



## From the Headteacher

This is a bumper issue of Beaumont Life. Please do take a look through at all the wonderful events and opportunities that have happened recently, all thanks to the hard work of students, staff and some parents. So we have lots of 'winners' throughout the school: Biology Olympiads, Science awards, Maths Challenge, Drama festivals, County and District winners in basketball, netball, rugby and hockey plus History events, Art exhibitions, the Year 8 Drama show, Geography field trips galore and Duke of Edinburgh Award training – phew! We always encourage students to take part in lots of extra-curricular activities to make friends and develop additional skills; this list gives just a taste of what's on offer. As I write this piece, the Public Speaking finals are taking place – the students (your children!) are amazing. The teachers watching, including me, were blown away by the quality of the presentations and the thought provoking issues. We have a lot to learn from them!

The recent Jazz Evening organised by the BSA raised a phenomenal £2918 for the '80 in 18' campaign to build a new hall. I am pleased to say that our recent non-uniform day raised £1653, of which £1000 is going to Comic Relief with the remainder going to '80 in 18'. Please book Rob's Festival in your diaries for **Saturday 24 June** and check out the last page of this edition to offer as a volunteer to help at Bunnings new store 'sausage sizzle' to raise money for Rob's Festival and the BSA.

Lastly, many thanks to two long serving staff in our front office who leave us at the end of this term, Mrs Guy and Mrs Travis, and also to Mrs Robin who has completed a maternity cover for us. We wish them all the very best.

We are going to have a formal whole school photo taken on Thursday 6 April during period 4 and period 5 so we're hoping for good weather! Thank you for your ongoing support.

Elizabeth Hitch

## A P R I L

Day	Start	Location	Subject
Monday 3 April	1:45 pm	Hall	Romeo & Juliet Theatre Performance – Year 9
	4:00 pm	Hall/C1/C2	Year 10 GCSE Drama Component 1 exam
Tuesday 4 April	5:00 pm	Hall	Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 5 April	3:45 pm	SFC	Farewell to German Exchange afternoon tea
	7:00 pm	Hall	Easter Concert
Thursday 6 April	4:00 pm	Hall/C1/C2	Year 10 GCSE Drama Component 1 exam
Friday 7 April	1:10 pm		Year 11 full reports issued
Saturday 8 April			Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 10 April			Ski trip departs (returns 15 April)
			Easter Holiday
Friday 14 April			New York/Washington trip departs (returns 17 April)
Monday 17 April			Bank Holiday
Monday 24 April			Bank Holiday
Tuesday 25 April			INSET (no students in school)
Wednesday 26 April	7:00 pm	Conference Room	Students return to school
		Hall/C1/C2	BSA Committee Meeting
Thursday 27 April	3:30 pm	Dining Room	Drama GCSE Exams
	11:20am		Second Hand Uniform Sale
		C1/C2	Year 11 Maths Mock Exam
		Epping Forest	Years 7/8 Junior Maths Challenge
			Year 10 Rivers Geography Fieldtrip
			Year 12 full reports issued
Friday 28 April		Hall/C1/C2	Drama GCSE Exams
		J5, J6, J7, J8	A2 MFL orals
		Hall/C1/C2	Drama GCSE Exams

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).

## Science Successes

A group of Year 13 students were recently entered into the Biology Olympiad (hats off to the few that wanted to do it, as it was during mock week!), and we received two Silver medals, two Bronze and two Highly Commended medals. This is an international competition, so to do so well is a real achievement for the students involved. Congratulations to:

- **Bronze**  
Jack Elliot and Brendan Phelan
- **Silver**  
Simon Jones and Ellen Dean
- **Highly Commended**  
Amelia Reynolds and Ashleigh James

On Thursday 9 February, an Assessor visited the school to look at the CREST awards that our students have been working towards. There were four Year 10 students, one Year 11, and all eight of the Robot Rumble team (Year 9) who were awarded Silver CREST awards. All students had to write a report and present their work to the assessor; they were all amazing, a real credit to the school. Congratulations to:

Emily Pidcock, Greg Harrison, Amy Cowan, Isla Pennifer, Berenice Laurent, Darius Wurzbacher, Caius Datt, Rebecca Oliver, Lucy Alexander, Jack Cato, Felix Walton, Tomas Linzell and Thomas Copper.

**Dr Jones**

## National Science Week – Monday 13 – Friday 17 March

Students have taken part in various activities during National Science Week. Year 7 have completed an Engineering Challenge including egg parachutes and boat building, Year 10 students have participated in the International Biology Challenge, Year 7 and 8 saw a robotics demonstration and all year groups had the opportunity to do an eye ball dissection. Additionally, there have been several competitions and quizzes for students to participate in. Overall, a very successful week with lots of students involved.

