

## From the Headteacher

We have so much to celebrate in this Beaumont Life edition: the U18 Inclusive Zone Basketball team won the national finals, both the Year 8 boys' and U15 girls' football teams got to the county finals and then in one weekend we had our U15 girls' rugby playing in the national finals at Twickenham, our music department taking many awards at the St Albans Young Musician of the Year competition and our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students out on expedition! That gives a flavour of life at Beaumont! Well done to all concerned and thank you to all staff and parents who have helped to make things happen.

Next, many, many congratulations to Miss Pearson and Mr Levoir on their Eastern Region Pearson Teaching Awards presented on 17 May. Miss Pearson gained a Distinction for the Eastern Region for Teacher of the Year and Mr Levoir won his category, the Ted Wragg Lifetime Achievement Award, most richly deserved. These awards are a great honour for the individuals but also for the school and I am delighted! Mr Levoir will go forward to the UK finals on 20 October which will be televised.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our two big events this month: the Beaumont 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary Ball on Saturday 8 June and Rob's Festival on Saturday 29 June, details inside. Please do also have a look at the Auction of Promises page on our school website [www.beaumontschool.com](http://www.beaumontschool.com). The Auction will be held at the Ball but those who are not attending can submit bids on-line before 8pm on Friday 7 June.

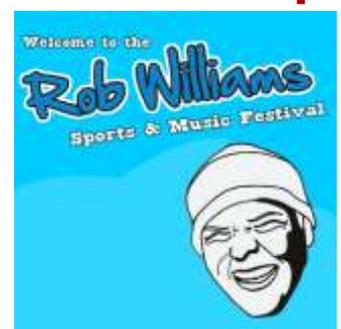
Finally I have, sadly, to report the deaths of two former members of staff – Margaret Rogers and Joan Brown. Further details can be found on page 5.

Thank you as always for your support – it is much appreciated.

Elizabeth Hitch

## June Diary Dates

Mon	3	Internal exams Years 7-10 this week
Weds	5	Governors Full Governing Body 5 Library 7pm
Thurs	6	CED Week Parent Information Evenings PGL 6pm, Cantabria 7pm - Hall
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Deadline for submission of on-line Auction of Promises bids 8pm – see page 3</b>
Sat	8	Summer (75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Ball - de Havilland suite – with Auction of Promises
Mon	10	New Year 9 into Year 10 timetable starts Year 12 return from Exam Leave, A2 lessons start
Tues	11	Governors Resources Committee 5 Boardroom 6.30pm
Weds	12	BSA Committee meeting 7.30pm Library
Thurs	13	Year 8 Drama Club Production
Mon	17	Governors Curriculum Teaching & Learning Committee 5 Boardroom 6.30pm
Tues	18	Beaumont Life deadline
Fri	21	Midsummer Night's Dream Cast party and reunion – Hall
Tues	25	Vocal Ensemble to Jersey Farm Day Care Centre 2-3.15pm BCG tests Governors Community Committee 5 Boardroom 6.30pm Year 11 Clearance (pm) & Year 13 Clearance Year 7 Drama Club Production 6pm, room 60/61, Hall
Weds	26	Fleetville Transition Project Sixth Form induction Day 1 Sports Awards Evening 7-9pm – Hatfield House
Thurs	27	BCG vaccinations Sixth Form induction Day 2 New Year 7 Information Evening 7pm, Hall Year 10 final reports issued
<b>Sat</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Rob's Festival – tickets on sale now – see page 2</b>



For details of sports fixtures please check the PE Blog [www.beaumontpe.blogspot.com](http://www.beaumontpe.blogspot.com)

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## BSA NEWS

### Rob's Festival 2013 Saturday 29 June 2pm - 7pm

Please put this date in your diary and support our fourth annual Family Sports and Music Festival.

**Tickets** are now on sale from Room 6 at lunchtimes  
Beaumont students:

- £3 in advance (from room 6)
- £4 on the day

Adults & Non-Beaumont guests: £5  
Accompanied primary age children are free.



