



## From the Headteacher

I am writing this on the eve of our Christmas concert in the school hall as Christmas races towards us! This will be followed by the beautiful Beaumont Carol Service next Monday 19 December, a time when we will listen to, and take part in, beautiful Christmas music and have a time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas in our very busy lives. Do come along if you can but be aware that it is very popular, especially with past students returning. Another very enjoyable event that we hold as late in the term as possible is our Sixth Form Presentation evening (Tuesday 20 December); this gives a chance for as many of last year's Sixth Formers to attend as possible, having returned from their first term at university or employment. The current Year 13 are completing UCAS applications, all awaiting their offers now; the year will fly by and in no time it will be their turn to come to the presentation!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out with the Christmas Fair which raised nearly £6000 for the school – a brilliant result. Thanks especially to the BSA committee who put in so much time in preparation and on the day. It's another great Beaumont event for the school when students, staff and families get together along with past staff and students to catch up on stories, to raise money and have fun. We're always looking to welcome new members to the BSA committee; do come and join us at our next meeting on Tuesday 10 January.

We say farewell at the end of this term to Mr Messios (Drama) who has secured promotion at a school nearer to his home; we wish him well and will miss him lots but he has promised to return to sing at the next BSA event, the Big Band evening in February! Before that I look forward to seeing many of you at 'Oliver!' in January. I wish you and all your families a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

**Elizabeth Hitch**

Day	Start	Location	Subject
Thursday 5 January			Year 12/13 English trip to The Tempest, Stratford Upon Avon INSET (no students in school)
Friday 6 January			INSET (no students in school)
Saturday 7 January	10:00 am	Hall/C1/C2	School Musical - Oliver - Rehearsal
Monday 9 January			Students return to school
Tuesday 10 January	1:45 pm	Hall	Year 8 Performance of 'A Christmas Carol'
Thursday 12 January	7:30 pm	Conf Room	BSA Committee Meeting
Friday 13 January	2:00 pm		Students dismissed early finish for Sixth Form Open Evening
Saturday 14 January	6:00 pm	Beaumont	Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 17 January	9:15 am		Late start, students arrive at 9.15am for registration and start P2
Wednesday 18 January	9:30 am	D5, D6, D8	Year 11 GCSE Art catch-up day
Thursday 19 January	10:00 am	Hall/C1/C2	School Musical - Oliver- Rehearsal
Friday 20 January	10:55 am	Hall/C1/C2	School Musical - Oliver - Dress Rehearsal
Saturday 21 January	6:30 pm	Conf Room	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting
Monday 23 January	7:00 pm	Hall/C1/C2	School Musical - Oliver - Evening Performance
Tuesday 24 January	7:00 pm	London	Year 12 Photography Trip
Wednesday 25 January			CED
Thursday 26 January	7:00 pm	Hall/C1/C2	School Musical - Oliver - Evening Performance
Friday 27 January	9:30 am		Sixth Form Tours
Saturday 28 January	2:00 pm	Hall/C1/C2	School Musical - Oliver - Matinee Performance
Monday 29 January	7:00 pm	Hall/C1/C2	School Musical - Oliver - Evening Performance
Tuesday 30 January		Gym	Year 13 mock exam week
Wednesday 31 January	7:00 pm	Hall	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 1 February		TBC	Years 11/12/13 senior follow on Maths Challenge round
Friday 2 February	8:30 am	Hall	Gym and Dance Technical Rehearsal
Saturday 3 February	8:30 am	Hall/C1/C2	Gym and Dance Dress Rehearsal

For sports fixtures please check the PE Blog [www.beaumontpe.blogspot.com](http://www.beaumontpe.blogspot.com). For up to date news and information on forthcoming BSA events please check our website. Beaumont welcomes comments from parents/carers and families about any aspect of school life. Please contact us via our email [admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk).



