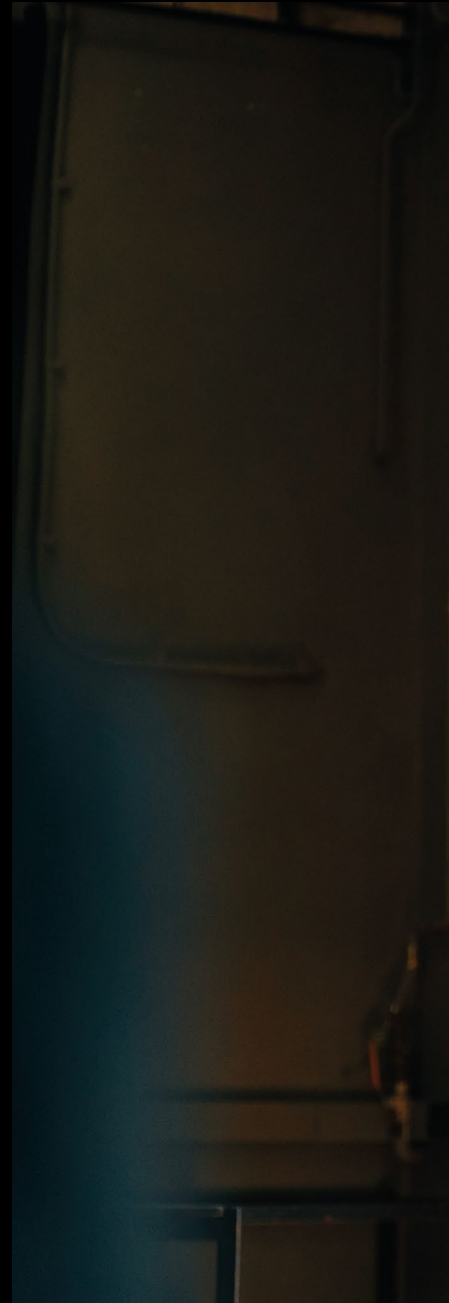
Set in 16 beautiful acres on the edge of the Peak District National Park, Beech Hall is a small but perfectly formed school with a family feel where pupils enjoy coming to school and thrive in our nurturing, supportive environment that focuses on them as individuals.

Our small classes and a focus on each and every child enables Beech Hall pupils to fulfil their potential both in the classroom and beyond it. We believe extra-curricular opportunities are as important as GCSE outcomes. A balanced focus on academic attainment, sporting opportunities, artistic endeavour, individual strengths and a celebration of traditional values are at the core of everything that is important to us at Beech Hall.

Our vision is for all Beech Hall pupils, their families and colleagues to wake up and bounce into school, excited to learn and work in a genuinely inclusive and respectful learning environment that empowers every child to believe, achieve and become the best version of themselves.

At Beech Hall, we know what makes children happy, we know how to enable them to achieve academically, and we know how to provide them with the very best opportunities to shine as individuals. I would be delighted to welcome you to Beech Hall and show you around our exceptional school.

James Allen  
Headmaster  
Beech Hall School





# ABOUT BEECH HALL SCHOOL

**“POSSUNT QUIA POSSE VIDENTUR”  
THEY CAN BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY CAN**

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Beech Hall is a diverse and inclusive independent school for boys and girls aged 4 years to 19 years, up to and including Sixth Form. Outstandingly equipped and set in a beautiful sixteen-acre site, we pride ourselves on providing a truly bespoke approach to learning that puts the child at the heart of every decision.

Beech Hall pupils work hard in and out of the classroom, and they achieve great results in both areas. We are hugely proud of our pupils' successes. Academically, in the 2024 GCSE series, in Mathematics and English Language, 100% and 97% pupils achieved a pass, some at the very highest grades. They achieved a 100% pass rate in Art & Design, Chemistry, English Literature, Food Technology, French, Media Studies, Music and Physical Education. Pupils achieved because Beech Hall enabled them to believe that they could.

