



From the Headteacher

As I write this, external exams have just finished and all our GCSE and A Level students are no doubt relaxing after many months of hard work. We look forward to seeing you all again in August for exam results days on Thursday 17 August for A Levels and Thursday 24 August for GCSEs. We have also completed our Year 12 threshold exams which were held this year for the first time because AS exams are no longer a statutory requirement. Our Year 12 students took these very seriously and it bodes well for the Year 13 final year at Beaumont.

On the back page you will find photographs of the wonderful Rob's Festival held last Saturday, 24 June 2017. This was a wonderful example of Beaumont School at its best with Sixth Formers, the BSA, Rob's friends and family and many staff all working together to ensure a lovely atmosphere and lots of money raised. My sincere thanks to everybody who was involved on the day and especially to those leading it.

During the past week we have congratulated many of our students at the sports' awards evening, an opportunity to celebrate the brilliance of Beaumont in terms of commitment to, and standards achieved, in sport. On Wednesday evening Dr Jones attended the Herts Ad Awards as a finalist in the Teacher of the Year Award for all her amazing work to Science. On Wednesday and Thursday this week our Sixth Form Induction took place for the new Year 12 ready to begin in September. We welcomed an astonishing 237 students, by far the greatest number we have ever had apply to our Sixth Form. We are, therefore, anticipating that September will bring our largest Sixth Form yet. Last night we welcomed the Year 6 students and their families who will join us in September and look forward to seeing them again in school on Thursday 13 July. This morning our Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition set off and this afternoon we have our A Level Art & Photography Exhibition. What a busy week! Just a flavour of what is happening at Beaumont.

I wish everybody all the best for Curriculum Enrichment Week next week and hope that the students take advantage of every opportunity offered to them.

Thank you for all your support.

Elizabeth Hitch

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Monday 3 July			CED Week
Wednesday 5 July		University of Herts	Year 12 Chemists Spectroscopy Masterclass Day
Thursday 6 July			Gold DofE Practice Expedition (until Monday 10 July)
Tuesday 11 July	7:00 pm	Hall - TBC	DofE Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 12 July	7:00 pm	Hall & Music	Arts Awards Evening by Arts Award Silver students
Thursday 13 July	9:30 am		Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day
Thursday 13 July			Year 7 full reports issued
Friday 14 July			Year 8 full reports issued
Monday 17 July			Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition (until Sunday 16 July)
Tuesday 18 July	7:00 pm	St Paul's Church	Sports Day
Wednesday 19 July			Summer Concert
Thursday 20 July	8:40 am		Reserve Sports Day
	7:00 pm	Alban Arena, St Albans	Rehearsals for Beaumont Arts Celebration
			Beaumont Arts Celebration
			Year 12 threshold exam grades issued
			Year 9 interim reports issued
			Year 10 full reports issued
Friday 21 July	12:30 pm		Break up for summer holiday, students dismissed from 12.30pm
		Hall	Awards Assemblies Years 7-11
			Students return to school on Tuesday 5 September

For sports fixtures please check the PE Blog 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.

Books and Bunting – celebrating reading in the Library

There was a double celebration of reading in the Library on Monday 22 May as we welcomed writer Nicky Singer to Beaumont to help celebrate our Children's Book Award (CBA) Discussion Day. The CBA is the only national book award voted for solely by children. Students from Marlborough and Sandringham School joined us to discuss the three books shortlisted for the CBA 2017 and to vote on the book they wanted to win the award. With fifty students at the event, the library was buzzing with lively book chat and debate. Our group picked the fast-paced adventure story *Car-jacked* by Ali Sparkes as their favourite book. Sarah Crossan's verse-novel *One* was later announced as the overall winner of the national award. We were delighted that Nicky Singer could join us for the Discussion Day. Nicky has written extensively for young people; her works include seven fiction books, a play, a musical and an opera. During this visit, she talked to the students about her work, her books and her life as a writer.

