



## From the Headteacher

I'm writing this one evening on the Year 9 PGL trip; it's an exhausting few days packed full of strenuous activities and is just one of the many residentials and trips offered in CED week. CED week wouldn't work without the huge commitment from staff who are willing to give up their week to accompany large numbers of students to France, Germany, Spain, PGL and even, this year, Canada for our inaugural rugby tour. In addition to all the staff on the trips we have a 'back office' full of staff who work so hard to make this happen. My thanks to all involved. CED week is just one of many examples that make Beaumont brilliant!

We say farewell to several staff at the end of this term and send them our very best wishes. A few staff have been with us for a year or less: **Miss McPhee** and **Miss Fitzpatrick** joined us for short term cover at Christmas; **Miss Haynes** and **Miss Jordan** (TAs) are, in fact, staying with us for another year for teacher training; and **Mr Lowrie** covered maternity leave this year. Those who have been with us for more than a year are: **Miss Mobbs** (TA) who leaves us to train as a primary school teacher; **Mrs Cavanagh** (Head of Science) who has gained promotion to Assistant Headteacher; **Mrs Clamp** (Art Technician) who leaves to pursue her own art interests; **Ms Rosler** (Maths) has gained promotion to Head of Maths; **Miss Dolan** (PE) who moves to Oxford to be nearer family and **Mr Panting** (PE) who takes up the post of Director of Sport at Aldwickbury. Lastly **Mr Jeffcoate** retires after 15 years in the D&T department, most of those as Head of Department. We thank you all for the tremendous contributions you have made to Beaumont and send you our very best wishes for your next steps.

Of course, it is also my last year at Beaumont after 16 years, three as Deputy Headteacher and 13 as Headteacher, and my last 'Beaumont Life'. My heartfelt thanks to all those who have helped to shape the success of the school over my past 13 years as Headteacher. I will be very sad to go but I know it is the right time for me and for the school. I have every confidence in Mr Atkinson and the new team to lead and inspire students and staff over the next decades.

So I wish you all a restful summer holiday and the very best for the coming years. Beaumont is a truly great school, with great staff and amazing students and those of us who have worked here or been through the school as students have been very fortunate indeed. I will keep an eye on developments at the school with great interest!

Elizabeth Hitch

## SEPTEMBER

Day	Start	Location	Subject
<b>Thursday 17 August</b>		Hall	<b>A Level Results</b> available from 9.00am – 10.00am
		Hall	<b>A/S Results</b> available from 9.30am – 10.30am
<b>Thursday 24 August</b>		Hall	<b>GCSE Results</b> available 9.00am – 11.00am
Tuesday 29 August	10:00 am		Year 12 Applications deadline
Thursday 31 August			Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition (returns 4 September)
Monday 4 September			All staff day - no students in school
Tuesday 5 September			Students return to school - staggered start
	9:30 am		Year 7 in school (9.30am-2.00pm)
	11:10 am		Year 8 and 9 in school (11.10am-12.50pm)
	1:40 pm		Year 10 and 11 in school (1.40pm-3.25pm)
			Sixth Form Enrolment (UCAS comments open)
Wednesday 6 September			All Consortium lessons commence
Thursday 7 September	7:00 pm	Hall	Welcome to Year 7 Parent Information Evening
Friday 8 September	10:00 am	Tottenham Hale Site	Year 13 Drama students to workshop 'Punchdrunk'
	5:30 pm	Royal Court Theatre	Year 13 Theatre trip
	12.50pm	Field	Year 7 Fun Run
Monday 11 September		TBC	Year 7 CAT Tests – 7LEA
	7:00 pm	Hall	Welcome to Year 9 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 12 September	9:00 am		Deadline for entry of UCAS grades, comment/review
	6:30 pm	Hall	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition Presentations
	7:30 pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee meeting
		TBC	Year 7 CAT Tests - 7RNS
Wednesday 13 September	6:00 pm	Hall	Welcome to Year 8 Parent Information Evening
	7:00 pm	Hall	Welcome to Year 10 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 14 September	7:00 pm	Hall	Year 12 Parent Information Evening
		C1/C2	Year 9 and 11 individual photos
Saturday 16 September	4:00 pm		Year 7 Family BBQ & Games
Tuesday 19 September	6:00 pm	Hall	French Exchange Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 20 September	6:30 pm	Hall	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition Presentations
Thursday 21 September			CED
	10:00 am	Alban Arena	Year 12 Learn to Live Conference
	6:30 pm	Conference Room	Full Governing Body
Friday 22 September			Non uniform day for charity TBC
Monday 25 September			Languages Week
Wednesday 27 September	1:00 pm	St Peter's Church	Music Concert
	6:30 pm	Conference Room	Community Teaching & Learning
Thursday 28 September	5:30 pm	London	Year 10 Drama trip to 'The Comedy about a Bank Robbery'