Beyond the academic world, pupils have achieved first places in the ISA National Art Competition, achieved some of the highest music grades, and competed at regional and national level in football, rugby, trampolining, cricket, golf, hockey, tennis, show jumping, ice hockey and buggy-racing, to name just a few! We have secured three ISA National Athletics Champions in Long Jump, 4 x 100 Relay & Vortex. We have won countless awards including categories in TES, Muddy Stilettoes and Educate Awards. Multiple pupils have swum across the English Channel in relay in the last five years, raising £125,000 for Mencap!

*“Beech Hall is a gem. It cares, it nurtures,  
it celebrates the values of togetherness and teamwork”*



# OUR VALUES

*"Mr Allen, over the years, has valiantly attempted to suffocate my shirt tails in their many escapes from being tucked in"*

*-Louis Tapster, Senior Prefect*

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Beech Hall is a family school that puts its pupils first. For nearly a hundred years, pupils have lived, worked and played by the motto "possunt quia posse videntur" - "we can because we think we can". The whole school community has a set of shared values based around three clear aims:

1. To be happy
2. To be successful
3. To be confident

These aims are underpinned by our four over-arching values of Kindness, Respect, Integrity and Ambition.

- We have a fundamental commitment to small class sizes which ensures we offer our pupils a bespoke education.
- We are committed to providing the opportunities for the broadest of educations with a wide variety of extra-curricular experiences both in the UK and overseas.
- We work in close partnership with families so that pupils feel supported, valued, understood and appreciated.
- We value opportunities to look outwards, and the local community and charitable engagement is part of the Beech Hall ethos.

*"Above all they pride themselves in a family approach of encouragement and respect that any parent would want for their child"*

*- Beech Hall parent testimonial*

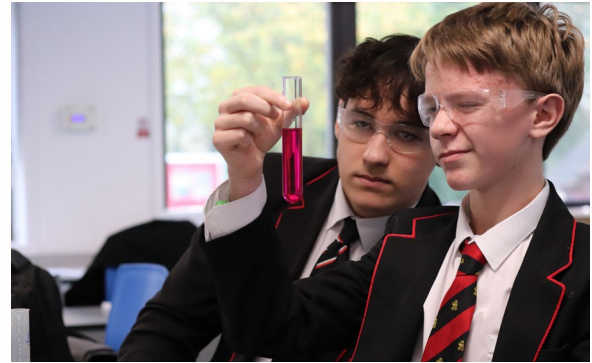
# OUR COMMUNITY

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Beech Hall is a diverse, inclusive and academically challenging environment where pupils are inspired to believe, to achieve and to succeed. We deliver an innovative, challenging education, where pupils become the very best versions of themselves. Parents are always welcome into the school to discuss their child's progress with teachers, and to participate in the wider life of the school community.

Community engagement is an important part of our school ethos – from raising money for national and local charities to extending the use of our sports facilities to the local community. Some of our community engagement initiatives are school or staff led, but increasingly these are pupil led and we are proud of the civic duty our pupils feel so keenly.

At a whole school level, our community engagement work is apparent through our teams of children that have swum and are training to swim the English Channel to raise money for Mencap. This activity not only engages the swimmers but the whole school community who come together to raise money for such a fantastic cause.



# PASTORAL CARE AND WELLBEING



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At Beech Hall we take emotional health and mental wellbeing very seriously. We cultivate a safe and nurturing environment in which every child feels that they are taken seriously and listened to. Respect for each other and good manners set the tone for good behaviour and throughout the school, form teachers play a key role in the pastoral system and are the day-to-day point of contact for children.

All children belong to one of three houses, Ash, Yew or Oak with the aim of enabling children of all ages to have a common link. Younger pupils are encouraged to look up to older children, whilst the older children in turn are taught responsibility and compassion.

*"safeguarding and wellbeing of pupils are the highest priority"*  
*ISI Inspection December 2024*



## JUNIOR SCHOOL

Small classes ensure a high level of individual care and attention for all children. The importance of reading, writing and mathematics are emphasised in our infant and junior school and these subjects are taught by form teachers who are also responsible for the excellent pastoral care that our children receive.

In addition, pupils benefit from specialist teaching in Science, IT, Music and Drama, Physical Education, French and Spanish, Art and Design Technology. They also have the benefit of weekly Forest School and Food Technology lessons throughout the infant and junior school.