Nicky's latest book *Island* is a beautiful and thought-provoking book set on Herschel Island in the Arctic circle. The story focusses on the native Inuit people and the drastic effect that global warming is having on the Arctic environments. Nicky describes it as 'a story that needed to be told'. The students were enthralled and touched by Nicky's talk.

Local newspaper The Herts Advertiser featured a lovely article on our Discussion day:

<http://www.hertsad.co.uk/news/education/author-helps-with-judging-for-pupils-own-book-awards-at-st-albans-school-1-5035546>

Please visit our library blog to read more about Nicky's visit and all the latest news from the Library:

<http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com/>



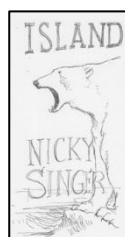
Here is what some of them had to say about her visit:

'I found her talk really inspiring...I feel this made me determined to help the environment.' Lilia (7E)

'This was a fantastic day. Nicky showed us her beautiful book, Island. We found out what we are doing to the earth and how it is affecting the Arctic.' Eliana (7R)

'The whole day was amazing - the author's talk has to have been my favourite part though. Nicky really got engaged with us and answered all our questions. It was great to meet such a unique author.'

Evie (7S)



Beyond Beaumont

The image is of former student Rebecca Heselton's degree show installation at Edinburgh College of Art. Rebecca has won an award from the Scottish Society of Artists who pick one graduate per college and her work will be appearing in the Royal Scottish Academy in January/February. Many congratulations!

Congratulations to former student Katie Knafler who has been awarded a First in French and Law from Nottingham University.



Our Active Kids

Thank you for helping us collect all the Active Kids vouchers over

recent months. We have been able to order items such as handballs, rackets, table tennis bats, tennis balls for PE and some more saucepans for Food Tech. These additional items always help our departments maintain their stock levels and replace old items. Please look out for the 2018 launch! Once again, thank you for your support.

Sainsbury's



Article for Beaumont Life--- July 2017

The Million Makers Challenge was again taken on by Year 9 spending their PSHCE lessons planning their businesses and ending with them selling their 'products' to the rest of the school.

This is the eighth year that the challenge has taken place and the students were again very much galvanised by the challenge of the competition and raised over £2300.... a huge congratulations to them all. This year the monies raised will be split between The Prince's Trust and raising funds for the new school hall. We have now raised over £17000 for charity over the past eight years.

Although the money raised is one key target in the challenge, it is also the process the students go through that is important. They all have to work independently with minimum input from staff and their success is down to the hard work and effort the students put in.

There was also a house competition between the forms to see who could raise the most money. The results were as follows:

A	£499.34	
S	£417.25	
E	£399.02	TOTAL
N	£378.39	£2342.74
L	£344.11	
R	£304.63	

The best individual business was HDKTL from 9A who raised a massive £221.21.

Well done to everyone involved and thank you to all staff who helped in any way to make it another successful year.

Miss Cleverly

From the Governors

Sadly, this is my last update on the activities of the Resources Committee as I am retiring as Governor this term. I have been on the Governing Body for around seven years now and have thoroughly enjoyed my time. It has been challenging but very rewarding, and Beaumont is a superb school with wonderful staff and students, and I wish you all the very best for the future.

The Committee met for our final meeting last Tuesday 13 June. This meeting was quite long, we met at 4.30 and went through until around 8.30. The major part of our time was reviewing and approving the budget for 2017-2018.

As you are no doubt aware, education finances are going through a very difficult period with little or no year on year increases, whilst at the same time the school budget must accommodate increases in expenditure. However, the Finance Team have worked very hard with the Senior Leadership team and have produced a budget that we as a Governing Body were happy to approve.

The Committee also received a very detailed report 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.

We received a verbal update from the Fundraising Committee particularly in relation to '80 in 18' Campaign, and it is pleasing to note that plans are progressing well and that the School continues to receive very welcome donations from families and friends of Beaumont School – it is much appreciated.

Finally, the Committee also reviewed and approved several Policies and Procedures mainly in relation to staffing

Rena Prindiville

Chair Resources Committee



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ROB'S FESTIVAL 2017



A fantastic day and
a big thank you to all
involved until next time