

From the Headteacher

Our Secondary Transfer Evening last week was a superb opportunity to celebrate all that is Beaumont and everyone did the school proud. I had so many positive comments about the students that evening from visiting parents and from staff about the way they welcomed visitors, were respectful to one another and to staff and the fact that they were able to talk eloquently and enthusiastically about life at Beaumont. Thank you to all of you, staff, students, governors and current parents who joined in the evening to make it so successful. This week we have tours of the school for prospective parents and so often the feedback is how calm and purposeful the school is. I am delighted that we go from strength to strength!

At the end of this half term we have one change in staff: we wish Miss Greenwood (Languages) all the best after a half term at Beaumont and we extend a warm welcome Miss Watson to Languages who starts after half term.

May I take this opportunity again to thank the Beaumont School Association for all their very hard work in raising money for the school? We had a wonderful 'Songs from the West End' evening (see page 10) which raised over £1200 and they are now working towards the Christmas Fair on Saturday 3 December – please book the date in your diaries. If you are able to help the BSA please use pages 11 and 12 at the back of this edition or email the BSA (via the quick link on the school website) to offer your time or to make a donation. All monies raised go to improving resources for the students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you a restful half term break.

Elizabeth Hitch

November Diary Dates

Tues	1	Year 11 Drama Club presentation Jane Eyre 6pm room 60/61
Weds	2	BSA Committee meeting Library 7.30pm
Thurs	3	Primary staff tea – Library 3.45pm KS4 and 5 Theatre trip evening Residents' meeting 6pm Learning Support Base Full Governing Body meeting Library 7pm <i>Year 8 disco - tbc</i>
Mon	7	YEAR 8 girls HPV vaccination 2 room 62/63 November exam series starts (until 17 Nov)
Tues	8	Curriculum Enrichment Day
Weds	9	Year 10 Parent consultation evening
Thurs	10	Post 16 consortium information evening 7pm @Verulam (LEA) and 8pm @ Beaumont (RNS) - Hall Year 12/13 theatre trip Woman in Black
Fri	11	Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair – BSA Year 13 Geography trip to Snowdonia (return 13th)
Mon	14	Year 11 Rehearsal Exams until 23 rd inclusive
Thurs	17	Governor Resources meeting 6.30pm Boardroom <i>Year 7 disco - tbc</i>
Fri	18	Beaumont Life deadline
Mon	21	Year 12 Study Visit to France (return 25 th) Governors CTL meeting 6.30pm Boardroom
Weds	23	Year 13 Parent Consultation evening
Thurs	24	Year 7 Theatre trip (evening)
Fri	25	OCCASIONAL DAY
Tues	29	Governors Community Meeting 6.30pm Boardroom

For details of sports fixtures please check the PE Blog www.beaumontpe.blogspot.com

Beaumont welcomes comments from parents/carers and families about any aspect of school life. Please contact us via our email admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk

The PSHCE Department



Year 9 Million Makers raise money for the Prince's Trust

At the end of last term Year 9 students spent lessons and lunchtimes organising and running fundraising activities to help The Prince's Trust charity. The Prince's Trust helps young people aged 14 to 30 to develop their confidence and skills, and to get into education, training and employment.

Following the success of last year's project, Year 9 students again took part in the Million Makers initiative which allows small groups of students to think of their own business plans to raise funds through mini enterprises within school.

The students spent PSHCE (Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education) lessons developing their ideas. The initiative culminated in every group of students putting their business plan into practice by running a lunchtime fundraising stall. The variety of fundraising activities ranged from cake sales, a smoothie and ice cream bar, through X-Box competitions and car washing to designer T-shirts and henna designs. The amount of money raised was an impressive £1342.54.



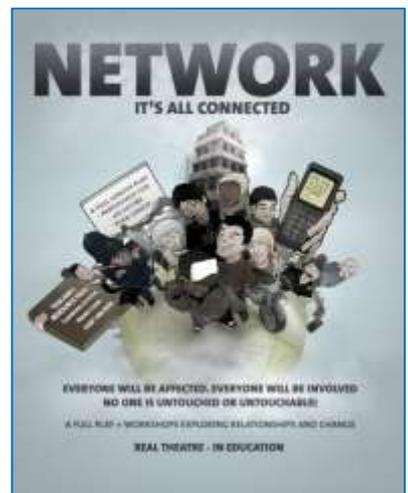
At the beginning of October, local volunteer for the Prince's Trust, Steve Lindsay came to receive the cheque from the winning group, 'The Shaken Udder' (left).....no guesses as to what the main product was they were selling!! He is pictured above with some of the groups who raised the largest amounts of money.