### WHAT'S ON?

#### 2PM - 7PM

- Bands & Dance Troupes
- Stalls and Activities run by the School Houses
- Raffle, Tombola, Games
- Inflatable pillow fighting & Bouncy Castle
- BBQ
- Hog Roast
- Licensed Bar and Soft Drinks
- Sweets, Cakes, Teas and Coffees
- Car Wash
- Face painting/henna
- Assault course

#### Confirmed Bands

*The Scratch, The Obsession, The Agex, Sierra,  
The Chancery Lane*

#### 12.30PM - 2.30PM

- **Football tournament - still a few places available**

Each team must have between 5 and 10 players. Registration fee of £5 per player also gives entry to the festival for the whole day. The tournament will be run in three age groups

- Years 7&8
- Years 9&10
- Year 11 and Sixth form

**For further information and how to register go to [www.robsfestival.com](http://www.robsfestival.com)**

*If you, or your company, are able to support this fundraising event by providing donations in the form of equipment; catering supplies eg paper cups, plates; beer, wine, soft drinks; raffle prizes; marquees/gazebos; or a monetary donation then we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us at [bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk) Thank you.*

### Rob's Festival is a family sports & music festival organised by Beaumont Sixth formers and the BSA.

Please support this event in aid of the Princes Trust and the BSA

We will soon be looking for volunteers to help on the day.

Please consider offering to help for an hour, if you can. We are likely to need help setting up, on the Gate, running the BBQ and Bar, serving soft drink and tea/coffee and clearing up.





# AUCTION OF PROMISES

The list of promises that are up for auction can be viewed on the school web page [www.beaumontschool.com](http://www.beaumontschool.com).

The auction starts on **Monday 20th May**  
The auction finishes on **Saturday 8th June**

All proceeds raised from the auction will go towards Beaumont School.

**An Auction** of some fantastic Promises will be held at the Beaumont 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary Ball on Saturday 8 June. **But did you know that you can bid for items even if you are not attending the Ball?**

**Just** go to the Auction page on the school website – either follow the link from the landing page [www.beaumontschool.com](http://www.beaumontschool.com) or go straight to the Auction page <http://www.beaumontschool.com/pages/about-us/bsa/bsa-promises-auction.html>

**Bids** can be made on-line until 8pm on Friday 7 June. Please do take a look at the lots on offer and support our school by bidding for something!

**And** thank you to all those who have offered the brilliant Promises available for the Auction.

## From the Governors

**Since** the last Resources Committee there have been changes in the committee structures and, having stepped down as Chair of Governors, I have now returned to my previous role as Chair of Resources – a position I am very pleased to return to.

**My** first meeting as Chair of Resources was on 29 April and this proved to be a very busy meeting with much discussion and decision making.

**The** Governors were given a very comprehensive premises report including an update on the FAB project which continues to progress well. They were also delighted to congratulate the school on the successful bid for funding to expand the Sixth Form facilities. This project will commence very shortly to ensure that the completion date of March 2014 is achieved.

**A** major part of our meeting was involved in considering 2012-2013 budget reports which monitor the current position compared to budget; it was pleasing to note that at this stage in the financial year the school budget is currently on target. Preparation and review of the proposed 2013-2014 budget will take place at our next meeting on 11 June 2013.

**Updates** were also received in relation to the proposed purchase of asset management software to record and monitor all our assets as well as a benchmarking review to compare the school to other establishments.

**Other** issues discussed included:

- Health and Safety with a report outlining the rewiring works carried out during the Easter holidays, as well as the routine servicing of gas and ventilation.
- The Plan for School Improvement Report with specific focus on key priorities for 2013-14.
- Update on data security processes and compliance with the E safety and Data Security Policy including an update on training programmes currently being undertaken.
- A number of policies were also reviewed and approved including Health and Safety and Risk Management.

**The** final item discussed was a review of training courses undertaken by committee members and consideration of any further training requirements.

**Rena Prindiville, Chair Resources Committee**

# Languages News



Are you following the Languages Department on Twitter?  
Be the first to answer our question of the week and win a prize! @beaumontmfl

WE WILL MISS YOU

A huge thank you to our foreign language assistants **Laure Caleyron** (French), **Saskia Ströbel** (German) and **Victoria Martinez** (Spanish) who leave at the end of May. They have helped so many of our students to develop their spoken language. We are very appreciative of their efforts and wish them well in the future.



**German Exchange: Hans-Purrmann  
Gymnasium to Beaumont School:  
17 – 25 April 2013**



**On** 17 April our Exchange partners from the Hans-Purrmann-Gymnasium arrived at Beaumont for the return visit of the German Exchange.

**On** Thursday our partners came to school with us and came into our classes. They were particularly helpful in our German lesson! On the Friday morning we met in the town for an audience with the Mayor. This was very interesting and when Sophia tried on the Mayor's robes, it was also amusing!

