



# Sixth Form Foundation Year

A stepping stone to success in the Sixth Form  
and beyond

*As a Foundation Year student,  
what will I do?*

Learn about life and  
culture in the UK

Improve your skills in  
spoken and written English

Experience a  
traditional English  
boarding school

Take advantage  
of a wide range  
of activities

Get ahead with your  
A-level subjects

Gain the Beechwood  
Foundation Year Diploma



**BEECHWOOD**  
Sacred Heart School  
*Sixth Form*



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**A tailor-made course to prepare you for your A-level studies, the main focus being on linguistic skills in English**



Students can enter Beechwood Sixth Form with a basic level of English, normally a score of IELTS 5, and receive an intensive course of English lessons from qualified EAL teachers. Students would be expected to reach IELTS 6 before starting their A-level courses.

They can study a one-year IGCSE course in Mathematics, English and their native language, where appropriate. In addition, as their level of English improves, students may join A-level subject lessons, as appropriate, to increase their subject vocabulary.

They will learn about cultural differences and the expected behaviour in an English classroom, such as how to ask questions or ask for help, ensuring that they get the most out of their A-level lessons. Students will be taught in small groups by well-qualified staff, gradually mixing in academic classes with English native speakers.

Students quickly become absorbed into our multicultural boarding community in which around one-third of boarders are from the UK and the common language is English. Beechwood is noted for the excellent pastoral care of all its pupils, and its warm friendly atmosphere.

Beechwood offers a wide range of A-level courses and a comprehensive Sixth Form Enrichment programme, including specialist advice and support on application to Higher Education.



**Amy**  
from Hong Kong:

*Beechwood has provided the space for me to grow as an individual. Boarding is great fun with a mix of pupils from all over the world. We get to know each other well and enjoy visits to historic buildings or theatre trips to London. I have never been happier – coming to Beechwood was definitely the right decision for me.*



**Francesco**  
from Italy:

*My advice to any future student coming to Beechwood from another country is that you should not be afraid, but instead look forward to expanding your experiences and understanding of another culture. Do not worry, it gets easier every day and you will very quickly feel that you are just another one of the happy students at Beechwood.*



**Forest**  
from Hong Kong:

*Being an overseas student can seem daunting at first as it is such a different environment, but my advice to new pupils would be to engage more in conversation and grasp every opportunity given to you – people rarely get a second chance to do something this good.*



**Yaru**  
from China:

*Besides studying and having the chance to go to a good university, I can experience life in another country. Beechwood is set in a large green space which I love as I am used to city life. The students and the teachers are kind; I can be independent, organise my study time and develop more hobbies. Come to Beechwood – you will not regret it!*

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