Photographs from the GCSE Presentation Evening, November 2016

### School Awards for Year 12 and 13

Thank you to all the parents and students from last year's Year 11 who attended the GCSE Presentation Evening recently. It was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces as all students collected their certificates. During the evening, school awards were given to the following students:

*Headteacher's Award*

Sam Carro

*Outstanding Achievement Award*

Hannah Carruthers

*Outstanding Contribution to the School Award*

Alex Powdrell

*Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award*

Tom Johnson

**Winners of the Sixth Form Awards were:**

*Student of the Year Award*

Amelia Reynolds

*Most improved Student Award*

Kane White

*Contribution to the school Award*

Clem Almond

**Many congratulations to all the students.**

### Sensational Spanish!

After an outstanding start to memrise.com I would like to proudly present my Year 7 winners, Evie Clark and Arithy Suthaparan (7S) with the highest scores yet. *Impressive!*

**Mrs Bennett**



### Rotary Young Chef competition

On Wednesday 16 November, Tom Benson, Lydia Jacobs and I took part in the St Albans Rotary Young Chef competition which was held at Oaklands College. We had an hour and a half to prepare and cook a healthy starter and a main course that cost less than £12 which were later judged by Gopi Chandra, Executive Chef at Sopwell House and Paul Wood, Catering Manager at Oaklands College. The experience was both challenging and fun, I'm glad I did it. **Rachel Honeyman**



### German Exchange

Imagine going to spend a week in a foreign country, staying with a family that you've never met before and going to lessons in a different school! For over 25 years, Beaumont has had an exchange programme with Hans-Purmann School in Speyer, Germany, enabling students to do this.

In November, Mr Stewart and I took seventeen students to spend a week at our German Exchange school. As well as spending time with our host families and in lessons, we explored the surrounding area by train.

We visited the palace in Mannheim, where we dressed up as eighteenth century aristocrats and were given a baroque dance lesson in the great hall, to the fascination of other visitors!

On our trip to Heidelberg, we rode the funicular railway to the castle. Here, we were able to climb on top of the castle's giant wine barrel (capacity 219,000 litres!).

The highlight of the trip was seeing how well everyone got on with their German partners. We were very sad to leave and look forward to seeing our new found friends again on their visit to us in the spring. **Mrs Lutz**







**Latin gets off to a lively start**

This term, 22 students from Years 8-10 have been studying Latin after school on a Tuesday with me. Latin is the mother language for many others including French, Italian and Spanish, and students have been spotting the areas where Latin makes a connection between their other languages.

Much of the vocabulary that is used by doctors, lawyers and modern university scholars also has its origin in words which are part of everyday Latin, so students have been eager to boost their word power.

We've been studying a new Roman/Greek god each week, so that now when we walk into an art gallery or hear a classic poem, the characters are more familiar and the meanings are easier to understand.

We've also tried on a Roman toga and attempted a Roman banquet – apparently lying on a couch is NOT a comfortable way to eat, but at least I didn't serve them the authentic stuffed dormouse that the Romans would have enjoyed.

We are continuing next term and it is not too late to join. Please contact Mrs Lutz to join, or directly with any queries [CFHarveyLatin@gmail.com](mailto:CFHarveyLatin@gmail.com)

**Dr Clare Harvey**

**DANCE DANCE DANCE**

Many congratulations to Year 12 student Susie Dore who has gained a place on The National Dance Gifted and Talented Course, in Partnership with The Place, London, The Department of Education and Hot House Dance. **Mrs Riggott Jones**



**The Robot Team**



**Celebrating success!**

We were delighted to hear of Thomas Light's (7R) involvement in Chickenshed's production this year.

Thomas has been a member of the Chickenshed Theatre since he was six years old. Adventures to Oz is his fifth Christmas show that he has been involved in as well as performing at the Royal Albert Hall, London Guildhall and other Chickenshed shows and projects over the years.



**Ms Dunderovic**

**Robot Rumble**

On Saturday 10 December a group of students took part in the Robot Rumble competition which was held at the University of Hertfordshire.

The team battled gallantly in the competition with some stiff competition and some very difficult rules, to finish in sixth place out of eighteen. I was very pleased with the students performance. A special mention to Tom Linzell, who was our driver, and was excellent.

We did however win the award for the best Log Book, special thanks to Rebecca Oliver and Lucy Alexander, who put a lot of effort into that over the last six months. So we do not return empty handed!

**Dr Jones**

We also had a number of students from Years 11 – 13 take part in this year's Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, with Ellen Dean (Year 13) receiving a certificate of distinction. Well done to all girls involved.

