

From the Headteacher

May I take this opportunity to formally thank all the staff for their tremendous hard work through the year? This is reflected in further awards this month. We have just received an award for being in the **top 10% of schools nationally for 5A*- A** inc English and Maths based on 2011 GCSEs; congratulations to all involved! I was also delighted that so many staff and students were selected for the finals at the recent Herts Ad Awards; many congratulations to Elizabeth Worswick (Year 13) for winning the Academic Achiever of the Year. I was also delighted to see that Beaumont was a finalist in the 'School of the Year' for **'being an extraordinary school which has a sense of pride, purpose and community, helping it to achieve exceptional things.'** Thank you to all of you who nominated us. A huge thank you also to all staff and students who helped to make our recent Curriculum Enrichment Week such a success.

We say farewell at the end of term to several members of staff who have served Beaumont well over many years. Mr Whyman begins his retirement having joined Beaumont in 1992, taking on the post of Head of Biology and then Head of Science, a post which he held until 2009. He has given 110% to the students in so many ways, in particular as rugby and athletics coach and as a hugely committed form tutor. We also bid farewell to Mr Willsher (2006), Mrs Mitchell (2006), Mrs Grace (2007), Miss Garcia (2007), Mrs Beaumont (2008), Miss Catton (2008), Mr Bratley (2009) and to Mr Trigg, Miss Chappell and Miss Watson, all of whom joined us during this academic year. We wish you all the very best as you leave Beaumont and thank you for all you have done for the students in our care.

This month we have, unusually, decided that Beaumont Life will not be circulated as a hard copy to all families. We will print a limited number of paper copies so do please email us if you would like one when we return to school in September.

The weather may make it feel like the middle of autumn but we have indeed reached the end of the summer term; we have used the field very little and had little use of the summer uniform but I dare to hope that the sun will shine for the holidays for everyone. Thank you all for the tremendous support you give to Beaumont, for your contributions to ensuring we give the very best opportunities to students here, and for playing your part in making Beaumont such a great school of which to be a part.

We wish you all a happy and relaxed holiday.

Elizabeth Hitch

September Diary Dates

Sat	1	German Year 13 trip (return 8 Sept)
Mon	3	INSET
Tues	4	Staggered start for Years 7-11. Students in school as follows: Year 7 from 10am – 2.15pm Years 8 & 9 from 11.10am – 12.50pm Years 10 & 11 from 1.40pm – 3.25pm Year 12 and 13 enrolment Year 7 photos
Weds	5	All lessons start
Thurs	6	Year 7 CAT Tests LEA
Fri	7	Year 7 CAT Tests RNS
Weds	12	BSA Committee meeting 7.30pm Library
Thurs	13	Governors Full Governing Body 7pm Library
Sat	15	Year 7 Family BBQ and Games event 4-6PM
Mon	17	Governors Resources Committee Boardroom 6.30pm
Tues	18	Beaumont Life deadline
Weds	19	Year 10 and 11 Parent Information Evening – Controlled Assessment and Revision Techniques 7pm Hall Year 8 theatre trip to Private Peaceful
Thurs	20	Year 9 and 11 photos Year 12 Parent Information Evening – Sixth Form 7pm Hall
Fri	21	Deadline for GCSE November re-sit entries
Mon	24	Languages Week
Tues	25	Governors CTL Boardroom 6.30pm New Year 7 Parent Information Evening 7pm
Weds	26	Curriculum Enrichment Day
Thurs	27	UCAS grades published to students
Fri	28	Year 11 fieldwork day trip

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

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News from the BSA – Rob’s Festival 23 June 2012



Over £6000 raised at the Sports and Music Festival!

The BSA would like to thank everyone who helped make Beaumont School’s Music and Sports Festival – known as Rob’s Festival - another success this year. Grateful thanks go to the team of parents and staff who did such a magnificent job running the Bar, Soft Drinks, Coffees/Teas, Tombola and BBQ. Particular thanks also go to the parents who did a sterling job on organising the car park for around 500 Rock Choir attendees, in addition to all the other guests. Mrs Johnston and Ms Esmizadeh were invaluable, helping all day on the BBQ and allowing us to use the school Tech kitchens – thank you! And a big thank you to Mr de Kort who helped mobilise the sixth form.

We were very fortunate to have a number of wonderful Lower School Students who spent many hours running stalls or manning the gate – we could not have managed without you. We would love to encourage more to help next year, so we can run even more stalls and attractions. Finally, thank you to all the Beaumont families who supported the event by purchasing tickets or donating raffle prizes.

With the threat of another day of rain on 23 June, we were fortunate to only have a few sharp downpours - not enough to dampen the spirits however!

Rock Choir got us off to a fine start with their World Record Attempt at 12 noon (see separate report) followed by a fabulous set later in the afternoon. We have just been informed that Rock Choir DID break the record and will now appear in the Guinness Book

Sixth form Festival Committee

For the second year, the Year 12s were highly involved with the organisation of Rob’s Festival. Using our spare time – lunchtimes and after school - a group of around 25 of us worked together to create the Music Festival. We were responsible for organising the Sound System, Staging, Dance Troupes and Bands, as well as many of the logistical aspects of the day. Whilst the professional Staging and Outdoor Sound System cost over £2500 to hire, we were fortunate that all seven Bands performed for free.

From around March, we worked hard to secure local sponsorship from companies and publicise the event in the school community. Working with Rob’s friends, we promoted the event in assemblies, and made frequent visits to classes during form time, as well as informing our local neighbours.