A very high standard was set last year in terms of the money raised. However, this year's students have done brilliantly in raising a fantastic amount of money using their own ideas and initiative. I am really proud of them all.

Miss Cleverly Head of PHSC

TIP OF THE ICEBERG

As part of the PSHCE programme, a local theatre company came in to work with Year 8 for half a day on Curriculum Enrichment Day. 'Tip of the Iceberg' deliver creative based projects for performance, training and educational purposes. They are experienced actors and writers and all their practitioners have experience of using their skills and talents within schools. They developed an interactive performance which was then utilised within workshops which engaged, involved and enthused the students in Year 8.



The feedback below has come directly from some of the students themselves:

- 'The play was really good and funny.'
Amelia, Kane, Shammi, Michael
- 'It was really interesting and we learned loads.'
Lorenzo
- 'I really enjoyed the play, lots to think about.'
Esme
- 'I really enjoyed the play. I would have liked to do some drama as well.'
Becca



- 'We all enjoyed the performance; it was an interesting story and an enjoyable outline. Although we did not like the workshop as much overall we enjoyed every bit of the day.'
Zoe, Jasmine and Jenna

Miss Cleverly

PHSCE - Year 10 CED

Lesley Williams from Basildon Youth Theatre has been delivering talks to our students for the past 18 years. Her topics have ranged from 'Bullying' to 'Relationship Education'. Her approach to the topics raised is forthright yet lighthearted and she always leaves a lasting impression on the students. These comments have come from a variety of students in Year 10 with whom she worked on Curriculum Enrichment Day.

Very informative and interesting. I learnt a lot of things and Lesley was funny.	She talked about issues in a humorous way and what she said was engaging and memorable.	It was interesting about the whole criminal record things; how it really changes your life for the worse.
She was very interesting, funny and considerate. We enjoyed the fact that she spoke to us like we were adults not kids. We learned a lot as well.	She told it like it is!	She was hilarious and she really related to our age group. She kept everyone's attention and had visual props to show us.
It would have been awkward with a normal member of staff.	We liked how she treated us with respect and didn't think we were really naïve. It should have lasted longer!	It was light hearted but about serious issues.

Curriculum Enrichment Day 28 September

As well as the PHSCE activities (above) enjoyed by Years 8 and 10, visiting speakers brought their expertise and skills to bear in a variety of other sessions for the different Year groups.



Year 11 – Science Day

The Year 11 students had the opportunity to work with a company based at Loughborough University. They experienced the latest sports technology to examine forces, friction, speed, and reaction time using equipment used by the Institute of Sport on top athletes around the country such as rowing machines, reaction boards, a kicking cage and light cameras. Both staff and students alike got involved, helping to enable the students to understand scientific concepts and relate them to everyday life.



Students also worked at constructing Solar Powered buggies, using their knowledge of circuits, and then timed their buggies across a speed tack under Halogen lights, as well as designing the most accurate catapult. Well done 11N – Champions across the activities.

Mrs Powdrell

Year 9 – World War I

On an unseasonably hot day in September, the Year 9s immersed themselves in the lives of World War I soldiers. The person who probably felt the heat the most though was our 'guest star' Corporal Knight. He was dressed (as usual) in his full Khaki kit made from worsted wool, and for those lucky few that got to try on some of the kit they will agree that it certainly would have kept the soldiers unpleasantly warm in the heat of the summer in a Belgian or French trench.



Corporal Knight has been the highlight of this CED day over the past few years, and again this year he did not disappoint. There were plenty of "oo's", "ahh's" as he described the experiences of the men as they struggled to stay alive in the trenches. His enthralling stories were further brought to life by the many fascinating objects that he displayed and demonstrated (to a safe degree!), some of which he had made. When he is not giving talks at schools, he also makes uniforms for stage and screen productions eg War Horse and even appears in them: look out for him in Downton Abbey! The artefacts ranged from the medieval-style trench clubs that were used for hand to hand fighting to greatcoats that soaked up the mud like sponges. It was also fascinating to see the development of objects that we think would be common in the war, such as a gas mask (which evolved from soaking a sock in urine to counter the acid of the mustard gas).

In the classroom the students worked in groups to research the lives of 13 soldiers from St Albans. They examined the census returns for them from 1901 and 1911 to find out about their lives before they joined the army. There was a real range of people from the working class to the more privileged, but the one thing that they had in common was being amongst the 640 plus men that St Albans lost as a result of the Great War. Students were especially interested as many of their homes and memorials to them still exist today; as a consequence, many students developed a great sense of empathy, gaining an insight into the reality of the loss that the families of St Albans felt throughout the war years.

