

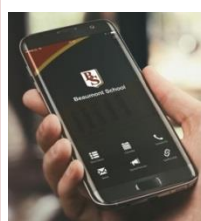


From the Headteacher

It has been an excellent start to the new academic year and my first year as Headteacher at Beaumont. The superb examination results this summer have provided a spring board of positivity for staff and students alike. Our A Level results were outstanding with 41% of grades at A* or A and an average points score per exam entry of 40 (a B grade), this score would have placed us in the top 1% of comprehensive schools for attainment in the previous year. At GCSE the results were equally impressive with 86% of students achieving at least a standard pass in English and Mathematics and 69% achieving a strong pass or better. As a school we were particularly pleased with the number of grade '9s' achieved in both English and Mathematics. For more detail on results do refer to the new school website. I was delighted to attend the district 'Fun Run' where Beaumont students put on an excellent show and the girls won the team competition. The Year 7 BBQ was a real success with great attendance despite the weather! At the other end of the school we have had record numbers join the sixth form, now totalling 345 students. Plans for the new Science block are developing well and we hope to see permissions granted and construction beginning after Christmas.

Finally, a warm welcome to all our new staff. They are Mr Mountstevens (Deputy Headteacher), Mr Langley (PE), Mr Malak who trained here last year (D&T), Mrs Bettison (Science), Mrs Cox (Drama), Mr Goodhand who also trained with us last year (Economics & Business), Ms Beaumont (Maths), Mrs Lewis (Art Technician), Mr Medforth who was a former student (Teaching Assistant), Miss Dines (Teaching Assistant), Ms Parkinson (Teaching Assistant), Mrs Bedi (Finance Assistant), Mr Robertson (Caretaker). In addition we welcome four staff who will be training with us this year: Mrs Dunn, Miss Cooper, Miss Jordan and Miss Haynes.

Martin Atkinson



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 only the information you need.



Do you have any unwanted spare foreign coins or notes from a holiday abroad this year? If so, we can use it as part of our fundraising and change it to Sterling. Any currency, no matter how old (even obsolete currencies) are welcome! Please bring any donations to Reception for collection and we will keep you updated on how much is raised.

Many thanks for your continued support.

OCTOBER

Wednesday 4 October	2:00 pm		Early close for Secondary Transfer Evening
	5:45 pm		Secondary Transfer Evening
Thursday 5 October	11:10 am		Late start to lessons
Friday 6 October	9:30 am	Conference Room London	Year 9 French Exchange (Beaumont to Versailles, returns 11/10/17)
Saturday 7 October	7:00 pm	Hall	Years 5 and 6 morning tours (9:30am and 11:30am)
Monday 9 October	9:30 am	Conference Room	Year 13 Art trip to Frieze Fair, London
Tuesday 10 October	9:30 am	Conference Room	Quiz Night (BSA)
Wednesday 11 October	6:30 pm	Conference Room	Years 5 and 6 morning tours (9:30am and 11:30am)
Thursday 12 October	7:00 pm	Hall	Years 5 and 6 morning tours (9:30am and 11:30am)
Friday 13 October		Hall, C1/C2, Music	Community Teaching & Learning (CTL) Meeting
Saturday 14 October		Hall, C1/C2, Music	Year 11 and Beyond Parent Information Evening
Sunday 15 October		Hall, C1/C2, Music	48 Hour Musical
Tuesday 17 October	6:00 pm	D19	48 Hour Musical
	7:30 pm	Wilton's Music Hall	48 Hour Musical
Wednesday 18 October	1:00 pm	Sir John Lawes School	German Exchange Parent Information Evening
Thursday 19 October	3:30pm	Dining Hall	Year 12 Drama Theatre Trip 'Les Enfants Terribles'
Friday 20 October	12:50 pm	Hall	Year 12 Green Leaders Programme
Monday 23 October			Second Hand Uniform Sale (no vehicular access before 3.45pm)
			Beaumont Bake Off
			Half term (students return on Monday 30 October 2017)



Cantabria 2017

During Curriculum Enrichment Week in July, 79 students and eight members of staff travelled to Spain for our increasingly popular Cantabria trip. Despite the early start, all students arrived bright-eyed and full of energy and enthusiasm which continued throughout the trip. With five full days of activities including; a boat trip, a cave visit, swimming, a cable car ride, mountain hiking, a talent show and a karaoke evening, the students had many opportunities to sight-see, sample local cuisine and use their language skills.