On Saturday 23 June, the team gathered at 8am to transform the school field into a Festival venue. We helped to set up Marquees – kindly supplied by two local Scout Troops – gazebos, fencing and staging. There were also plenty of games stalls to set up and man for the afternoon. Despite a couple of sharp downpours, the day went brilliantly and we were thrilled with our efforts – the first time any of us had organised anything on this scale. The Headline Band finished around 8pm and the last bit of staging was dismantled around 10.30pm. We were exhausted from our 14-hour day but it was all worth it!

Thank you to everyone in Sixth Form who helped in the organisation of the event or who helped on the day. We also very much appreciated the enthusiastic volunteers from the Lower School who helped on the gate and on the stalls throughout the day. Every student might like to consider getting involved next year!

of World Records. Congratulations! In addition, their nationwide record attempt raised £10,000 for the Refuge Charity.

Rob’s friends also raised around £1000 for the Prince’s Trust with their 5-a-side football tournament which took place on the school fields on the morning of the Festival. Many thanks to all the referees!

The Bouncy Castle and “Pillow Fight” both proved very popular, as did the numerous games stalls and coconut shy. We were treated to continuous music and entertainment throughout the afternoon thanks to the line-up of live bands, Rock Choir and Dancers. Rob’s family, once again, baked a stall-full of delicious cakes, whilst two Year 10s spent the afternoon making popcorn which was a real hit. Face-painting also proved very popular for children “of all ages”! Thank you to the very artistic team of Year 12s.

Quote of the day overheard from a group of students “Wow, I didn’t realise it was going to be *this* good!” So students and parents, why not come along next year and find out for yourselves what a great event it is!

We would love to have feedback from the event in order to help us plan for an even bigger and better Festival next year to raise money for the Prince’s Trust and Beaumont School.

Please contact us at bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk



A message from Rob’s sister Emma:

‘Another brilliant festival which the organising team should be very proud of. Their work, support and most of all their absolutely unbreakable enthusiasm really did make the festival the success that it was. We’d like to thank them so much for the way they have embraced the festival as an annual project and very much look forward to repeating the success next year!’

A big thank you goes to Rob's friends, Steve and Elena, and also Mr de Kort for convincing us that we could do this and for their advice in the six months of preparation.

We are thrilled to announce that the event raised over £6,000 – a phenomenal achievement! We are donating £3000, including a £1000 donation from 6th Form profits, to the **Prince's Trust** which was Rob's passion and the inspiration behind this whole event. The remaining £3000 raised is to be donated to the BSA for use on school projects.

Emily Almond

Chair, Year 12 Rob's Festival Committee

After all the hard work towards getting the best bands we could, it definitely paid off on the day as we were treated to a day of fantastic performances ranging across various different styles of music. Because of this wide variety the stage attracted an audience of all ages and the atmosphere was buzzing!

Emily Capell kick-started the live performances with her soft summery sounds, shortly followed by a brilliant set by **Straw Bear** who didn't let the rain dampen their spirits! As the festival went on, **St Albans Rock Choir** (led by Abigail Smith) followed up their World Record attempt from earlier on in the day and brought the sun back out with an up-beat selection of contemporary catchy pop tracks which brought the crowds flooding to the stage.

After a soulful set of folk rock by Anthony Raine that left everyone smiling, the afternoon progressed into the more indie rock bands taking the stage. This included students from our own Sixth Form in local band **Peach** treating the audience to some fantastic Black Keys and Blur covers, and bands from neighbouring schools Sandringham and Dame Alice Owens with **Problem Solved** and **The Unarmed** – two bands that left the audience speechless with how professional and talented they were! That set the bar high for the last act of the night, back at Rob's Festival once again, **The Scratch!** playing the festival out with their powerpop and punk style music.

Emma Doyle Year 12



From the Rock Choir

Over 400 singers from the St Albans Rock Choir performed at the Music festival and attempted to achieve the Guinness world record for the 'largest simultaneous song and dance in the world' combined with other Rock Choirs across the UK. Singing precisely at the stroke of midday, everyone had fun performing Bryan Adam's 'When You're Gone' in three-part harmony. We've just heard that we've beaten the current record of 7,000 people!



In the afternoon (after drinking Pimms huddled in the tent to avoid the showers!),

the sun finally shone through as we sang 'Mr Blue Sky' and even those in the audience couldn't resist joining in with infectious songs like 'Build Me Up Buttercup.' Towards the end of the set, the PA suddenly cut out but it didn't stop the singers who did me proud continuing with gusto. Thank you for including us in your programme. The smiles said it all; we had a brilliant day and it was great to hear other talented acts as well. So what's next?!...Well this time next year, we'll be singing at the 02! If anyone is interested in joining us, there are a few places left locally, and you are more than welcome to attend a free taster session. We start back in September and rehearsals take place weekly, offering children (from 11 years), teenagers and adults the opportunity to sing pop, Motown, gospel and chart songs, without the need to audition, read music, or have any previous singing experience – we're the contemporary choir for people who just love to sing. For more information please call 01252 714276 or visit www.rockchoir.com

Abigail Smith, Leader for Harpenden, Hertford, St Albans and Watford Rock Choirs

Olympic Raps

Well I went down to Stratford and
what did I see?
The Olympic Park surrounding
me.

There were athletes on the track and swimmers in
the pool,
And the crowd were yelling 'Olympics Rule!'
Cameras flashing, cyclists crashing, divers splashing
The Olympics are smashing!



Lydia Grinsted, Year 8

I was on my last length and tiring out fast
How long would it be till this test had passed
I kept on going; I still had some strength left
I just thought of the medal in my every breath
For every day for a very long time
I've trained and trained till I reached my prime
Building up my stamina building up my strength
Training for swimming the 30 lengths
And here I am now at the Olympic games
'Great Britain win!' the commentator exclaims
My training was worth it because here I am now
Receiving my medal to the cheers of the crowd

Anna Hardisty Year 8

Focus on.....

