



## From the Headteacher

Last Tuesday night I was privileged to attend the Year 11 of 2016/17 GCSE and Award Presentation Evening. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the academic success of this summer's results with the students who had worked so hard to achieve them. The guest speakers were Joe and Jack Madley who had been invited back to share their experiences since leaving Beaumont in 2012. Their university experiences and the way they have moved into the world of acting, writing and film production was both fascinating and enlightening. It was also great to present the certificates and awards to so many deserving students.

In the Sixth Form, many UCAS applications have been submitted and it looks like there may be a record number of applications this year.

The Year 11 students have just completed their mock examinations and they have conducted themselves very well over the period. We are hoping their results reflect the work they have been putting in.

There is a lot to look forward to over the next few weeks and could I encourage everyone to attend the Beaumont Christmas Fair on Saturday 2 December 2017, 11.00am until 2.00pm, look forward to seeing you there.

Martin Atkinson

## DECEMBER

Friday 1 December	1:00pm	Hall	Set up for Christmas Fair (BSA)
Saturday 2 December	11:00 am	Hall	Christmas Fair (BSA)
Tuesday 5 December	3:30 pm	Hall	Dance Auditions
	6.30pm	Hall	Year 10-12 Rugby Tour Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 6 December	5:00 pm	Hall	Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 7 December			Year 10 interim reports issued
	7:00 pm	Hall	Year 10 Work Experience Evening
Tuesday 12 December	7:00 pm	Hall	Christmas Concert
Thursday 14 December			Year 9 interim reports issued
			Year 11 interim reports issued
	9:25 am	Hall	Sixth Form Awards Assembly
Saturday 16 December	7:00 pm	County Club	Christmas Party (BSA)
Monday 18 December	7:00 pm	St Peter's Church	Carol Service
	7:00 pm	Hall	Sixth Form Presentation Evening
Tuesday 19 December	12.30pm		Students dismissed for Christmas Holiday
	5:00 pm	Royal Festival Hall	Year 11/12 Theatre Trip to Slava's Snowshow

## 2018

Wednesday 3 January		INSET day (no students in school)
Thursday 4 January	08:25am	Students return to school

Once again this year Beaumont School is delighted to be able to participate in the England Rugby Grand Draw 2018! Tickets are £1 each and **90p from each ticket purchased will go to the school**. Please get involved and return the completed order form ([see page 4](#)) to Reception with the appropriate payment and your tickets will be given to your child to bring home. Please send in cash or cheques (payable to Beaumont School) in an envelope clearly marked 'England Rugby Grand Draw' and best of luck!

Mr Woolley

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1<sup>st</sup> Prize £10,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £1,000

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £1,000

4<sup>th</sup> Prize £500

5<sup>th</sup> Prize RBS 6 Nations 2017/18 Rugby Shirt signed by England Squad and many, many more prizes



### Beaumont Bake Off 2017

On Friday 20 October all the enthusiastic Beaumont bakers came to the School Hall to show off their beautifully crafted 'house cakes'. We had cakes of all different shapes and sizes, all boasting their house initials, names or symbolic references. It was up to the Heads of Houses and their House Captains to decorate the tables and present the cakes that would appeal to our target audience of both students and staff. Mr Atkinson and Mrs Bailey judged the stalls very carefully and awarded the prizes for the Best Presented House which this year was **Elgar** as well as the best cake from each house. The photos of the best cakes and house stalls can be found on the House Board within Block B. In total we managed to raise **£693.03** with **Redgrave** making the most money out of all of the house stalls by raising **£153.60**.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all those who baked, bought and sold cakes this year. It was amazing to see a huge amount of money that has been raised which will help to go towards the funding for '80 in 18'.

**Miss Fraser**



### Genius ideas from visiting writer Ali Sparkes

Year 7 and 8 students had the pleasure of meeting award-winning writer Ali Sparkes when she visited Beaumont earlier in November. Ali has had over forty books published and during her visit she introduced us to her fast-paced adventure story *Car-Jacked*. The book's main character Jack is a home-tutored child genius who finds himself on the run with bank robber and car stealer Ross as they try to evade the police, the bad guys and Jack's pushy, over-protective mum. The story follows the pair as they use their very different talents on a breathless chase from Scotland to London.

Addressing students and staff in the Hall, Ali set the scene as she read extracts from *Car-Jacked* and then went on to describe some of the research behind the story. As Jack has an IQ of 170, Ali contacted real-life child geniuses via Mensa (The High IQ Society) to ask what it was like to be super brainy? Ali also auditioned and appeared on the television quiz show *The Chase*, having previously appeared on *Eggheads*. Continuing the quiz theme, Ali's presentation included a *How Clever Are You?* Quiz for the audience. After testing students on maths, books, pi and Jupiter's moons, Ali declared that Beaumont is 'full of geniuses'! There was even a 'Quiz the Teachers' round with top spot going to Mrs Bennett. Ali rounded off her talk by encouraging our students to celebrate their 'brainy side'.



