

# An Introduction to Beaulieu



# Background

Founded by the Sisters from the Order of the Immaculate Conception, Beaulieu first opened its doors in 1951 and has continued to thrive ever since, now welcoming more than 840 students aged 3 – 19. With strong principles rooted in the Catholic tradition, coupled with innovative teaching methods and a keen focus on real world issues and technology, all on one campus, Beaulieu is a rich and rewarding place to learn.

Beaulieu is a forward-thinking and outward-looking school, proud of its reputation and the calibre of education it offers, encouraging pupils to positively contribute to the wider world. At the core of Beaulieu is the Catholic Faith; with 'Respect', 'Endeavour', 'Opportunity' and 'Challenge' comprising the central values of the School. Pupils are encouraged to think imaginatively, and intelligently and respectfully question convention.

Whilst the Sisters themselves are no longer physically at

School, Beaulieu has maintained a close relationship with them and they remain a constant support to the School, from their base in France. The ethos established by the Sisters remains ever present at Beaulieu and Beaulieu's team continues to place faith at the centre of everything they do. The teachers and support staff make up a rich and diverse community and everyone takes responsibility for the life and culture of the School – they go beyond simply teaching, by helping every child to have confidence and selfbelief.

At Beaulieu, there is an expectation for everyone to play their part in the wider community, whilst remaining very much an individual. The breadth of interests, talents and backgrounds of the students and staff is a key part of what makes Beaulieu what it is – a unique and diverse place to work and learn.

A registered charity, Beaulieu is carefully and passionately guided by a locally based Board of Trustees, dedicated to ensuring the future success of the School and its pupils.





#### Pre-School

The Pre-School provides an inclusive and nurturing environment. Its presence offers the opportunity for the full aged 3 – 19 experience at Beaulieu and the School's full range of facilities, opportunities and expert teaching are available to ensure a calm and seamless transition to Reception Class and right up to our Sixth Form.

The Pre-School offers a rich curriculum, supported by specialist teachers, that ensures excellent preparation for Reception Class, including sessions in: Language Development, simple Nature Study, Art, Craft, Cookery, Poetry, Music & Drama, Physical Education & Games, French, History, Geography, Science and Animal Care. There is an excellent mix of free continuous, formal and outdoor learning.

## **Primary**

Throughout the Primary School, staff encourage the children in their care to have a positive approach to learning and to believe that gaining knowledge is fun and enjoyable. Children learn best when they are happy and feel confident. Beaulieu praises, encourages and supports children. Primary staff have high expectations and a belief in a 'can do' approach to learning. Beaulieu staff want the best for every child and they are at the heart of all they do.

The curriculum at Beaulieu Primary is rich and diverse in its content and delivery. Beaulieu wants children to become 'readers for life', to read for both pleasure and information and the English curriculum brings reading alive for the students. Students are encouraged to express opinions and ideas and listen to others. They learn and recite poetry and communicate effectively and confidently to an audience.

#### Secondary

Beaulieu Secondary School provides a welcoming learning environment that promotes a sense of responsibility and autonomy, helping students to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to their wider community.

The School aims at excellence in academic studies. The Secondary curriculum gives students the opportunity to develop their potential as fully as possible, not only academically, but also socially, artistically and creatively. At the heart of the curriculum is a concern for the moral and spiritual development of each student. The Beliefs and Values programme provides an enriching way to look at different religions and cultures and the PSHEE lessons focus on formation and development of character. Beaulieu also runs a comprehensive Careers programme, with regular workshops, helping to prepare students for the next step in their educational journey, or for the world of work.

#### Sixth Form

At Beaulieu, there are a number of key aims for Sixth Form, building on strong academic results throughout Secondary, to ensure excellence and enable students to fulfil their potential. At this level, the School provides a much more student-led approach to learning and the opportunity for independent study.

The Sixth Form provides students with the opportunity to gain maturity and selfconfidence. Entering the Sixth Form is about committing to more than just attending lessons. There is an expectation that students will contribute to the wider School and become involved in key areas of School life. Important roles are available at Sixth Form level, including being part of the House team, the Prefect Team and the Student Leadership Team.



#### **Pastoral**

Beaulieu offers a unique environment in which to learn and the mutual respect which permeates through the School is rooted in Gospel values and good character, with a love and care for the students intrinsic to school life. All staff members share in the responsibility of caring for the students, all the way from Pre-School to Sixth Form. The staff and teachers are committed to taking a holistic view of every student - they know that confident, healthy minds have a thirst for knowledge and a love and appreciation of their community and the wider world around them. The focus is on the whole child and their individual needs and, as a result, every child has the opportunity to succeed.

#### **Academic**

Established principles, coupled with innovative teaching methods and a keen focus on real world issues and emerging technology make Beaulieu a rich and rewarding place to learn. Beaulieu is an inclusive school – all faiths, backgrounds and academic abilities are very welcome.

Throughout their journey at Beaulieu, from Pre-School to Sixth Form, the students benefit from individualised and tailored teaching and support. The School environment provides a supportive place in which to learn, developing independence and resilience at the same time. Very capable students will be stretched, whilst those with specific academic needs will be fully catered for, ensuring every pupil has the opportunity to shine.

## **Community and Charity**

Students are encouraged to contribute to the wider community, not just to focus on personal progress and success. Staff have a deep respect for, and love of, Jersey's unique culture and heritage, and this outlook brings out the best in the students. At Beaulieu, a 'Rights Respecting' environment is inherent in the Catholic ethos, where both students and staff respect each other, the community and the wider world they live in. Beaulieu students and staff are very proud to have received the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award and are working towards our Gold.

Secondary students also benefit from dedicated Mentor sessions on being kind online, providing guidance on how to engage with social media positively for today's generation and through the School Feast Day, on December 8th, which allows a whole School focus on the history of the community and its foundations in Gospel Values, love and respect.



#### The Beaulieu Foundation

In 2007 the Beaulieu Foundation was launched. It was established as an independent trust in order to support the future capital development of Beaulieu and to work to safeguard and enhance the School for the future. The Beaulieu Foundation is a charity and is registered with the Jersey Charity Commission (number 207). The Foundation Team works hard to reconnect with past pupils, parents, past parents, past staff and supporters of the School. The Foundation coordinates regular networking and fundraising events for the Foundation members to enjoy.

The Foundation has ambitious plans for the future development of Beaulieu and continues to play an instrumental part in raising funds to support this. In recent years, the Foundation worked with the School to launch the Beaulieu Campus Development Scheme, which successfully raised over £500,000 in support of the campus enhancements.

The Foundation has a number of priorities:

- Building a network to reconnect with past pupils, staff, parents and friends of the School, providing a real feeling of belonging to the Beaulieu Community.
- Providing financial support for existing and prospective students through the development of bursaries and scholarships.
- Raising funds to support the capital development of the School's campus and facilities and to enhance curriculum and learning opportunities.





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