### Year 8 Spanish Spelling Bee

Year 8 Spanish students took on the challenge of learning how to spell 100 words in Spanish. Teachers assessed students in lessons which ended in 18 finalists competing in front of their year group in a nail biting finale which brought three students to a Spanish 'batalla'. The words were pronounced and spelt so well and effortlessly; we had to make a decision and throw in seen but not pre learnt vocabulary!! This went on for a full two minutes, however, the deciding word 'fifteen = quince' (pron Kin-The) broke the suspense leaving one student the winner of the 2017 spelling bee. Well done Farzana Hussain in 8S. We would like to congratulate however, all 18 finalists .... you're all winners! ¡Bien hecho! Thank you Mrs Rennie for organising this exciting competition!

**Miss Boggi**



### Year 7 Germany Trip for CEW

During Curriculum Enrichment Week, 83 Year 7 students travelled to Germany. We visited the beautiful town of Cochem on the Moselle River, as well as the bustling city of Cologne on the Rhine. In Cochem, everyone was brave enough to go on the Sesselbahn (chairlift). The highlight of the many students' trips was certainly the Lindt chocolate museum in Cologne. However, for me, it was being complimented by the staff on our students' exemplary behaviour on our Rhine boat cruise. Well done everyone!

Huge thanks to all the staff that made this trip possible, through their help with the organisation or by accompanying the trip.

**Mrs Lutz**



### Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to Joseph Byers (Year 13) pictured here receiving his Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award at the Palace of Holyrood House in Edinburgh. He was presented his award by Paula McGuire an adventurer and the celebrations were hosted by the Earl of Wessex, Prince Edward. There was also a surprise appearance by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as they left the palace on an engagement to Stirling.

### International Women in Engineering Day

On Thursday 22 June, 30 Year 8 and 9 girls participated in a celebration of International Women in Engineering Day. Girls listened to a talk by Dr Maha Salem, a User Experience Researcher for Google, and then completed an Engineering Challenge to build a balloon powered cargo boat, using limited resources and money. Prizes were awarded based on engineering ingenuity and performance, as the boats were launch across a paddling pool. Students also had the opportunity to question and talk to Dr Maha, who was very impressed with their maturity, commitment and interest.

**Dr Jones**



### Beyond Beaumont

Congratulations to former student Sofia Ponte who has just graduated from NUA with a first class honours in Illustration.

Well done also to Jacob Ponte who is now in his second month on an Advanced Apprenticeship with Lloyds Banking group.





### Year 7 Trip to Normandy

Last week we went to Normandy, France. It was a long journey but we got there before dinner. First we went to a snail farm and tried snails! Later that day we visited a goat farm. When we tried goats cheese I thought it was delicious. It was funny watching people trying to milk the goats! I enjoyed going round the shops buying my lunch in groups in Gournay-en-Bray. On Wednesday it was nice having free time in Rouen doing the treasure hunt and shopping. The disco was amazing! Having free time in Arromanches was good. The 360° cinema was exciting and also very moving for some people. In Le Touquet the beach was so much fun when we re-enacted Star Wars. Then we had a long journey back to St Albans.

