



## From the Headteacher

It has been an exceptionally busy end to the term, not least with the addition of dealing with the snow on Monday 11 December. I would like to publically thank all the staff for their efforts, both for braving the journey and for all the snow clearance that made the site safe before school started.

Boys' and girls' football teams have continued to have great success with the U16 Boys, U15 and U16 girls' teams all reaching the last 32 in the National Cup Competition.

The Christmas Concert on Tuesday 12 December was also a great success with larger numbers than ever participating and the standard as always was exceptional. Apologies to those parents and carers who had to wait or perch as the event was so well attended we ran out of chairs!

This brings me on to the '80 in 18' campaign. Clearly 2018 begins shortly and we continue our fundraising efforts. Many thanks to all who have contributed thus far, there will be many more opportunities next year with our '80 in 18' (Rob's) Festival and a Gala dinner in July.

I would like to wish all the Beaumont community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Martin Atkinson**

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Day	Start	Location	Subject
Wednesday 3 January			INSET (no students in school)
Thursday 4 January	8:25 am		<b>Students return to school</b>
Tuesday 9 January	7:30 pm	Conference Room <i>Verulam School</i>	BSA Committee meeting (BSA) <i>Verulam Sixth Form Open Evening</i>
Thursday 11 January	2.00 pm 6:00 pm		<b>Students dismissed early for Sixth Form Open Evening</b> <b>Sixth Form Open Evening</b>
Friday 12 January	9:15 am		<b>Late start to lessons (9.15am for a 9.25am P2 start)</b>
Saturday 13 January	7.30pm	London	Vocal Ensemble at King's Singers 50th Anniversary Concert
Tuesday 16 January	7:00 pm	Hall <i>Sandringham School</i>	Year 9 Options Evening <i>Sandringham Sixth Form Open Evening</i>
Wednesday 17 January	8.25 am	C1/C2	Years 9-13 auditions with National Youth Theatre
Thursday 18 January			Curriculum Enrichment Day
Friday 19 January	9:00 am		Open morning tours for external students
		London	Year 12 Photography trip to Art Fair
Monday 22 January		Gym	Year 13 exam week
Tuesday 23 January	6:30 pm	Conference Room	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 24 January	5:00 pm	Block A & D	Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening
Saturday 27 January	10:00 am	D5, D6, D8	Year 11 Art and Graphics Support Day
Tuesday 30 January	6:00 pm	Sixth Form Centre	Vocal Concert
Wednesday 31 January	7:00 pm	Conference Room	Resources Committee Meeting



## Reminder

**Beaumont Sixth Form Open Evening**  
**Thursday 11 January 2018, 6.00pm**

Students will be dismissed at 2.00pm on Thursday 11 January 2018  
Late start at 9.15am on Friday 12 January 2018



The most recent upper school performance was of Road by Jim Cartwright, a play of great political and social relevance and importance.

With a cast of 22 and a short time frame for rehearsals, the immersive play featured a variety of characters and situations set in the 1980s in the North of England, amongst Thatcherism and social turmoil. The characters pushed and challenged the entire cast, not just with the accent but also our ability to portray the realities of situations many of us have been fortunate enough to avoid. Led by the wisdom and expertise of Ms Shepherd and Ms Wallace, all of the actors were able to throw themselves into the role whilst getting to know and work with students across year groups in the upper school.

The audience was able to experience the events across the two locations, one being the 'Millstone Pub' where audience members could buy beer, soft drinks and chips, all adding to the immersive and surrounding nature of the play. All of the profits went towards the '80 in 18' fundraiser to build a new arts centre to create a better, hugely improved setting for future plays such as Road.

Road was a brilliant play and experience to be a part of for the entire cast and many of us will be looking forward to future productions.

**Beth Hardisty, Heather Campbell-Ferguson**  
(Year 12)



### Sustainable Schools

On Thursday 16 November four of our Year 8 students took advantage of a great opportunity to attend a Sustainable Schools training day, held at The Farmschool in Kinsborne Green. They joined students from 16 other schools in the district to share examples of sustainability work they have taken part in at their schools. The students took part in workshops led by Woodland Trust, Friends of the Earth, Harpenden Town Council, Herts Ad Columnist Becky Alexander, Affinity Water and also explored ideas with other schools.



*"The activities were fascinating; my favourite was measuring the circumference and height of some trees and calculating how much carbon they store". "Lots of exciting activities ... a fun learning experience".* **Tara & Emily (8A)**

We all left the event full of ideas of what we might be able to do at Beaumont in the future... look out for opportunities for you all to get involved.

**Mrs Baker**

### Second Hand Uniform Sales

Thank you to everyone who has donated and bought second hand uniform this year. We have raised £210 during 2017, all of which will go towards our '80 in 18' fundraising campaign. Please continue to donate any unwanted or outgrown items in the New Year.

The next sales for your diary are:

**Thursday 22 February**  
**Thursday 19 April**  
**3.30pm-4.30pm**





### Revision is temporary, results are forever!

On Thursday 21 September, as part of the Skills4Success Curriculum Enrichment Day (CED), Mr Crawford from the company FixUp Seminars was invited to deliver two motivational and engaging workshops to help prepare the Year 11 students for the crucial challenging year ahead. The aim of the GCSE Champion workshop was to empower and equip the learners with the proven tools they need to succeed at Key Stage 4. This was followed by the Careers Day workshop, which focused on helping the students to brand themselves for success by looking at communication, presentation and networking. It targeted the checklist for a lucrative career through analysis breakdown of the habits of highly successful people and challenged the students to make it part of their own daily habits. The two workshops proved to be an immediate success with our Year 11s and they left the venue feeling inspired and enthused to take ownership of their learning and effectively face the obstacles that lie ahead.



At the end of the session, our students were given the time to reflect and concluded the CED with a reminder, mantra or a quote that they wrote on a reflection card for their future self.

Fast forward to two and half months later, on Thursday 7 December, the Year 11 students had the opportunity to review what they had written on their reflection cards. This served as the best occasion after their Mock Examinations to remind them of their determination to succeed at the beginning of the academic year and supported the ensuing targets they were required to set for themselves on that day. The Skills4Success Team wishes our learners luck with achieving these targets and triumphing through their finals. They must remember that "Revision is temporary, results are forever!"

**Mrs Azizi**

### St Albans Rotary Young Chef Competition

On Wednesday 15 November we went to Oaklands College to compete in the St Albans Rotary Young Chef Competition against other local schools. Matilda Green 9L was originally meant to enter with us but unfortunately was on the German exchange so could not participate.



When we first got there everything was so intimidating but after a while we got used to it and everybody was so kind and helpful. It was a lot of fun even though, at times, a little stressful especially when the judges came around to ask us what we were cooking. We really enjoyed the experience of being able to plan and make our own healthy, two course meal for under £12.

In the competition we learnt new things, for example, how to time and cost the products properly and how to lay out a table correctly. Overall, I really enjoyed participating in the Rotary Young Chef Competition and it was a great experience meeting the Mayor and the Head Chef from Sopwell House and Oaklands College.

**Megan Thomas (10R), Lucy Alexander (10A)**



### From the Governors

The autumn term has been as busy as ever, with stunning musical and drama events and some equally stunning sporting performances. The Christmas fair was an excellent opportunity to get together on a cold Saturday afternoon and the Music concert was also a wonderful occasion. The Governors' Community, Teaching and Learning Committee held two meetings during the term, welcoming our newest members; Jonathan Mountstevens, who has joined us as one of our Deputy Heads, and Andy Gray (Head of Year 7), who joined us as a staff Governor.

We were delighted to review another excellent set of external examination results with Year 13 results breaking previous records. The Year 11 GCSE results were also outstanding and we were particularly pleased with excellent results in English and Maths, which for the first time had been marked under the new 1 – 9 criteria. The results analysis shows not only attainment but also measures the progress that our students have made from the time they enter Beaumont. Ensuring that our students are supported to be able to fulfil their potential is an important part of our role as Governors and measures of progress provide a means of gauging the success of all our students. We were especially pleased therefore that at Key Stage 4 the school achieved its highest Progress 8 score since the measure was introduced. Congratulations to all our students and staff for their hard work and well-deserved success. Our second meeting of the year also received the annual report to Governors on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), a report on progress and attainment for Pupil Premium students, and an analysis of attendance data for the previous academic year. May I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

**Lisanne Sherwood, Chair CTL Committee**



### Beaumont readers celebrate the St Albans Schools Book Award

A group of Year 7 and Year 8 Book Club students recently took part in a fantastic discussion day to explore the three books shortlisted for the inaugural St Albans Schools Book Award. The event was organised and hosted by the library at St Columba's College. Our students joined keen readers from five other St Albans schools to take part in a series of activities, discussions and quizzes based around the three books in the running for the prize: *River of Ink – Genesis* by Helen Dennis, *A Seven Letter Word* by Kim Slater and *The Boy at The Top of the Mountain* by John Boyne. Shortlisted writer Helen Dennis also attended the event and gave an insightful and very amusing talk about her life as an author and the process behind her writing.

The students were each asked to vote for their favourite book on the shortlist and at the end of the event *A Seven Letter Word* was declared the winner of the award. It has been a pleasure to take part in the very first St Albans Schools Book Award which we hope will become an annual event. Congratulations to our Book Club members who represented the school so well at the discussion day and to all the Beaumont students who read the shortlisted books and made the award such a success. Here is what **Ella (8A)** said:



*"The book award was really fun. There was a quiz and the winners got chocolate! There was a discussion about the three books and then a vote. My favourite was A Seven Letter Word. Helen Dennis was funny and answered loads of questions. I met people from other schools and really enjoyed it".*

## Beaumont Sport Round-Up

Basketball/Cross Country by Mr Stewart, Football by Mr Tolley

### Under 16 Girls win the District Basketball Championships

After last season's success at both County and National level, the under 16 team went into the District Rally with a great deal of confidence.

Our first game of the tournament was against Sandringham and we played extremely well, winning 17-0 in the ten minute game.

Our second game against Sir John Lawes was going to be pivotal as they had won their first game 15-2. Our defence was excellent, particularly against their strongest player who we stopped getting to the basket by double teaming her and preventing her having one v one opportunities. Our shooting also improved in this game and we came out comfortable 12-2 winners.

Our final game against Townsend was a comfortable 18-4 win and demonstrated the depth in the squad as we could bring in any of the bench without weakening our performance at all. This is the first time this team has won this competition (they played a year out of age last year) and it really shows the progress they have made as a squad. Well done on a great start to the season!

**Squad:** Alice King, Hannah McCorkindale Brown, Jocie Leavold, Daisy Porter, Rachel King, Lucia Grimer, Amber Young, Maisie Moore, Zofia Dybowska.





### Under 12 and Under 14 Girls retain the District Basketball Trophies

Congratulations to the under 12 and under 14 girls' basketball squads who both won their District basketball tournaments on Wednesday 22 November.

The Year 7 team played four matches in their round robin tournament, drawing 2-2 with Sir John Lawes in their first game and then narrowly beating Townsend 2-0. In our final two games we then became a lot more free scoring, beating Samuel Ryder 10-2 and then King's School 8-2 to become the only unbeaten team in the tournament.

Sai Fisher was the top points scorer with 14 points, with Jess Cowen second top scorer with six points. A great performance from a squad with real depth and promise for the future.

#### Year 7 girls' squad:

Mila Skripic Pischetti ©,  
Alexia Mitrache, Jess Cowen,  
Freya Bolam, Charlotte Nelson  
Skye Pennifer, Lokye Cheung,

Sai Fisher, Kate Alexander, Meeka Nightingale, Lilli Rodgers



#### Under 14 Team

The under 14 team went into their competition with great confidence, despite a couple of injuries to strong members of the squad.

The team played six five minute matches and started really strongly, beating King's School 10-0 and then Townsend 14-0. This trend continued as we beat STAGS 10-0, Samuel Ryder 14-2, Marlborough 10-0 and finally Sir John Lawes 12-0 to win the tournament comfortably.

Captain Daisy Porter was our stand out player with 42 points whilst Hattie Robertson showed how much she has improved on offence with 14 points. There were also four Year 8 players in the squad who all scored at least one basket throughout the tournament. This was a really strong performance from a team with a great deal of potential.

**Year 8 & 9 squad:** Orla Moss, Daisy Garnham, Maya Shaw, Daisy Porter ©, Hattie Robertson, Issy Sockett, Paris Hall, Millie Moore

Both teams now go on to represent St Albans and Harpenden District in the County Tournaments later in the year. Well done to all of the girls who played!



## Inter Girls make Beaumont proud at the Regional Cross Country Final

The Year 9 & 10 girls' Cross Country team did an outstanding job at the Regional Cross Country final on Saturday 11 November at Westminster Lodge. Out of the 12 teams in the South East represented we were placed 5<sup>th</sup>, beating Queenswood School who had beaten us in the County Round and only missing out on a National Final by two places.

Individually, Niamh Gallagher finished 12<sup>th</sup>, Bea Towers 27<sup>th</sup>, Hannah McCorkindale Brown 33<sup>rd</sup>, Scarlett Parkes 38<sup>th</sup>, Kate Riches 42<sup>nd</sup> and Ellie Flynn 50<sup>th</sup>. Over 70 runners were in the race and to have all 6 runners in the top 50 is outstanding. To make what is in effect a National Semi Final in their first season in the competition is excellent and they have been consistently our strongest cross country team over the last four years. Thank you to the whole team for their hard work and well done on all of their achievements over the last four seasons.

## Girls' Football under 15/16

Congratulations to our under 16 and under 15 girls' football teams, who have both made it through to the last 16 of the English Schools FA Cup. Our under 15 team won their last 32 tie vs Marlborough School (Oxfordshire) 6-0, with Hannah McCorkindale Brown and Millie Constantine both getting a hat trick.

Our under 16 team won through with a dramatic late win vs Sandringham. Two nil down with 15 minutes to go, the team came back fantastically, with Hannah McCorkindale Brown scoring twice to level the game, before Chelsea Howcutt scored a contender for goal of the season in the last minute.

Well done to both teams, who should be incredibly proud of their achievements so far.

Thank you to Mrs Gallagher for providing the photos with this article from the under 16 game vs Sandringham. Good luck in the next round!



**The Under 15 Girls' Cross Country Squad:** Niamh Gallagher, Hannah McCorkindale Brown, Kate Riches, Ellie Flynn, Scarlett Parkes, Bea Towers

## Under 16 Boys' Football Team

Well done to our under 16 boys' football team, who have also reached the latter stages of the English Schools FA Cup.

The team won their Round 5 game vs Bishop Thomas Grant School (Dulwich) 3-2 after extra time, with Harry Dean, Joe Curran and Jamie Armstrong getting the goals. This now puts the team into the last 32 of the competition. A fantastic achievement, especially bearing in mind there were 544 entries into the U16 Cup this year!

Their next round will be played away vs Glyn School (London Borough of Sutton). Best of luck!







# Beaumont School

2017  
in words and pictures

Mr Atkinson has been appointed as Beaumont's next Headteacher

After an extensive application and interview process, our current Deputy Headteacher, Martin Atkinson, has been appointed by the Governing Body to be Beaumont's new headteacher, commencing September 2017.

Six applicants from schools across the county were selected for the two day appointment process which involved panels comprising governors, staff and students. Three candidates were selected for the second day and at the conclusion of the process, Chair of Governors, Alex Hall, made the following announcement:

'I am delighted to let you all know that the Governor Recruitment Panel unanimously decided yesterday to offer the post of Headteacher at Beaumont School to Mr Atkinson and he has accepted.

January



February

Exhibit for Samuel Ryder Art Exhibition



March

**Beaumont School** has been nationally recognised for its exceptional 2016 performance by the Schools, Students and Teachers network (SSAT). Educational Outcomes data analysis from SSAT has shown that the school is in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for attainment and the top 20% for progress. The school's SSAT Educational Outcomes awards will be presented at a regional celebration event held to draw attention to the work of high-achieving, in providing and innovating schools and teachers. Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said: "It's my great pleasure to commend **Beaumont School** on their work at an SSAT Educational Outcomes celebration event. We know how hard teachers work to ensure the success of every child. SSAT's Educational Outcomes award recognises the professionalism, commitment and hard work of the leaders, teachers and students at **Beaumont School**. A big thank you and well done to the students, staff and governors".

April

Gold Duke of Edinburgh



May



June

St Albans International Organ Festival



July

## Beaumont Announces Outstanding 'A' Level Results

Headteacher, Martin Atkinson, congratulated jubilant staff and students who are celebrating another year of record 'A' level results for the school. 'It's particularly rewarding that so many students have reached or surpassed their aspirations, with our highest ever number of A\* grades and a record average points score per student'.



## A New High-Water Mark for GCSEs

Students and teachers are celebrating outstanding GCSE results. Headteacher, Martin Atkinson said, 'We are delighted that so many Beaumont students achieved the new top grade of 9 in English Language, Literature and Maths after all the concern and speculation in the national press.'

August

New Website and App Launch



September

We are delighted to announce that Beaumont has been awarded Artsmark Platinum by the Arts Council England. Having previously been Artsmark Gold, we have now achieved the highest level of the award, which recognises the excellence in our Art, Dance, Drama and Music departments, alongside Beaumont's commitment to promote and celebrate the arts within and beyond our school community.



**Artsmark  
Platinum Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

October

## Senior Boys become County Rally Champions

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball Squad who became **Hertfordshire County Basketball Rally Champions**. In the round robin tournament, we beat Queens 35-27, Sandringham 20-15 and St George's 36-18 to win the competition we had been runners up in last season. The comprehensive nature of the victory bodes well for the County and National League competitions, an excellent start to the season.



November



December



**With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from staff and Governors at Beaumont School**