The Design & Technology Department

Year 9 Sustainability Project

Before starting their GCSE course, Year 9 pupils embarked on a Sustainability project. This involved students, in groups of four or five, making saleable products, from a stock of surplus hardwood flooring, purchased from a local recycling depot.

Year 8 Resistant Materials

Year 8 pupils produce casting patterns for an aluminium base which forms the main component of their photo/card holder. After making the pattern in MDF, they form a sand casting mould, into which molten aluminium is poured in the school workshop foundry. The casting is then cleaned up, a process known as "fettling"

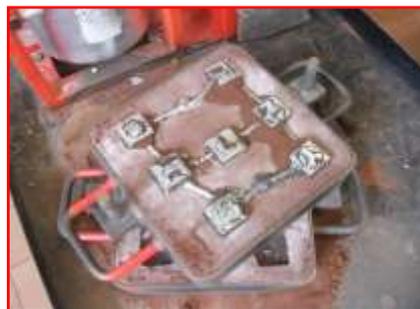
Mr Polding



Forming the sand mould



Molten aluminium poured into mould



Mould opened when cooled, casting now ready for fettling

Resistant Materials



Fettling a finished casting

Textiles

Year 11 GCSE Textiles produced some wonderful coursework again this year; congratulations go to them all for their creativity and hard work. Well done!

Ms Crompton



Textiles

Waistcoat project

In this project we were told we had to make a waistcoat with the theme from a film, in my case Twilight. We looked both at the clothes the main characters were wearing in the film and at the scenery. The scenery of the forest inspired me to put outlines of trees on my waistcoat. After we had gathered our ideas we started practising and learning techniques we could use. These included poly block printing, appliqué, batik, tie die and cutaway. We then produced a mood board; this is a double A4 page showing all the ideas we had about the film. We could stick on buttons and certain objects that were inspired by the film. Some of the ideas I had on my waistcoat include: a rose, chessboard, paw print and an eye. Then the final stage was to make the actual waistcoat; this helped me develop both sewing skills on the machine and the techniques we had previously learned in class.

I found the project very enjoyable and wish that we could design another item of clothing with a theme from the same film.

Melanie Noad 8A



Year 7 Puppet theatre project

Textiles

Our company was called "Puppet and Co" and our show was Little Red Riding Hood. We decided to on an Australian theme for the show. For this we made a kangaroo instead of a wolf and Little Red Riding was now Red Minogue. Our team includede Marcus McGovern, Emily Renfrew, Sara Pipe and Kate Chamberlain. In groups of six we started to design a puppet show which would eventually be made into reality. First we decided who was making what. Bethany and Marcus were on puppets and Kate and Emily were on sets, with Sara and I on props, although everyone had to make at least one puppet. I made the granny puppet. To make this, I started by cutting out the outline onto some fabric then sewed it up; I then added clothes, hair, detail and stuffed it.

I researched into marionette puppets, famous puppet companies and the Australian landscape (for the scenery). This research helped me to design the puppets. I used some cow print fabric for the granny because she was a hunter, I made a pom-pom for the hair, and used felt for the lips. The props we made were the bed, flowers, chair, a boomerang, a bag and glasses for the wolf. We had to go down to Mr Poldings's room for the frame of the bed but made the duvet out of felt.

Olivia Oatham 7E

The people in my team were Henry Metcalf, Sam Rodgers and Theo Habbick. Our story was little Red Riding Hood, but we changed it a lot. Little Red Riding Hood was an emo and she was deranged and grungy! The puppets in our team were a wolf, Little Black Riding Hood, and a deranged grandfather.

For research we looked at childrens' books for inspiration for art styles. For the puppets we looked at puppets from previous years and the internet. We then thought about the characters for each puppet.

To make our puppets, we cut out shapes of fabric, after drawing out the shapes with templates. Then we turned each painted piece inside out and sewed it together on the sewing machine. We decorated our puppets and added facial features. I used felt for the eyes and nylon fur for the main body. We made our props out of card; our group made a castle, a house, trees and mountains.

I think we performed well, but our ending was a little rushed.

Andrew Oliver 7N



With Mrs Johnston, pupils have been working in paper mache and mod roc to create characters to enact the script of The Three Little Pigs.



Year 8 and 9 worked on the punk and hippy project and produced some fantastic waistcoats.

Well done from Ms Crompton and Mrs Lloyd.



Systems and Control

Systems and Control

In Year 7 students have the opportunity to look at electronic and mechanical products. They make a minilight and lazy tongs leading to the design of a Rube Goldberg machine to make a daily activity easier (e.g. making breakfast or walking the dog). Later in the year students work in groups to design and make a shadow puppet show based on the theme of Hansel and Gretel.

- I really like Tech because it lets you get involved and express yourself. You get to set it up your way and your friends can have a really great time creating puppets and minilights and other fascinating things, that's why I love Tech. **Kieran Kilvington 7S**
- I liked making lazy tongs because I thought that it was an ingenious design. When you don't need them they fold away in your pocket but when you need them, they get bigger. They are awesome! **Adam Purkis 7S**
- I've really enjoyed this term doing Systems and Control in Tech. We've done a lot of different things but I especially liked doing shadow puppets because it was nice to be able to do something with our friends. **Annabel Rich 7S**
- I think that I've enjoyed figuring out how to make the lazy tongs by just seeing a picture and making the puppets. All round I have loved everything we've done and I had a great time in my Tech lessons. **Adela Stemple 7S**



Graphics



Graphics

In Year 8 and 9 pupils revisit electronic and mechanical products. They make a musical board game and card linkage toy. They play a range of board games for three to five year olds and say what they think makes a good design. When developing their card linkage toy they use 'Scamper' and a card modelling technique to encourage greater creativity.

