



Welcome to this Special Edition of Beaumont Life, our monthly newsletter which is circulated to all families at the school. We have selected a range of items which have featured during the last academic year to give you a flavour of what life as part of the Beaumont community is like, especially for our new students and their families. A copy is available on the website each month. We hope you enjoy it.

**Elizabeth Hitch, Headteacher**

### Year 7 BBQ

On Saturday 12 September, the back quadrangle was filled with Year 7 parents enjoying the annual welcome barbeque, hosted by the Beaumont School Association (BSA). Miss Dundjerovic (Head of Year 7), Mrs Hitch and other senior staff members were on hand to help out while a team of Beaumont parents served a range of hot food and refreshments. The Year 7 mentor team of Year 11 students welcomed the parents on arrival and helped organise football and netball events for the younger students.

Parents also took the opportunity to visit Phase 1 of the school's new sports facilities - a new, all-weather pitch and hard court games area and they were able to view the newly turfed playing fields, due to be officially opened later this term.



### YoungMinds Charity Skydive

On 19 July 2015 we completed a 10,000 ft tandem skydive for YoungMinds, the UK's leading campaigning charity, committed to



improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. We have chosen YoungMinds because young people's mental health is a cause incredibly close to our hearts.

So far we have raised almost £600 by running a cake sale at school (with massive support from our friends) and collecting money during drama performances (huge thanks to the Drama Department!). Our aim is to raise well over £1000. As well as the Skydive, Mr Sievwright has organised for us to speak to the younger years in assemblies and Mrs Hitch is also kindly allowing us to hold a non-uniform day in September which will raise more funds. In the meantime we would be very grateful for any support. Please visit our JustGiving page at [www.justgiving.com/Esme-Mallett](http://www.justgiving.com/Esme-Mallett). We welcome any donations to help raise valuable funds for this fantastic charity. Thanks to everybody for their support.

**Esme Mallett and Ellie Hackwood (11E)**

### Year 7 Trip to Germany

On 29 June 2015, 90 Year 7 students left St Albans for our trip to Germany. After a year of learning German, it was exciting to finally be going to the country. We stayed in a fantastic youth hostel and enjoyed some great day trips. On the first day, we were able to take in the breathtaking view from Cochem Castle across the Moselle river. A highlight for many people was our day in Cologne where we toured the Lindt chocolate museum and watched chocolate being made to our own designs! In the evenings, we had a lot of fun playing games in the grounds of the hostel. All too soon, it was time for us to return to the UK, tired but happy!

**Mrs Lutz, Head of MFL**





## PE Rugby Round-Up

Tuesday 21 April was a significant date because it saw the u13 girls finish fifth in the **South East regional tournament** but also as it drew a close to eight months of rugby at Beaumont this year and, quite possibly, the most successful yet. Individually seven players represented Hertfordshire at various age groups (see below); Olivia Almond and Holly Brando were part of the **England under 18 development squad**, and Danny Cutmore represented **England u17 against France**. Collectively the 1<sup>st</sup> XV reached the **Hertfordshire Trophy Final** for the second time losing out to Dame Alice Owens. They also enjoyed their best run in the **National Plate** reaching the last 32 of the competition before succumbing to Spalding Grammar School.

In the junior section the under 13s ruled the roost with the A team winning nine of their 11 regular season fixtures before reaching the semi-finals of the **County 7-a-side competition** and winning the **County Trophy competition**. The mighty B team also maintained their unbeaten record now stretching two years. After a slow start the under 12s rallied to reach the **County Trophy Finals day** as well as winning the **District 10-a-side Plate competition** and finishing Plate runners up at the **County 10-a-side tournament**.

Girls' rugby continues to flourish as the under 15 squad were a last minute try away from the **County Final** and reaching the **Regional Tournament**. The under 13s won the **County Tournament** and played to an excellent standard to come fifth in the region with a team comprising more than half year under 12s. Hopefully with the number of girls involved next year there will be the addition of an u18 side too.

**Mr Panting**

## Honours List

**U12 – County Trophy Runners Up**

**U13 – County Trophy League Winners – Tournament Winners**

**U13 Girls – County Cup Winners, 5<sup>th</sup> South East of England Region**

**U14 – County Trophy League Runners Up**

**U15 Girls – County Tournament ½ finalists**

**1<sup>st</sup> XV – County Trophy Runners Up, 6<sup>th</sup> Round National Vase Comp**



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Award at Beaumont has gone from strength to strength this year. After much dedication from students in the volunteering, physical and skills sections, two Bronze expeditions to the Chilterns, and Silver expeditions to the New Forest and West Sussex, we are already looking to 2015-2016. In total we received 93 applicants for 56 places on Bronze and 33 applications for 28 places on Silver. We are also very excited to be introducing the Gold award for the first time, details to be confirmed at a later date. The award could not run without the support of our dedicated group of volunteers, which includes staff, parents and governors. If you are interested in also getting involved, please contact Ms Dickson, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Co-ordinator, for further details.