Students described Ali as 'brilliant', 'inspiring' and 'very funny'. Others included:

*10 out of 10, thank you Ali Sparkes!* - Robyn (7A)

*She is a very creative writer and I recommend her* - Joseph (7A)

*It was an amazing opportunity to meet an author* - Isabella (7E)

*She has inspired me to carry on trying new things* - Sophie (8E)

Ali also spent a very busy lunchtime in the Library, meeting students and signing copies of her books. She was then interviewed by members of Beaumont Book Club.

We would like to say a big thank you to Ali for visiting us at Beaumont School. The Library has a wide selection of Ali's books, including her latest title *Thunderstruck* ... so why not give one a try! More news on Ali's visit and her interview with the Book Club can be found on our Library blog: <http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com/>





### Design Ventura Competition

Year 9 students Isabel Holsborough, Sadie Keaveny, Farzana Hussain and Zoe Cowan created a brilliant pitch for their beautiful sewing kit and have been put forward to represent Beaumont School at the Design Museum's annual Design Ventura Competition. They battled it out and beat all the other Year 9 teams in a nine week project to create a product to be sold in the Design Museum shop. Here is their winning design. Congratulations on a great design and fingers crossed we win! Well done!

**Mrs ten Dam**



### Year 7 CED visit to Mountfitchet Castle

On Tuesday 7 November, all of Year 7 visited Mountfitchet, a medieval castle. This was to support their learning about Norman England in lessons. Students got to look around the castle and see how central the church was to people's lives and also get a feel for the size and scale of a motte and bailey castle by exploring it for themselves.

Students said that they enjoyed seeing the animals roam freely across the castle grounds. They also got the opportunity to pull a catapult and fire water balloons! Some of Year 7 also had fun trying on costumes and replica chain mail armour; we were all surprised by how heavy it was and couldn't imagine going into battle wearing it!

**Miss Bennett**



### 25 German Exchange celebrates Silver Anniversary

I wonder if, back in 1992, the teachers who set up the annual German Exchange between Beaumont and Hans Purrmann School in Speyer, thought it would last for 25 years! Not only has it lasted, but it has gone from strength to strength; as we took our largest ever group this year.

As ever, we were looked after very well by our German host families. We enjoyed day trips to Mannheim and Heidelberg, as well as going to lessons at school. We are all looking forward to our German Exchange partners visiting St Albans in April.

Thanks to Mr Stewart and Miss Jordan for accompanying the trip and a huge thank you to all the students for being superstars. Well done!

**Mrs Lutz**



## English Schools Cross Country – Round 1, Westminster Lodge

On Tuesday 10 October, our junior teams and inter girls' team competed in the first round of the National Schools' Cross Country Cup.

In the junior boys' race our top four scoring runners scored 65 points and were positioned in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall. William Houghton was placed 13<sup>th</sup>, a year out of age with Ben Humphreys 14<sup>th</sup>, Liam Hayes 17<sup>th</sup> and Owen Jones 21<sup>st</sup>. Our fifth runner home was Jake Berry in 43<sup>rd</sup> place.



The junior girls scored one point less than the boys (64) and were placed in fourth. Mia Pullan was 4<sup>th</sup> with Sarah McGrath not far behind in 8<sup>th</sup>. Meeka Nightingale and Sai Fisher, both in Year 7, were our other two scoring runners in 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> respectively. Jaya Barker (30<sup>th</sup>) and Emily Denning (40<sup>th</sup>) were our other runners in a race where 62 runners competed.



The inter girls team were our most successful team on the day with our four scoring runners, placing as follows: Niamh Gallagher 4<sup>th</sup>, Bea Towers 10<sup>th</sup>, Hannah McCorkindale Brown 11<sup>th</sup> and Kate Riches 14<sup>th</sup>. Scarlett Parkes was 21<sup>st</sup> a year out of age and Ellie Flynn 29<sup>th</sup>. This was a great team performance based on the fact that over 65 runners ran.



Our inter girls' score of 39 points puts us in third place in the competition and meant that we qualified for the Regional Final, more news to follow. Well done to all three teams, but particularly the inter girls who are one round from a National Final!

**Mr Stewart**

## From the Governors

The Resources Committee is back to the regular cycle of business and will meet for the second time this term in November. We said goodbye to our previous chair of the committee, Rena Prindiville, at the end of the last term and I have now taken on the role for this year. Change in senior school leadership has been more obvious in terms of personnel although in the operation of the school the Governors hope this transition has been smooth.

Secondary Transfer Evening took place in early October with students, staff and governors on hand to present the school to all prospective families. Students, in particular, were keen to showcase the many areas of the school in a positive light. The Governing Body aims to provide facilities that match the high standard of teaching. The replacement of windows and guttering to the main school building is very apparent from the outside and should provide a better learning environment for students throughout the year. In addition, work continues within the school in developing plans for the proposed new science building in conjunction with the appointed consultants. A planning application for the new building is anticipated to be submitted for this building shortly.

Works continue on the old playing fields and the new junction on Hatfield Road by the housing developer. Utility diversion works are reportedly nearing completion with the end to temporary disruption to traffic. This will then enable access to the school site to be modified to tie in with the school's changes that were pre-empted through the sports hall development.

**Gary Kellett, Chair Resources Committee**

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Number of tickets	_____
(five tickets in a book, each ticket is £1, each book is £5)	
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