



From the Headteacher

It is that time of year where our Year 11 and Year 13 classes are really starting to step up their efforts in a big push to prepare for their final examinations. I would like to thank parents/carers in advance for their support in facilitating revision and encouraging and reminding their children to work hard to be as prepared as possible, whilst also making some time for exercise and social time to avoid burn out. The recent Jazz evening was again a big success, many thanks to all staff and students involved. I am really looking forward to the whole school production of Alice next week, hope to see you there.

Martin Atkinson

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Thursday 1 March	7:00 pm	Hall	University Information Evening
Friday 2 March		London	Year 10 GCSE Science Live Trip
	12:05 pm	Hall	Author Dave Cousins' visit on World Book Day for Year 7
Saturday 3 March	8:30 am	Classrooms/old Gym	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Training Day
Monday 5 March	8:40 am	Music Department	Year 13 visit from musicologist Gavin Plumley
Tuesday 6 March			Curriculum Enrichment Day
	6.00 pm	J5	Year 11 Mock GCSE MFL orals
	6.00 pm	D19	Year 10/12/13 Spanish Exchange Parent Information Eve
Wednesday 7 March			Year 12/13 Sicily Trip Parent Information Evening
	8:40	Hall/C1/C2/D19	Year 13 A Level Music Performance (examined)
	2:00 pm	Hall	Year 8-13 "Alice" dress rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Hall, C1/C2	Matinee performance of "Alice" to primary schools
Thursday 8 March	9:00 am		Whole School Performance of "Alice"
		Sir John Lawes School	Year 10 interim reports issued
	11:00 am		Equality Forum
	3:00 pm	Conference Room	Governor day in school
	7:00 pm	Hall, C1/C2	Extended Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 9 March	7:00 pm	Hall, C1/C2	Whole School Performance of "Alice"
Sunday 11 March	10:00 am	The Royal Albert Hall	Whole School Performance of "Alice"
Monday 12 March		FSC Centre, Amersham	Choir Performance at Herts Gala Event
	8:40 am	Hall	Year 13 Biology Field Work Day
	1:30 pm	Hall	Year 11 LEA Walking Talking Mock (Language Paper 2)
Tuesday 13 March	8:40 am		Year 11 RNS Walking Talking Mock (Language Paper 2)
Wednesday 14 March			Year 11 GCSE Maths Mock
	1:50 pm		Year 9 French Exchange (Versailles to Beaumont)
	5:00 pm	Block A & D	Year 11 GCSE Maths Mock
Thursday 15 March	9:00 am		Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening
		F1, F2	Year 8 and 13 reports issued
	12:50 pm	Hall	Year 10 DTP & Meningitis injections
Friday 16 March	6:00 pm	Trestle Arts Base	Year 11 photo
Tuesday 20 March			Year 9 Young Shakespeare Company 'Romeo and Juliet'
Wednesday 21 March	3:30 pm	Hall/C1	Junior Drama Company Comedy Night
Thursday 22 March	3:30 pm	Hall/C1	Year 10/12/13 Spanish Exchange (Spanish to Beaumont)
	6:30 pm	Conference Room	Year 10 GCSE Drama devised exam
Friday 23 March			Year 10 GCSE Drama devised exam
Monday 26 March	6:00 pm	D19	Full Governing Body meeting
Tuesday 27 March	5:00 pm	Block A & D	Non uniform day for charity
Wednesday 28 March	8:40 am	Hall	German Exchange return visit Parent Information Evening
	7:00 pm	Hall	Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 29 March	8:40 am	Hall	Public Speaking Final
	9:00 am		Easter Concert
	1:10 pm		Awards assemblies
			Year 11 full reports issued
			Break up for Easter (students return on Tuesday 17 April)

Robot Rumble, Saturday 20 January 2018

Six Year 9 students at Beaumont School took part in the Robot Rumble final event, held at the University of Hertfordshire on Saturday 20 January. The competition is organised by MBDA, Stevenage, who provided graduates to support schools during the entire process. Students have been preparing for the event for over six months, designing, building and programming their robot to complete the challenges of the competition. Teams were matched up in alliances, to play against other alliances, aiming to score the most points. Students also had to prepare and deliver a five minute presentation to the judges, detailing the engineering problems and solutions achieved by their robot.

A logbook was also written, as a record of the research and development of ideas, followed by reasoning behind the decisions made regarding the building and engineering of the robot. Students battled hard, against some very tough opposition, achieving fourteenth place overall. Students enjoyed the challenge of all the activities and have improved their skills in engineering, programming, problem solving, communication and teamwork.

Dr Jones

Students involved were, from left to right, Isaac Clinton, Rachel Thomson, (Amanda Jones – teacher), Helena Baird, Jay Evans, Luka Cutts (front), Robert Duckworth (back)



From the Governors

The Resources Committee met at the end of January during a short but busy spring term for the school. Governors reviewed monthly financial reports for the recent periods and provided scrutiny of information provided. Governors continue to be impressed when monitoring spend against budget particularly in the light of challenging financial circumstances in education. Governors also received an update on fundraising activities and plans for use of the funds raised to date.