**At** the weekend we were able to spend free time with our Exchange partners. We met up with other pairs and had an amazing weekend. Not only did we make new friends among the Germans, but we made closer bonds with the English people on the Exchange.

**On** the days that we were in school, our partners had tours around London and Brighton. They went around Camden, on the London Eye and even went to see 'Billy Elliot!' They had a really busy schedule and were really pleased to see most of the famous landmarks in central London.

**On** their last day all of the English partners went with them to Cambridge and were lucky to have great weather for the day. Once off the coach we walked down the River Cam and looked at the bridges, and afterwards we split into groups to look around the King's College Chapel. It is a beautiful building and made a great impression on our guests. At lunchtime we had free time to explore the town with our partners.



**King's College and Clare College.**



**The group at King's College Cambridge**

**That** evening we went with our parents, our German guests and a large number of staff to the Old Albanians' Rugby Club for a farewell dinner. It was a lovely evening and we had a lot of fun. Nearing the end of the evening our Exchange partners each gave a short speech and we were all touched by their heartfelt messages. I really enjoyed the Exchange and it improved everyone's vocabulary and confidence. I think that we would all agree that we made long-lasting friendships and would recommend the trip for anyone considering it in the years to come!

**Lily Kattenhorn-Black 9N**

**The** German Exchange trip was an amazing experience for both the German and English pupils. When the Germans eventually arrived at Central Drive on Wednesday 17 April after a long journey, all of the Beaumont partners were so excited! Because we had already been to Germany to experience their culture and their way of life we were all already very good friends.

**Whilst** they were here, they experienced Beaumont School and spent some time in St Albans, where they looked around Verulamium Museum and also met the Mayor and Macebearer. Further away they visited London on two occasions and also Brighton, where they toured The Pavilion, and we joined them in a trip to Cambridge in the sunshine.

**Their** English was already good, but they all learnt lots while they were here and I am sure that everyone can say all of our language skills have improved. I really enjoyed myself and would love to experience this all again. Thank you to Mrs Yapp, Miss Macaulay, Mr Hook and all the German staff who made this Exchange trip so successful!

**Morgan Jeggo 9R**

**On** Wednesday 17 April a group of Beaumont pupils waited patiently for their German Exchange partners. Our wait was finally over as the coach arrived. When we found them we introduced them to our parents. We then took them to our homes to provide them with their dinner and let them get settled in.

**On** Thursday we took our partners to a welcome from Mrs Hitch in the school Library. She gave a speech in German and English. The Germans then had a tour of our school and sat in our lessons. Some of us had German, which was great for them! After a short day at school, they drove to Verulamium Park to visit the museum. We collected them at four o'clock and because it was our earliest pick up we all did something with them.

**On** Friday we all went into town to be welcomed by the Mayor of St Albans in the Town Hall. We sat in the Courthouse and the Mayor greeted the Germans and gave us the history of St Albans. Sophia was able to dress in the Mayoral robes and the Mace Bearer, Mr J Hills, then explained the meaning of the robes and the equipment, for example the mace.



**Then** the Germans took a train up to London for a tour around the capital and in the evening they saw 'Billy Elliot' at a theatre. We collected them from St Albans station at 11.30pm, but it was a good excuse for everyone to stay up late! Over the weekend we had to do our own thing. For example, some people went to town, some went to the Galleria and some were lucky enough to go to the Harry Potter studios.

**On** Monday the Germans went to the Brighton Pavilion. But we English were back at school. On Tuesday they went back to London for more sightseeing. Then they were collected again after another eventful day.

**Wednesday** was very exciting! We all drove up to Cambridge. We visited some of the colleges and were lucky enough to enter the King's College which is where they broadcast the King's College choir at Christmas. After that we were able to have free time and have a look around the lovely city. Everyone had lunch and shopped in the shopping centre or the traditional shops of Cambridge. Some boys even bought a football and played a match England vs Germany in the park; it was a close game!

**Later** that day we attended The Old Albanians' Rugby Club for the farewell dinner. We played another football match on the pitches whilst the parents had a little chat. Then the dinner was ready. It was a buffet and there were lots of different meals to choose from. After dinner we had desert. It was again set out in the style of a buffet. After our lovely dinner, the speeches began. Mrs Yapp thanked lots of people and then all the German partners took their turn to give their own special 'thank you' to their host families. After the speeches we all took photos. As well as the smiling faces there were a few tears, because no-one really wanted to say 'goodbye.'

