



From the Headteacher

I am so delighted that Mr Martin Atkinson has been selected to take over from me next September as Headteacher at Beaumont School. This follows a highly demanding and robust selection process which took place over two days this week. Following a rigorous longlisting, selected Headteacher candidates led mini assemblies, gave a presentation, took part in several tasks and completed five small panel interviews, including one with students, and one long interview with the Governors' Recruitment Panel. Mr Atkinson is currently Deputy Headteacher at the school and he and I have worked closely with each other to lead Beaumont forward. Mr Atkinson has the full support of staff and governors as well as the students and I am absolutely confident that he will be a great Headteacher for Beaumont.

On a different note, there has been much in the news this week about school funding reductions, some of which was raised by grammar school Headteachers. The situation is becoming increasingly challenging and is now further exacerbated by the proposals for a National Funding Formula which will impact negatively on most secondary schools in Hertfordshire. Further information can be found at <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/> where you can give your views. However, it is probably most effective to lobby our local MP. I will aim to send an email to parents shortly with further information, following discussions with local Headteachers.

We welcome three new teachers this term, Miss McPhee (Drama), Miss Fitzpatrick (English) and Mrs Coyle (Psychology) and a new member of the premises staff, Mr Spalding and hope they will enjoy their time at Beaumont.

Please take a look at the information from Pearson Teaching Awards on 'Thank a teacher' inside this issue – it's free and the card received by the teacher is a real encouragement. Please see <http://pearsonteachingawards.com/thank-a-teacher/> to nominate.

Lastly, please be courteous to local residents if you drop off or pick up your child(ren) from school and do not block driveways or park on the zigzag lines outside school.

Elizabeth Hitch

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Day	Start	Location	Subject
Wednesday 1 February	3:25 pm	Hall	Gym and Dance Practice
Thursday 2 February	5:00 pm	Blocks A & D C1/C2	Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening Years 9/10 Intermediate Maths Challenge
Friday 3 February	11:20am		Matinee Gym and Dance Performance Year 9 SLT interviews
Sunday 5 February		Hall/60/61	County Dance
Monday 6 February	7.00pm	Hall	Gym and Dance Evening Performance Year 9 SLT interviews this week
Tuesday 7 February	7.00pm	Hall	Gym and Dance Evening Performance
Wednesday 8 February	1:00 pm	St Peter's Church	Music Concert
	7.00 pm	Hall	Gym and Dance Evening Performance Deadline for Sixth Form applications
Thursday 9 February	5:00 pm	Block A & D	Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 10 February	12:05 pm	Hall	Beaumont Bake-off Deadline for Year 9 Options
Monday 13 February			Half Term (students return on Monday 20 February)
Monday 20 February			Students return to school
Wednesday 22 February	5:00 pm	Hall	Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 23 February			Year 7 interim reports issued
Friday 24 February		D8	A Level Art Royal Academy Life Drawing
Saturday 25 February	7:30 pm	Hall	BSA Jazz & Swing Evening with the Beaumont Big Band
Monday 27 February	5:00 pm		Year 13 Drama trip MND for Unit 4 exam
		Swanage	Year 12 A Level Geography Fieldtrip
Tuesday 28 February	8:30 am	Hall	Year 9 Holocaust Education Trust Assembly
	7:30 pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee Meeting

Beaumont German Spelling Bee

In December, Year 7 students studying German competed in our first ever Beaumont German Spelling Bee. Students had to learn 100 words in German. The top five spellers from each form went through to the grand final which was eventually won by Joseph Shewfelt of 7L. Congratulations to him and well done to all our super spellers!

Mrs Lutz



West End Musicals to Beaumont



In November Mrs McCorkindale, parent at Beaumont School and ex-student Ellie Hall, came to talk to our students about their professional work in textiles. Mrs McCorkindale outlined her hectic life as Head of Wardrobe at the West End Musical Mamma Mia. We were also lucky enough to see some of the costumes

from the show. Ellie Hall, ex Beaumont, also brought in the beautiful theatre costumes which she created on her degree show at Bournemouth. Ellie shared her fascinating life as a student of costume design.

In December we had the pleasure hosting Mrs Edgington in our Year 10 class. Growing up in Trinidad and now a parent at the school, Mrs Edgington brought in a very colourful and inspiring image of textiles from Trinidad and asked the students to make their own school uniforms! Mrs Edgington also taught Mrs ten Dam and the class more about quilting techniques and showed everyone the quilts she had created. Thank you to Mrs Edgington for the wonderful afternoon, and also for volunteering in the Year 11 Textiles class.

