

## Primary School Book Project

Each year, Year 8 students take part in the English Department's Children's Book Project. Every student in Year 8 visits a primary school and meets with a child from Reception or Year 1. They spend a few weeks designing and creating a book especially for this child. The children then come back to Beaumont and Year 8 students give their books to the child.



Some original and creative books were produced this year, and every student had clearly put in a lot of effort.



Miss Catton

## Raising money for Wayne's Fund



The non-school uniform day earlier this year raised money for Wayne's Fund. Wayne's Fund raises money to get defibrillators in schools.

As well as the non-uniform, there was also a cake sale, with cakes made and sold by our friends, which also helped a lot towards the total amount of money raised. Altogether the school raised around £1800, which is the most the school has ever raised on a charity day. Wayne's Fund is extremely grateful for the donation towards their charity. Thank you so much for everyone's contributions. We hoped to raise enough money to buy one defibrillator but due to everyone's kind donations we raised enough money for almost two. Hope you all had a good day!

Louise and Andrew Taylor

## Year 5 History Mystery Day

In the penultimate week of term the History department once again hosted a History Mystery day for a local Year 5 class. This year it was Rowan Class from Oakwood School.

The day began with an inference activity with Miss Wensley and the groups examined objects from the costume cupboard such as chain mail, a soldier's tunic and a Sony Walkman. They were then divided into two groups and looked at evidence about a mystery event. They watched a pre-recorded video guest starring Miss Pearson, Miss Wensley, Mr Cross and students Sam Stothard, Anshula Mauree-Bain and Anna Fordham who had all dressed up as part of the evidence. They also interviewed two of the people involved. They worked well in their groups, ably assisted by Helen Tung-Yep, Alex Brett, Holly Andrews and Soairse Hill from Year 12.



At the end of the session the students summed up their ideas about the solution to the mystery and the department was really impressed with their enthusiasm and interest that they showed across the lessons that day. It seems that this was something that they enjoyed too as a couple of days later we received this thank you note from the class:

*"Thank you very much for inviting us for a History morning. We all enjoyed the lesson we had and the film you made was very exciting. Your students were very skilled and experienced. You have taught us so much in one morning about History and Beaumont must be so lucky to have teachers like you. We all look forward to having another lesson there and we were very impressed with your knowledge."*

Miss Pearson

## Primary School Tea

The annual Primary School tea takes place in the Autumn Term on one day after school.

Teachers from local Primary schools are invited to tea in the Library with some of the Year 7s who left their schools in July. It is always a very enjoyable occasion and gives Year 7 students a chance to tell their former teachers how they are enjoying life at Beaumont..



## Student Voice

Approximately 50 students from Years 7-10 were involved a Student Voice Day at the end of the summer term. The four Committees - Teaching and Learning, Communities, Charities and Eco Schools - fed back on what they had achieved during the year. Edited highlights include:

Helping to develop the layout/content of future pupil planners; creating links with Cunningham Hill School re Eco Schools; helping with the Primary Staff Tea; organising fun events for Comic Relief.

Time was also spent planning future work for 2011-2012. Pupils suggested that smaller sub-committees to focus on more single specific issues would be a pragmatic way forward. We are also intending that the Sixth Form will take a role in leading the four Committees. Students worked on Action Plans which will be fed back to the Senior Leadership Team via Mr Goodwin (Assistant Head Teacher responsible for Student Voice).

One big future aim for Student Voice is to increase whole school awareness of what Student Voice does. With this in mind, students worked in the following activity groups, overseen by a teacher:

Mural Communication; Information and Planning for Secondary Transfer Evening; Student Voice Branding and Promotion; Video Communication; Blog Communication; School rewards systems.

After a lunch provided by the school to thank all the students for their work, each group gave a presentation of their activities. This included Chloe Wallis of 8N interviewing Mrs Hitch. Move over Jeremy Paxman! All the staff and governors involved commented on how impressed they were with the hard work, commitment and high level of interest that students showed all day.

