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### From the Headteacher

80<sup>th</sup> Beaumont As celebrates its anniversary this year, we are delighted to announce details of our main '80 in '18' fundraising event, the 'Twine & Dine' Garden Ball, which will be held in a marquee, next to Beaumont Wood in the grounds of the school on Saturday 14 July 2018.

Tickets for this gala event, which will include a Prosecco reception, three course dinner, disco and dancing will be on sale from next term

We very much hope that you will join us at this special event to mark our milestone year. Please save the date in your diary and look out for further details of this and our other celebrations after Easter. Thank you for your continued support.



**Martin Atkinson** 

	Day	Start	Location	Subject
	Thursday 1 February	8:40 am	Gym	UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge
		5:00 pm	Blocks A & D	Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
	Friday 2 February		Hall, C1/C2	Dance Show technical rehearsal (all day)
F		9:00 am		Deadline for Year 9 Options
	Saturday 3 February		Hall, C1/C2	Dance Show all day dress rehearsal
E	Monday 5 February	7:00 pm	Hall, C1/C2	Dance Show Evening Performance
	Tuesday 6 February	7:00 pm	Hall, C1/C2	Dance Show Evening Performance
В	Wednesday 7 February			Year 9 DTP & Meningitis injections
		1:00 pm	St Peter's Church	St Peter's lunchtime concert
R		5:00 pm		Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening
				Sixth Form application deadline
U	Thursday 8 February	3:25 pm		Year 12/13 Drama theatre trip to Amadeus
		6:30 pm	Conference Room	Community Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting
Α	Monday 12 February			Half Term (students return to school Monday 19 February)
	Monday 19 February	6:30 pm	Hall	Lake Garda Parent Information Evening
R	Thursday 22 February		D1	GCSE Food Prep and Nutrition NEA2 practical exam
				Year 7 interim reports issued
Y		3:30 pm	Dining Hall	Second Hand Uniform Sale (no vehicle access before 3:45 pm)
	Saturday 24 February	7:00 pm	Hall	BSA Jazz Evening & Beaumont Big Band (BSA)
	Monday 26 February		Swanage	A Level Geography field trip to Swanage (returns 28/02/18)
	Tuesday 27 February	6:00 pm	Hall	French Exchange return visit Parent Information Evening
		7:30 pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee meeting (BSA)
	Wednesday 28 February	8:40 am	Hall	Public Speaking Round 2

Once again this year Beaumont School is delighted to be able to participate in the England Rugby Grand Draw 2018! Tickets are £1 each and 90p from each ticket purchased will go to the school. Please get involved and return the completed order form (see page 2) to Reception with the appropriate payment and your tickets will be given to your child to bring home. Please send in cash or cheques (payable to Beaumont School) in an envelope clearly marked 'England Rugby Grand Draw' and best of luck! Mr Woolley



1<sup>st</sup> Prize £10,000 4th Prize £500

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £1,000

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £1,000

5th Prize RBS 6 Nations 2017/18 Rugby Shirt signed by England Squad

### Year 9 CED

Following on from the recent BBC documentary 'Fighting for Air', Year 9 students have taken on the challenge of improving the environmental quality of St Albans. They spent Thursday 18 January in the town centre collecting a range of data. The students braved the cold (and their fears) to interview members of the public about their opinions on a proposal to pedestrianise St Peter's Street. They also conducted traffic counts and environmental quality surveys, including recording noise pollution on equipment kindly donated by the BSA. It was a delight to take the students into town, with some members of the public commenting on how polite and charming the Beaumont The challenge is now on for the Year 9 groups to redesign the town centre to include a students were. pedestrianised St Peter's Street and proposing a new public transport and traffic system. Year 9 will be working on these proposals in the coming weeks before producing a final presentation on their ideas. Let's hope St Albans town planners will be reading this...!

Miss Anderson

### Under 14 Girls' Basketball Squad one game from the last eight of the Nationals!

Since winning the District Rally without conceding a point, the Under 14 girls' basketball squad has remained unbeaten in the National League competition.

In their group they have played three of their four games, beating St Martin's School from Essex 81 – 61 away and FitzWimarc School 74 - 45 at home. Last Friday we travelled to Woodlands School, Basildon and in a very tense game came out narrow but deserved winners, 65 - 62 against a big and aggressive team. Captain Daisy Porter has been the outstanding player for the team so far, scoring 140 of our 220 points. This said, the whole squad has been outstanding on both offence and defence and are growing in confidence with every game. If they can beat Great Baddow at home in their final group game, they will progress.

Under 14 Girls squad: Daisy Porter ©, Hattie Robertson, Paris Hall, Millie Moore, Rosie Porter, Scarlett Westcombe Evans, Orla Moss, Daisy Garnham, Maya Shaw, Issy Sockett

### Under 14 Boys reach County Rally semi finals

The Under 14 boys' squad fell just short in reaching the County Rally final in a much improved performance showing real progress from last season. Although they lost their first game and did not play to their full potential, the narrow loss to Sandringham in the second game suggested they still had the ability to go through in second place in the group. We had to beat Simon Balle by 18 points and with one minute left in the game we were 17 points ahead! We then scored three late baskets to eventually win 25 - 5 and qualify for the semifinal on points difference. We then played the eventual winners, Parmiters, who had beaten us by over 50 points in the County League earlier in the season. In an outstanding performance we were 8 – 8 at half time and only lost by 2 points (16-14), in a game that even their coach admitted we deserved to win. The whole squad should be extremely pleased with their progress and will take a lot of confidence from this performance.