**Alex Hardy (7S)**

### Sport Beyond Beaumont : The Road to Copenhagen



In September 2016 10R's Toby Gastaldi-Davies was selected to represent the U15s East of England a year early in the Inter-Regional Tournament. From there, he was selected to attend a National Team camp. He worked hard and was selected for the next U15s England camp until finally 12 were chosen to represent England at the renowned

CPH tournament in Denmark where 16 international teams were represented (from as far away as Kenya!). England were on court within a few hours of arriving and won their opening game vs a Spanish team. Their reward.... a restless night's sleep on blow up beds in a hall and early morning practice followed by Iceland the next day; where a bout of food poisoning ripped its way through the team leaving only eight players able to play! Those left standing showed great resolve and Toby and the team tasted their second victory. With the team still depleted they then had to face a strong Denmark (at home) but the boys raised their game yet again and notched up a 3rd win to secure a semi-final spot vs Estonia. England had not met such a force, unfortunately still depleted, fight as they may, they could just not get back in the game so faced Sweden for 3rd/4th place. England dominated and ensured themselves a well-deserved Bronze medal! Toby had a great experience with many memories and friendships made and has already started training hard the next regional tournament where selections start all over again for U16s GB and Euros.

### Gaelic Football

Congratulations to: Niamh Gallagher, Hannah McCorkindale Brown, Hannah Hunter, Caitlin Banks, Rebecca Oliver and Megan Flower for winning the All Britain Gaelic Football championships, as well as Niamh Gallagher, Grace Self, Sophie Bates, Caitlin Banks, Hannah McCorkindale Brown and Rebecca Oliver for being part of the team that won the under 16 All Britain Gaelic Football championship and finally to Niamh, Hannah McCorkindale Brown and Rebecca were all part of the county team that won the All Britain county championships.

**Mrs Powdrell**

*Anyone interested in Gaelic Football is invited to get in touch with Michelle Gallagher on 07771 528472.*





## CILIP Carnegie Medal Discussion Day

On Monday 19 June eight Beaumont students visited Loreto College to take part in their CILIP Carnegie Medal Discussion Day. The Carnegie is a highly prestigious book award for young adult (YA) fiction and is widely regarded as 'the greatest of all accolades available to a children's writer'. To celebrate the award, Mrs Mayer-Khan had been running a 'shadowing group' since April. This involved some of our keenest readers meeting each week to review and discuss the eight books shortlisted for this year's prize. At the Loreto event, our students were able to share their thoughts and opinions on the books with 'shadowers' from Loreto and St Albans Girls' School. During the morning, students took part in a variety of games and activities based around the shortlisted titles. After a spectacular lunch, the students voted on which book they would like to win the prize. *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys was the clear winner of the group's vote. The announcement of the winning book was streamed live from the awards ceremony in London. Our students were delighted when *Salt to the Sea* was declared the winner of the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2017.

*Salt to the Sea* is a powerful and compelling book set in war-torn Europe in 1945. It tells the story of four young people who are caught up in to scramble to escape the advancing Red Army. The book is inspired by the true-life story of the German ship *Wilhelm Gustloff* and the worst disaster in maritime history. At the same ceremony *The Bone Sparrow* was announced as the winner of the Amnesty CILIP Honour. This prize is awarded for 'outstanding' children's literature that best illuminates our human rights'. *The Bone Sparrow* highlights the plight of the Rohingya people and life inside a detention centre in Australia. Copies of both winning titles and the entire shortlist are available in the school Library.

Please visit and follow the Library blog for all our news, including a fantastic selection of books to take away for the summer!

