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From the Headteacher

A warm welcome to all our new students, their families and staff. It's been an exceptionally busy start to the term but I hope everyone is beginning to settle and enjoy being a part of this great school. This is the first entirely 'e-version' of Beaumont Life so please print it off, if you wish, and pin it on the kitchen noticeboard!

Part of the 'busyness' at the start of term is related to the opening of 'A Block' with our new sports hall, fitness suite, reception and 11 classrooms. It certainly has that wow factor! It was such a delight to welcome visitors, past students and staff as well as present students and families to the opening events over 16/17 September. We had a great opening morning on the Saturday with a big basketball event in the afternoon to celebrate opening the sports hall. Then the following week (when the rain had stopped!) we took a photo of the whole school outside the new front of the school – that was a first and quite memorable. The picture shown below gives you a taste of the final photo. Also take a look over the page.



A special welcome to our new staff. They are: Miss Bennett (History /G&P), Mrs Bennett (MFL), Mrs Azizi (Computing), Mrs Narula (Science), Mr Lowrie (Science), Mrs Baker (Geography), Miss Shahrad (MFL), Mrs Brown (Science Technician), Mrs Berwick (Display), Mr Shepstone (TA) and Miss Dolphin (TA). In addition we welcome six staff who will be training with us this year: Mrs Jarman, Mrs Jin, Mr Burrett, Mrs Berryman, Mrs Inskip and Mr Malak.

Thank you all for your support so far – here's to a grand year ahead!

Elizabeth Hitch

	Wednesday 5 October	2:00 pm		Early finish to set up for STE - students dismissed
0		5:45 pm	Hall	Secondary Transfer Evening
	Thursday 6 October	11:10 am		Late start. Students arrive at 11.10am for registration
С			Versailles, Paris	Year 9 French exchange visit to Versailles
	Friday 7 October	9:30 am	/ and 11.30am	Years 5 and 6 morning tours
T	Monday 10 October	9:20 am		Years 5 and 6 morning tours
	Tuesday 11 October	9:20 am		Years 5 and 6 morning tours
0		12:05 pm	London	Year 12 Drama trip to V&A
			TBC	Years 11/12/13 Maths Olympiad for Girls
	Wednesday 12 October	5:00 pm	London	Year 10 Drama trip to The Comedy about a Bank Robbery
В	Thursday 13 October	7:00 pm Hall Year 11 and beyond Parent Information Evening	Year 11 and beyond Parent Information Evening	
	Friday 14 October		London	Year 11 Urban Fieldwork Trip
E	Saturday 15 October	7:00 pm	Hall	BSA Quiz
	Wednesday 19 October		Norfolk	Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip
R	Thursday 20 October	7:00 pm	SFC	Year 12 /13 Law Careers Evening
	Monday 24 October			Half Term (students return to school Monday 31 October)
	Sunday 30 October			UCAS application student deadline

Our annual reminder, may we bring your attention to the Beaumont School Behaviour Policy which can be found on our website at http://www.beaumontschool.com/pages/about-us/policies.html.

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.

Sports Hall and classrooms are declared OPEN!

Clockwise from the top, students and staff welcome Andy Halliday, Team Manager, England/Great Britain Men's Olympic Hockey Team who officially opened the new Sports Hall; students gather with Will Fraser, professional rugby player for Saracens, who helped in the burial of the time capsule; alumni gather outside the new facilities; visitors spot their brick in the Buy-A-Brick fundraising wall; tree-planting ceremony featuring Beaumont sporting champions and an alumna from Beaumont's opening day in 1938 and the Alumni and current students prepare for a basketball extravaganza!















Thank you to everyone who came along to help us celebrate the opening of our new Sports Hall!

The BeauSandVer Education Trust Launch

On Monday 19 September, students from Beaumont, Sandringham and Verulam schools met with their respective headteachers Elizabeth Hitch, Alan Gray and Paul Ramsey (pictured) to officially launch the BeauSandVer Education Trust, an educational umbrella trust cementing three decades of partnership.

The St Albans schools have an exceptional partnership track record leading a sixth form consortium, enabling students from the three schools to access a broader curriculum and a reach their potential more successfully than would be the case in an individual school. The consortium has always prided itself on its high quality learning environments, excellent teaching, robust assessment, guidance and being at the forefront of innovation.

The BeauSandVer Education Trust comprises over 850 16-18 year olds studying predominately academic A Level courses across 35 subjects. The results are consistently high with over 400 progressing each year to undergraduate courses at some of the best universities in the country. The Trust attracts large numbers of external applications each year from students wishing to study in such a rich and vibrant environment providing the perfect transition from school to university.

The new Trust will:

- Cement a strong working relationship
- Develop the partnership further
- Explore more opportunities to work together
- Celebrate a determination to work together whilst retaining each school's unique identities and governing bodies

The headteachers, students and teachers are very much looking forward to further strengthening the work of the partnership and would welcome families to join them at their BSV Trust Information Evening on 3 November from 7.00pm at Sandringham and 8.00pm at Verulam School to learn more about enrolment in September 2017. Each school will also be sharing news of the Trust at their respective 'Into the Sixth' evenings in January – Beaumont on Thursday 12 January 2017, Sandringham on Tuesday 17 January and Verulam on Thursday 19 January 2017.



New Year

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A Good Start!

Our Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to their time at Beaumont. We have been impressed with their high levels of involvement in school life and commitment to lessons as well as excellent navigation skills! Congratulations to all Year 7 students. Now hear from some students about their first days/weeks at the school.....