**The** next day, we took our partners to Central Drive for their departure. Again there were more tears, but it was because we had had such an enjoyable week and no-one wanted it to end. It took a while for the Germans to get on the coach. But once they did, we all waved a final 'goodbye.'

**If** I had to sum up the whole experience in one word, I'd say 'brilliant!' and I highly recommend it to anyone taking German.

**Conor Moore 9R**

## Obituary

I am sorry to report the recent deaths of two former members of Beaumont staff, both of whom gave long and valued service to the school.

**Margaret Rogers** taught at Beaumont for over twenty years. As well as being Head of Geography she was also Head of Year 7 for many years. She made it her mission to visit each transferring Year 6 pupil in their primary schools and to memorise all of their names by the end of the first week of Autumn Term. By the time she retired in 1987 she was teaching the grandchildren of pupils she had taught earlier in her career.

**Joan Brown** was school secretary from 1966 to 1984. When she began working at Beaumont there were only two other members of support staff: a bursar and a caretaker and so she had a wide range of duties to perform, including maintaining the school archive. Shortly after she retired, Joan wrote and published a history of Beaumont to celebrate the school's fiftieth anniversary.

## News from PE

### Beaumont are National IZB Champions

**On** Wednesday 1 May the Under 18 Inclusive Zone Basketball Squad travelled to Worcester University to compete in the National Finals. There were nine teams from all over England, and we were placed in a group of four from the South of England. After our three group games we had a plus 70 points difference and went into our semi final against the East Midlands in confident mood.

**Although** their outside shooters were older and bigger, Will and Jacob defended them extremely well and Liam and Duncan dominated in the wheelchairs to take us to a 24 – 12 victory.

**The** final against Yorkshire saw the two best wheelchair players in the tournament meet. The Yorkshire number 4 was really quick and agile but Liam was stronger on defence and a more consistent shooter.

Although they scored first, we soon moved into a 10 – 2 lead by half time. After half time, we eased off a little and Yorkshire pulled it back to 10 – 7 with three minutes to go. The next basket was vitally important, and Liam scored it with a great shot from the elbow of the key. That was the last score in the game and meant Beaumont became National Champions with a 12 – 7 win.

**All** eight boys played extremely well, with each wheelchair player scoring in the competition. Team captain Liam Baskett was the highest point scorer in the competition and led the team extremely well on the court.

**Well** done to the whole squad who were a credit to Beaumont throughout the competition.



Mr Stewart

### Year 8 Boys football

**The** Year 8 boys football team have had another exceptional season which culminated in them reaching the County Cup final on 23 April, when they faced a strong Queens' School.

**The** boys narrowly missed out on taking the title by just a single goal, with the final result being 3-2 in favour of Queens'. The run to the final saw us beating opposition including Tring, Yavneh, Dame Alice Owens and Bishop's Stortford. The victory in the semi-final of the competition was the most impressive as we beat Verulam School by two clear goals, the first defeat for the opposition in any competition in two years.

Mr Jump

### County Pentathlon

**On** Tuesday 2 May six Beaumont athletes competed in the County Pentathlon Championships at Ridlins Athletics Track, Stevenage.

**In** the Junior age group, over their five events, Holly Brando Hollahan finished 13<sup>th</sup> out of 57 competitors and Jacob Bockenbauer 19<sup>th</sup> out of 59. Will Moroney had to pull out before the 800m but had competed well over the rest of the day.

**In** the Inter age group, Ed Anders finished 18<sup>th</sup> and Jack Gentle 16<sup>th</sup>, both a year out of age. Jack also broke the school Year 10 1500m record with a time of 4m32.2s, even more impressive given that he had already completed four other events.

**In** the Inter girls competition, Holly Seglah finished 7<sup>th</sup>, narrowly missing out on County selection which was an impressive performance considering she has struggled with a foot injury recently.

**Well** done to all the competitors, who were excellent throughout the day.

Mr Stewart

### Swimming Success

**Luke Moore (7N)** competed in the 44th National Arena Swimming League Cup Final on Sunday 21st April 2013 at Cardiff International Pool as Team Captain for the Under 11 boys as part of the Hatfield Swimming Club team.

**Luke** swam in backstroke and freestyle events, setting a personal best in the 50M freestyle of 32.4 seconds. The League is the UK's Premier Competitive Swimming League with the club coming 7<sup>th</sup> in the competition.