**Mrs Shepard**

<http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com/2017/06/summer-readingscape-with-book.html>



## From the Governors

A beautifully hot midsummer's evening heralded the final Community, Teaching and Learning (CTL) committee of the year and we were more than grateful to be using the new conference room with its excellent air conditioning. As with all Governance meetings, the agenda is designed to allow School Governors to ask senior teachers about how the school is managed and their plans for improving performance. Each CTL meeting is introduced with a summary of the term's activities given by a teacher from the senior leadership team and this is followed by discussions on specific agenda topics. At this meeting, the CTL update covered the challenges of organising exam week in light of the new internal Threshold Exams at Year 12 and the increasing popularity of Beaumont's Sixth Form, which had received a record number of applications.

The main topic for this meeting was a review of how Beaumont educates Children Looked After (CLA) by local authorities. We looked at the detailed termly report from the school itself and then a report by the Hertfordshire Secondary School Effectiveness Adviser who inspected the school in March. We were delighted to see that the inspector gave the school a 'Green' rating in every category which means that all the statutory requirements are being met and the services for CLA are well organised and run.

We then covered several other topics including: how the school observes lessons to ensure teaching quality, how we check that the careers advice service is of a good standard and how we present information on Special Educational Needs through the school web site. We also took note of one the regular departmental reviews, which covered Technology.

Finally, we agreed detailed revisions to several of the school Policies and Procedures, including admission to the sixth form and attendance - this is something we do regularly and it's another important statutory requirement. The meeting closed with a quick update from Governors who had visited the school recently and then we dashed off while the evening was still warm.

**John McAlister, Vice Chair CTL Committee**

**Thank you to all involved in the recent second hand uniform sales – an amazing £401 was raised for the BSA!**

## St Albans International Organ Festival

Since January 2017 a group of students from Year 7-10 have been working tirelessly each week to prepare a puppet show as part of St Albans International Organ Festival, in collaboration with the Young People's Puppet Theatre, led by Jeremy Duschennes.

The puppets have all been made from scratch, the sets have been designed and painted and the props created. Students have had to learn scripts, learn how to operate 9 string marionette puppets and then how to coordinate voices and actions from a small space.

The show takes place on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 July. Well done to all involved! Please look out for the article in the Herts Advertiser.

**Mrs Dine**



## Classes for Adults Autumn Term 2017

Why not learn a new language, or take your existing skills to a new level? Not only will you make new friends, you will also give your brain a good workout. Research shows that learning and speaking a second language helps develop your memory and improve your decision making skills.

Beaumont school teaches more adult evening language classes than anywhere else in Hertfordshire. Our team of evening class teachers specialise in helping adults learn languages quickly and effectively whilst having fun in a supportive atmosphere. Most of our classes are taught by native speakers. We have a wide range of courses, from beginners classes in French, German, Spanish and Italian, to Continuers, Intermediate and Advanced classes in Spanish, German and Italian.  
Last year all the students in our Spanish GCSE class gained an A\*

Classes start w.c 25 Sept, from 7—9pm for ten weeks per term. Classes for Beaumont parents are subsidised and cost £90 per term. Full fees are £100.

### Woodwork Classes

Parents ( with or without their children) have been making fantastic furniture with Mr Polding on Tuesday evenings, including chairs, desks, dolls houses, and garden furniture. 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.



"I enjoy the woodwork class enormously. I go each week with my son. The range of equipment available on the course is tremendous and Chris the tutor brings a wealth of knowledge and experience."

Tuesdays starts 31 Oct 7 – 9pm Fee £70 for 7 sessions for adults, £14 for a child accompanying a fee-paying adult ( year 11 and above).



### 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.



*"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 . . "* SR

*"It has been great spending time with people who enjoy being creative and Lynsey is such an encouraging teacher."* JH

Weds 7.30—9.30 pm 20 Sept to 1 Nov Fee £45

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

We have a wide range of evening classes across the BeauSandVer Consortium, including, choir, jazz band water colour painting, drawing, Lino Printing, mixed media art, Pilates, yoga, jazz creative writing, flower arranging, and English and maths support for primary parents. All our classes are open to anyone ( subject to age restrictions.) To enrol for any of these classes please email call 01727 754113 or email [carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk](mailto:carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk)

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