I have just finished my second week at Beaumont and so far I am really enjoying it. There are a wide variety of clubs to join and I have already got involved with the school musical, Oliver. All the teachers and students are really friendly and helpful so it's easy to find out things that I am unsure about. My lessons are fun and so far, although Beaumont is a very big school, I have only got lost once. I am really looking forward to getting involved in even more clubs at Beaumont and I hope that I carry on enjoying school as much as I have so far.

Molly Sandford Smith (7L)

My first week at Beaumont was exciting if not very exhausting. I had a whole new range of lessons to commit to and the accompanying home learning. There were so many activities, everyone could get involved with something. I made lots of new friends and I am really pleased to be at Beaumont.

Johanna Lutz (7R)

I found my first week at Beaumont incredible. It was so fun. The teachers were all really kind and the lessons were better than I expected. I always thought that I would get lost all the time but I haven't once. And finally, the home learning wasn't too bad. Overall it was an amazing first week at Beaumont and I hope that it stays that way.

Liam Hayes (7L)

I felt a mixture of emotions as I walked through the school gates on my very first day. But I quickly settled in especially as I am with some of my good friends from my junior school. I have enjoyed most of the lessons especially Drama. As my form room is in the new sports hall which is air conditioned, we felt very lucky as the weather was really hot. I have joined three clubs and enjoyed them lots. The food at Beaumont is ace. I've learnt how to tie my tie and haven't lost anything yet.

Seth Baskerville (7L)

My first week at Beaumont was full of surprises. I was amazed that all lessons can be fun. I realised that school dinners can be nice. All of this was just part of my exciting week at Beaumont. I must admit that I was a bit anxious at first, but it goes in a flash.

Matti Krajnovic (7L)

Beaumont and Sandringham Fun Runs

Well done to all of the year 7 students who ran on Friday 9 September in the Beaumont Fun Run. The two lap girls' race was run by Mia Pullan with Emily Denning and Jaya Barker second and third respectively. In the boys' race, Ben Humphry was first in a very close and exciting race, just pipping Jamie Breen on the line with Liam Hayes just behind in third. Overall 7L were the winning form.

Year 7 runners competing in the Beaumont Fun Run

The top 20 boys and girls from the two lap Beaumont Fun Run were then selected to run the following Tuesday in the District wide Sandringham Fun Run. Fourteen schools from across the District were represented, with over 150 runners in each race (boys and girls).

Mr Stewart



The Beaumont team for the Sandringham Fun Run

In the girls' race, Mia Pullan replicated her excellent performance finishing third with Celeste Jones (22nd), Emily Denning (23rd), Jaya Barker (24th), Imogen Warwick (31st) and Scarlett Noble (36th) all scoring in the team event.

In the boys' race, Ben Humphry ran well yet again, finishing an excellent second with Jamie Breen 7th overall. Our top six runners home scored for the team: Liam Hayes – 15th, Owen Jones – 21st, Mitchell Banks – 29th and Louis Benson – 30th

In the team event the girls were placed third behind Loreto and STAGS, with the boys second behind Verulam. These were excellent results and placed us as the **top mixed school overall in each competition**.

All of the boys and girls ran well and should be proud to have competed for Beaumont in the first extra-curricular sporting event of the year, well done to all of you!

The photograph below shows Mia and Ben, our top placed runners.

Mr Stewart



Beyond Beaumont

Many congratulations to ex-student Leah Holt who achieved a First in Psychological and Behavioural Science Tripos at Cambridge.

One to Watch!

Well done to Phoebe Turnbull (8S) who was selected to represent England and the Eastern region at the British Young Riders Dressage (BYRDS) Home International Competition 2016.

Year 10 Basketball

Great start in the District League for Year 10 Boys. On Monday 12 September the Year 10 boys team took on Sandringham in the first game of the season for any Beaumont basketball team.

The bovs played extremely well, moving the ball well offence and defending strongly, both individually and as a team. At times we looked a little rusty when shooting, which is to be expected so early in the season. That said, we ran out comfortable winners 23 with Max Baskett top scoring with over 30 whole points. The team contributed to a good points total and this performance suggests we are going to have a very strong season. Mr Stewart

Many congratulations to the whole squad:

Joe Parrett ©
Harry Dean
David Brinkley
Tom Wilton
Hendrick Bockenhauer
Albert Quansah
Denzel Ememandu
Max Baskett and
Nick Powdrell





BSA Quiz Night

Saturday 15th October 2016

7pm for 7.15pm in the School Hall



The BSA invites you and your friends to an evening of fun and trivia at our hugely popular fundraising quiz night - with prizes for the winning team and "spot" prizes throughout the evening!

Tickets: £7.50 per adult

- Licensed Bar, selling alcohol and soft drinks (we respectfully ask for guests not to bring their own drinks)
- · Guests are invited to bring their own food/nibbles
- Raffle and "Heads'nTails"

To apply for tickets:-

- · Please complete the slip below,
- Then, either enclose a cheque/cash and return to reception marked for the BSA
 Or, email the information below to <u>bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk</u> and pay by Sco-Pay
- No tickets will be issued. We will email you to confirm your booking.

Whether you pay by cash, cheque or ScoPay, the BSA need to receive the information from the slip below to ensure your places are reserved and confirmed.

All places to be paid for in advance – please ensure your table guests make their payments too!

If you have any queries, please contact us on bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk

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