Under 14 Squad: Kai Rajah, Tom Bentley, Daragh Gallagher, Leo Geymonat, Stefano Geymonat, Sam Mckenna, Jack Wathen, Jack O'Brien, Aaron Casson, Nat Hopkins



Well done to Beaumont's Senior Hockey team who recently beat Queenswood 5-1. A superb performance from the team with goals from Heather Magee, Bo Westcombe Evans and Emily Foster. This will hopefully lead the team to the County Cup Semi Finals! Ms Cleverley

**England Rugby Grand Draw 2018** 

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### Year 7 Book Club members spread the word

This year's Year 7 Book Club has proved to be our most popular yet with 24 students joining us in the library every Friday lunchtime. The club is hosted by Mrs Mayer-Khan and aims to inspire and nurture a love of reading and to encourage readers to share their thoughts and ideas. Book Club members take part in a range of book-based games and activities. At the most recent meeting, students held a 'poetry jam' using performance to bring poems to life. As a commitment to the whole school read, all Book Club students have read *The Giver* and will be working on writing their own play based on the story. As well as the more boisterous sessions, the Book Club students have also decided amongst themselves that every alternate meeting should be dedicated to silent reading. The library

team looks forward to joining them! Here are the thoughts of our Year 7 students on what Book Club means to them:

'I joined Book Club, so I could read in peace at school, but also so that I could force myself to remember to read. Normally I get told off in AR Reading because I have no book, but now I have one or two books. So, from before when I hated reading and thought it was boring, I now find it fascinating and fun. Reading more also taught me that the hook in books is mostly in the middle, so remember not to give up if you find it boring.' Lais Patel (7A)

'I joined Book Club because I love to read and I thought it would be nice to read with other people, including my friends. I also thought it would be good to find some time in my school week to read and socialise.'

'I joined Book Club because it seemed like a fun way to find out about different books and make new friends. I was proven right. Book Club has been great fun and I have made some great friends.' **Peter Hardisty (7S)** 

'I joined Book Club because I thought it would help me get more into reading. It is a very fun way to socialise and I like the biscuits.' **Rosie Henderson (7A)** 

'I joined Book Club because I love reading and that books take me into another world.' Jakob Khan (7L)

### From the Governors

A very Happy New Year from all of the Governing Body.

Every year, the Governing Body sets aside a whole day for governors to spend in school. The morning is spent shadowing staff, students and lessons, and getting a feel for the everyday ethos and atmosphere at Beaumont. In the afternoon, we then have an extended meeting with the Leadership Team, at which we discuss strategy and future plans for the school. We are currently looking forward to our 2018 day in school, in early March.

The school's strategy is informed by our commitment to retain its ethos and a series of strategic priorities, which the Governing Body considers and sets itself each year. One key strategic priority is the continuing improvement of school facilities. On that front, we are very pleased that a planning application has been submitted for the new Science Block. We will continue to monitor progress on that, as we are keen to move to the building phase as soon as possible.

We also have a duty to listen to all school stakeholders to ensure that our decision-making is informed by the perspectives of students, staff, parents and the wider community. One way in which we monitor views is via the Ofsted Parentview website, which can be found at: <u>https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/</u>. At present, there are too few responses on the site for us properly to assess the views of parents. Therefore, if you have a spare moment, please could I encourage you to fill in the survey and let us have your views? Many thanks. **Alex Hall, Chair of Governors** 

# ek to read and socialise.' Isabella Farenden (TE)





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# BeauSandVer Community Courses Spring Term 2018

There's still time for adults to enrol for new courses this term. Please email <u>carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk</u> for more details or to enrol.

**New Spanish Beginners Class** – Beaumont School, 24 January to 28 March, Wednesday evenings: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Taught by experienced native Spanish teacher. £90 for nine lessons – discounted to £81 for parents at Verulam, Sandringham and Beaumont Schools.

**Art Textiles** – Beaumont School, 21 February to 28 March, Wednesday evenings: 7.30pm – 9.30pm Taught by Ms Lloyd, join this friendly group to expand your creativity and technical skills. Fee £54.

Intro to Latin and Roman Culture (for adults) – Verulam School, 23 January to 6 March, Tuesday evenings: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Latin underpins our own language and here in St Albans the Roman past lies literally beneath our feet. Classics expert Dr Clare Harvey will introduce you to Latin and a vivid understanding of how the Romans lived, through stories and myth. We also plan to visit the Roman museum in St Albans for an exclusive evening session with the opportunity to handle some of the artefacts with the curator. Fee  $\pm 60$ .

Visit to museum 27 February, additional cost tbc depending on numbers.

**Assertiveness Course** (for adults) – Verulam School, 20 Feb to 20 March, Tuesday morning 10.00am – 12.00pm There are a few places remaining on this course which will help you to express your ideas, feelings and needs effectively and confidently. You will discover which behaviours and language you can use to achieve this in a way that feels comfortable to you. Assertiveness can help to boost your confidence and self-esteem both at home, socially and at work. Work with an experienced teacher from Herts Adult and Family Learning Service, which is subsidising this course. Fee £5.

### KS2 Maths for adults with children in Years 4, 5 & 6

Ideal to help parents understand modern Maths methods to support their children's learning and preparation for KS2 SATS. Work with an experienced teacher from Herts Adult and Family Learning Service, which is subsidising this course. Fee £5.

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