**Dr Jones**



## Royal Academy returns to the Art Department

For the second year running, we were pleased to host the return of the Royal Academy who did a series of drawing workshops with both Year 12 and 13 students. This was a fantastic experience and opportunity for the students to complete a wide variety of drawings and enhance their Art portfolios. **Miss May & Miss Findlay**



## Art visit to Tate Modern

Earlier this month, we were delighted to take a mixture of Art and Graphics students to the Tate Modern where they were able to practice their Photography skills and view original works of Art. Students enjoyed the new viewing platform and extended Galleries to enhance their coursework projects.

## Science Week

To celebrate Science week in school, our GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students spent time making an 'infomercial' to help them and others understand key concepts in Food Science. Here they are on their digital video shoot, presenting to camera their explanations and demonstrations showing coagulation, dextrinisation, aeration and enzymic browning to name just a few! In food and film terms, 'that's a wrap'!

**Mrs Johnston**





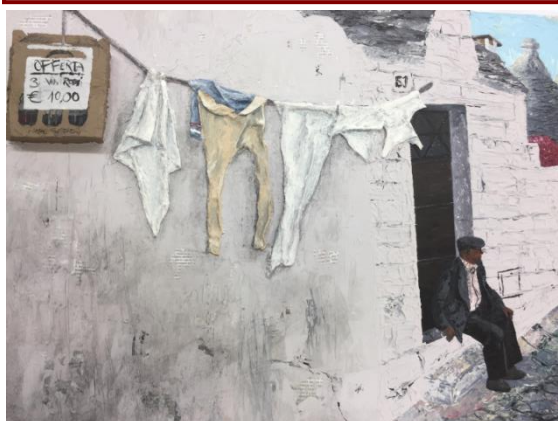
### Samuel Ryder Schools' Exhibition

We were asked to be involved for the Fifth year in a row in the annual Samuel Ryder Schools' Art Exhibition. The exhibition was a huge success with a broad range of work from many different schools. This year we chose work from Year 13 students, Conor Quinn, Jess Hall, and Megan Hodges.

**Miss Finlay**



Conor Quinn (left), Megan Hodges (middle) Jess Hall (right)



### Year 8 Drama Club

Year 8 Drama Club premiered their 'What Goes Up, But Never Comes Down?' show recently. It was a beautiful piece of drama exploring different stages of life as we grow. It was a promenade performance which led the audience through different performance spaces around school. The audience found this very unusual and exciting. The characters change from playing tag and dreaming of being super heroes, to showing the pressures of teenage life and the transition to becoming adults where the circle of life begins again! Completely devised by Year 8 with the direction of the Year 12 Drama Captains and assistants, congratulations on a fabulous piece!

**Miss McPhee**

### Year 8 History, CED Tuesday 7 March

Year 8 History students were involved in a variety of activities designed to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Firstly, Emily, Karene and Maisie from the Trestle Arts base performed a shortened version of the musical 'Yarico' based on the story of a slave called Yarico and the relationship that she had with a white man – Thomas Inkle. This was followed with an interactive drama workshop led by our Trestle guests where the students explored the feelings of the slaves through the use of masks and actions. There was also a storyboard activity led by History teachers which provided opportunities to use their evaluative and creative skills.

Students were asked to provide feedback about the day. Some of the comments included: *"Informative, interesting, fun, exciting, involved, educational, interactive, variety, a lot to it, learning something in a different way, helped us understand what being a slave felt like"*.

I asked some Year 8 students to write thank you messages to Trestle on behalf of their year group, here is an extract from one of them: *"thank you for the spectacular show....it was very educational...you have put loads of work into performing it and I have definitely learnt something from it"*.

Here is the full message from Maisie Jay (8S): *"Thank you. I learnt a lot about Barbados. I am from Barbados it was really good to know about it. I did not realise so many slaves were from the Caribbean. You showed the story really well and your acting was great"*.

Our thanks to Year 8 for their positive participation, and all the staff involved in helping to make the day such a success.

**Ms Wensley, and the rest of the History Department**



On Monday 6 March, the Beaumont Junior Drama Company, made up of Year 9 Drama students, took part in the **Welwyn Youth Drama Festival** with their production of *Arbeit Macht Frei*, by Paul King. The play explores the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis in the Second World War, showing glimpses of this harrowing event in history. After the week's long festival, made up of 21 youth theatre groups, and approximately 400 young actors from across Hertfordshire and North London; Beaumont Youth Drama Company were nominated for the Adjudicator's award, **winning the Technical Theatre award and winning first place for the Junior award category!** Our group, made up of 38 students, are thrilled and proud of their result.

