



From the Headteacher

I'm writing this on the penultimate day of Year 13 lessons. When I see Y13 students around school and how they have matured over the years into young adults with dreams and ideals, I am reminded of how amazing they are! I wish you all the very best in your AL examinations after half term. We hope you will keep in touch with us and let us know how things are going; it's always good to get news of you....and if you ever want a great career, do think about teaching! We'd love to train you at Beaumont!



The photo shows our first ever cohort of Gold winners for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award; they received their awards at Buckingham Palace this week. Well done to you all and to all the rest of the Gold winners too plus a big thank you to all staff and parents involved and to the BSA for all their support financially.

Other 'firsts' this month include the first hustings of the forthcoming election in St Albans which was held for our sixth formers on Thursday 11 May and our first ever staff vs sixth form hockey match, followed shortly after by a staff vs students football match.

Thanks go to all our parents for their support of their children during the examination season. I wish you all a good half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you all at **Rob's Festival on Saturday 24 June**.

Elizabeth Hitch

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Day	Start	Location	Subject
Monday 5 June			Year 12 Reading Week (no Sixth Form lessons) Years 7-10 Internal Exams week
Monday 12 June	8:40 am	H1/H2	Year 10 GCSE Calypso Workshop Year 12 threshold exam week
Tuesday 13 June		TBC	Years 7/8 junior follow on Maths Challenge
Wednesday 14 June	7:30 pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee Meeting
Friday 16 June			Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday 21 June	1:00 pm	Lee Valley Hockey/Tennis Centre	PE Trip to Mens World League Hockey Finals
	7:30 pm	H1/H2	Singing Workshop by Paul McCreesh
Friday 23 June	10:00 am	The Old Vic	Year 12 Drama visit to see Woyzeck
Saturday 24 June	12:00 pm	Hall	Year 8 Gothic Tales theatre performance
Monday 26 June			Rob's Festival
Tuesday 27 June	1:50 pm		Year 13 Clearance Week
			Year 11 Clearance
	7:30 pm	Jersey Farm Day Care Centre	Beaumont musicians performance
Wednesday 28 June		Hall	Sports Awards Evening
		SFC/Hall	Year 8 girls HPV-1 / Year 9 HPV-2 injections
Thursday 29 June	3:30 pm	Dining Room	Sixth Form Induction
	7:00 pm	Hall	Second Hand Uniform Sale
		SFC/Hall	Welcome to New Year 7
Friday 30 June	4:00 pm	Tech Foyer	Sixth Form Induction
			A Level Art and Photography Show
			Silver DofE Practice Expedition

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.



Spelling Bee

Well done to the fifteen Year 7 students who reached the final of the first French Spelling Bee! All students in R, N and S took part in the preliminary rounds, with the top five in each form advancing to the grand final in front of their peers. Congratulations to Adam Noad (7R) for an outstanding performance.

Ms Ashton

Year 10 break the code!

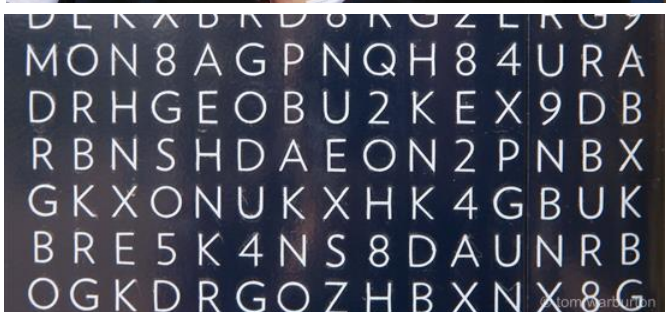
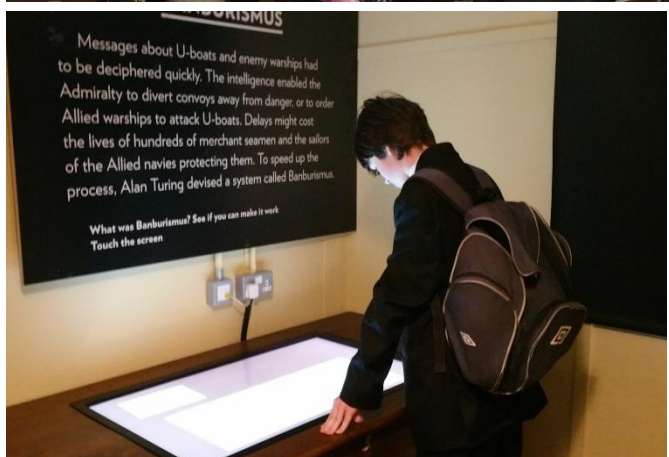
On Wednesday 3 May 2017, 45 five Year 10 Computer Science and ICT students had the fantastic opportunity to visit Bletchley Park, the iconic residence of the hero codebreakers during the World War II. Throughout the Codes and Ciphers workshop, our students showed resilience and demonstrated their excellent coding skills. Furthermore, they embarked upon a journey of discovery by exploring the momentous contents within the site. Here, the students learnt about the fascinating history of Bletchley Park, including the essential role of the female workforce; surveyed the restored huts, such as the offices used by Alan Turing as well as other great minds, depicting the working conditions of a bygone era; and seeing first-hand fully operational Enigma and Bomb machines.

Mrs Azizi

On the Wednesday 3 May, we were invited to visit the home of the code breaking experts, Bletchley Park. It is located in Milton Keynes and was Britain's main decryption establishment during World War II. Firstly, we partook in a code breaking workshop. In the first half, there was a demonstration of the Enigma machine, a piece of hardware invented by a German and used by the British as a way of deciphering German signals traffic throughout the war. We all had the chance to independently use this valuable device in the session. The history and facts were very interesting to learn about. We then learnt about Morse code and how useful the skill can be, even in today's generation! In the second half, we ventured on to try to decipher our own codes to reveal the name of a secret spy, John Cairncross, an ex-British civil servant.

We then had 'Self-Guided Time' where we explored the venue further; the huts, the museum and best of the Mansion. After Lunch, we were taken on a tour to learn about the significant events that occurred in the park in the war. The 10,000 girls enrolled were the most valuable assets in order for the operations to work successfully. The most shocking fact was that they didn't even know this as they were sworn to confidentiality! The living conditions in the huts were appalling as all the workers were cramped into minimal space, with very poor levels of sanitation. We were then lead to the garages of the vehicles used for the transportation of the decrypted codes, the job of the females as the males were away fighting at war. Overall, we gained a valuable learning experience and enjoyed learning all about the history of code breaking. Finally, big thanks to all of our teachers who organised it for us!

Taibah Ahmed and Jannah Islam (10S)



Author visits and awards season - an exciting Summer Term ahead in the Library!

There are lots of exciting events taking place in the Library in the coming weeks. Highlights include our **Children's Book Award** Discussion Day which will take place on Monday 22 May. This is the only national book award chosen entirely by children/young adults. During the Discussion Day we will be inviting students from other local schools to join us to celebrate the three shortlisted titles and to decide which book we think should win the award.



We are very excited about this event as, on the same day, we are also welcoming writer **Nicky Singer** to Beaumont. Nicky is the author of *Island*, a powerful and moving book about story-telling, the beautiful Arctic and the effect we all have on our planet. It is illustrated by the Children's Laureate Chris Riddell. The story behind how Nicky brought *Island* to publication is equally fascinating. Read about *Island* in the author's own word in the following interview:



<https://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2015/oct/22/nicky->

We are also shadowing the **CILIP Carnegie Medal** book award which features a very strong shortlist of eight young adult novels. For more information on what we are doing, take a look at our very own Carnegie group page:

<http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=11440>

Keep an eye on our blog <http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com/> and twitter page [@BeauLibrary](#) for all the up-to-date news on Library events!

Ms Shepard

Free School Meals

There is an automatic annual renewal process for those students who currently receive free school meals. This means that in most cases there is no need for parents/carers to reapply and they will be automatically renewed for September 2017:

- Hertfordshire's Education Benefits Team will send letters to any families who are not being automatically renewed
- If a student is receiving 100% music remission then this will also be automatically renewed
- If a student is currently receive 50% music remission then their parent/carer will need to reapply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschool meals from 7 June 2017.

Staff take stick from the Sixth Form!

On Tuesday 9 May 2017 the brave and honourable staffing body at Beaumont School took on the present Sixth Form students in the first of a triad of sporting challenges. The students put up a credible fight in the first half to keep up with their less experienced but much smarter opponents. After a questionable call by the umpire a short corner was awarded shortly before the end of the first half to the student team.

In a shocking turn around, Callum Emmerson scored a very lucky and unexpected (it had been agreed that we would not lift the ball, although we did decide to allow this goal to stand) flick in the top left hand corner outsmarting our veteran GK, Mr G Stewart. As was previously agreed amongst the staff, we turned our effort levels down to approximately 6% resulting in six more goals from the student body.

We felt that allowing a seven goal lead midway through the second half would fill the students with a sense of false confidence which would enable us to attack. Unfortunately, due to a series of defensive mishaps we were unable to claw it back by the final whistle. A great shame but much fun was had by all.