**Mr Gray**





## History Trip to the US

History's biennial trip to Washington and New York is a highlight of the school calendar. This year's expectations were high and students were not disappointed. It started on the Virgin flight where it soon became apparent that one of the cabin crew was an ex-Beaumont student!

The days were filled with a variety of activities that complement the History syllabus. There was something for everyone: American History, Government and Politics, Sport, Performing Arts, Architecture, Popular Culture, Science, Technology and of course FUN. **Ms Esmizadeh**

### New York notables:

This year we visited the Top of the Rock in the early evening. Students were able to get amazing pictures of the Empire State Building.

*The tour of Harlem was a highlight with a particularly interesting and funny guide. His knowledge and experience of the area and Civil Rights movement was amazing.*

The last day spent in sunny Central Park, where one student got to see her favourite artist, was the end to a fabulous week.



### Washington notables:

For the first time half the group were given the opportunity to sit in the House of Representatives and learn about American democracy.

Another first was a visit to the American History Museum, which featured, among a plethora of amazing artefacts, the famous 'Woolworth lunch counter' of the Civil Rights movement.



## Beauty and the Beast

Beaumont Drama and Music Departments were delighted to present their performance of Walt Disney's Beauty and the Beast to a captive audience at the end of January. Here is a selection of reviews and comments received following the performance. Congratulations to everyone involved.

### Year 7 Chicken Run

Every year, the Year 7 Drama Club put on an enchanting outdoor production. In June 2015, we presented an adaptation of the animated film *Chicken Run*. Attended by over 100 people with a cast of over 50 Year 7 students, the show was a delight.

The audience were so impressed that we have been invited to be part of the Trestle Arts Base Fun Palace in October. Just one of the exciting opportunities available at Beaumont.

**Miss Shepherd**  
Head of Drama





### Annual Schools Art Exhibition

January saw the fourth annual Schools Art Exhibition hosted by Samuel Ryder School. We were delighted to be asked to take part in it again and submit three pieces. The exhibition offers students an opportunity to showcase their work in a gallery environment. As usual, this year's show was a great success and the work on display was excellent and reflects the talent that we have in our local area. **Miss Findlay**



### Our Entries

Sarah Nicholson (Year 13) 'Dad'  
Lucy Gatenby (Year 13) 'Puffin'  
Emily Maliszewska (Year 13) 'Animal Pyrography wood burning on Logs'

### Former Beaumont Students, 1950s Style

On Wednesday 25 March the History Department hosted a lunch for four former Beaumont pupils. These were no ordinary pupils; they were at the school in the 1950s when Beaumont was split into a boys and a girls school. Apart from the ladies, the Head, four History teachers and four GCSE students were present to discuss the changes to the school over the past 60 years. It gave all a good insight into the transformation of the school and society generally throughout this period. An enjoyable time was had by everyone. **Ms Esmizadeh**



### National Women in Engineering Day

On Tuesday 23 June, some Year 8 and 9 girls participated in National Women in Engineering Day. It was a great opportunity to meet a civil engineer and a robotics engineer who explained about their jobs which sounded really interesting. I was fascinated by the development of robots to be used in elderly care and that as a civil engineer you could plan the Olympic Park! I loved the activity – our brief was to design and make a mechanism to get food down to people after an earthquake. We had to make it cost-effective and re-useable.

We also had to buy materials from the shop which were very expensive: a length of 15cm tape was £3! The day expanded my knowledge of engineering and has made me consider engineering as a career. **Sian Appleyard (8L)**



### Beaumont Gym and Dance Display

Congratulations to all involved in this year's 'Night at the Musicals' Gym and Dance Display; three wonderful, uplifting nights of performances bringing many of the best musicals to Beaumont. Well done to all the performers for working so hard to make each routine so successful and a special thank you to our Captains for all your commitment. **Ms Dolan**

### Great Beaumont Bake Off

To celebrate National Baking week, Beaumont held its second 'Great Beaumont Bake Off' House competition. Students from each House brought in their cakes which were judged on their creativity and then were sold to raise money for Great Ormond Street. The competition was judged by Mrs Becky Alexander, a parent and food journalist. The highlight was undoubtedly the 'Gravity Cake' which helped see Newton take the winning points for creativity. However, the team efforts from each House were simply incredible.

Over £600 was raised for Great Ormond Street Hospital, with Austen raising the highest amount in just half an hour of selling. Thank you to everyone who took part – this was the most we've ever raised doing a cake sale (double that raised at the Great Beaumont Bake Off 2013) and the money was greatly appreciated by Great Ormond Street Hospital. **Mrs Hawkins**