**Ms Wallace**

## Duke of Edinburgh

On Saturday 4 March, Beaumont DofE held our annual Expedition Training Day. 63 Bronze, 46 Silver and 12 Gold students learnt first aid, navigation, campcraft and team building skills in preparation for this summer's expeditions. Highlights include making cheesy pasta in a trangia, learning how to pack a rucksack and put up a tent, and walking blindfolded through an obstacle course. Many thanks to the team of staff and parents who led the day.

**Ms Dickson, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator**



## Maths Challenge Success

### Intermediate Maths Challenge (Year 9–11)

Students at Beaumont School achieved 7 golds, 25 silvers and 12 bronzes in this year's UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Well done to all involved. Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the follow-on Olympiad and Kangaroo papers: **Zak Smith, Jamie Biswas, Isobel Todd (Year 11), Rujun Feng, Theo Mitrache (Year 10) and Nick Powdrell, Lauren King (Year 9).**

Beaumont School continued its success by taking a team of 4 students to the Regional Finals of the Junior Team Maths Challenge and achieving a sixth place result out of 35 schools. The team consisted of Lauren King, Nick Powdrell (9L), Ben Whitehouse (8R) and Jack Raffo (8N) who worked very hard preparing themselves in the run up to the event. Thanks to Zak Smith (11R) for his help in preparing the team.

**Miss Rosler**



## World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day (Thursday 2 March) in style with a visit from writer Sarah Crossan. We were delighted to welcome Sarah back to Beaumont. Since visiting us a year ago, Sarah has won the prestigious CILIP Carnegie Medal for her verse-novel *One* and has co-written *We Come Apart*, also in verse.

Sarah is a great lover of poetry and, in an enthralling talk to Year 7 and staff, set about showing us ways to enjoy it for ourselves. This included performing a scene from *Romeo and Juliet* (feat. Harry Styles!) which brought laughter and squeals from the audience. Sarah encouraged students to 'start with the heart': to think first about how a poem makes them **feel** rather than worrying about what it **means**. She also suggested that students try reading verse-novels as there is now a wide selection of titles available for young adults. These novels are less wordy than regular prose fiction, therefore less daunting and quicker to read, particularly relevant for reluctant readers.

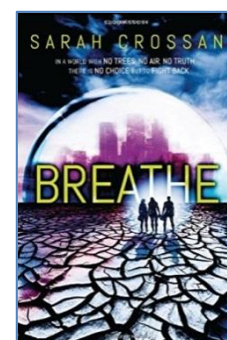
For more on Sarah's visit, please read the library blogs:

<http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com/2017/03/sarah-crossan-on-poetry-feel-it-love-it.html>

<http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com/2017/03/crazy-funny-friendly-rudeish-exciting.html>

Copies of all Sarah's young adult novels are available in the Library.

**Ms Shepard**



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A reminder, we would be pleased to receive any Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Over the last few years we have been able to replace old PE equipment and pots and pans in Food Tech with new items so please if you have any vouchers please bring them to Reception and help us beat last year's amount!

## Student Successes

Congratulations to **Daniel Angus (Year 13)** who attended the National YST Leads Conference in Coventry recently. A letter received from the Project Ability/YST Inclusion team praised his outstanding speech which was filled with humour and delivered eloquently. He was a "true ambassador for everyone".

Well done to **Emily Hawkins (7E)** who has been selected at the end of last season for coaching from the Hertfordshire Golf team.

Congratulations to **Elouise Wathen (10E)** who has been nominated for a Young People of the Year award after running a stage show which raised £5,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

**BEYOND**

Congratulations to former student Peter Errington who will be studying a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts from September 2017.



## Focus on Fieldwork

At Beaumont, the Geography Department takes field work very seriously and offers every year group the opportunity to take part. As the famous traveller, Geographer and Monty Python star Michael Palin said: *'Schools should place a renewed focus on traditional geography field trips to stop pupils being trapped behind computer screens in the classroom'* and we in the Beaumont Geography Department couldn't agree more!

Our fieldwork year starts in September with the Year 7 trip to the River Lea in Wheathampstead. This day trip gives our students the opportunity to try out lots of fieldwork methodologies to work out which stage of the River they are in. Abby Harrison (7N) sums up her experience: *'The most exciting thing when we went to the River Lea, was when we did the measurements and when we worked out how fast the dog biscuit flowed along the River. It was also fun having a good time with the teachers and our friends'*.