- I have really enjoyed Graphics this year and it has definitely improved my education. We started off making board games. I made my board game based on a racing game. Everyone had to do research on board games and then we started to make them. **Matthew Ellis 8R**
- Making board games was really fun. I learnt lots of new skills which will be useful in future lessons not just Graphics. Making board games was a memorable activity and I'm sure that everyone that creates one in the future will enjoy it. **Lili Brown 8R**
- Graphics is a really fun subject. It gives you a chance to experience different things that you might not do in other classes. I really enjoyed making my board game. We have made board games in other classes but we didn't put in as much detail and they didn't end up looking as professional as the ones we made in Tech. At the moment we are making card linkage toys. I am finding it quite hard but it is good that we have such an encouraging teacher as Mr Jeffcoate. **Stephen Heather 8R**
- I have really enjoyed Graphics this year. I have improved massively and learnt so many new things. Our board games and our card linkage toys were especially fun as we were allowed to be as creative as we wanted to be. Graphics is definitely a GCSE option. **Morgan Jeggo 8R**

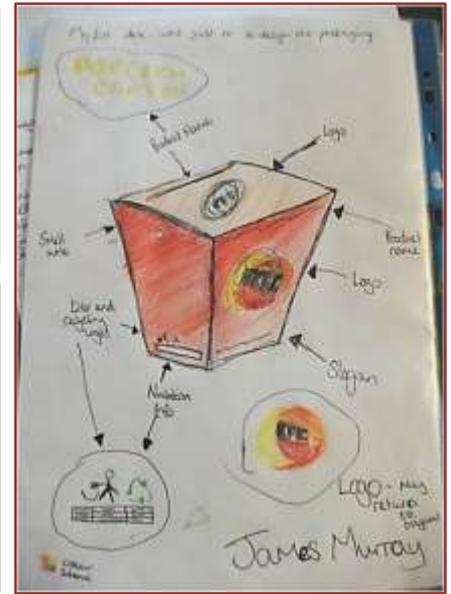


Mr Jeffcoate

Year 10 and 11 OCR Graphics

In the upper school pupils take a two year GCSE course in Graphics. Controlled Assessment is ongoing over the two years and candidates have the opportunity to design and make a Fast Food flat pack and a Pop up book. At this stage there is a much greater emphasis on the use of ICT and the paperless office with all candidates' work produced, assessed and submitted electronically without the need for printing.

Graphics



Food Technology

CED week in Food was a huge success. We chose to study Japanese food and culture as it offers our students a 'taste' of something very different. We were not disappointed and were truly delighted with the results, as the students can testify!

Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Eithne Neame (of Billingsgate Market Cookery School) for her practical expertise and supplying our sashimi grade tuna and fresh prawns, to Silla Bjerum, owner of the Feng Sushi chain of restaurants, for supplying our rice and sushi making sundries and to Mrs Naomi Hennessey for her companionship, advice and practical expertise every day.

We would also like to thank to all of our parents who took the time and trouble to contact the school to tell us how much they enjoyed the results!

Mrs Johnson



Food Tech

Today I enjoyed spending time in the kitchen making fabulous-looking and tasting sushi. We were taught how to make sushi by Mrs Johnson and Mrs Hennessey (they taught us well!). Mrs Hennessey made us all 'tempura' using different ingredients like prawns and batter. It was delicious. We also made 'bento' – a box to put the sushi in.

Tahida 8A

I found today very interesting. I learnt a lot about Japanese culture – how they eat and how to make the food.

Hannah 8S

Mrs Hennessey was a lot of help. She was great at making sushi and gave us lots of tips. Our fish and prawns were first class and really fresh straight from Billingsgate Market.

Tom 8R

The day was very creative and fun.

We tried sushi, tempura prawns, yellow fin tuna sashimi and green tea.

Ashleigh 8N

The best part was rolling up the sticky rice on the seaweed. It was a really great CED day and I would recommend it to everyone.

Francesca 8N

A lovely lady called Mrs Hennessey who is Japanese made us battered prawn which is something new that tickled my taste buds.

Hannah 9S

We had a quiz on Japan and I thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Sarah 9S

CED Week – Origami Workshop

The Design and Technology Origami workshop was set up by Mr Jeffcoate two years ago to introduce students to the type of work they could produce using simple paper folding techniques. It has proved to be a very popular course with students attending more than one session.

- Today I did Origami and it was very eventful. First we made paper pencils which were very easy, then we made hamsters which were a bit harder, then we made loads of paper planes and we had a race and Liam won. We made bangers and then we finished. It was fun and I hope to do it again next year. **Izzy 8A**
- Origami was a pleasure. Before today I couldn't make a 'pop-gun' but Mr Jeffcoate taught us step by step and we succeeded in the end. We made a pencil, a steamship, a hat, a hamster and a pop-gun. **Kristy 8R**
- Before Origami I couldn't fold or make paper neat. After it was quite relaxing; we made pop guns and animals. **Tasnim 9A**



- In Origami we made a pencil, a hamster, a pop gun and some aeroplanes. The way you put them together seems complicated and confusing but once the work is complete you understand. After finishing the origami I felt proud because before I did this I didn't have the confidence to even start. I think this has given me a boost. **Lauren 7N**
- Today I did Origami. It was really fun. We made paper aeroplanes and paper bangers. With the paper aeroplanes we had to fly them and see whose went the furthest and I won. We also made hamsters, boats and Samurai hats. It was a really good morning and I hope to do it again. **Liam 7A**



CED Week – Cartooning Workshop

The Cartooning Workshop has been running for a number of years in Design and Technology. Organised by Mr Jeffcoate the intention was to help our already very talented cartoonists to learn professional techniques that will enable them to develop their skills even further.