Special thanks to the whole History Department for working across the day to deliver the lessons, Miss Greenwood, Mrs Vine, Mrs Crisp, Mr Robinson, Miss Green and Ellie Rice for supporting in the lessons and Mrs Powdrell for the organisation of the day and contributions towards this activity.

Miss Pearson, Head of History

Year 7 Rivers trip

On Wednesday 28 September Year 7 Geography pupils went on an amazing fieldwork trip in the lovely sunshine to the River Lea. All Year 7 pupils enjoyed testing the speed of the river using dog biscuits and learning how to do fieldwork. There were some amazing Wellies worn on the day and everyone had a wonderful time learning by doing. Their experience from the day will help the Year 7 students in their Rivers and Flooding Unit Assessment next term.

Some of the fieldwork highlights from the day included measuring the depth, width and angle of the river at three sites in Wheathampstead, and measuring the size of pebbles at various points in the river. Many practised their field sketching abilities whilst on the banks of the river and will use their results to inform their assessment answers after half term.



Awesome work was accomplished by all and a really big well done must be said to all the Year 7s - especially as none managed to float away on the day!

Mrs Mitchell

Voluntary Contributions

As you can see from the reports from CED Day, most Year groups had input from external speakers or companies, which allowed them to benefit from their expertise, experience the latest technology and enjoy the delivery of topics in a different way. We have more speakers/companies planned for future CED days.

Prior to the CED day letters were sent out to all Year groups requesting a voluntary contribution to help towards the costs of such days. Thank you to those of you who have responded. For those parents that have not yet returned their forms we would appreciate a response as soon as possible. If you have not received your letter copies can be downloaded from the school website Information page for your Year group <http://www.beaumontschool.com/>

Mrs Powdrell

Skills for Success (S4S): Making our students better learners

During CED Day students also spent time on developing Skills for Success – skills that will help them develop independent learning skills which are important both in and outside school. The following skills on which students will focus during the year have been highlighted as keys to success:

**ASK QUALITY QUESTIONS, USE INFORMATION, TUNE IN,
EXPRESS YOURSELF, TAKE OWNERSHIP**

For CED Day, exciting sessions were planned to allow students to work together and develop their independence. Over the course of the year students will complete S4S activities in tutor time and have the opportunity to develop their skills across the curriculum in lessons.

Many staff and parents have said the idea of making our students more independent is crucial. We are sure that through the development of Skills For Success we can ensure that Beaumont students continue to succeed once they move on to higher education and employment.

Miss Shepherd

Year 7 had to investigate the disappearance of Fluffy. If you would like to see the work produced by Year 7 following their detective work to establish who stole Fluffy the Bengal tiger, please go to <http://csibeauumont7.blogspot.com> where Year 7 students have added their reports to the CSI Beaumont blog.

Mrs Wilson

'Year 7 had an afternoon of crime solving using the skills for success AKA S4S. The aim was to find out who catnapped fluffy the Tiger. We had to use our skills to eventually create a blog on CSI Beaumont where you can find all of the blogs that we posted along with pictures. Year 7 thought it was a great day and we are looking forward to the next CED day.'



Joe

Year 8 were given the opportunity to demonstrate their 'Skills for Success' when they took on the role of research officers and had to investigate three suspects to work out who had committed the burglary of a priceless necklace. By the end of the session, Year 8 had worked together and had taken ownership for their discoveries. Well done Year 8!

Miss Catton

'Year 8 took part in an interesting CED day. We did a detective challenge. It was really good as we were using all of our skills for success.'

Oliver and Robyn

Year 9 students had these comments to make about their S4S sessions:

'We worked in groups of three on four different activities to do with 'tuning in'. One of these was drawing with our feet; we looked at a picture for two minutes, then had to draw it large with as much detail as possible using our feet. Another involved facts being read out whilst distracting things happened and we had to focus on what was being said. Then we had to make a crest for the Italian football team in a few minutes, following instructions in Italian. The final task was about pictures eg looking at two pictures and spotting the difference, or having to remember as much as possible of a picture having only seen it for a couple of seconds.'

Sarah

'During CED day we learnt a variety of skills like to always concentrate even when distracted and to not miss key information because the human eye only looks at obvious things. Also we learnt how to interpret different languages in order to understand what foreigners say.'

Hannah

'We learnt how to 'tune in' and how to stand out. We were given many tips on how to do this. The day was great and different from any other CED day so far.'

Sidney

'What we learnt from our skills for success CED day could be used almost anywhere: in lessons when you have to block out any distractions and get on with what's important, or when you're at home and in other situations where you have to concentrate your hardest or work well with others as a team.'

Rebecca

Year 11 students enjoyed their Skills for Success sessions and had this to say:

'CED was a new experience of skill building, introducing the skills for success. I found it very interesting to work with people in my form I wouldn't usually, to complete tasks to do with the Japanese tsunami, and making the same decisions the Japanese government had to make. I really enjoyed the skills for success CED and can't wait for the next one.'

Isabel

'On the CED day we did some interesting things. At the beginning of the day we did a little bit of Geography work and had to solve problems; this helped with our skills for success. I really enjoyed it and would like to do it again.'

Rhianne

Year 10 students enjoyed their S4S sessions:

'The Skills for Success CED day was a really interesting way to learn skills that we may need for later life, like working as a team and gathering information effectively.'

James

'We took part in a pub quiz, for which we had to research the topics beforehand. Throughout the afternoon our teamwork and new found/previous knowledge was tested and competitive spirits shone out throughout the Year. The winners were announced; even if we didn't win we still had fun.'

Ben

'We had to research topics for the quiz, collecting as much information from two rooms in the school as we could. Only two people could go out at once and there were four in the group. It was a really good way to practice how to get facts in as short a time as possible and it helped us to work as a team.'

Phoenix

Year 9 Mentoring at Fleetville School

In July a group of students (then Year 9) went to Fleetville School for a day of drama with the Year 6s. We went to assist Lesley Williams with a day about transition to Secondary School.

The morning involved lots of chatting and activities with groups of children from both Windermere and Fleetville schools. I think putting us into groups worked very well because the Year 6s had a chance to ask us all their questions about secondary school; they were mostly about teachers and homework! They also told us their concerns and we reassured them the best we could.

Lesley was fantastic with the children; she was hilarious and got every child engaged even whilst she spoke about serious topics such as drugs and smoking (which was probably when my group asked the most questions!)

We spent the afternoon doing drama games and friendly competitions which were very funny. The children got very involved, asked loads of questions and made plenty of suggestions. Overall I think it was a great day – one I'd definitely do again. I really enjoyed it and I hope the Year 6s did too!

Anastasia Raymond

Advice from the St Albans Community Safety Unit

Advice from the Police Community Safety Unit on staying safe on **Halloween and Bonfire Nights** can be found on the school website www.beaumontschool.com – there is a link on the front page.



Beyond Beaumont

News from Mary Perrott

Mary has continued to do fantastically in her Archery. She recently came back from the Europa Cup in Cyprus with a bronze medal, and took part in the national series final after competing in tournaments around the country to gain her top spot as number one junior girl. She has also gained her sports scholarship from her university for the second year running!

Mary qualified for the world championships this year, but due to health problems was unable to go. She has however qualified for the Europeans next year to which she is looking forward!

Emma Norman

Many congratulations to Emma Norman who has gained a first class BSc (hons) Occupational Therapy from Brunel University.

A message for Year 11s College open days

Oaklands College open day events

15th Nov City Campus 5.30-8pm
16th Nov WGC 5.30-8pm
17th Nov Smallford 5.30-8pm
17th Nov Alban Park 5.30-8pm

West Herts College open day events

5th Nov 10-3pm Kings Langley
2nd Nov 6-8pm Dacorum
12th Nov 10-3pm Watford

Go online to find out more details

www.oaklands.ac.uk

www.westherts.ac.uk

Apply on-line or use the application form at the back of the college booklet. Remember get your application in EARLY (BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2011 IS BEST)

If you wish to discuss college courses and applications contact Jackie Duffy on Jackie.duffy@hertscc.gov.uk

Or ask your tutor/Mrs Cleverly for a Youth Connexions interview with Jackie Duffy.

Learning Support

The SEN department continues to work to address issues to enable all Beaumont pupils to access the curriculum.

A main focus in Lower School is developing literacy skills and in the Upper School supporting Options at Key Stage 4 and above and accessing the curriculum and exams.

We run the ASDAN Award Programme at Key Stage 4, a skills based modular scheme, and recently had successful visits to the Waterdale Transfer Station and Hollywood Bowl researching local community and leisure facilities.

The SEN department runs Social Skills programmes, supports schools visits and residential trips, implements physiotherapy under the guidance of trained physiotherapists and takes some students swimming as part of their PE programme.