*"It makes me wish I was a child again so I could also benefit from its incredible offering"*  
- Beech Hall parent testimonial



## SENIOR SCHOOL

In the Lower Seniors (Years 7 and 8) pupils study the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Modern Foreign Languages (including French, German and Spanish), Art, Design Technology, Music, Drama, History, Geography, Philosophy, PSHEE/Citizenship, Physical Education, Computer Science and Food Technology.

At the end of Year 8, pupils choose their option subjects for GCSE, enabling them to access this level of learning for three years before sitting their formal examinations. All pupils take English Language, Mathematics and Dual Science. They select further GCSE subjects which includes many of the subjects outlined above, as well as the option of individual Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), English Literature, Media Studies, Further Maths, Business Studies, Religious Education and Food Technology.

## ENHANCED LEARNING

Beech Hall is committed to the development of the whole child. We hope that by fostering a caring community within a secure, stimulating environment, each child will fulfil their potential academically, socially, physically and emotionally.

Our talented and experienced teaching staff are supported by an enhanced learning team, who include a full time Director of Inclusion, a SENDCo and a School Counsellor. Our enhanced learning team work closely with the teaching staff to identify children that may need additional support in this area and integrate any intervention needed into the school day.





***“A POSITIVE AND SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL CHILDREN TO THRIVE IN... THEY WERE DISENFRANCHISED AND DISENGAGED AT THEIR PREVIOUS SCHOOL WHO WERE UNABLE TO FOCUS ON ANYTHING OTHER THAN GRADES. I AM DELIGHTED”***

***- BEECH HALL PARENT TESTIMONIAL***

# PATHWAYS AND ACADEMICS

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Beech Hall is an all-ability school that supports pupils at every stage of GCSE and post-16 success.

We are proud of our pupils' achievements and GCSE grades. Some are achieving the very highest grades possible, in 2024, a string of grade 7s, 8s and 9s across their subjects. Two pupils took English Literature a year early, achieving passes with a grade 6 and the very highest grade 9. Pupils' achievements are testament to both our teachers' commitment to individual teaching and our pupils attitude to learning.

Some pupils worked incredibly hard to achieve a grade 4 or grade 5 pass in all of their subjects, and we are equally proud of their engagement in learning, and ultimate success in August. Whether your child is aiming for a golden set of grade 9s, or to achieve passes in English Language, Maths and their option subjects, Beech Hall's bespoke programme of education will enable your child to achieve.

Some pupils will take nine or ten qualifications spanning a three-year programme. Others may take fewer subjects, receiving more support and tuition in the core subjects, as well as training in study and revision techniques.

*"There is a lot of amazing talent that can be missed in many schools, but Beech Hall seems to discover it!"*

*- Beech Hall parent testimonial*





*ISA National Long Jump Champion 2023*



# SPORTS AND OUTDOORS

*"One of my highlights has to be the Channel Swim. It's something I will always be able to look back on. We had to work hard together to succeed. The school did throw me into a swarm of jellyfish because they wanted us to know how it feels to get stung!"*

*-Katie Ann Smith, Channel Relay Swimmer*

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Sport has the potential to deliver so much more for our pupils which is why we believe so wholeheartedly in its inclusion at Beech Hall. Every child can achieve in sport, it's just a matter of finding the right one. Pupils can play in all of the major team sports - football, netball, rugby, cricket, hockey, rounders - and have the opportunity to represent their school team in all of these. Everyone who wants to take part in competitive sport is encouraged to do so. In addition, pupils take part in competitive fixtures against other schools in cross country, athletics, swimming and water polo. Pupils may also take part in volleyball, badminton, table-tennis and lawn tennis as part of their PE curriculum.

Whilst many sporting opportunities are mixed, we also recognise the need to enable girls' participation in girls-only football and

cricket teams, as well as girls-only use of the school's multi-gym and swimming pool.

The school recognises that team sport is not for everyone and, with this in mind, offers a range of individual sporting opportunities including running, horse-riding, and open-water swimming. Pupils take part in annual inter-House Biathlon/Triathlon and Tough Mudder Competitions. Pupils and their families have the opportunity to take part in the annual Great North Swim in Lake Windermere.

Our sports department is very well-resourced with a large Sports Hall, AstroTurf football pitch, well-equipped multi-gym, heated outdoor swimming pool and 8 acres of playing fields adjacent to the school.