For the first time, Beaumont School entered a team in the UKMT Senior Team Maths Challenge in November. The team comprising: James Hennessy, Rufus Neame (Year 13), Matthew Lowry and Kate Chamberlain (Year 12) who worked very hard preparing themselves in the run up to the event. We were delighted to achieve a top 10 result, coming in 9<sup>th</sup> position out of 21 schools.

We hope the success will continue with the Intermediate, Junior and Junior team challenges later in the year. For further information, please speak to Miss Rosler. **Miss Rosler**

**Senior Maths Challenge Success 2016**

Students at Beaumont School achieved 5 golds, 3 silvers and 7 bronzes in this year's UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. Over 82,000 Students from across the UK returned scripts for the Senior Maths Challenge with the top 10% receiving a gold certificate, the next 20% a silver and the next 30% a bronze.

Congratulations to James Hennessy, Ellen Dean, Kane White (Year 13), Tamsin Sandford-Smith and Matthew Lowry (Year 12) who not only achieved a gold certificate, but were also invited to sit a follow-on round.



## Autumn Student Poetry Competition

### Winner : Helen Ross (8L) *Auburn Leaves*

When you told me you were going,  
I didn't understand.  
Going where? For how long?  
Is this hasty or is it planned?

But when you told me what you meant,  
That you were never coming back,  
I wished that I didn't hear what you said,  
That it wasn't spelled out in white and black.

And on the drive home,  
When I thought about what you said,  
I realised that it would be very different,  
When you were....

But when I can't talk to you any more,  
Except from in my dreams,  
I can still send you messages, right?  
At least that's how it seems.

Clearly I can't send an email  
Or phone you, because you won't be here.  
But maybe I can do other things,  
That aren't quite so clear.

So when you look down on the earth,  
And you see an 'X' of stones,  
Or a love heart made of auburn leaves,  
You'll know I'm sad you're gone.

When there's a star trodden into fallen snow,  
Or the teardrops that show how I grieve,  
These are the messages that I will send,  
These are the messages you will receive

### Second : Jemima Arnold (9E) *When I grow up*

When I grow up, I could be,  
I could be a doctor,  
I could be an actor,  
I could be the queen,  
and fix a world that is ripping at the seams,  
I could be a vet,  
I could be a spy,  
and I could sail the world  
until the day I die,  
because when you're young,  
you and me,  
there's nothing we couldn't be.

### Third : Ben Davis (7E) *The One I Love*

This poem is for the one I love,  
The one who makes my heart beat faster and faster,  
They dance in the fire and sleep at night,  
They are the sun and moon, they are light and dark.  
This poem is for the one I hate,  
The one who makes me cry again and again,  
They hide in the shadows and hunt in the darkness,  
They are evil and hate, they are cruelty and horror.  
This poem is for the one who sings me to sleep,  
The one who warms me up when the cold hits once more,  
They bathe in warmth and lie in kindness,  
They are friendship and companionship, they are the only  
person that matters.  
But, really this poem is for me.

## Beaumont readers travel the world

Beaumont Library, in conjunction with our MFL department, has been running a 'Read Around the World' challenge this term. Students and staff have participated by reading books written by overseas authors or books set in other countries. The scheme has seen our readers travel far and wide, from Afghanistan and Africa to Sweden and South Korea. One of the most popular titles chosen by students has been *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson, which is set in Brazil. All students who took part in the challenge will be entered into a prize draw to be drawn in the week before the Christmas break.



### The whole school read gets great reviews

This year's 'Beaumont Reads' initiative has proved a great success. So far this term, over 160 students and members of staff have read *Counting by 7s*. The book has been very well received by our readers. Fantastic fish-shaped reviews of the book can be seen around the school. The library staff have also been tweeting students' reviews and these have been re-tweeted by the book's author Holly Goldberg Sloan. Why not take a look at some of these reviews on Twitter [@BeauLibrary](https://twitter.com/BeauLibrary). Year 8 student Isabel Holsborough gives us her opinion:

*'Would you enjoy a heart-warming tale about a child's new yet confusing life? Do you understand, or want to understand the beauty of the world around you? Do you have little obsessions in everyday life – such as counting by 7s? If you can say yes to at least one of these questions, then Counting by 7s is the book for you! This compelling tale has something in it for everyone! Not only can you take this book as an enjoyable read, in doing so, you'll be earning your form house points. And that's not it! You can then go on to enter plenty of competitions through school related to the book..... There are some excellent prizes up for grabs too!*

For all the Beaumont Library news please read our blog: [libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com](http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com). Mrs Shepard

### From the Governors

As usual this term has been particularly busy both for the school and for the school committees, this is in addition to the opening of the fantastic new Sports Hall, the planned expansion of student numbers, and of course, the news that Mrs Hitch will be retiring at the end of this school year.

During this term the Resources Committee have spent much of their time reviewing and finalising last year's accounts which must be submitted to the relevant bodies by 31 December 2016. Our final meeting this year, to confirm completion of the accounts, will be towards the end of December. Last year's accounts show clearly that the school is managing its finances very well under challenging circumstances.

At the same time as reviewing last year's accounts we are also monitoring 2016-2017 budget and reviewing our current financial position. This year we had an excellent report from our Auditors indicating that the school has an excellent Finance Team and that there were no issues for the Auditors to raise, which I can assure you from experience, is a rare event!

At each meeting the Committee also receives detailed reports on both Premises and Health and Safety issues and again it is very pleasing to note that in these areas all is well under control.

The Committee also reviewed a number of Policies and Procedures as well as discussing in detail the key priorities in the School's Plan for School Improvement. The Committee also received an update on the number of visits carried out by the Governors.

Rena Prindville, Chair Resources Committee

## Why not join one of our evening classes next term to develop your creativity or polish up your language skills?

### Woodwork Classes (for adults)

Parents (with or without their children) have been making fantastic furniture with Mr Polding on Tuesday evenings, ranging from chairs to side tables. In the past people have made dolls houses, garden furniture, and display chests. You decide what you would like to make and bring your own wood, Mr Polding provides the tools, skills training and advice you need to complete it.



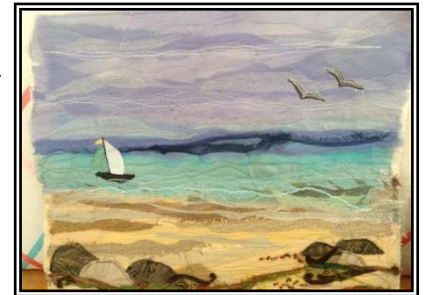
Tuesdays 7 – 9pm Fee £100 per term for adults, £20 for a child accompanying a fee-paying adult (year 11 and above). Starts 17 January 2017

*"I was really pleased to find out that as a 13 year old I could join this class with my dad. I really enjoy woodwork and this class has given me the opportunity to use lots of exciting tools and equipment. I've also really benefitted from helpful advice from Chris the teacher. Currently my dad and I are making a chair together and I am also enjoying making a few other bits and pieces using techniques that I have learnt."*

### Art Textiles and Creative Embroidery (for adults and students over 16)

Ms Lloyd runs a Wednesday evening class which enables adults to explore their creativity with fabric. It is a relaxed, fun class suitable for beginners as well as those with experience and students can choose their own style to work in.

*"Lyndsey is an inspirational and gifted teacher. She inspires us to experiment and develop our skills and ideas using fabrics and other materials. It is wonderful to use the school facilities and equipment to try new things. I have produced some lovely textile pieces and have learned so much, how to use freehand machine embroidery, to use batik methods, to use wet and needle felting and appliqué. With Lyndsey's encouragement and teaching I have gained confidence and love my two hours on a Wednesday evening." SR*



*"It has been great spending time with people who enjoy being creative and Lyndsey is such an encouraging teacher."* JH  
Weds 7.30—9.30 pm 11 Jan to 8 Feb Fee £45

To enrol for either of these classes please email [carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk](mailto:carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk)

### Other evening classes for adults at Beaumont, Sandringham and Verulam Schools

We have a wide range of evening classes across the BeauSandVer Consortium, including modern foreign languages, choir, water colour painting, drawing, Pilates, yoga, jazz band, creative writing, flower arranging, drawing skills, maths support for primary parents. All our classes are open to anyone (subject to age restrictions)

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