Mrs ten Dam

Street Food Entrepreneur Visits Design Technology

On Friday 16 December 2016, GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students were treated to a professional cookery workshop lead by pastry chef and street food entrepreneur, Simon Northcott of 'Choux Stopper'. Students watched Simon, also an ex-Beaumont student, demonstrate making the perfect Pâte à Choux and spun sugar - they then made their own chocolate and salt caramel 'wreaths' for Christmas, filled with a rich salt caramel cream. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we are extremely grateful to Simon for taking time out of his busy schedule to lend us his expertise!



Do you (or does someone you know), work professionally in the food, hospitality or catering industry? We are always keen to hear from parents, friends and ex-students who could help our students improve their skills or demonstrate something new in lessons or on activity days.

We are especially keen to hear from anyone working as either a dietician (or other health professional) or butcher. If you can help, please contact Mrs Johnston at: admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk.

Mrs Johnston

WhyNotLang@Cam?

On Tuesday 17 January a small group of Year 9 gifted linguists had the opportunity to experience learning foreign languages at Downing College in the University of Cambridge. The course highlighted the benefits of learning languages, showed the advantages of languages to raising brain power and promoted the future of our Global Citizens. The aim of the day was to encourage communication skills and develop confidence in our learners. I was so proud of how brave our students were in trying out new skills and integrating themselves in to all the activities that were offered. They were introduced to Ambassadors of Cambridge University as well, to gain an insight as to what University life is like.

Spanish students were given the task to describe different Joan Miró paintings with lots of new vocabulary, thereby looking at culture and language learning. Everything was done in the target language and our students coped very well indeed.

Japanese was incredible. Our students learnt to say the numbers from 1 to 99 in about ten minutes! I am hoping that they will pass on their enthusiasm to their friends and that more people will be interested in learning other languages. The students also practised scribing their names in Japanese until they learnt to do so off by heart (sorry Alexander!) and then they made name badges out of origami penguins.

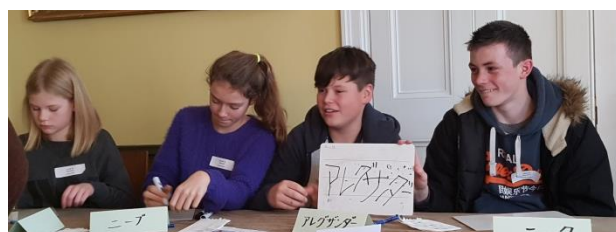
Another taster was in Mandarin Chinese, where we found out that it is supposedly even easier to learn than English, once you have mastered the tones (I still need to practise!). We studied numbers and hand gestures that are used at the same time. At the end we were having conversations in Mandarin with other students there.

I know that as a teacher I found the experience to be very interesting and enjoyable. The students were a credit and a joy to be with. Thank you.

Mrs Bennett

"The best was the Japanese lesson. I learnt origami, how to write my name and how to count to 100"

Niamh Gallagher (9E)



Making drugs for money (legal drugs that is!)

As part of an assessed practical, Year 13 have been synthesising '2-ethanoyloxybenzoic acid' (**aspirin** to you and me!) They made the aspirin by a process called acylation. They then had to use recrystallization to purify the aspirin and test the purity by its melting temperature.

Samples were then sent to Loughborough University to check the purity using mass Spectrometry and infra - red Spectroscopy. Winners (for producing the purist drug) received Amazon vouchers. **Mr Parmar**

Steps in making Aspirin:

- 1 Carry out acylation reaction
- 2 Recrystallise to purify aspirin
- 3 Test purity of aspirin in school
- 4 Send test same to university

2016/2017 Winners Kynan Parker-Roth and Brendan Phelan each won £15 Amazon vouchers for their 99.1% aspirin!

Students at Beaumont and Beyond

Many congratulations to Olivia Oatham who took part in the National Citizen Service programme last term. She was selected to present a speech to represent her group (along with another boy from a different school) at the Graduation ceremony. The organisers were so impressed with the presentation that they asked Olivia and partner to represent them at an event called #1000andbeyond: How social action is building the UK's next generation which was held at Portcullis House, by the Houses of Parliament and attended by MP Dianne Abbott.

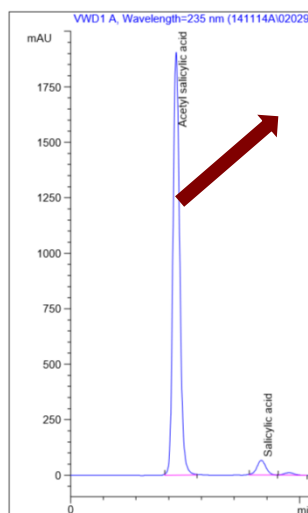
Former student Rossalyn Warren, was named 'News Reporter of the Year' by the 2016 Words by Women Awards and a finalist for New Journalist of the Year by the 2015 British Journalism Awards.