**The** National Arena Swimming League features 600 clubs who compete in seven regional leagues throughout the country with the top 10 teams going through to the A final. Ruta Meilutyte the reigning 100m breaststroke Olympic Champion also competed in several events.

**Well** done Luke.



## Girls County Football Final

**The** Under 14 girls played their County football final against Queens' School recently. On a very big Queens' Academy pitch, Beaumont dominated much of the first half, particularly when we got the ball wide. After around 20 minutes, a through ball was chased through by Lilli Brown who slotted it coolly past the oncoming goalkeeper. Queens' responded and twice we were hit on the break enabling Queens' to take a 2 – 1 lead into the half time break.

**The** second half saw relentless Beaumont pressure as we hit the post twice and put ball after ball into the Queens' penalty box without finding the net. Queens' midfield was strong and they defended well and we just could not back up all of our pressure with the goal it deserved.

**Although** the girls were understandably disappointed at the final whistle, they played brilliantly and really did deserve at least to take the game into extra time. Well done to the whole squad for another excellent season, I am sure we can win the trophy back next year!

**SQUAD:** Molly Rogan, Adi Milton, Olivia Almond ©, Robyn Reardon, Krystal Clarke, Lilli Brown, Mhairi Pennifer, Kate Chamberlain, Anna Biggs, Morgan Jeggo, Juliette Angell, Greta Geller

Mr Stewart



## Super 15s finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at Nationals!

**The** Under 15 girls rugby team finished a hugely successful season with a tremendous performance to come third at the National Finals recently. In a much more tightly contested tournament than both the County and Regional competitions the squad only lost once by a try to eventual finalists Range High School from Liverpool, drew another and won the other three group games. This meant they travelled the short distance from Staines RFC to Twickenham Stadium for the third and fourth place play-off against Honeywood School, Essex. In a continuation of their fine form the team showed strength in defence and determination in attack winning 15-0 courtesy of three tries by Olivia Almond.

**It** is somewhat unfair to single out any player for particular praise when all of the squad contributed so much to such a successful and enjoyable day. Special thanks should also go to the hordes of supporters that made the trip to south London to cheer the team on, it really made the difference.

**SQUAD:** Eleana Hackwood, Holly Brando, Rebecca King, Maisie Foster, Anna Biggs, Emily Saunders, Naomi Baker, Olivia Almond, Olivia Scrimgeour, Libe Fadrique, Esme Mallet, Olivia Champion, Laura O'Malley, Jess Ackers, Tian Figg, Georgina Bagge

Mr Panting



## Hockey Eastern Region Champions

**Congratulations** to three Year 11 boys who were part of the winning Hertfordshire Under 16 boys hockey team at the Eastern Regional finals on 28 April: **Adam Jones** (who also captained the side for one of the games), **Scott Angell** and **Bradley Fordham**. **Congratulations** also to **Luka Fadrique** and **Jacob Lockhart-Lister** who represented Herts in the Under 17 boys team.

## Rugby Success

**On** 3 May we – Alex Rich, Danny Cutmore and Will Sherwood - were given the chance to attend a tag rugby tournament at Old Albanian's Rugby Club and to play our part in the tournament as referees.

**Before** the tournament we went to a training session at Nicholas Breakspear School. There we learnt the rules of tag rugby and how to referee tag matches. We then practised the skills which we had learnt in small games.

**The** tournament was held for Years 5 and 6 primary school children. We were split into pairs and each assigned to a pitch. At first we observed the qualified referees in a game and then we each refereed four or five games of tag rugby each.

**We** all really enjoyed the day; it was great weather and an enjoyable experience to interact with the children whilst refereeing their matches and helping them to play to the best of their abilities.

Alex Rich, Danny Cutmore, Will Sherwood





Beaumont Maths

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approach, you improve your own skills and make the whole process of studying so much more enjoyable.

**Sometimes** I see a note from pupils on their homework which just says "I don't get it" and then a blank space. And I always wonder why that pupil didn't talk to anyone - a friend? a brother or sister? a parent? or me? (or any other teacher in the maths department?). It is so much more satisfying to be able to attempt a problem which you have been stuck on – and more often than not there will be someone who can give you a nudge in the right direction when you are at a standstill, rather than you walking away from the problem and feeling demotivated.