Among the many highlights of the week was a trip to a local outdoor market where students had to use both their budgeting and linguistic skills to buy and prepare their own "team" lunches. Tables were judged on their variety, presentation and authenticity and we, the judging panel, were highly impressed with the commitment and ingenuity shown.

A fabulous week was had by all and the students and their enthusiasm and willingness to participate in every activity and use their Spanish, was a pleasure to behold.

A big thank you to the seven members of staff who accompanied me and made this trip such a memorable experience.

Señora Rennie

Can you help?

During the Curriculum Enrichment Day on Tuesday 7 November 2017, we are again organising a 'Careers/Post 16 Moving On' Fair for our Year 11 students. We aim to have a variety of stalls in the hall for the students to visit throughout the morning. They will be able to find out about careers in various sectors and the routes through further education to access these careers.

We would, however, like to offer access to information and advice on as great a variety of opportunities as possible and we know that there is a wealth of experience and knowledge amongst our parents and governors, and that many of you are willing, when able, to work with us in a variety of ways.

We are looking, in particular, for people in **stockbroking, dentistry, TV production, games designer and veterinary surgery**. If you work in one of those sectors or any that you think would be of interest, and you would be willing to man a stall and chat to the students, we would be delighted to hear from you.

If you are able to help, please call **01727 854726** and speak to **Beverley Rider** or email admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk as soon as possible. Thank you.

Beaumont Reads

Presenting *The Giver* as our latest whole school read

The school year got off to an exciting start in the Library with the launch of Lois Lowry's book ***The Giver*** as our new Beaumont Reads/whole-school read.

This powerful novel, set in a not-too-distant future, tells the story of Jonas and his life in what, at first glance, appears to be a perfect world. Here there is no discord or war or pain, lives are ordered and comfortable, strong emotions are controlled by pills and memories do not exist. In this model society, people strive for 'Sameness' and have a fear of being different. Nine-year-old Jonas' world is turned upside-down when he meets the Giver and becomes the Receiver of Memory. Jonas discovers that, with memories, come powerful emotions and sensations, both positive and painful. This new knowledge makes Jonas question his world and forces him to make the most difficult decision of his life.

The Giver is a truly compelling and thought-provoking book. Over the coming weeks we will be encouraging as many students, parents and staff as possible to read, review and share the book. We will support the book across the curriculum through a range of activities and events.

All those who review ***The Giver*** will be presented with a specially designed badge, exclusive to Beaumont!

As we have discovered in previous years, the Beaumont Reads initiative is a fantastic way to bring the school community together. We will post regular updates on this year's activities on our social media so please look out for all the latest news on ***The Giver***!

Mrs Shepard





“Breathtaking” was the word uttered by one audience member at the end of a packed evening of drama, dance and music at the Alban Arena on Thursday 20 July. It was hard not to agree. Over 200 Beaumont School students, with a supporting cast of staff and alumni, had put together a truly memorable evening, as part of the fundraising campaign to build a new Beaumont Arts Centre (BAC) at the school. We are delighted to announce that the evening made a staggering **£9,630** which will go towards the Beaumont Arts Centre. Well done to all involved.

Year 7 Sandringham Fun Run

Congratulations to the 39 Year 7 students who represented Beaumont on Tuesday 12 September at the Sandringham Fun Run. Fourteen different schools from St Albans and Harpenden were represented and there were over 200 runners in both the girls’ and boys’ races.

In the boys’ race William Houghton was our top placed runner and highest finishing Beaumont athlete, narrowly missing out on a medal in 4th place. Charlie Clark finished 22nd with our top six runners all in the top 53.

Our girls’ team was outstanding with our top six scoring runners all in the top 25 finishers. Meeka Nightingale was 6th, Amy Woodward 9th and Saira Fisher 11th. In the team event, there was one point between first and second and we secured first place with 93 points, with Sandringham second with 94. Well done to the girls who, in their first sporting event for Beaumont, have become District Champions! Our squad below:



District League cross country – R 1, Townsend School

Well done to all of the runners who competed on Thursday 14 September in the first round of the District cross country league. On a sunny evening, 34 Beaumont runners competed over the 2km plus Townsend course. In the Junior age group we had a number of Year 7 runners who ran in the Year 8 age group after their excellent performances on Tuesday evening in the Sandringham Fun Run.

