



Beech Hall School

KINDNESS • RESPECT • INTEGRITY • AMBITION



WELCOME FROM THE HEADMASTER

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.

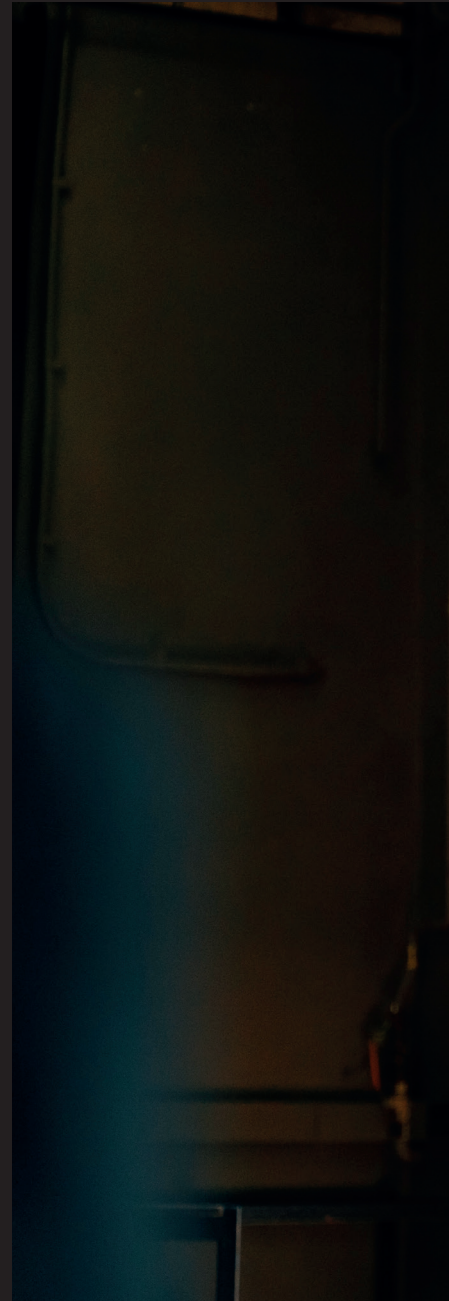
Our small classes and a focus on each and every child enables Beech Hall pupils to fulfil their potential both in the classroom and beyond it. We believe extra-curricular opportunities are as important as GCSE outcomes.

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**

Beech Hall is a diverse and inclusive independent school and nursery for boys and girls aged 6 months to 18 years, up to and including GCSE. 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 2022 GCSE series, in Mathematics and English Language, 100% and 94% pupils achieved a pass, some at the very highest grades. They achieved a 100% pass rate in Art & Design, Drama, English Literature, Food Technology, Geography and Music. 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, runners-up in the inaugural Chatsworth Schools Girls Football Tournament, 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! Our pupils' achievements have won them countless awards including categories in the ISA National Awards, TES, Muddy Stilettoes and Educate Awards. Twelve pupils have swum across the English Channel in relay, raising £50,000 for Mencap!

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

- Beech Hall parent testimonial



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, 2022

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

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



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.





NURSERY

Children attending Beech Hall Nursery follow the Early Years Foundation Stage. They are encouraged to play outside in all weathers and in line with the EYFS enjoy both adult and child led activities on a daily basis linked to themes and children's interests. From an early age children are encouraged to be independent and make their own choices. Older children are encouraged to problem solve and develop as confident individuals. Trips into the local community are encouraged and children from the age of three enjoy regular trips to places such as Blaze Farm and Rudyard Lake.

"It makes me wish I was a child again so I could also benefit from its incredible offering"

- Beech Hall parent testimonial



PRE-SCHOOL

Children of a Pre-school age are encouraged to wear a uniform as they prepare to move into the main school. The Pre-school day still involves a lot of play, but Literacy and Numeracy are more of a focus. Pre-school and Reception work very closely, and often have lessons and activities together, this helps to prepare Pre-school children for their move into Reception, and also encourages them to feel part of the school. Pre-school children enjoy a range of specialist teaching including French, Music and Forest School.





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.

"They offer a wide range of sport in which every child is seen as successful"

- 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, as well as taking the BTEC Level 2 certificate in Personal Growth and Wellbeing. They select four 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 and Food Technology at Level 2.

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 and school psychotherapist. 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.





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AND DISENGAGED AT THEIR PREVIOUS
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ANYTHING OTHER THAN GRADES.
I AM DELIGHTED"***

- BEECH HALL PARENT TESTIMONIAL



**OUR SCHOOL IS SHAPED BY OUR
UNIQUE LEARNING TAPESTRY**

THE BEECH HALL SCHOOL TAPESTRY

We have our own totally unique curriculum overlay; The Beech Hall School Tapestry, which is entirely bespoke and ensures that all our pupils are ready not just for external exams but their future.

The Tapestry comprises six strands which together provide a learning framework enabling all our children to fully embrace the 21st century:

- MINDSET

We prepare our children to learn for life. Not just for exams.

- GLOBAL

Our pupils feel at one with the world and its cultures.

- HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We place our children's health and wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.

- DIGITAL LITERACY

We enable children to use technology safely and effectively.

- ENTREPRENEURS

We encourage new ideas and entrepreneurship.

- SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP

Sustainability is central to our school's values.

PATHWAYS AND ACADEMICS

Beech Hall is an academically non-selective school that supports pupils at every stage of GCSE success. We are proud of our pupils' achievements and GCSE grades. Some are achieving the very highest grades possible, in 2022, 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. 100% of pupils achieved a GCSE pass in Mathematics and 100% of pupils achieved a GCSE (or equivalent) pass in English Language - a phenomenal achievement for a non-selective school, and 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







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 Swimmer, 2021

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



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.

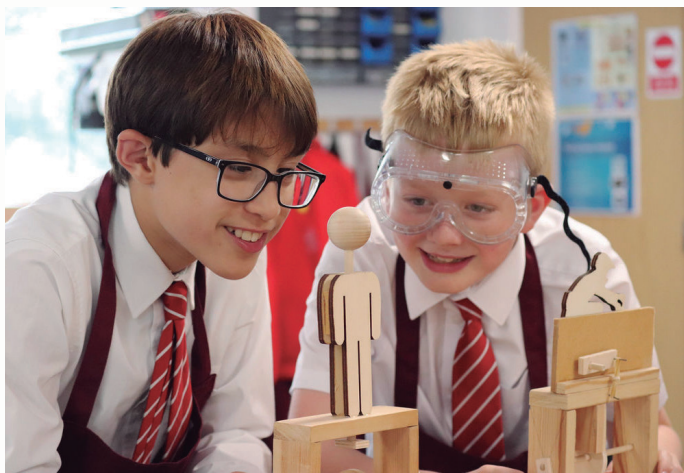
In addition, there is a Breakfast Club from 7.30 to 8.30am, and after-school provision until 6pm.

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, and these have included recently:

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



WE'D LOVE TO MEET 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, 2022]

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 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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