**In** maths lessons we like you to talk to the people around you and puzzle things out, as well as trying to tackle problems on your own. So when you are doing homework, why not ask those around you for support? And if they aren't with you, take a photo of your question, and your solution so far, and then tweet it to your friends. Someone will be able to 'give you a nudge in the right direction', and if you include @beaumontmaths and the hash tag #beauhwk we will RT to see if other students can pitch in an idea. If we see someone who has clearly 'had a go themselves', you might even get a teacher tip to help with the problem. Wouldn't it be great to have KS4 students helping KS3, KS5 students helping those lower down the school - and ultimately, no one sitting on their own, wishing they knew how to tackle that tricky maths homework? So what are you waiting for? - take a photo and get tweeting - @Beaumontmaths #beauhwk.

## Science Garden – help needed!

**The** science and wildlife garden (which even has newts) is a valuable resource much-loved by pupils and staff, but it is in need of love and attention. The garden is used in science lessons and is a very important part of the curriculum. The Science department and parents who have already volunteered would welcome help from a few more parents who could bring this lovely garden back to what it has been. If you are interested please contact the school on [admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk) and we will pass on your details.

**If** you work for a company that could take on the regeneration of the garden as part of their company's Corporate Responsibility we would also love to hear from you.



## Maths Blog

**The** Maths department has recently launched a blog where pupils and parents can find a variety of resources to support regular independent study and revision for exams. There are links to lists of topics covered in each year of study at Beaumont, along with articles to read, videos to watch and links to a wide variety of useful websites. The blog will be updated regularly with news and articles of interest to all ages of pupils. You can also follow us on twitter so that you can follow all new blog posts.

**You** can find a link to the blog on the school website, or go directly to [www.mathsatbeaumontschool.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.mathsatbeaumontschool.blogspot.co.uk)

**The** following is a recent article posted:

### **Ms Wilson's thoughts on studying Maths**

**For** me, maths has never been a competition. Doing maths and studying maths has always been about puzzling out a problem, batting around a few ideas by talking about them with other people - trying one way of doing something and then comparing it to the way someone else has tackled the same problem.

**I sometimes** feel disappointed at school when students ask "Is this the 'right' answer?" or "Am I the first one to get this one right?". What I want them to be asking is "Has anyone else got the same answer as me?" or "Has anyone done this differently?", because that is how we can learn and enjoy maths together. By talking about ideas, explaining your ideas to your friends, or listening to a different perspective and then questioning that

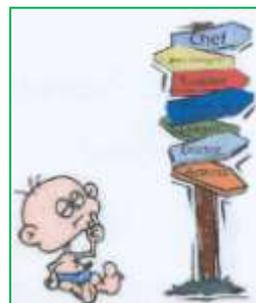
## Year 10 Work Experience 1-5 July 2013

As Year 10 students and parents will be aware, Year 10s will be spending CED week (1-5 July 2013) experiencing the world of work. All students should now have their placement confirmed; it is, however, possible that a few private placements have not yet been cleared by the Careers Service meaning that these students will not yet have the paperwork giving them details of the placement and forms for signature. This is particularly likely if the placements are outside Hertfordshire. We will send the paperwork home as soon as the placements are approved and appear on the WebView website.

**We are wasting a lot of time chasing students to return signed forms.**

**It is essential that any paperwork that is sent home is read, signed and returned straight away so that we can send final confirmation off to the employer.**

**Thank you.**



**Students** have been sending their CVs off to their employers during recent PHSCE lessons. ALL students should however still ensure that they contact their employer by phone before Work Experience begins. Some employers want students to go in to meet them a certain period of time before Work Experience Week, others are happy for the students just to turn up on the first day. The specifics for each student should be clear from their Placement Details.

**Regardless of whether a pre-meeting is required by the employer or not, students MUST contact their placement before Work Experience commences. This is a matter of courtesy, and also avoids a situation where the employer has forgotten that the student is with them for the week, or the student is not sure where to go or who will meet them.**

Work experience is usually a positive experience for our students and for their employers so we hope all students are looking forward to it. Please remember that an Essential Guide to Work Experience was sent home towards the end of 2012, and copies of this and other useful information can be found on the school website <http://www.beaumontschool.com/pages/student-beaumont/how-we-learn/work-experience.html>. In particular please remember the advice about use of mobile phones etc. Please also ensure that if a student is going to be late or absent from their Work Experience for any reason they must inform both the placement and Beaumont first thing in the morning.

