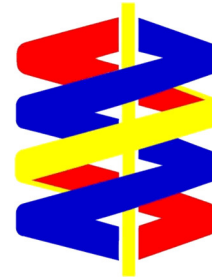


## Beaufort Community School



### **About our school**

Beaufort Community School is a purpose built 11–18 community comprehensive school serving the southern part of the city of Gloucester. The school is set in a large open site on the southern edge of the built up area within the grounds of Holmleigh Park, with views of the Severn Vale and the Cotswolds.

The number on roll is 1200 students of which 180 are in the Sixth Form. This number has risen in successive years due to substantially increased popularity of the school. The school has been consistently oversubscribed in recent years.

The main building of the school dates from 1971. Recent developments have included a new Library and IT suites, new Business Studies rooms and refurbished Technology facilities. A new Performing Arts Centre opened in 1997 providing music rooms, recording studio and performance space. Refurbishment of the Science facilities and the main building was completed in December 2001. A new Modern Languages block opened in September 2002 and we have recently completed the construction of a major new teaching block to provide accommodation for Food Technology, Textiles, Art, English and RE/Citizenship.

The school includes a large community Sports Centre containing a sports hall, gymnasium, squash courts, fitness suite and an indoor swimming pool, with an outside floodlit multi purpose use area. There are extensive playing fields within Holmleigh Park.

The school contains the county's Centre for Hearing Impaired Pupils of secondary school age, and also provision for pupils with Specific Learning Difficulties.

The school is regarded as one of the most successful and improved within the local authority. There is a focus on the quality of teaching and learning to raise pupil achievement throughout the school supported by a strong pastoral structure.

We gained Specialist School Status in Technology in 2005. This has provided a basis for further developments to promote independent learning in our students and in the use of ICT to support learning across the curriculum.

The school places a strong emphasis on professional development for staff. There is strong and structured support for all newly appointed staff at all levels in the school.

The school moved to Foundation Status from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006 within the remit of Gloucestershire County Council.

The school is a completely non smoking site.

## **Our Successes**

The most recent Ofsted Inspection of Beaufort Community School in October 2004 described us as a *"in many ways a very good school, especially in the way that it provides a very appropriate curriculum for its pupils, and inspires in them self-belief and the desire to succeed"*.

### **Key strengths of the school were:-**

- Pupils achieve well, in response to their teachers' high expectations of them.
- The use of assessment to help pupils to improve their work is very good.
- Attitudes and behaviour are good, because pupils are supported and managed well.
- Teaching is good, often very good, and assessment is used well to help pupils to improve.
- Attainment is above and sometimes well above the national average in some subjects, especially in music, art, French and geography.
- Very good leadership and management are raising standards.
- The provision for pupils with special educational needs is very good.
- Links with the community and other schools and colleges are excellent.

There were no weak subjects identified at Key Stage 3 or 4 and over 98% of lessons were graded as satisfactory or better.

### **We have also achieved the following:-**

- substantial improvement in GCSE and Key Stage 3 performance.
- heavily oversubscribed intake
- rapid growth in pupil numbers due to increased parental preference.
- substantial improvement in attendance throughout the school.
- largest school in the Gloucester Excellence Cluster.
- lead school for the DCSF Behaviour Improvement Programme in Gloucestershire
- award of the Basic Skills Agency Quality Mark for work in Literacy and Numeracy
- award of Arts Mark.
- award of Investors in People.
- award of Sports Mark.
- award of DfES School Achievement Award.
- award of Healthy Schools Status
- a Post-16 collaborative venture with three other schools in the City of Gloucester.
- attainment of Specialist School Status in Technology in September 2005
- a developing Extended Services role within our local community

This is an exciting time to join our school. We are looking for a colleague who can build on this success, and can play a leading role in moving the school forward over the next five years.