



From the Headteacher

Wednesday 4 October saw a superb Secondary Transfer Evening. I was immensely proud of our students and staff, who yet again showed what an outstanding school Beaumont is. The site looked very impressive, with the new car park being used and the majority of visitors entering the school through block A. We have received many positive reports from prospective parents and most pleasing has been the number of comments with regard to the quality, politeness and helpfulness of our student guides, both on the evening and in the following days for the daytime tours. The volume of visitors must have been a new record as all four of the 'Head's Talks' were heaving.

Sporting success has begun well and I have seen the Year 7 girls win the first district cross country, Year 10 boys winning at basketball and the First XV rugby beat Sandringham at rugby.

The Sound of Music 48 hour musical was another resounding success with terrific performances and outstanding singing. It was truly hard to believe that such a professional show was put together over the weekend.

There is a lot to look forward to next half term. I hope Year 11 can use their half term effectively to prepare for their mock examinations in November.

Martin Atkinson

N O V E M B E R

Wednesday 1 November	7.00 pm	Hall, C1/C2	'Road' Upper School Play Performance
Thursday 2 November	8:00 pm	Hall	BSV Education Trust Information Evening (7pm Verulam/8pm Beaumont)
Friday 3 November	7.00 pm	Hall, C1/C2	'Road' Upper School Play Performance
			Year 12 A Level Art trip to Curwen Print
Saturday 4 November	7.00 pm	Hall, C1/C2	'Road' Upper School Play Performance
Tuesday 7 November			CED
	8:30 am	Hall	Year 11 Careers Fair
	12:05 pm	Gym	UKMT Senior Maths Challenge
	7:30 pm	Conf Room	BSA Committee meeting
Thursday 9 November			Sixth Form assessment grade 2 interim reports issued
	3:45 pm	Library	Primary Staff Tea
			German exchange - Beaumont to Germany (return Wednesday 15 November)
Friday 10 November		Hall & Gym	Year 11 mocks (end Thursday 23 November)
			Non uniform day for BSA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 14 November	6:30 pm	Conf Room	Full Governing Body
Wednesday 15 November	8:00 am	Epping Forest	Year 10 Geography Field trip
Thursday 16 November	5:00 pm		Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening
Monday 20 November		St Albans Arena	SASSMA
Tuesday 21 November	7:00 pm	Hall	GCSE Presentation Evening
Wednesday 22 November	6:30 pm	Conf Room	Resources
Thursday 23 November			Year 8 interim reports issued
Friday 24 November			Occasional Day (school closed)
Tuesday 28 November	6:30 pm	Conf Room	Community Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting
Wednesday 29 November	10:00 am	London	Year 11 Geography GCSE field trip
Thursday 30 November			Year 7 interim reports issued



A reminder to download the official Beaumont mobile app, which keeps parents in touch with the school through latest news feeds, calendar, term dates and push notifications allowing us to send you short messages reminding you of key dates and events. Additionally we can now inform you of incidents such as snow days and closures without you having to check first on the school website. The app is available through the App Store and Google Play.

You are able to select notification 'Groups' to which to belong, such as your child's Year Group and particular interests such as Drama, Music and PE. We will aim to target notifications accordingly to ensure you receive the information you need.

Year 7 CED – Thursday 21 September 2017

On Thursday 21 September Year 7 students ventured out on their first school trip to the River Lea in Wheathampstead. Fortunately, the weather held out enabling the students to make full use of their time at the river and busy themselves collecting measurements.

They took a number of different measurements including using a dog biscuit to measure the speed of the river. The students learnt to read angles using clinometers and take pebble measurements using calipers with much of the fieldwork equipment having been kindly donated by the BSA. The students appeared to have a great time in the river with plenty of very wet feet and full wellies.

Miss Anderson

What the students had to say about their first Geography field trip....

On CED day the Year 7s went to the River Lea. We went there to get information to decide if it was the upper, middle or lower course of the river. The information we collected was: pebble size, depth, speed, wetted perimeter and width. Then in Geography we drew graphs to show our results. To get this information we used different techniques.

Henry Benson (7A)

On CED day Year 7 went to the River Lea. Mr Osborne told us that the River Lea is very long and it goes around the Olympic Stadium in London. We had a task to measure the depth and width of the river in different places. We also had to measure the time it took for a rock to flow with the river for ten metres and the longest length of rocks that we took out of the river. We had to measure the gradient with a clinometer. We learnt that the river flows through Wheathampstead, WGC, Ware, Broxbourne, Enfield and Stratford. The source of the River Lea is a little hole filled with water and the mouth of the river is a flow into the River Thames.