- I liked drawing aliens because we had lots of freedom on how they were going to look. I also learnt a lot and my drawing has improved. **Jake 8R**
- I like the cartooning because now I can draw and I can enlarge things. I also learnt to use ellipses; thank you Sir. **Alice 7R**
- I really enjoyed drawing cartoons today. We learned how to add the third dimension to our drawings and change the angle and perspective in our picture. **Conor 8A**
- I think cartooning is very cool, groovy and creative. It teaches people how to draw from simple shapes. **Liam 8A**



- It was fun and I learned a lot about cartooning. It's also surprisingly easy to do! **Ben 8L**
- I liked the cartooning workshop we did today. It was really fun learning the drawing techniques used.

This is my second session and I have enjoyed drawing from my imagination. **Cameron 9S**



More Curriculum Enrichment Week News

Year 8 and 9 trip to London

On 4 July 2012, Mrs Masters took a group of Year 8 and 9 students to London for the day. We left St Albans station at 9:32am and our train was a fast Thameslink train to London Blackfriars. We crossed Blackfriars Bridge, walking along the River Thames looking at the sights which included the Gherkin, the Shard, and the old City of London School. We could see Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Bridge and Waterloo Bridge. We also passed Cleopatra's Needle, where Mr Cross gave a history lesson. Our target was to get to Parliament Square and on to Wellington Barracks.

When we went to the Guards' Museum we could see guard uniforms, medals, guards' drums and swords as well as other types of uniforms. Some of us got to try on a soldier's jacket and bearskin. After that, we went to St James' Park for lunch.

After lunch, we went to Parliament Square and Miss Pearson gave us a guided tour of the statues, including Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela and Winston Churchill. After we saw the statues we headed to the London Eye, which went very slowly and very high. We could see everything we had gone past, including Buckingham Palace.

After that, we headed back to Blackfriars Station and caught the train back to St Albans City Station and we really enjoyed the trip. I wish to thank Mrs Masters, Mr Cross and Miss Pearson for organising the trip and the Guards' Museum for letting us try on the uniforms. We had a great day!

Thomas Martin 8N



Year 8 and 9 Knitting Workshop

Making flowers, leaves and ipod or mobile phone warmers



Year 8 and 9 Golf



Year 8 and 9 Riding



Beyond Beaumont

Congratulations to the following former Beaumont students:

Mark Quigley left Beaumont in 2009 and will graduate with a first class honours degree in Civil Engineering from The University of Portsmouth. He has secured a graduate position with a major multi-national engineering company.

Hannah Crick was awarded a 1st in French and European Politics at Leeds University.

Please send any items for 'Beyond Beaumont' to ann.darnell@beaumont.herts.sch.uk so we can let others know your news. Thanks.

Caitlin Devereux has achieved a double starred First in Part II of the Philosophy Tripos at Newnham College Cambridge.

Natalie Turner has graduated from Leeds Metropolitan University with a 2:1 BA (Hons) Degree in Events Management.

Jack Gainsborough has achieved a 2:1 Degree in Psychology at Nottingham University.

CED Week Trip to Cantabria

"Going to Spain was the best trip EVER. It was an amazing experience. Each day was fantastic in different ways."

Morgan Jeggo

"We did lots of activities including: boat trip, beach, shopping centre, swimming, mountain by cable car, caves, churros con chocolate tasting, bought food for lunch in a market and sang at a karaoke. In most of these activities I got a chance to practise my Spanish but buying food at the market was definitely the best and most helpful in developing my Spanish!"

Simon Jones

"By going on the trip you learn a lot of vocabulary both by speaking and listening to the Spanish language spoken around you. I would like to thank my parents for paying for the trip, all the teachers that helped and most importantly our trip leader, Miss Garcia. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who is thinking of going!"

Melanie Noad

"This trip is the best trip I have been on and it isn't just fun but greatly improves your Spanish language skills. I developed my language, improving on pronunciation and words, due to our non-stop practise."

Jacob Grisenthwaite

"I would like to thank all the Year 8 students and staff (Mrs Duckworth, Mrs Sidney, Mrs Forster, Miss Ibbetson, Mr Sievwright, Mr Sargen and Mr Bratley) for making my last trip at Beaumont so special! Gracias y adiós!"

Miss Garcia



CED Week Trip to Germany



The Year 7 and 8 Germany trip was a great success. A huge thank you to Mrs Pellington for her help with the organisation, all the staff who gave up their time to accompany the trip and to the students who were very well behaved! Fortunately, we were blessed with typical July weather for this part of Germany: glorious sunshine. A special mention must go to Mr Robinson and Mr Trigg who staffed the barbecue on the last evening, cooking for 98 people.