We look forward to the next challenge, **bring it on!**
Ms Moody



General Election 2017

Beaumont School was delighted to host a hustings with three of the St Albans Parliamentary candidates recently. The Sixth Formers posed a series of searching questions to the panel and they will have a much clearer idea now about the candidate's views on a range of national and local issues. Feedback from students and parents indicates that this was a very valuable exercise in democracy at the start of the General Election campaign.

At a time when voter registration rules have changed, it is important that those turning 18 are aware of what they need to do to secure their right to vote. This assembly, therefore, was an important adjunct to the Citizenship programme that Beaumont offers throughout the school.

Mr de Kort



Jack Easton (Green Party), Daisy Cooper (Liberal Democrat), Anne Main (Conservative)

From the Governors

Since my last article in February's *Beaumont Life*, the governors have been very pleased by a succession of very positive developments for the school. Following the appointment of Mr Atkinson as Mrs Hitch's successor, a very strong and capable Leadership Team has been put in place for next year, including two Deputy Headteachers and a new Assistant Headteacher. The school has also signed the Funding Agreement by which the County Council will sponsor the construction of the new Science Building, and we have appointed a firm of architects to take this forward. Finally, work has (at last!) begun on the old playing field. Once utilities work on Hatfield Road is completed, the developer will commence the construction of the new road junction, the spine road to the school, and the new housing. This should take place over the course of the next 8-10 months.

School funding continues to be a huge concern to all at Beaumont. Local headteachers have written to and met with local MPs, and we are grateful for the letters that parents have also sent on behalf of the school. We are also grateful for the huge amount of time and commitment that parents, staff, the BSA and students are devoting to fundraising. I am very aware of the view of many parents that state education should be free for everybody at the point of entry – please be assured that the governing body acknowledges and shares that principle. However, the simple fact is that, currently, the state is not providing enough funding for schools to be able to meet the increased costs that they face. The governing body is considering every option for increasing income and reducing costs, and our fundraising campaign is a part of that. I want to be absolutely clear that all monies donated to the 80 in 18 Campaign are being used for only two purposes: (1) our ambitious facilities development plan (specifically, the development of the school hall into the Beaumont Arts Centre), and (2) student teaching and learning. Whilst the school has a host of increased costs (and, indeed, a deficit) to meet, all funds donated (whether through the Campaign or the School Fund) are being committed to those specific areas alone.

I am very excited about the Beaumont Arts Celebration at the Alban Arena on Thursday 20 July and look forward to seeing many of you there.

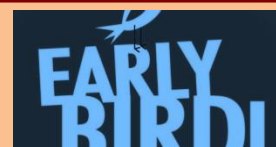
Alex Hall, Chair of Governors

Second hand uniform plea

If any Year 11 students wish to pass on their good quality uniform before they leave, it would be most appreciated.

We are keen to receive any items, especially sports kit, in time to sell them at the New Year 7 Evening on Thursday 29 June.

All donations are warmly welcome; please leave them at reception for collection. Many thanks.



(Early bird offer on all tickets sold until Friday 26 May)

Tickets and wristbands

On sale NOW!!

Room B2 every break!

Students (under 18s, under 5s free) **£3**

Adults (over 18s) **£5**

Wristbands **£2**

All tickets entitle the bearer to a free *half chicken at Nandos Restaurant, St Albans (worth £7.95) * T&Cs apply

See ticket form for order information



Rob's Festival Saturday 24 June 2017 Ticket Order Form

Your name

Student's name and form

Email Phone

Prices: Adult: £5 all day, Student: £3 all day (**early bird by until Friday 26 May 2017**)
 Adult: £6 all day, Student: £4 all day (**all tickets sold after 26 May 2017**)
 Child age 5 and under: free

Type Of Ticket	Number of Tickets Required	Price
Adult		
Student /child over 5		
Child age 5 and under		FREE
		Total:

Please make all cheques payable to the Beaumont School Association.

Please return this form with cash/cheque enclosed to the Beaumont School Reception clearly marked '**Rob's Festival**'.

You may also use ScoPay but please remember to complete and submit this form for your tickets.

Rob's Festival Saturday 24 June 2017

I can help!

Please complete as appropriate stating the time slot you can offer:

I can help **set up** (from 8am) between am and I can help **on a stall** from*

**anytime between 12pm and 8pm – a 2 hour slot would be great!*

I can help in the **kitchen** (from 10am-12.30pm) I can help **clear up** (from 8pm)

I can **donate**

Your name

Student's name and form

Email Phone

We look forward to hearing from you.

If you are unable to help on this occasion, we do hope you, and your friends and family, will support this fundraising event by attending. Funds raised will support Beaumont School and the Prince's Trust.