Junior Results: Girls – Mia Pullan 2nd, Sarah McGrath 6th, Jaya Barker 14th, Meeka Nightingale 18th, Sai Fisher 21st, Emily Denning 23rd, Amy Woodward 29th, Lili Rodgers 32nd, Lucy Moorish 36th, Scarlett Noble 38th, **Boys** – Ben Humphreys 10th, Liam Hayes 11th, George Still 31st, Mitchell Banks 32nd, Owen Jones 33rd, Jonathan Harris 39th, Jake Berry 41st

In the Inter and Senior age groups, we had a number of top ten finishes and scored really well in all of the team competitions. The Inter Girls did particularly well, with all six runners finishing in the top 16. Niamh Gallagher won the Inter girls’ race with Thomas Cooper second in the Inter boys, well done to both of them.

Inter Results: Girls – Niamh Gallagher 1st, Bea Towers 7th, Scarlett Parkes 12th, Hannah McCorkindale-Brown 13th, Ellie Flynn 14th, Kate Riches 16th, **Boys** – Thomas Cooper 2nd, Sam Hicks 4th, Dylan Robertson 8th, Sam Parkes 25th

Senior Results: Girls – Sian Appleyard 4th, Olivia Crisp 8th **Boys** – Finlay Craigmyle 10th, Alex Joyce 11th, Anthony Donaldson 16th



Beaumont School is a member of the Alban Federation partnership in the area of teacher training. Each year the Federation trains a large number of adults (53 in 2017/18), either straight from university with their degrees, or people who are changing careers, and places them in a host school for the year to enable them to complete their training and gain Qualified Teacher Status. All applications are submitted through UCAS (the University Admission System) and this is scheduled to open on 26 October 2017, for courses starting in September 2018. Courses are available for both Primary and Secondary programmes, with salaries or bursaries available for suitably qualified candidates in many subjects.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher and would like to find out more about how to apply and what is involved, we are holding an **Open Morning on Saturday 14 October 2017** in the Sixth Form Centre at Sandringham School in St Albans. It runs from 9.30am to midday and you are more than welcome to come along and meet current trainees and course tutors. Equally, if you know of anyone who is keen to train to teach, this will be a very useful event for them to attend.

Further details can be obtained from the school by contacting **Zoe Shepherd** via email at admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk

Beyond
Beaumont

Congratulations to former student Hugh McHarry who graduated this summer with a First Class degree in Marine Engineering from Newcastle University. He is now working at Babcock International as a graduate naval architect.



Community Courses for Parents/Students

If you would like to enrol for any or all of these courses please email carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk or call 01727 754113

Carole Heselton
Community Links Administrator
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www.bsvcourses.co.uk

Modern Foreign Languages

We have had a great start to the term with several people enrolling for beginners' classes in French, German, Italian and Spanish. We also run Continuer, Intermediate and Advanced Classes in these languages so if you already speak a language and would like to carry on learning, please do get in touch.

Art and Craft



- **Art Textiles** will be running again after half term – 8 November to 13 December, Wednesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30 pm. Fee £54. Attached are some projects that the students are working on. However the class is very flexible; Lynsey will suggest projects but also support you with her skills and expertise to make an item of interest to you. A fun, friendly and supportive class.
- **Introduction to Water Colours for adults 18 and over.** Ideal for beginners. Learn how to stretch paper, lay down basic washes, colour theory, painting neutrals, tonal painting and wet in wet technique. Create a simple still life, painting with washes and using wax and salt. Tuesdays 7.00 – 9.00 pm from 31 October to 5 December at Sandringham School. Fee £60.

Assertiveness/Boost your Confidence/Succeed and Get That Job

We are running a series of courses for parents/adults over the next three terms to support people who would like to improve their confidence and assertiveness skills. This is particularly valuable for people thinking about going back into employment or volunteering, changing career or seeking career development opportunities.

Each course runs weekly for two hours over five weeks and classes will be held at Verulam School on Thursday mornings from 10.00 am to 12 noon as follows:

- **Assertiveness** 10.00 am to 12 noon – Thursdays from 9 November – 7 December. £5 Registration Fee
- **Boost your Confidence** 10.00 am to 12 noon – Thursdays from 11 January to 8 February. £5 Registration Fee
- **Succeed and Get that Job** 10.00 am to 12 noon – Thursdays from 19 April to 17 May. £5 Registration Fee