Grace Gibson is working as an Assistant Director at the Young Vic.

Jack Knowles has been listed in 'The Stage' newspaper as one of the 100 Theatre designers to watch.

Making Aspirin

(1) Make the aspirin and then (2) test it using melting point tubes, and (3) send samples to a University to have it analysed using infra-red spectroscopy. The peak on the left is pure aspirin, the one on the right is an impurity. This aspirin was 99.1% pure!



Analysis by www.rlc-lab.com

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Herts for Refugees

On Saturday 17 December Beaumont School joined forces with local charity Herts for Refugees to do the Giant Donation Sort. Many students, their parents and members of the local community spent Saturday morning sorting donations of winter clothing and shoes and boots into banana boxes to be sent to refugees in Iraq and Syria. In total 3 van loads of boxes were loaded into a container to be transported. That's 150 boxes and 63 sacks of sorted clothes. In total there were 44 volunteers.

The charity continues to collect for the Winter Appeal as temperatures in Syria plummet. If you are interested in helping, then please note the items below that the charity require:

- Winter/mid-season clothes (new/used/adult/child/baby)
- Coats/ snow wear (new and used, adult, child, baby)
- New underwear (no used items please)
- Shoes (polished/in immaculate condition). No summer shoes.
- Boots and welly boots (clean for adult and child)
- Blankets, sleeping bags, sheets and towels in immaculate condition.
- Duvets, only if like new (no stains or marks)
- Wheelchairs, zimmer frames and crutches (paired)
- Moses baskets and baby bedding
- Disposable nappies, sanitary towels and incontinence pads (many of these items are very cheap for own brand in supermarkets)
- Care packs for mothers and babies

We will be sending an email regarding the next date for collecting and sorting donations very soon. Thank you for your help so far.

Mrs Dine



County Cup Football

Under 15 vs Chancellors and Under 13 vs Dame Alice Owen are to be played this half term for a place in the semi-finals.

Congratulations to the Under 14 Girls team who have reached the semi-final after an 11-0 quarter final win vs Ashlyns School. They now go on to play STAGS for a place in the final.

Saturday Football fixtures and District Cup commence this term. Please keep an eye on @BeaumontPE twitter feed for details and results.

Mr Tolley

Year 9 Boys Basketball

The Year 9 boys' squad matched their excellent second place finish in the year 7 County Rally in the Under 14 rally on Tuesday 10 January. In the 4 matches they played they won 2 lost 2, losing to Sandringham and Queens (who won the tournament) and beating Watford Boys (17-9) and Simon Balle School (12-2).

These results meant a three way tie in terms of results and second place was achieved by a superior points difference with Sandringham and a winning result against Watford. Scoring 2 late baskets against Queens proved vital (well done Tom Linzel!).

Nick Powdrell captained and top scored and the whole squad deserve credit for their resilience, particularly against Queens who are a particularly strong team.

Hopefully the squad can build on this and make the semi-finals of the County League this season.

Squad: Robert Linzel, Declan Jackson, Andrew Ellis, Frank Motsi, Tom Linzel, Louis Johnston, Sam Doidge, Tom Jarman, Nick Powdrell, Louis Baker Madec and Tom Wilson.

Mr Stewart



Girls win both County Basketball Rallies!

Congratulations to both the Under 12 and Under 14 girls' basketball squads who are not only undefeated this season but are both District and County Rally champions!

The final against Presdales was a tough affair, with Daisy Garnham's defence against their tallest player and Rosie Porter's shooting, key in a narrow 12-10 win. The whole squad have improved their shooting and defence since their first tournament and should be really proud of their achievement in being both District and County Champions.



The year 7 squad with their medals:

Neve Bowman
Jaya Barker
Issy Sockett
Rosie Porter
Orla Moss
Alice Walsh
Celeste Jones
Maya Shaw and
Daisy Garnham.

The Under 14 competition was two days later and our group results were wins against Sir Frederic Osborn 18-2, Meridian 16-2, Birchwood 22-8, John Warner 20-0 and Highfield 20-2.

Winning our group so convincingly meant we went into the semi-final against Chauncy in confident mood. This showed as we came out 16-4 winners to set up a final against Sandringham, who we had beaten in our District final a few weeks earlier.

We started very well and led 10-0 at half time. This allowed us the opportunity to make substitutions and we continued to dominate the game, eventually winning 18-4.