Mrs Lutz, trip organiser



Some comments from the students:

- "I loved that we were able to go off on our own and eat Currywurst" **Joe Vance**
- "I especially liked Burg Eltz as it was pretty and interesting" **Hannah Carruthers**
- "Deutschland war fantastisch" **Josie Harrison**
- "It was an amazing experience. I did lots of exciting things" **Daniella Thomas**
- "The youth hostel was amazing because we had a barbecue, football and table tennis" **Jacob West**
- "It was a superb experience" **Tom Kerr**
- "The chair lift was phenomenal!" **Finlay Cameron**
- "This was a trip of a lifetime" **Ben Rose**
- "It was a fun trip and I enjoyed the Cochem chairlift" **Rhys Liddle**
- "Germany was an amazing experience, I'm so glad I went" **Bethany Latham**
- "The trip was really fun and we got to practise our German" **Adam Brass**
- "The trip was varied and interesting. It was great to hang out with friends in another country" **Bethan Hughes**



Beaumont School Parent Survey – March 2012

I would like to start by thanking every parent and carer that contributed to the survey in March of this year. The survey was the third of its kind carried out by Kirkland Rowell on behalf of the school on a biennial basis. Kirkland Rowell benchmarks many of the results against at least 160 similar schools. There were 360 respondents, which corresponds to a 'good' rate of response. The report demonstrated that parents are overwhelmingly positive about the work that school does. There are always aspects of our work that we can improve on; however, it is reassuring to know that the hard work put in by staff and students is recognised by the parent body. Below represents a summary of the findings.

Key Findings:

- **Beaumont Parents gave the school an 'excellent' overall rating**
- The vast majority of subjects were rated as good or excellent
- All of the core parent priorities are rated as good or exceptional with particular progress made in Careers advice
- The three areas for development in core priorities were identified as ensuring students receive the 'right' level of homework, computer access and school facilities. The school is already taking action and investing time and money in these areas.

We are very pleased with the overall picture that this survey reports. In particular we are delighted with the response to 'would parents recommend the school?' which is judged **outstanding**. The data will be analysed and evaluated by the governors, leadership team, heads of department, and the heads of year. The school will continue to work hard at achieving outstanding outcomes for all students in all aspects of our work.

Thank you once again to those who were able to participate in the survey.

Andy Goodwin – Assistant Headteacher

Careers Information & Guidance blog @ Beaumont



A new Careers Guidance blog <http://careersatbeaumontschool.blogspot.co.uk/> has been set up to provide pupils and parents with up-to-date information about local employment and training opportunities as well as guidance on higher and further education pathways. As well as collecting together links to essential websites such as ChannelMogo and UK Coursefinder, it will also post information about Apprenticeships, Work Experience opportunities, open days and general Careers guidance.



The Careers blog can be reached through a link on the school website.

Mr Cross

St Albans Half Marathon

10 June 2012 was a very special day for six members of staff who completed the St Albans Half Marathon. First time race entrants Mrs Beaumont (Head of Business Studies), Mrs Wells (Finance Manager), Mr Aikman (Teaching Assistant in SEN) and Mrs Johnston (Design Technology) were pleased to complete the course in respectable times; Mr Bratley (Teaching Assistant in SEN) and Mr Leigh (ICT) continued to collect medals for their running collection and Mrs Thomas (Head of Psychology) completed the course with a personal best time!

The group raised just under £400, which will be forwarded to Parkinson's UK. Mr Aikman also raised £105 for Whizz Kids.



Race for the Kids

On Sunday 24 June, Beth Clements and Louise Timmins, along with Miss Cleverly, ran in the 'Race for the Kids' in Battersea Park. The run raises funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. The charity means a great deal to Beth's family as this is where she was treated successfully in 2011. 'Team Beth' has surpassed their target total of £1000 by £410. However, if you are interested in donating to GOSH, you can do so by going to the following link and click on sponsor a friend or team and place Beth's name in the search engine.

<http://www.gosh.org/gen/rbc-race-for-the-kids/about-the-event/event-information/>



Fundraising for Bailey Sarwa



James Henry Year 9 is involved in fundraising for Bailey Sarwa, a friend of his who has neuroblastoma, a rare and aggressive childhood cancer. He did a sponsored walk up Snowdon on Saturday 14 July and made it to the Summit in 3hrs 45 minutes. Bailey and his Mum are now already planning to climb Ben Nevis! You can donate at www.justgiving.com/baileysappeal

The fundraisers also now have various items of merchandise for sale eg hoodies, t.shirts and drawstring bags with Bailey's motto 'I will know no fear' to raise funds for Bailey's appeal. Orders can be placed by texting 0771 342 6391. Further details are available on their website www.baileysarwa.co.uk



From the Governors

This term, the Curriculum Teaching and Learning Committee has continued to monitor the school's progress towards achieving one of its key priorities – to ensure the quality of provision for students is outstanding. We were particularly pleased to note, at our last meeting, that **90% of lessons at Beaumont are now being judged to be good or outstanding**. We have also discussed the Beaumont Skills for Success programme, which appears to be going from strength to strength in improving the skills of pupils and encouraging them to become better independent learners. We were proud to note that this programme is receiving external acclaim, both locally and nationally – with Miss Shepherd and Mr De Kort presenting at the Achievement Show at Twickenham last month. We look forward to hearing more about the impact of this programme as it gradually becomes more embedded into students' everyday approach to learning. Next term, we will, of course, be turning to the all-important annual task of analysing this year's exam results and setting targets for the coming year. Best of luck to all those students who will be receiving their exam results over the course of the Summer; and thank you to all of the members of the CTL Committee for their time and work over the course of the last academic year.

Alex Hall

Member of CTL Committee and Vice Chair of Governors

Farewell from Mr Whyman

I started teaching Science at Beaumont in September 1992. In those days the school was much smaller, with about 700 students (now 1100). Our gender balance was also quite unbalanced with the boy to girl ratios being around 65:35. Students came to Beaumont from the whole of St Albans and beyond. During my time here new Maths, Languages, and Technology facilities have been built.