In October, it is the turn of Year 11 to go on their residential trip to Sheringham in Norfolk. This trip enables our students to gather data for their GCSE controlled assessment. Fraser McFarlane and Jonny Light sum up their experience: 'As a keen Geography student I was apprehensive about my controlled assessment. However, the trip turned out to be exciting, educational and excellent! It prepared us extensively for our controlled assessment. Overall I enjoyed the trip immensely and am confident it improved my Geography'.

In January our Year 9s get the opportunity to spend half a CED gathering data about the possibility of rebranding St Albans city centre. In February, our Year 12 A Level students go to Swanage in Dorset for two nights in order to learn methodologies that might be useful for their A Level, and visit case study locations. This is closely followed by Year 8 in March who also get half a CED to gather fieldwork data in St Albans. Josh Hobbs (8A) summarised what he did: *'The year was split into 3 groups and sent to different locations in St Albans. We were all looking for a suitable location for the Griffin family to live. During this we had to record noise, how nice it looked, damage to houses and some pupils asked members of the public questionnaires'*.

Finally, in April it the turn of Year 10 who get to experience a River trip to Epping Forest. This year will be the first time we have run this trip at Beaumont. Lucy Lechartier-Rutter (10N) is looking forward to the trip: *'I think this is a great opportunity to learn more about physical Geography. Field trips can be particularly beneficial to some students because it allows them to learn in a different style especially if they are visual or kinaesthetic learners. Field trips are a fun way to learn and can also help students to remember key details in order to help with their exams. After researching Epping Forest I found out that it is London's largest open space and it is made up of many distinct areas of woodland, grassland and other habitats. I'm sure Epping Forest will be an exciting and intriguing field trip for everyone'*.

**Ms Kent**



The 2017 Rob's Festival is being held on Saturday 24 June 2017 and the Rob's team made up from Sixth Formers, members of staff and the BSA are busy planning all the activities.

This event is very exciting to be involved with and we are keen to hear from any parents who would like to help in the planning stages. We are also looking to hear from any local business who would like to **sponsor the event, advertise in the programme** or have a **stall for the day**. Please join us and together we can make this the biggest festival we've ever had! For further information please contact Mrs Rider in the Admin Office.



## Beaumont Sport

### Under 15 and Under 18 Girls are County Basketball Champions!

Congratulations to the Under 15 girls basketball squad who defeated Sandringham 71-8 at Queens School on Monday 13 March to become County Champions.

After a relatively slow start, the squad really passed the ball well and played some excellent basketball on the way to a comfortable win. It was great to see all members of the team having the confidence to shoot and correct shot selection was also a key positive.

It has been great to see the squad develop into a very strong unit this year and I look forward to them going from strength to strength over the next few seasons. Well done to the whole squad!

The following day the Under 18 girls played against JFK in the senior final, also at Queens. In a much tighter game, our team defence and fast break meant we were 36-31 up at half time. The third quarter was pivotal and we stepped up our defence to pull away to an 11 point lead by the start of the fourth quarter. We continued to control the game and eventually ran out 70-52 winners.

It was a great all round team performance with almost all of the squad scoring. A special mention must go to Holly Brando and Olivia Almond who both won their first County Basketball titles in their last final for school.

Well done to the whole squad, they are the strongest girls' team Beaumont has ever had.

**Mr Stewart**



Squad: Daisy Porter, Rachel King, Maisie Moore, Alice King, Amber Young, Clare Baker, Zofia Dybowska, Lucia Grimer, Heather Magee



Senior girls' squad:

Daisy Porter,  
Zofia Dybowska  
Hannah  
McCorkindale  
Brown  
Heather Magee  
Maisie Moore  
Olivia Almond  
Amber Young  
Lucia Grimer  
Holly Brando

### Year 7 Netball

On Tuesday 28 February Beaumont Year 7 girls' netball A team played a strong match against St George's School. Although it started off a tough first quarter ending in a one all draw. We kept our heads held high and our determination resulted in us leading in the second quarter 7-4. Our hard work and fighting spirit enabled us to control the match, winning the match 16-7 and becoming **District Netball Cup Champions**. Beaumont's player of the match was Orla Moss, who kept the defensive pressure strong throughout the entire match.

We are very proud to be bringing back the Cup again home to Beaumont.