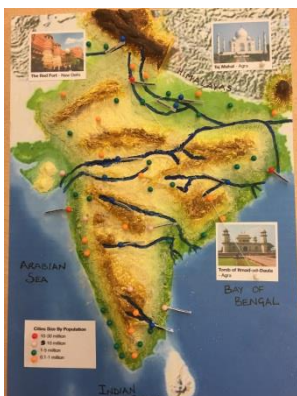
Rita Saporenkova (7E)



Year 8 3D maps of India

Having spent the last few weeks learning about the human and physical environment of India, and the inter-relationship between the two, Year 8 were set the challenge of creating a map to exemplify their learning. Whilst some students created posters, others took up the challenge of creating a 3D map and the outcome was exceptional. We had a huge variety of ideas, styles and interpretations. It was fantastic to see the hard work and effort put into these maps. A small sample of the work can be seen here.

Miss Anderson



Senior Boys become County Rally Champions

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball Squad who, on Monday 25 September, became **Hertfordshire County Basketball Rally Champions**.

In the round robin tournament, we beat Queens 35-27, Sandringham 20-15 and St George's 36-18 to win the competition we had been runners up in last season.

The comprehensive nature of the victory bodes well for the County and National League competitions, an excellent start to the season. **Mr Stewart**



Senior Boys Squad: Nathan Gorgulu, Jamie Caulfield, Jacob West, Ewan Brand, Jack Fletcher, Laurence Allen, Ope Afolabi, Shane Fajobi, Denzel Ememandu, Harry Dean, Joe Parrett

St Albans Schools Book Award

Beaumont School is proud to be taking part in the inaugural St Albans Schools Book Award. The Beaumont librarians, alongside librarians from other local schools, have considered a selection of young person's fiction, aimed principally at Year 7 and 8 readers. We have whittled this down to a shortlist of three books which will be considered for the award. Students who wish to participate in the scheme must read all three books. A number of our Beaumont Book Club students are taking part and have already started reading the shortlisted books. There are a range of activities supporting and celebrating the award. Here are some of the ways the students can get involved:

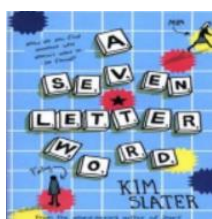
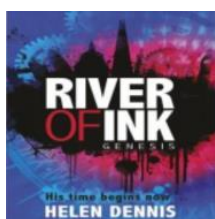
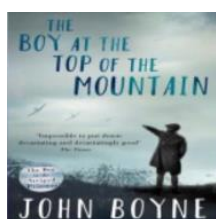


Design a book mark competition – use your creative flair and let your imagination run wild! Create a bookmark based on one or all three of the shortlisted books. The winning entry will be made into hundreds of bookmarks and given to all participating schools to give to students. The winning student will also receive a book token.



Create a logo competition – as this is the first year that the award has run, we would like the students to create an official logo for the award. You can create it using a computer or get creative with sharpies or pencils! The design must be original and all your own work. The winning design will become the award's official logo and will also win a book voucher.

On Wednesday 6 December there will be an activities and discussion day for the award, hosted at St Columba's College. Beaumont students who are taking part will have the opportunity to get together with keen readers from other local schools to explore and discuss the three shortlisted books. They will then vote on which book they would like to win the prize. The winners of the logo and bookmark competitions will also be announced at this event.



FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students, parents, staff and families who are new to Beaumont this year. We are very proud of the Beaumont community and its warm, supportive nature, and we hope you have enjoyed your first few weeks of getting to know the school.

I was delighted to be able to attend the St Albans Civic Society Awards Evening on Thursday 5 October. Beaumont was awarded a Commendation for Block A. The judges were very clear that it represents "good architecture", stating in the citation that: "In this new building the architect has exploited [the reorientation of the school site] with considerable flair... in a well-planned, compact composition... Sensitive use of good quality materials and the adroit arrangement of pitched roofs gives coherence to the scheme... providing a distinguished modern addition to the original school." I should note that the judges were much more critical about other designs built in St Albans during 2016! This award is testimony to the school's drive to provide outstanding facilities to match its outstanding teaching and learning.

Congratulations to the GCSE and AS/A level classes of 2017. We have again been celebrating record results this term, especially the key Progress 8 figures, which this year have been exceptional. As Mr Atkinson mentioned last month, we believe that this year's A Level results alone place Beaumont in the top 1% of all comprehensive schools, and the top 10% of all secondary schools (including selective and private schools). This is a fantastic achievement (particularly in the context of changing exam specifications) and a reflection of the very hard work and commitment of students and staff. I know that there were also several exceptional individual performances, at GCSE, AS and A level – every one of which deserves congratulations.