Year 9 Girls'

Beaumont Under 14 team (in white) with the other semi-finalists from Sandringham, Chauncy and Meridian. The whole squad were excellent and our passing and team defence were exceptional, we only conceded 22 points in the whole tournament. A special mention should go to Alice, Hannah and Daisy who scored 24, 22 and 30 points respectively over the whole tournament.

Year 9 Squad: Abi Brooks, Emma Norman, Kate Riches, Josie Leavold, Amelie Rodgers, Ellie Flynn, Gracie Ella Robinson, Hannah McCorkindale Brown, Daisy Porter, Alice Jones and Susie Weidmann.

Mr Stewart



Book trailer competition- last chance to win a Kindle Fire!

Since September, the library and other school departments have been running a series of activities and competitions to support **Beaumont Reads**, our whole school read initiative. So far, over 160 students and members of staff have read *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan. This is also a house challenge, so we have been keeping a tally of how many students from each house have read the book. At last count, Elgar led the way.

As well as writing reviews of the book, students have got involved by designing alternative book covers, creating artwork inspired by the book and coming up with interesting questions they would like to ask the author. These activities will continue up to half term. **Friday 10 February** also marks the deadline for our main Beaumont Reads competition. For this, we are asking students to create and submit their own, short book trailer inspired by *Counting by 7s*. All entries will be judged by Mrs Hosegood and the creator of the winning book trailer will win a Kindle Fire! Advice on how to make and upload a book trailer, plus everything you need to know about this competition can be found on the library blog. Good luck everyone!

<http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com/2016/09/how-to-enter-our-book-trailer.html>

Beaumont Year 7 book club

Year 7 students tell us what they love about their book club.

Book club is a perfect way to relax on Monday lunchtime, talking about books (and eating biscuits). Miss Mayer Khan runs it and you can guarantee it will be really fun each week. Book club also allows you to go on computers that the rest of the school are not allowed to go on, and there are some opportunities when you can get a free book. You get so many options of what to do each week. You can meet authors, read books, do quizzes and have Christmas parties.

Lilia Prowse (7E)

If you love books then this is the place for you. Things that book club do include reading a book together, watching a film, and we have already met Tamsyn Murray for an exclusive interview. So, in summary, book club is fun and you get to do lots of cool stuff. I like it because I love reading.

Ella Neal (7A)

Book club meet author Tamsyn Murray.

Year 7 book club is held every Monday lunchtime in the Library. If you are interested in joining, please come and speak to the Librarians.



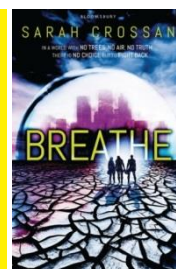
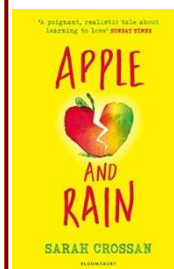
Award-winning author Sarah Crossan returns to Beaumont

Young adult (YA) fiction writer Sarah Crossan will visit Beaumont as part of our celebrations for World Book Day 2017. Sarah is the author of *Apple and Rain* which was our very popular whole school read in 2015. She came to Beaumont last year and gave an inspiring talk to Year 7 and 8 students about her work and her love of reading and poetry. Why not go to the library blog to read about Sarah's last visit:

<http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com/2016/03/sarah-crossan-wows-beaumont.html>

In October 2016 Sarah's verse-novel *One* won the CILIP Carnegie Medal. Congratulations to Sarah on receiving this prestigious book award, which is considered to be the award all authors of YA fiction, want to win! We look forward to welcoming Sarah on **Thursday 2 March**. All Sarah Crossan's young adult novels are available to borrow from the school Library.

Mrs Shepard



Rob's Festival – Saturday 24 June 2017 Save the Date!

We are delighted to announce the date of the **2017 Rob's Festival**, please put a note in your diary and look out for further details during the lead up to the event.

We are keen to form a sub-committee

consisting of members of staff on the Rob's team, Sixth Form Committee, the BSA and parents. If there are any parents who are willing to become a member, please contact Mrs Rider in the Admin Office. We are also looking for **local businesses** to **sponsor** a part of the event, **advertise in the programme** or take a **stall for the day**. Please get involved and join us – let's make this the biggest festival we've ever had!



The Pearson Teaching Awards

The Pearson Teaching Awards for 2017 are now open. The Teaching Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding work of exceptional teachers across the UK. Winners are selected by a panel of judges for Silver Teaching Awards, which are announced on 'Thank a Teacher' day each year.