Prior to Beaumont I had been working in an inner city school in Blackheath (London); having a Zoology qualification my specialism was Biology, but I was also fully qualified in PE and over the years I have been truly fortunate to teach all Sciences, some PE and PHSCE. My roles in the school have been diverse. I have been Wagner (X-factor), Prince Charming (Cinderella), Bob the Builder, a Wookiee (Star Wars), Mouldy (Moulder-X files) and Mr Starter (athletics), as well as fulfilling the more traditional teacher role as science teacher, form tutor, Head of Biology, and Head of Science. The Pastoral system has been a pleasure to work in. I particularly enjoyed the five years working with Year 7s, and our Heads of Year, who all go beyond the normal expectations of their work, are remarkable colleagues with whom to work.

Beaumont is a very special place. The atmosphere in school is welcoming, friendly and professional, and I have felt proud to come to work here. Staff work hard ensuring that pupils have opportunities to make solid progress and sound development. I have been privileged to work alongside some very talented teachers and also the "backroom" staff who play such a major role in a school.

My keen interests outside the classroom have largely been in sport. I will especially remember the year Mr Stewart and I took a Senior Football team to the county final (although we lost), going to the Cardiff Millenium stadium for a girls' football final (which we drew), and winning the County Herts Athletics league (possibly the highest sporting achievement in my 20 years here), which will be forever in my heart. Rugby however remains my passion, and I think back over the years at matches and practices in rain, snow, hail and sun that have been such a major part of my Beaumont life.

So what for the future? I am certain that Beaumont will go from strength to strength. The intended building project that will allow expansion is a real need. I hope the next 20 years at this lovely place, joy, and full of the treasured times that I have had.

I know that staff and students might have found my manner a little strange. I like to be called Mr Y (good name for a Science Teacher!) I also wish everybody Merry Christmas all through the year, and refer to "outstanding" as "top banana", but these things do make Beaumont smile. So I sign off:



Beaumont staff recognised

An impressive total of 11 teachers at Beaumont School were nominated for the **Pearson Teaching Awards** this year, and one of them has received a Certificate of Distinction.

The Beaumont teachers were nominated for the Pearson Teaching Awards after receiving 'Thanks' from pupils as part of 'Thank A Teacher Day' on 20 June. The 'Thank A Teacher' campaign recognises and celebrates the difference a teacher, teaching assistant or head teacher can make by asking pupils past and present, as well as parents to simply say 'thank you' on-line.

11 Beaumont teachers were nominated in the 'Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School' category and have all received certificates, and Miss Doan was awarded a Certificate of Distinction for 'Outstanding Use of Technology in Education.'

Miss Doan has been recognised for the way in which she has not only introduced technology into the life of the Music department here at Beaumont, but also encouraged and trained others, both at Beaumont and nationally, to do the same. She started the Beaumont Music department Blog, and subsequently pioneered the use of Twitter both for sharing information and as a teaching and learning tools which she uses to great effect.

At the national level, thanks to an article in Music Teacher magazine which she co-wrote with Mr Guinane, ten Music Departments from around the country have been in touch with her and have now started their own Blog and are using Twitter.



Beaumont had an amazing 19 nominations in the **Herts Advertiser School Awards** this year, with nominations being received in Teacher of the Year, Academic Achiever of the Year, Sporting Achiever, Innovation Project of the Year and School of the Year categories. We are delighted that

- Miss Shepherd and Miss Doan were finalists in the Teacher of the Year category,
- Elizabeth Worswick was the winner of the Academic Achiever of the Year
- Beaumont was a finalist in the School of the Year category, coming second to a local primary school

Very well done to all nominees and winners, and a huge thank you to all those who have supported the school and made nominations.

The Olympics come to Beaumont



Former Beaumont student and Olympic torch bearer Katherine Deal visited Year 7 sports enthusiasts at Beaumont this week. Kat, who left Beaumont in 2010 and is now studying Philosophy at UCL, came dressed in her official kit and brought her torch for students to see at close quarters.

Kat ran part of the Torch relay in Hemel Hempstead at the beginning of July. She was nominated by her Mum and a friend as despite disability and illness she is still living life to the full and helping others.

Kat ran for Great Britain in disability sports and was selected for the Beijing Olympics but an accident five months before they took place meant that she was unable to take part. She was then diagnosed with an illness which meant that she can no longer run. Nevertheless she consistently helps and supports her friends with their studies and also teaches music.

Kat will also attend the Assemblies at the end of term and present some of the Awards to students who have received Gold Awards.

Alex Powdrell won the Year 7 District Pole Vault competition recently with a height of 1m 70cm. This was only his second full competition. Apologies that this was not included in last month's athletics roundup.

We Come From.... Beaumont students in print

Students from Beaumont have been involved in a writing project jointly with Verulam and Onslow St Audrey schools.

The project aimed to inspire and encourage students with English as an additional language to write, and the result is a book of poems about the experiences and people that have shaped their lives.



At the start of the programme award-winning poet Dean Atta ran a series of workshops, and he and Vicky Wilson (who led the project) selected around 70 poems for inclusion in a book 'We Come From' which has now been published. Around a dozen Beaumont students have contributed.



Extreme Reading competition is coming....

What do you have to do?

Over the summer you will need a photo of you reading in the most extreme situation?

Surfing in Cornwall?

Going to a theme park?

Visiting the top of the Eiffel Tower?

Swimming with dolphins?



Why not take your book?

There will be a prize for the most extreme reader in each year.

You will need to bring your photo to school in September (more information will follow on this).

We look forward to seeing your photos!

Miss Jackson and Miss Piercey

GCSE and A level results

AS/A2 Results – Thurs 16 August 2012

Results will be released to students as follows:

A2 between 9.15am and 12.00 noon

AS between 10.15am and 12.00 noon only

GCSE Results – Thurs 23 August 2012

Results will be released to students between 10.00am and 12.00 noon

If you cannot collect your results in person you **must** provide a letter of authorisation, delegating the person that will be collecting them on your behalf.