The SEN department supports a wide range of special needs and strives to promote professional development through training and shared experience including using Evac chairs, supporting pupils with visual impairment, to developing Specific Learning Disability support and even driving the minibus.

This summer, having studied for a year in addition to working in the SEN department, Mr Bratley gained his Specialist Teaching Assistant Diploma from the University of Hertfordshire and along with Mr Wilsher, PE teacher, was awarded a splendid shield in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Disability Sport from the St Albans and Harpenden Sports Partnership.

Boccia, a game similar to Bowls, Petanque or even French Boules which was originally developed for athletes in wheelchairs, continues to be a successful sport at Beaumont and the team had a very successful summer winning the Lords Taverners' Under 19's Tournament and coming third in the county.

Extended Learning – Homework Support after school

If you would like some help with homework or to use the resources (books / internet) come to the Library 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Monday, Tuesday or Thursday
There is always a Teaching Assistant to help you

Boccia Player of the Year

Liam Baskett

Most Improved

Connor Waters

Most Committed

Peter Errington

Presented at Sports Celebration Evening 2011

Governor News

The Governing Body was delighted with the exam results this year at Beaumont. At GCSE 80% of students achieved 5A* - C including English and Maths, compared with the national average of between 50 and 55%. Of the whole cohort, 78% achieved 9 GCSEs and 73% achieved 10 A* - C including English and Maths. Congratulations to all our students!

Work is progressing to provide much better playing fields and school buildings. The joint work with Herts County Council is complex but proceeding well. There will be more details when we are certain of exactly when it will all happen!

Governors discussed the budget in the current year and also the prospects for the future. We anticipate the financial outlook continuing to be tough. Nonetheless we are very confident about the future of Beaumont and have no doubt that it will remain an excellent school!

At our last meeting we talked again about the issue of Academy status, which has been commented on frequently in editions of Beaumont Life before. This is inextricably tied up with our Field, Access and Buildings (FAB) project. Once we are clear about the timescale for this, Governors will be able to consider making a decision on the question of Academy status.

Governors also talked about how they should make visits to the school. Of course Governors frequently visit the school already for meetings. We recognise the importance of all Governors seeing the school, talking to staff and students and also being seen. We would like to link such visits to departments of the school, so that Governors become more familiar with all parts of the school in greater depth. We need to finalise the details of this and feel that this would be a very valuable advance.

Finally please have a look at the text about the work of the Governing Body on the school website. Click on "About Us" and then again, on the drop down menu, at "Governing Body". This explains the work of the Governing Body and also has biographies of all our Governors. I am very proud of the expertise at the service of the school, so please do have a look!

Mike Tidball, Chair of Governors



Welcome to the Chemistry department, where many exciting things take place. Chemistry is an experimental science where ideas explored in the classroom come to life when tested in the laboratory. We try in our department to encourage learning through active and practical work - and yes we do 'blow stuff up'! On the following pages you will see some of the fun things that take place in Chemistry.

Mr Parmar (Head of Chemistry)

"Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood."- Marie Curie (The first person to be awarded TWO Nobel Prizes-Winner of Physics in 1903 and Winner of Chemistry in 1911).

Did you know.....

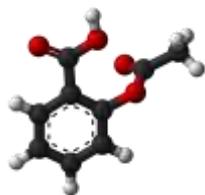
That 2011 is the international year of Chemistry? But what exactly do chemists do you may ask and what use are chemists anyway? Chemists today try to meet the global challenges of:

Clean air **Safe water** **Eco-friendly products** **Sustainable energy**
Healthy food **Dependable medicines**



Key Stage 5 – A Level Chemistry

Chemistry is seen as the central science that links together Biology and Physics. It is a prerequisite for many university courses including Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Sciences. This course helps A-level students not only develop their practical and technical skills, but also gain a better understanding of the world around them. Over the course students will carry out experiments such as making soap, flame tests, burning alcohols, making paracetamol, and also synthesising '2-ethanoxybenzoic acid' (aspirin to you!)



Aspirin made by: Harriet Knafler, Iona Cutforth, Samrina Jannat, Charlie Davey and Sam Sharp (Year 13).

Year 7 Science Club.....

...meets every Tuesday lunchtime at 1.05pm to explore and enjoy the wonders that science has to offer. From the brilliant bright light of burning magnesium to the pleasures of pond dipping, we will be breaking the boundaries of our scientific knowledge.

This is what we will be doing up until Christmas:

- 01/11/11: Design a 60 second marble track.
- 08/11/11: No Club (CED day)
- 15/11/11: Make a Mars Rover.
- 22/11/11: Mars Rover Racing.
- 29/11/11: Flame tests.
- 06/12/11: Just add water.
- 13/12/11: Christmas slime.



Key Stage 4 – GCSE

Chemistry is important in every day life to help us understand the nature of the many materials we use, such as plastics, fuels and metals. We can find out how substances are made up and how chemical reactions can change things. At GCSE we place emphasis on 'How Science Works', which means not just learning theory but understanding the practical side of science and its relation to the world in which we live.

Our itinerary this term includes guest speakers, master classes run by experienced science teachers and preparation for pupils to undertake projects that will allow them to gain a Bronze CREST award for science. It is an exciting opportunity for pupils who have shown a keen interest in Science to investigate research and learn more about the opportunities within the science world. If any parents (or contacts) are scientists we would be very keen to hear from you. If you think you would be able to spare an hour to talk to the children about your work/interest in science then we would love to invite you into school to share your knowledge and expertise with them.

We are also keen to apply for a Partnership Grant from the Royal Society that would allow students to work on projects with a partner scientist. The scientist (or engineer) must be actively engaged in science or engineering research, development, production or service.

If you would like more information then visit: www.royalsociety.org/education/partnership and please contact Dr A Jones or Mrs S Lofthouse in the Science Department at school.



What the students think about chemistry.....

In chemistry, we investigate the structure and bonding of atoms which help us to understand the chemical reactions between molecules. This is especially important for organic chemistry, the study of chains of carbon atoms. I find it particularly interesting since the same atoms can form so many different compounds. It is also relevant in the world today, because our plastics, fossil fuels and many of our medicines are organic molecules.

Experiments are one of the most enjoyable parts of chemistry. They not only help us to improve our practical skills, but they also help us to consolidate the theoretical work we have done. We do a variety of experiments such as performing titrations to determine the concentration of a solution, making aspirin and measuring heat (enthalpy) changes of chemical reactions. It is always fun to burn magnesium or make slime (and we have done both), but it is also interesting to understand the chemistry behind these reactions.

Studying A-level chemistry can open up a wide range of possible careers. Not all chemists work in a laboratory and chemistry is important for medicine and for many fields of scientific research, both on its own and in conjunction with other subjects. Chemistry at A-level is fun and rewarding but you do need to put in the effort to get the best out of it.

Ellie Mestel , Year 13

Joke time:

Did you hear about the chemist who was reading a book about Helium?
He just couldn't put it down ☺
And finally, why do I love chemistry? In what other subject can you do this?!.....



GCSE Successes

The following year 11s scored a maximum 100% in their June GCSE Chemistry exam –well done!



Florence Almond, William Biggs, Sioned Armstrong, Kishan Das, Bethan De Havilland Llewellyn, Emma Donaldson, Anna Keeley, Thomas Foster, Matthew Knight, Joseph Lowry, Daniel Meakin, Jonathan Miles, Alexandra Pugh, Paaras Rawal, Jamie Renfrew, Louise Timmins, Andrew Tung Yep, Joshua Vine-Lott.

Quiz time

Using your knowledge of the periodic table (or your planner!), can you work out the symbols to these elements and work out what the hidden message is?

Beryllium, Gold, Molybdenum, Nitrogen, Thallium, Iodine, Iron, Iodine, Sulfur, Fluorine, Uranium, Nitrogen!



Congratulations to Head of PE Steve Jump

Head of PE Steve Jump has just received confirmation of his appointment as one of 26 officials for the Beach Volleyball Olympic tournament!! He will be a line judge for the men's and women's competitions. This is good news both for Steve, and for Beaumont.



BeauSandVer Community Programme: Courses available, Autumn Term 2011

There's still time to sign up for some of the BeauSandVer community courses running this term.

Spanish GCSE Evening Class for Adults – Beaumont School (adults/over 16)

We are hoping to run a Spanish GCSE class for adults on Monday evenings from 7 – 9 pm. Need to have learnt Spanish for at least two years. The class will begin as a non examination class, but it may be possible for interested students to take a Spanish GCSE examination through Beaumont. Fees £80 per 10 week term for BeauSandVer parents. (plus exam fees). Contact Carole Heselton if interested.

Batik for Beginners – Beaumont School (adults/over 16)

If anyone is interested in learning how to make beautiful patterns and designs in fabric from which you can create your own runner or wall hanging.