Please consider thanking a teacher at Beaumont. If you have an amazing teacher say "thank you" and a card will be sent to them! You can thank one individual per thank you nomination, alternatively, if you wish to thank several individuals please write a thank you message for each one. Please follow the link:

<http://pearsonteachingawards.com/thank-a-teacher/> and thank you.

BeauSandVer Community

Courses for parents starting in February

Boost Your Employability

This five week course for adults is designed to support people wanting to get back into work or change jobs. Run in conjunction with HAFLs.

- Improve your confidence and communication skills
- Interview preparation and practice
- Effective CV writing
- Guidance on job searching and applications

Thursday mornings, 9.30am – 11.30 am, 23 February to 23 March at Verulam School. £5 registration fee.

Evening Math Class for parents of KS2 children (a six session course)

Understand the skills and concepts taught in maths at year 5 and 6 to support your children in school and through SATS.

Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm – 9.00pm 21 February to 28 March. £5 registration fee.

Arts and Crafts – Introduction to Water Colour Painting, Tuesdays 21 February to 28 March, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Sandringham School

Learn essential skills including how to stretch your paper, lay down basic washes, colour theory, painting neutrals, tonal painting wet in wet techniques and a range of creative approaches. You will need to bring some materials with you. (please see our website for more details: www.bsvcourses.co.uk)

Taught by an experienced local artist. Fee £72.

To enrol on any of the courses please email:
carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk
or call 01727 864772

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www.bsvcourses.co.uk

From the Governors

A Happy New Year to everyone in the Beaumont community. As ever, school is a hugely dynamic place with Christmas concerts and the Carol Service making way for Oliver and Gym and Dance this term.

Our last Community, Teaching and Learning (CTL) meeting of the term concentrated on reviewing the Plan for School Improvement which provides Governors and the Leadership Team both with goals for the current academic year and with longer term priorities. The CTL committee was updated in particular on progress towards two of these priorities.

First, the continuing work by teachers and support staff to underpin the new subject curricula across all Key Stages which are a requirement of on-going changes to the National Curriculum. Secondly, an update on implementation of Google Classroom technology. This platform is increasingly used by staff and students to support Teaching and Learning and many of you may have seen your students using the system when working at home.

We also received the annual report on Behaviour and Attendance and a report detailing key intervention programmes in both English and Maths. These programmes support some of our youngest students to meet the challenges of the new curricula in these key subjects.

Spring term, though shorter than Autumn term, will be no less busy and we look forward to working alongside school leaders to support all our Beaumont students and staff.

Lisanne Sherwood

Chair, Community, Teaching and Learning Committee



An evening of jazz and swing with the Beaumont Big Band and special guests

Saturday 25 Feb 2017 - 7pm for 7.30pm in the School Hall

Beaumont Music Department and the BSA invite you, your family and friends, to an evening of music and dancing, with light refreshments served at the interval. There will be a pay-bar.

Tickets are £12 for adults, £8 for concessions, and £35 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 concessions).

Guests include **Zoe Shepherd, Kyl Messios, and Lynsey Wallace.**

Bookings can be made by using the email address **bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk** giving the following information:

- Your name & contact number
- Number of tickets required,
- The scopay transaction number given when you pay online
- Any requests in terms of people you would like to sit with on your table.

Please make payment through the **online payment system** on the school website.

Please do not make online payment without also emailing your booking request.

An email will be sent to you to confirm receipt of your booking.

If you have any queries or don't have access to the online payment system, please email **bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk** to discuss alternative payment options.



A New Year, a new start and a new BSA logo!

Please look out for this on all BSA literature. We are excited to announce that the BSA will be producing their own ad hoc newsletters which will be sent by ScoPay and will keep you up to date with all their news, events and fundraising. There are still tickets available for the Evening of Jazz and Swing which will be held on Saturday 25 February 2017. Please see information on page 7. We are also still in need of help for the evening, please contact the BSA if you are able to spare any time, even an hour.

We warmly welcome new members. If you are interested, please contact bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk.

Beaumont School is delighted to be able to participate again in the England Rugby Grand Draw - 2017.

Tickets are £1 each with **90p from each ticket purchased going to the school**. Please get involved and return the form to **Reception** with the appropriate payment and your tickets will be sent out by return.

Please send in cash or cheques (payable to Beaumont School) in an envelope clearly marked 'England Rugby Grand Draw' and **good luck!**

Mr Panting

England Rugby Grand Draw

Beaumont School - Tickets for England Rugby Grand Draw – April 2017

Name of Student		Form
Name on raffle ticket		
Contact address		
Postcode		Telephone
Number of tickets required		(five tickets in a book, each ticket is £1, each book is £5)
Amount Paid	£	*Cash/*Cheque (made payable to Beaumont School)