**Maya Shaw (7A)**

On Monday 13 March Ms Dundjerovic and I took the Year 7 A and B team over to Sir John Lawes to play in the Netball District tournament. Both teams were drawn in a pool with very tough competitors but both teams came out winning both of their pools heading into the semi-finals. The A team captained by Daisy Garnham played a tough semi-final match against STAGS and the B team captained by Alice Walsh played SJL both winning their matches. We had a great attitude going into the final on the back of all of the successes from the previous matches. The A team played St George's in the final and the B team played the High School. Unfortunately the B teams lost in their gruelling match but the A team once again beat St George's 6-1 to become District Netball champions. A well-deserved placing for both teams and I am so proud at how successful year 7 netball has been this year. I look forward to more successes in netball next season when they are in Year 8.

**Miss Fraser**



## Beaumont Rugby

Beaumont finished what has been a highly enjoyable senior season with a suitably positive performance against Toronto touring team, Streetsville. With intent always to give everyone who has trained and played for the school game time ensuring the result was ultimately secondary though all 34 players who turned out put in a good shift of work. Effectively dividing the match into quarters through selection the first 20 minutes went smoothly with Beaumont attacking for the majority of the time and running in three tries. The second 15 was a tighter affair as Streetsville grew into the game and once they put away an interception try scored another from long range and but for some unfortunate handling errors might have surpassed their hosts.



The second half was a different story as Streetsville rotated their bench Beaumont began to find gaps more easily and the pace of the backs really started to tell. Jacob West notched up his third and fourth tries of the day in quick succession in a flurry of scoring which took the game out of sight. The final quarter gave an opportunity for some of the longer serving year 13s to see out their Beaumont rugby careers on the pitch together. It has been a long time since they first took the field together against Mount Grace and though the officiating that day was of a similar standard the quality of their rugby is much improved.

**Mr Panting**

## Year 7 Hockey

The Year 7 girls' hockey team were placed second in the County Hockey Plate Finals recently, conceding 0 goals for the entire tournament. It is an excellent end to a season in which the girls have improved a great deal as a result of commitment and persistence. Thanks go to Sue Hicks for coaching the girls.

**Ms Moody**



## From the Governors

This term has been particularly busy starting with the appointment of our new Head Teacher, closely followed by the appointment of other senior staff. The first meeting of the Resources Committee was at the end of January where we formally approved the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2016. These will now be filed at Companies House by our Auditors.

At our last meeting in January the Committee focused the proposed schools' national funding formula which will have a significant impact on our budget for next year. There will be a financial impact on the school and this is being reviewed by the school to ensure that the outcome will not be too unfavourable and that we achieve the best that we can for Beaumont. Our final meeting for the year will be on 13 June when we will be setting the budget for 2017-18.

The Committee also reviewed and discussed the financial reports for the current year as well as looking at benchmark data which compares our school with similar schools. This was an excellent comparison paper that picked up key areas and placed schools according to their size and activities.

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.

Finally, the Committee also reviewed several Policies and Procedures as well as receiving an update on the Fundraising – 80 in '18 Campaign. The Committee also received an update on the number of visits carried out by the Governors.

**Rena Prindiville, Chair Resources Committee**





## **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Easter event - Volunteers needed PLEASE!**

Bunnings is a new hardware store which has opened in St Albans - one store has already opened in Griffiths Way and their second is opening any minute now on Hatfield Road in the old Homebase store. They like to support the local community and offer an opportunity for local charitable groups to fundraise via a "sausage sizzle" - a day when the group can bbq and sell sausages at their store, with Bunnings providing the BBQ and gas, and the group keeping the profits.

Beaumont School has managed to secure two days to run this sausage sizzle event at the newly opening **Hatfield Road store** this Easter weekend which is an amazing opportunity for us to raise money for the school. The Rob's festival sixth form committee will run the Good Friday, and we, the BSA, will run the Easter Saturday, raising money for '80 in 18', funding the new school hall.

However, we need help to run this event with 4 volunteers at any one time to run the BBQ (2 to cook, one to serve and one to take money). Minimum age 16yrs,

*Would you be willing to spend 2 hrs or more, helping on the bbq?*

### **What is involved?**

Set up at 0830, cook and sell from 9-4pm. Clean up at 4-4.30pm. We will have a rota so no one needs to be there all day (unless they want to).

**This is an amazing opportunity to raise money for Beaumont School and increase awareness within the community of the need for support, so PLEASE can you help?**

**Please sign up to help on PTASocial -**  
<https://app.ptasocial.com/register/BSA>  
 and select your desired time slots under  
 'SIGN UP HERE TO HELP ON BBQ'

or

**Email**

**on [bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk)**

*Please let me know as this will only work with lots of volunteers.*

There is also an opportunity to have an 'activities' table (stall) inside the actual Bunnings store where we could sell cakes or biscuits, have information about Beaumont School or Rob's Festival, so if you would rather do this or provide cakes to sell at this stall, please let us know at [bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk).