

# BEAL SIXTH FORM

ONE SIXTH FORM – TWO SITES – THREE PATHWAYS

**The Forest Academy Campus** – Harbourer Road, IG6 3TN

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15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some changes that will be taking place at Beal Sixth Form this year.

At the end of this year, students in Year 12 will not be sitting externally-assessed AS level exams; instead they will follow an even more rigorous internal assessment schedule (attached).

There are several educational contributory factors that have prompted this change of direction so early in the new academic year, including a reduction in real terms funding for post-16 learners. Sixty percent of other schools have moved away from the external AS exams and, although we supported the decision to continue as we have done at the start of this year, an analysis of the 2018 AS examination results has suggested we are at risk of putting our students at a disadvantage if we continue on this course.

Students in Year 12 will continue to study four subjects until Easter 2019. At this point they will sit internally-assessed examinations that, along with reliable assessment data from the year, will determine their progression into Year 13. All assessment data collected during Year 12 will be used to form the basis of students' predicted grades. At the end of Year 13, students will sit linear A level examinations as per usual.

We are confident that studying four subjects in Year 12 and keeping progression choices open until Easter 2019 will provide students with a broader education and wider choices in the future. After the Year 12 exams in Easter 2019, students will receive personalised information and guidance sessions to support them in making curriculum choices for Year 13.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the sixth form team if you have any further questions.

We remain committed to delivering the very best educational experiences for all students enrolled at Beal Sixth Form.

Yours faithfully,

Jessica McQuaid

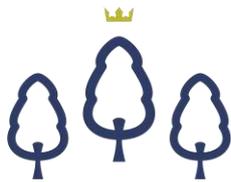
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## BSF Assessment Schedule – 2018-19 – Year 12

In light of the decision to no longer enter students at BSF for AS examinations at the end of Year 12, it is important that BSF has robust and reliable methods of assessing pupil progress across the year in order to provide informed support for student progression into Year 13.

### November

- Assessment information shared at Parents' Evening
- Assessment information shared via school reports
  - Interventions implemented

### January

- Assessment information shared via school reports
  - Interventions implemented

### April

- End of year examinations (Year 12)

### May

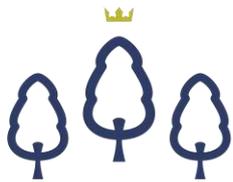
- Assessment information shared in-school via pastoral teams
- Decisions made about Year 13 course progression

### June

- 3rd June - Year 12 begin 'Year 13' curriculum

#### Key dates:

	TFA campus	BHS campus
November assessment data capture	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2018
January assessment data capture	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2019
April End of year examinations (two weeks of study leave)	Beg. 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Beg. 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019
May – Post-exams analysis (two weeks)	Beg. 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Beg. 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
June – Begin 3 A Level curriculum	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019



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