Many thanks to all the students who were involved. You certainly did yourselves and Beaumont proud. Thanks very much also to all the staff who were involved.

Ms Wensley



Our school, our choice.



Rob's Festival began after a group of ex-Beaumont students tragically lost their friend Rob Williams in March 2009.

Rob was a great supporter of schemes to help give young people the opportunity to establish themselves in the business world. He was an ambassador for the Government's 'Make your Mark' initiative and a keen supporter of The Prince's Trust, a charity which has set up a Memorial Fund for Rob to support young enterprise – The Rob Williams Enterprise Fund.

This year saw the involvement of a team of over 40 Sixth formers who, led by Mrs Powdrell, Assistant Headteacher, worked with two of Rob's friends, Steve Machell and Elena Crompton, along with the Beaumont School Association to create the festival. The Sixth form team organised all the staging, music, dance acts, marketing and stalls for the day. Combined with the sports events and generous sponsorship from Allied World Assurance Company, the festival raised over £14,000 for the Rob Williams Enterprise Fund and the school.

With Eliza Doolittle topping the bill last year there was a lot to live up to in 2011 and attendees were not disappointed! There were from over eight different bands including Swanvesta Social Club, The Scratch and Silvers. Dance performances came from Aviv Dance Studios, set up by Nikki Avron, who started her business with support from the Prince's Trust and Living the Dream, a performing arts company set up by ex-Beaumont pupil, Zoe Jackson. More than 500 people attended the festival.



Beaumont School has strong links with The Prince's Trust and this year Red Apple Creative provided over 35 prizes for Year 9 pupils who took part in the Prince's Trust 'Million Makers' scheme.

This scheme is designed to encourage and foster entrepreneurial spirit and is run within the school's PSHCE lessons.

## Year 7 trips abroad - Curriculum Enrichment Week July 2012

### Germany

**During** the CED week I went on the trip to Germany. It was an amazing experience and we got to discover Germany's true beauty, visit the sweet town of Cochem, explore the castle at Burg Eitz, taste the flavours of the Koln Chocolate Museum, embrace the stunning architecture of Koln Cathedral and absorb the fantastic scenery of the Rhine.

I think that next year's Year 7 should be really looking forward to it!

**Will, Year 7**



**In** CED week Year 7 went to Germany for a week. It was led by Miss Fairhead. We had a long journey there and back. We went to Cochem and had great fun on the cable cars. We also visited Koln. In Koln we went to a Chocolate Museum. We all had a great time in Germany and a lovely experience. I hope the next Year 7s enjoy it just as much as I did!

**Ishitha, Year 7**



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### France

**We** went to Normandy in France for a week and we stayed in a Youth Hostel by the beach. Only our half of the Year – L, E and A - went to France because we study French. I would like to thank Miss Blake and all the other staff for arranging the trip and I recommend it to the next Year 7.

**Anna, Year 7**



**The** French trip was a fantastic experience involving tourist attractions such as Mont St Michel and the Bayeux Tapestry, the Hypermarket and the Grand Aquarium in St Malo, as well as La Ferme Marine Oyster Farm in Cancale. I particularly enjoyed wandering around little shops designed for holiday makers, before entering the Invasion Museum to watch two great videos about D-Day. Also the hotel was fantastic – both rooms and food. Overall it was a brilliant trip.

**Elliot, Year 7**

## Beaumont - Secondary School of the Year

**Beaumont** is celebrating after its PE Department won the 'Secondary School of the Year' title in the recent Herts Sports Partnership 'Service to Sport Awards 2011'. Head Elizabeth Hitch, Steve Jump and Natalie Moody from PE received the award at the Awards ceremony at the University of Hertfordshire on 12 September. The Awards programme recognises the contributions and celebrates the achievements of sports volunteers and schools in Hertfordshire. Beaumont was one of seven schools nominated for the award in Hertfordshire.