Finally, a reminder of our 80-in-18 Fundraising Campaign to raise money for a new performing arts centre to replace the current school hall. The incredible Beaumont Arts Celebration at the Alban Arena last term (described to me by one audience member as 'breath-taking') raised just under £10,000, but we are keen to keep up the momentum and raise more. Please do contact the school with all ideas and suggestions for fundraising, and let us know of any contacts (individuals or companies) who might be able to help us raise the funds we need to provide further outstanding facilities for our students.

Alex Hall, Chair of Governors

Out and about around Beaumont and beyond



Year 9 French Exchange

Year 9 students have immersed themselves in French culture during their week-long exchange trip to Paris. Activities included a visit to the famous sights of the city, such as the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, and a day at Disneyland Paris!



Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

Five Year 13 Chemists are celebrating their success in this year's Cambridge Chemistry Challenge. Andrew Oliver, Leo Broom, Kate Chamberlain, Laurence Allen and Martha Stagg (not pictured) between them achieved Copper and Silver accreditation in the highly demanding test of knowledge which is designed to stretch the most able 'A' level Chemistry students.



Visitors to the school in recent weeks will have noticed the scaffolding surrounding the main building (B Block) and Technology (D Block). As a result of a successful bid to the central government Condition Improvement Fund, the school has received £800k to repair the ageing flat roof covering Science and Technology as well as replace the gutters, drainpipes and windows on the main building. The latter fixtures date back to the opening of the school in 1938 and we hope that their replacements will serve Beaumont equally well and, in the case of the windows, dramatically cut our fuel bills and "carbon footprint".

We are delighted to announce that Beaumont has been awarded Artsmark Platinum by the Arts Council England. Having previously been Artsmark Gold, we have now achieved the highest level of the award, which recognises the excellence in our Art, Dance, Drama and Music departments, alongside Beaumont's commitment to promote and celebrate the arts within and beyond our school community.



**Artsmark
Platinum Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England





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Beaumont School

- **Modern Foreign Languages for adults**

We run 19 different language classes in German, French, Spanish and Italian, from Beginners to Advanced. Most teachers are native speakers. Visit <http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/course/all-modern-foreign-languages-adults> for more details

- **Art Textiles and Creative Embroidery (adults and students over 16)**

Explore your creativity with fabric, using the school's sewing machines as well as hand stitching. A relaxed, fun class, suitable for beginners as well as those with experience.

Wednesday 7.30—9.30pm from 8 November — 13 December, Fee £54



Verulam School

Courses run in conjunction with Herts Family Learning for adults

- **Gain a GCSE Equivalent Maths and /or English qualification – free ***

For adults 19 and older. Gain a nationally recognised City & Guilds Functional Skills Qualification in Maths and/or English. A pass at Level 2 is equivalent to a pass at GCSE. *£5 Registration fee.

Visit <http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/course/functional-skills> for more details

- **Maths Functional Skills (Level One and Level Two) Registration Fee £5**

Tuesday afternoons, Verulam School 12.30 to 2.45pm 19 September 2017 to 22 May 2018

The course has started but we can still take new joiners.

- **English Functional Skills (Level One and Level Two) Registration Fee £5**

Thursday afternoons, Verulam School, 12.45 to 2.45pm 5 October 2017 to 24 May 2018

The course has started but we can still take new joiners.

- **Well Being and Employability Courses for parents:**

Assertiveness/Boost your Confidence/Succeed and Get That Job (Reg Fee £5)

Ideal for people aiming to find employment, change career or looking for career development or volunteering opportunities. Verulam School Thurs 10am to 12pm:

- **Assertiveness** 10 am to 12 noon Thursdays 9 Nov – 7 Dec £5 Registration Fee
- **Boost your Confidence** 10 am to 12 noon Thursdays 11 Jan to 8 Feb £5 Registration Fee
- **Succeed and Get that Job** 10 am to 12 noon Thurs 19 April to 17 May £5 Registration Fee

"Thank you so much for organising the Boost your Employability Course, it was so helpful and beneficial in preparing me for a recent interview, & I'm proud to say I got the job "

Sandringham School

- **Super Science Club for Years 5 & 6**

Have fun enjoying practical, hands on science activities working in a school laboratory. Make new friends and develop your knowledge and understanding of science. Join after half term.

Wednesdays 4 – 5pm from 1 November to 6 December, Fee £24 for six sessions - try the first lesson with no obligation.

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