Art Textiles/Creative Embroidery – Beaumont School (adults/over 16)

Create your own individual textile pieces experimenting with a range of decorative techniques including fabric painting, free machine embroidery, hand embroidery, applique-painted bondaweb.

Wednesdays 7.30 – 9.30 pm 9 Nov – 14 Dec £48 for six weeks. Contact Carole Heselton.

Jewellery Workshop – Sandringham School (adults/over 16)

Design and make your own unique jewellery. No experience needed – all materials supplied. Complex Necklaces (using nylon-coated wire) Saturday 12 November 10am – 12.30 pm - £30

Festive Flowers for Christmas – Sandringham School (adults/over 18)

Design and make a door wreath, table decoration and festive fountain floral display. Flowers and foliage included for the first week. Wednesdays 7 – 9 pm, 23 – 30 Nov & 7 Dec £42 for three sessions.

For more info, or to sign up: Carole Heselton on 01727 754113 carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk

Parent Support

Individual support as well as a variety of information and guidance to services. We will be offering courses and workshops over the next two years. Call Jo Maher for further information on **01727 855134 Ext 2**.

First Aid for Teenagers – Saturday 25 February 2012, 9.00am-1.00pm

A four hour accredited course for young people aged 13 years and over who babysit or care for children run by **MGM Training**. It will be held at Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, AL1 4LW. Cost £25.00 per person payable to secure booking.

Level 2 in Food Safety – Saturday 3 March 2012, 9.00am-5.00pm

A one day accredited course invaluable for those aged 15 years and over who may be looking for Saturday or Holiday jobs in catering or considering a career in Childcare or Catering. It will be held at Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, AL1 4LW. Cost £55 per person to include examination fee.

Do take time to visit our website to find out more. Bookings: Jo Maher on 07939 111152/01727 855134.

Website: www.vistastalbans.org.uk

Email: vistastalbans@gmail.com

News from the BSA:

Songs from the West End raised £1200!!

On Sunday 9 October, Beaumont hosted a sell-out show of Songs from the West End. Around 170 people were entertained by a wonderful selection of musical numbers from West End Stars Lee Bright (*Grease*), Kyl Messios (*The Lion King*) and our very own Miss Shepherd (*Les Miserables*). They were accompanied by our excellent Beaumont Band comprising Miss Doan, Alex Hall, Mr Guinane, Yannick Mayaud and Luke Bainbridge.

At the end of the first half, the audience was treated to a surprise performance from the cast of the forthcoming school production, "Songs for a New World" singing the opening number from the show - a great preview!

After a light buffet, served efficiently by the students from the cast, the show resumed, culminating in three show stoppers from *Miss Saigon* and *Les Miserables*. It was, without doubt, a thoroughly enjoyable evening!

The BSA would like to thank Miss Shepherd for organising the event to raise funds for the "Follow Spots" which were shown off for the first time at this event. We are very grateful to the small team of parents who helped on Sunday afternoon setting up the hall, organising the raffle and making mountains of sandwiches! Huge thanks also to the students who operated "Front of House," sold raffle tickets, helped with the soft drinks bar and waited at tables – we could not have done this without your help! Finally thanks to the "kitchen helpers" behind the scenes - who organised the hot food.

Christmas Fair: Saturday 3rd December, 11am – 2pm Can you help?

The Fair is one of the major fundraisers for the school. Each department has provided the BSA with a "wish list" of items they would like to purchase using BSA funds and we would love to be able to buy everything!

The Fair requires a lot of planning and "man-power" both before the event and on the day. The BSA would love to hear from anyone who can offer some time to help prepare for, or assist at, the Fair.

We need helpers to:

- Set up the hall, dining room, gym and Lower School "games" classrooms on Friday 2 Dec
- Set up on the morning of the Fair
- "Staff" the gate
- "Staff" stalls at the event
- Help prepare and sell hot food. We would particularly like to hear from any parent, or a group of parents, who could "take on" the organisation of the kitchen for this event.
- Clear up afterwards!

Other ways to help make the Christmas Fair a success:

- Would you, or your company, be able to donate any items suitable for raffle prizes or for our Beaumont Luxury Hampers?
- Would you be able to print programmes?
- Do you have a particular skill or resource that could help to raise additional funds at the Fair for the benefit of our students?

If you feel you can help, in any way, please contact us as soon as possible at bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk or return the tear-off slip (top of next page opposite) to Reception.





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I can help on a stall from 11am-12.30pm* /12.30pm-2pm*

I can help set up/clear up* on Fri 2nd, Sat 3rd Dec*

I can donate*.....

(*delete as appropriate)

Name:

e-mail:..... phone:.....