## Year 11 Careers Fair – Can you help?



*Do you work or have expertise in the Legal, Sports, Hospitality or Food and Catering Industries?  
Could you spare a morning to chat informally to Year 11 students thinking about their futures?*

**During** the November Curriculum Enrichment Day Year 11 students focus on the topic of 'Moving On' – looking at options for education, training and work once they have completed their GCSEs. As part of this we organise a Careers and Post 16 Options 'Fair' where local employers, colleges, Universities and training providers come in and are available to talk to and advise our Year 11 students. A number of parents took part in this event last year, which was very successful. We already have a number of stalls 'booked' for this November's event which will take place

during the morning of

*Tuesday 12 November 2013.*

**If** you feel you could come along for the morning and chat to students who might be interested in your area of work we would love to hear from you. We would be particularly interested in hearing from people working or with expertise in the

**LEGAL, SPORTS, HOSPITALITY or FOOD/CATERING**

industries as these are currently under-represented. For more information about the last Careers Fair please see the November 2012 Beaumont Life – you can download it from the school website

[http://www.beaumontschool.com/uploaded\\_files/pdf/1354624703\\_287.pdf](http://www.beaumontschool.com/uploaded_files/pdf/1354624703_287.pdf)

**If** you could help or are interested in finding out more please contact Ann Darnell in the school office, or [ann.darnell@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ann.darnell@beaumont.herts.sch.uk)



## History storms the USA!

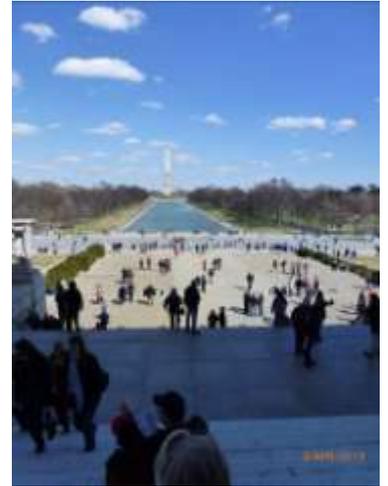
**This** Easter the History department (plus Mr Aikman) went on its second trip to Washington and New York and this time they took with them 47 Year 10 and Year 11s keen to immerse themselves in American History and culture.

**As** you can see from the photographs, between 1 and 8 April, this was absolutely jam packed with sightseeing and shopping. We saw the key government sights in Washington, the Capitol building (and we also went inside), the Supreme Court, the key memorials such as the Lincoln memorial and Arlington Cemetery and John F Kennedy's eternal flame. We also had time for plenty of fun in the evenings with a visit to a shopping mall and an exciting (if cold) game of baseball where we saw the Washington nationals beat the Miami Marlins.

**The** train journey to New York was unlike anything in Britain as we had a carriage to ourselves and relaxed in airline style seats. New York was the highlight for many as we experienced so many iconic sights: we walked in Central Park, visited Macey's Department Store, went to the 'Top of the Rock', saw the building work going on at the Twin Towers sight, had a boat cruise around Manhattan, went to a Broadway show, visited Harlem and visited the bohemian districts of Greenwich and the Meat Packing District.

**A** fantastic trip all round and we would like to thank: the students for their undying enthusiasm, Mrs Pellington and the finance office, Ms McCrorie and Mrs Hamer for the administration and advice they gave, and all the staff who led the trip so enthusiastically and gave up a week of their holiday to attend.

**Miss Pearson**



## Music News – St Albans Young Musicians of the Year

It was another proud afternoon for both Mr Guinane and I as we watched Beaumont students go up in each secondary school category and perform beautifully to an Abbey packed with hundreds of people. We were delighted that Beaumont students won four out of the seven categories but every performer must be commended for their musicality and professionalism throughout the competition.

At the end of the competition, the adjudicator, Paul Harris came straight over to us and congratulated us on having such a talented bunch of students. His Performance of the Day went to the Year 13 Girls for their haunting singing, in fact later on that day he posted the following on one of his social networks:

“Adjudicated the St Alban's Young Musicians of the Year at St Albans Abbey yesterday. An amazing event - there were about 1000 people there. The quality of music making was exceptional. There was one choir who sang a movement from Britten's Ceremony of Carols with some of the most beautiful soft singing I've ever heard. The future of culture is not lost...”