If you would like your statement of results posted to you please provide a stamped addressed envelope.

Thank you

Mrs Colls, Examinations Manager

Parentmail – please sign up

At Beaumont we use the Parentmail system of emails and texts to keep in touch with parents and keep you informed.. There are significant benefits to this system, including

- the speed with which we can get information to parents,
- the reliability of the system (as opposed to letters left languishing in school bags for days)
- substantial saving in printing costs and use of paper
- you will always know where to find that elusive reply slip

We would like to encourage all parents to sign up for Parentmail as we move more and more towards using it for the sharing of useful and important information. We only send out information that is related to your child's schooling and which might be of interest to you as parents, and your details are not shared with other parties.

If you have not already signed up for Parentmail please do complete the details on the form which can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.beaumontschool.com/pdf/ParentmailletterJune2011.pdf> and return it to school.

Thank you

Fleetville Partnership

SCHOOL FAMILY WORKER

Beaumont has a dedicated School Family Worker who can help you with supporting your child/ren. Contact direct or through a member of school staff.

Your School Family Worker is:

Sarah Ellis 07557 354620

sarah.ellis@fleetvillejm.herts.sch.uk

PARENT SUPPORT

Being a parent can be challenging at times – we can offer 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 and her team for further information on **01727 855134**

MARSHALSWICK YOUTH PROJECT

Drop-In for Young People in Years 7, 8 and 9

Wednesdays in the Park – Chill out in the warm! This Drop-in for young people is running every Wednesday from 3.30-5.30pm at the Alban Way and Marshalswick Children's Centre facility in Sherwood Park, Sherwood Avenue, Marshalswick. Just turn up and give it a try – FREE Entry and FREE Refreshments. Contact:

youthwork@ymcacentralherts.org.uk

SPECIAL EFFECTS MAKE UP

WORKSHOP Monday 6 August at

Fleetville Junior School 1.00pm-3.00pm

For parents of children aged 5-16 years

'Vision of Inclusion in St Albans and Hatfield'

Vista St Albans is a Community Interest Company (Not for Profit) which has been set up to offer parents support with any issues they may have.

Vista is offering the following courses AUTUMN TERM

COURSES—All courses have a charge of £25 per person (apart from About Boys which is £20).

Managing Anger and Family Conflict* Recognising and understanding triggers, teaching anger management strategies to children	Mondays, 7.00-9.00pm 10 Sept—15 Oct
Parenting a Child with Additional Needs* An opportunity for parents to share feelings and experiences and discover solutions to problems based on what works, not what's meant to work!	Wednesdays, 7.30-9.30pm 12 Sept—24 Oct
About Boys Course* Course for Mums only of boys aged 5-11 years	Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30pm 25 Sept—16 Oct
Sibling Rivalry* 2 sessions for £10 Problem solving the battles and behaviour between siblings	Tuesdays, 7.15-9.45pm 13 Nov & 20 Nov



Contact us to find out more:

Call Vista on 01727 855134 Ex 2 or Email: vistastalbans@gmail.com

Being a parent can be challenging at times – we can offer individual support as well as a variety of information and guidance to services.

www.vistastalbans.org.uk

Vista is driven by its commitment to improving life chances for children and young people by supporting parents.

Vista would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Summer break!

BeauSandVer Community Programme

Evening Classes for Adults - Autumn Term 2012

The Autumn Term community programme is now available at www.beausandver.org.uk – click on Community Programme under Quick Links to download a copy.

Courses at Beaumont

Modern Foreign Language Classes for adults (Over 18). Ideal for supporting your childrens' studies and improving your own languages for travelling or work. Classes are taught by experienced linguists, including some native speakers, for ten weeks per term throughout the year:

- **Beginners classes in French, German, Spanish and Italian** (for complete beginners)
- **Introduction to Mandarin** is a new five week course taught by a native Mandarin speaker
- **Intermediate Classes in French, Spanish and German** (for people who have been studying recently for two years or who have previously obtained GCSEs or 'O' levels and would like to refresh their knowledge)
- **A2 Spanish** – this class is a non exam class following the Spanish 'A2' syllabus.
- **Advanced German.** This class is suitable for anyone who has studied German 'A' level and would like to continue developing their German language skills.

For further details please download the full Community Programme at www.beausandver.org.uk

Beaumont also offers **Art Textiles/Creative Embroidery (aged 16 or above)** on Wednesday evenings and **Woodwork Classes** on Tuesday evenings.

To find out more about any of the above courses and classes at Sandringham and Verulam schools or to book a place please contact Carole Heselton on 01727 754113 or email carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk.

2012/2013 Beaumont School Calendar

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 INSET Days

 Occasional Day

 Curriculum Enrichment Days

 Non Pupil Days

Autumn Term 2012

First half term:

INSET for staff Monday 3 September
Students in school from Tuesday 4 September – Friday 26 October

Half term:

Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November

Second half term:

Monday 5 November – Friday 21 December

Spring Term 2013

First half term:

Students in school from Monday 7 January – Thursday 14 February
INSET for staff Friday 15 February

Half term:

Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February

Second half term:

Monday 25 February – Thursday 28 March

Summer Term 2013

First half term:

Students in school from Tuesday 16 April – Friday 24 May
INSET for staff Monday 15 April

Half term:

Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Second half term:

Monday 3 June – Friday 19 July
INSET for staff Monday 22 July and Tuesday 23 July
OCCASIONAL DAY Wednesday 24 July