Return this slip to Reception asap or email bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk



Non-uniform day Friday 11th November

A reminder that for the privilege of coming to school in non-school uniform, students are invited to bring in donations ideally WITH A MINIMUM VALUE OF £2 (or £2 cash) for the Fair:

Please bring the following in on 11 November:

Year 7 New Toiletries

Year 8 Sweets, chocolates and biscuits including multipacks

Year 9 Luxury Christmas Hamper Foods eg speciality tea, coffee, biscuits, preserves.

Please donate superior produce for high-quality “Christmas Raffle” hampers – a Beaumont favourite!

Year 10 Soft drinks eg multipacks of cans and large bottles of lemonade, coke etc

Year 11 Tombola prizes (new items only please!) – can include “family tins” of sweets and biscuits.

Years 12 and 13 Wine, beer and other bottles

Thank you so much for your generous donations which will help raise vital funds for the BSA to donate to school projects.



Dates for your diaries

Friday 11 November 2011: Non Uniform Day with donations for Christmas Fair

Saturday 3 December 2011: Christmas Fair, 11am -2pm, with House Competitions

Saturday 24th March 2012: Quiz 7pm

Wednesday 23rd May 2012: BSA AGM

Saturday 30th June 2012: “Beaumont School Hosts Rob’s Music and Sports Festival”

Beaumont School Christmas Fair, Saturday 3rd December

Can you help with the craft stall at this year’s Christmas Fair?

We are looking for anyone with any craft skills to help us make items for the craft stall.

Can you or someone in your family knit/sew/paint/make jewellery/work with wood??
Do you have access to any craft materials you could donate?

I would love to hear from you!
Please contact Nicky Reardon at
bsa@beaumont.herts.school.uk

The BSA website may now be accessed via the “Quick Links” on the Home Page of the school website. You may contact us at bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk for any further information.



BEAUMONT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Christmas Puddings

**** ORDER EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS ****

***** STILL HELD AT 2009 PRICES *****

Give your taste buds a treat and support Beaumont School by placing an order for a delicious Christmas Pudding! Puddings (suitable for vegetarians) and brandy butter can be collected at the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 3rd December**, between **11am - 2pm**.

We are delighted to be able to tempt you once more with 4 delicious puddings:

The Ultimate Traditional Pudding - packed with luxury fruits and nuts soaked in brandy and sherry these have become a Beaumont Christmas tradition! These puddings have won 3 Gold Great Taste Awards, and come in 1lb (454g) four portion and 2lb (908g) eight portion sizes



The Ultimate Triple Chocolate Pudding for chocoholics everywhere - melted dark Belgian chocolate, the best French cocoa powder, some superior chocolate chips and a dollop of brandy for good measure. It's rich and intense. Great Taste award winner.

The Ultimate Citrus, Honey and Almond Pudding - a citrus delight! Mellow honey in a light, buttery, almond sponge enhanced with fresh breadcrumbs and ground almonds and shreds of fresh citrus zest gently poached in organic honey, toasted almond flakes, fresh citrus juice, luscious orange liqueur and a good measure of smooth calvados.



The Ultimate Triple Ginger Pudding - Light, buttery ginger sponge laced with green ginger wine and studded with loads of Buderim stem ginger pieces. Gold Great Taste Award winner.

The Ultimate Brandy Butter - Made with good quality unsalted butter, icing sugar to give an overall velvety smoothness, a little bit of dark sugar for colour and to add a touch of crunch, some fresh lemon juice and nutmeg to lift the flavours and, finally, as much brandy as it will take without splitting.



The pudding label displays the ingredients, the cooking instructions, and says that the sale raises funds for Beaumont School. All steamed puddings are the same size as the 1lb Plum Pudding, weigh 290g and have a 4 month shelf life. Just complete the form below and return it in an envelope addressed to "Ginette O'Higgins, B.S.A. Christmas Puddings" to school reception before 11th November. Cheques payable to 'Beaumont School Association' please. Many thanks for supporting your School.



Christmas Puddings Order Form Please return before Friday 11/11/11

Name..... Parent/Carer of

Phone no Form Email

<i>My Pudding Choice:</i>	Qty	Price Each	Total	<i>My Pudding Choice:</i>	Qty	Price Each	Total
1 lb Traditional		£6.00		Citrus/ Honey/ Almond		£6.00	
2 lb Traditional		£8.50		Triple Ginger		£6.00	
Triple Chocolate		£6.00		Brandy Butter		£2.25	

I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to: 'Beaumont School Association'