**The** Awards Panel judged Beaumont to be Secondary School of the Year based on

- The wide range of opportunities available to students to participate in high quality PE and extra-curricular sport
- The many school-club links and the impact on sport in the community
- The commitment to teacher/coach training in order to improve the delivery of sport
- The high level of provision for disability sport at the school

**Beaumont** is also delighted that student Rowen Seglah was nominated in the Hertfordshire 'Young School Volunteer of the Year' category, and staff members Paul Willsher and Ryan Bratley in the Hertfordshire 'Contribution to Disability Sport' category, making it the only school to have nominations in three different categories.

**Head** of PE Steve Jump said "The award of Secondary School of the Year is a fantastic achievement for Beaumont school and is testament to the commitment and dedication of all the staff involved in the delivery of curricular and extra-curricular activities. It's wonderful to receive the acknowledgement from the Herts Sports Partnership for our continued effort."

## Record Breaking Exam results

Year 11 students celebrated Beaumont's highest grades yet for GCSE with several achieving A\* and A grades across the board and eight students achieving an impressive seven or more A\* grades. In addition the school is very pleased that the majority achieved the new English Baccalaureate.

80% 5A\*-C grades inc English and Maths

94% 5A\*-C grades (all subjects)

56% English Baccalaureate

Mr Sievwright, Head of Year 11, said, "I am so proud of all the students in Year 11. They've worked very hard and have been a brilliant year group. They worked so well together as a team and they thoroughly deserve these excellent results."

Year 13 students achieved superb A Level and IB results. A record eight students successfully secured highly competitive Medicine/Veterinary and Oxbridge places and an impressive 90% of students gained places at universities of their choice. The top A Level results were achieved by Elliot Andrews (three A\*, two As), by Rebecca Heselton (three A\*, one A) and by Matthew Peckham, Jake Hodges and Rebecca Juster (two A\* and two As). IB students Kim Renfrew and Harriet Brown achieved an outstanding 40 points each placing them in the top 3-4% of students globally.

Grade A\* 8%

Grade A\* or A 37%

Grade A\*, A or B 65%

Grade A\*, A, B or C 86%

There were 31 A\* grades at Beaumont, shared between 21 students and 14 subjects

Headteacher Elizabeth Hitch, said, "All the students are to be congratulated on their outstanding results which are due to their hard work and determination to succeed alongside the excellent support of staff and parents. I wish them all the very best for their futures."

## New Indoor Gym

The prize winning success of Beaumont parent Sonia McDonnell, coupled with the fundraising efforts of the Beaumont School Association (BSA) have resulted in a fantastic new outdoor gym facility being installed in one of the school's quadrangles. The gym has been named 'The McDonnell Gym' and is being used by students in lessons and gym club sessions and is also available for staff to use.



**Parent** Sonia McDonnell won a £10 000 School Sports Giveaway run by United Biscuits; she picked up the application form in the Fleetville branch of Morrisons whilst buying cake ingredients. Her winning slogan was: "After taxing our brains, we love to play games." Mrs McDonnell and her daughter Antonia, and representatives of the BSA celebrated the official opening of the gym with school staff, students, and a representative from United Biscuits.

## School Development Proposals

The development proposals for Beaumont, which have been under discussion for many years, have finally been approved following the Planning Inquiry earlier this year. We are delighted that planning permission has now been granted for:

- A new access for the school from Hatfield Road, a new school car park, and car and coach waiting and turning areas segregated from residents and residential traffic
- New pedestrian and cycle links to the school
- A new sports hall, available for community use
- New high quality playing fields, including an all weather pitch, also available for community use, and additional team games hard play area
- Additional teaching accommodation and new Reception area
- Housing on the existing playing fields to fund the improvements.

**These** improvements will provide the school with much needed sports and teaching facilities, enhancing our ability to deliver the full and high quality curriculum for which Beaumont is recognised. They will also relieve many of the current traffic issues in Oakwood Drive, and facilitate the separation of pedestrians and vehicles, parking and play within the school grounds. Keep watching the website for progress.