If your child wants to long jump for the county, we will support them.

If your child wants to learn to horse-ride, we will teach them.

If your child wants to swim the English Channel, we will provide the opportunity!

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR

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At the current count, pupils have on offer forty-nine before-school, lunchtime and after-school clubs and activities designed to further develop and deepen their interests and skills.

In addition, there is a Breakfast Club from 7.30am to 8.30am, and after-school provision until 6.00pm.

Opportunities range from the sporting to the artistic, team-orientated to the individual. From cheerleading to scuba, gardening to coding, Dr Who to weightlifting, there is something for everyone.

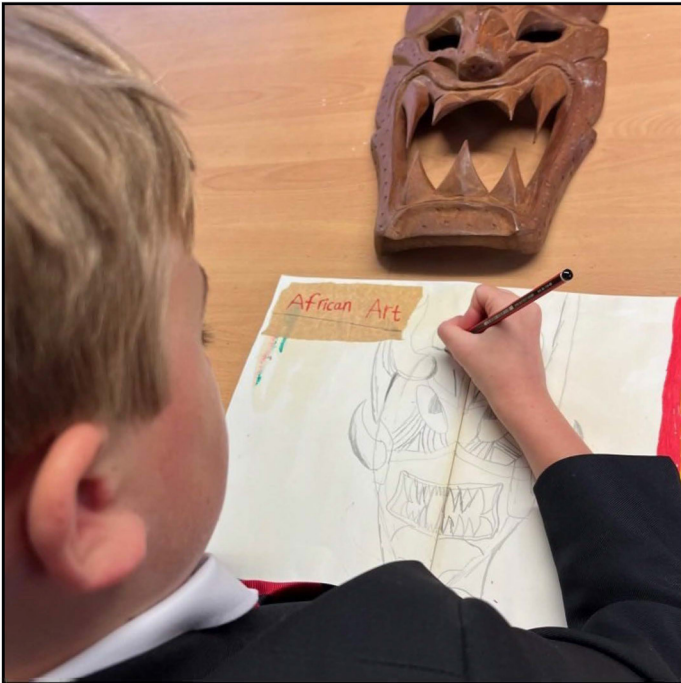
Pupils up to and including Year 8 are encouraged to take part in three extra-curricular clubs per week, some take part in many more. Those in Years 9 and 10 are supported to join at least two per week, and pupils in Year 11 focus some of their time in GCSE revision classes, as well as the more physically active clubs. Pupils in Year 9 upwards may take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme at Bronze and Silver level.

There are overseas opportunities for pupils to learn and develop further, these have included recently:

- Ski trip to Italy
- History trip to the Battlefields of France and Belgium
- Art, Spanish & Food Technology trip to Barcelona
- 18-day conservation project in the

Galápagos Islands

- NASA Expedition
- New York 20 Bridges Swim
- Senior Sports Tour to Dubai
- History trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau
- Enrichment Week



# WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU YOU

*"My parents brought me to Beech Hall to look around when I was 10.  
Mr Allen was climbing trees with the children.  
This was a bit of a surprise as I'd never seen a Headmaster in a tree  
before."*

*Katie Ann Smith, Senior Prefect*

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We would be delighted to welcome you to Beech Hall School for a tour and a meeting with our Headmaster, Mr James Allen, so that you can see first-hand all that the school has to offer.

We hope that this has given you an insightful introduction to our school and a taste of the learning experience your child could have with us.

The very best way to get a true feel for our school and community is to arrange a personal tour and meeting with the Headmaster. You can do that by emailing Beech Hall School's Registrar, Mrs Jo Lord at [registrar@beechhallschool.org](mailto:registrar@beechhallschool.org) or calling the school reception on 01625 422192.

We look forward to welcoming you to Beech Hall School.

*"Beech Hall removes obstacles to learning and allows every child to not only be themselves but to blossom into the very best version of themselves"*

*- Beech Hall parent testimonial*



*"Beech Hall School makes an effort to understand and support its pupils like no other school I have ever encountered... a lot of children see their worth just through exam grades; only Beech Hall sees potential in every child and unlocks it"*

*- Beech Hall parent testimonial*



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