**Congratulations** to everyone who took part, and a special mention must go to the winners of their categories:

Emily Almond and Emma Doherty	- joint winners of the Secondary Vocal Solo category
Yannick Mayaud	- winner of the Secondary String category
Year 13 Girls	- winners of the Vocal Ensemble category
Vocal Ensemble	- winners of the Secondary School Choir category

Ms Doan



We arrived at the Abbey at 12.45pm, 45 minutes before the start of the competition, and it was really nice to see all the other Beaumont students who were also competing. Beaumont was represented in every category, and of course we all cheered for and supported everyone else, which gave everyone a real confidence boost. I

was there as part of the Vocal Ensemble and also in a duet with Beth Wilson, which was very nerve-wracking singing in the Abbey with only one other person.



The Abbey was almost full, and it seemed like hundreds of people when we were standing on the stage, looking out at everyone! The duet was first, which made it all the more scary, and the Vocal Ensemble was fairly near the end of the competition, which meant we had to wait through some other categories, including some very talented primary school children. But it was worth the wait, as it was a great experience to sing in the Abbey. The results were announced at the end, and



the Vocal Ensemble won our category! Unfortunately Beth and I didn't win, but we really weren't expecting to as we were up against Emily Almond and Emma Doherty singing a duet, and the Year 13 Girls from Beaumont, the latter of which were the worthy winners of our category. Overall I found the afternoon very enjoyable, and will be entering the competition again next year!

Alice Webster, 11L



With teeth chattering and palms sweating, the Beaumont School Big Band's trumpeters, clarinetists, hornists, saxophonists, bassoonists, guitarist, pianist, drummer, bassist and conductor met at the Abbey Church along with Beaumont's soloists and other ensembles waiting excitedly (and nervously!) to perform at The St Albans Young Musician finals on what was to be a very successful, inspirational and memorable Sunday afternoon for all competitors. The competition soon started and all eyes and ears were stunned by the extremely high standards set from all performers. It was a busy afternoon for Beaumont, with students entering in every category for secondary school pupils. Then, finally after much cheering and applause for our soloists and Vocal Ensemble, it was now the Big Band's turn to take to the stage! After a quick tune and a final preparation, the performance of *Lil' Darlin* began and went very smoothly. The crowd and judge enjoyed the performance as did the Big Band themselves who gained much confidence and experience from the event. The 'band' category was very tight with lots of good performances and unfortunately our Big Band didn't win, but there was plenty of other success for Beaumont musicians who won in other categories. It was still just as enjoyable an afternoon as if we had won and much has been taken away from the competition for the future!



**Sidney Brass, 10L**

To listen to the Beaumont performances, scan the following QR code:  
(<http://soundcloud.com/musicatbeaumontschool/sets/st-albans-young-musician-2013/>)



## FLEETVILLE PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY NEWS

### [PARENT PARTIES! Would you like to host your own Vista Parent Party?](#)

We can run an informal lunch or evening party for you and a few friends. You choose the topic (teenage troubles, etc), invite your friends and provide the venue – we will bring the resources, strategies and ideas. We can tailor to your group's needs. For a small charge you can learn parenting skills in a relaxed and confidential environment. To find out more or sign up email: [vistastalbans@gmail.com](mailto:vistastalbans@gmail.com) or call Jo on 07939 111152.

### [Complete Guide to Parenting Children with Additional Needs – 4 June - 1 October. FREE](#)

A relaxed and informal course of ten sessions covering the emotional journey and impact on the whole family, practical and realistic techniques to manage challenging behaviours. Tuesdays, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Watling View, St Albans, AL1 2NU. To book a place call: Lesley and Francine on 01442 219720.

### [First Aid for Teenagers – Saturday 15 June 2013, 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 – call 01727 855134 or 07939 111152.

### [Handling Anger in your Family – Parenting Course – Tuesdays, 17 September – 22 October 2013 - FREE](#)

Proven anger management techniques for all the family. A relaxed and informal course for Parents, facilitated by two trained and experienced trainers who are also parents. A very popular six session course. Tuesdays 12.45 – 2.45pm at Fleetville Junior School. AL1 4LW. To book your place call Lesley or Francine: 01442 219720.

### [12 Steps to Successful Parenting – Parenting course for Parents with Learning Disabilities and/or Difficulties. Tuesdays, 12.45pm – 2.45pm. 5 November – 10 December 2013. FREE](#)

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### [MARSHALSWICK YOUTH PROJECT – Drop-In for Young People in Years 7, 8 and 9](#)

Free refreshments, Wii and place to hang out in Sherwood Park Wednesdays after school till 5.30pm term times. Just turn up. For pupils in Years 7-11. Run by YMCA and Marshalswick Youth Project. Further info from Cath on 01727 861121.

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