I recently attended the Chairs’ briefing held by Herts for Learning. A range of subjects were discussed and the issue of exam stress was covered. Support can be provided through a number of routes but an anonymous online resource, kooth.com, was promoted. This is a site that is accessible by students outside of the school environment.

The committee is responsible for oversight of the premises and is pleased with two recent developments. Firstly, the school recently submitted a planning application for the proposed new Science block in conjunction with the appointed consultants. This is for development funded by Hertfordshire Country Council to support a planned increased need for school places. Secondly, new fencing has been installed in preparation for the eventual opening of the school entrance off Hatfield Road which will enhance the security of the site for all.

Gary Kellett, Chair Resources Committee

Jocie and Toby are selected for England!

Congratulations to Jocie Leavold (10N) and Toby Gastaldi Davies (11R) who have been selected for their respective England basketball squads.

Toby is one of 19 players and only 4 from the East of England selected for the England Boys Under 16 Squad.

Jocie has also been selected in a squad of 19, with only 5 East players selected for the England Girls Under 16 Squad.

We have only had one other student ever selected for an England Basketball squad and it is an outstanding achievement for both players. As a school we are extremely proud to have Beaumont students playing and representing us at such a high level of performance. We wish them every success for this and future seasons.

Mr Stewart



Celebrating creativity in the lower school

Last term, Year 7 were set a creative challenge to earn house points for their respective house. Their mission was to design and make a model of a medieval castle, following specific criteria. Many thanks to all the Year 7s who entered. *The overall winner was Alice Yntama (7A) with Charlotte Nelson (7L), Alex Martel (7L) and Nellie Collins (7L) as the runners up.*

Meanwhile, Year 8 (as one of their home learning tasks) were asked to either design and produce a piece of Aztec treasure that might have been discovered by a Spanish Conquistador, or to design and write a guide book to the Aztecs to inform a Spanish Conquistador about Aztec Mexico.

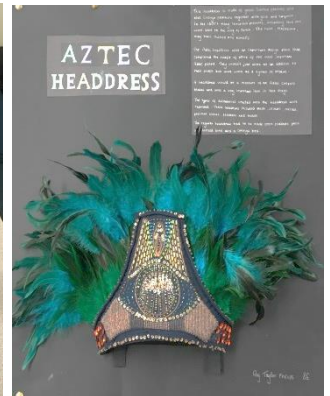
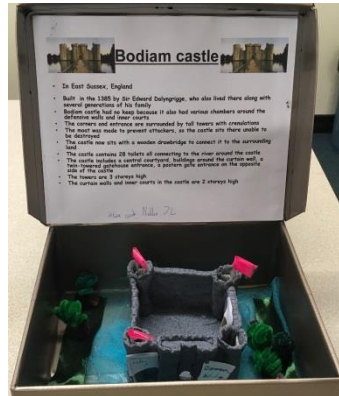
For the Aztec treasure task, the overall winner was Taylor Phillips (8E) with Tia Bodusseau (8A) and Sonny Mead (8A) as the runners up.

For the guide book task, the overall winner was Danny Fawcett (8A) with Saffi de Bella (8S) and Tom Mumford (8R) as the runners up.

As part of their study of World War One, Year 9 (as one of their home learning tasks) were asked either to design and make (using prescribed criteria) a model of a trench, or to design and write a propaganda article about the Battle of the Somme. *The winner was Joseph Todd (9A), with Max Tym (9S) and Katie Penn (9N) as the runners up.*

All of the work will be put up on display. Many congratulations to all of the winners and well done to the many other students in Years 7-9 who clearly put thought, time and effort into these tasks. They have set the bar high for next year!

The History Department



Bodiam Castle by Alex Martel (7L) and Nellie Collins (7L)

Aztec Headdress by Taylor Phillips (8E)

Battle of the Somme by Joseph Todd (9A) and (below) Katie Penn (9N)

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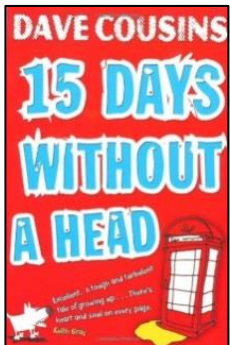
Rob's 2018 Festival

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SAVE THE DATE

23rd June

Prepare yourself for laughter as **Dave Cousins** returns to Beaumont!



Beaumont runners push for county team selection at Herts Schools Cross Country Championships

On Saturday 3 February students from Years 7 to 12 represented Beaumont at the Herts Schools Cross Country Championships at Westminster Lodge. A top five finish ensured selection for the County Squad in each age group with the top 8 having a good chance for final selection. In the Senior Girls age group Emily Anders finished 8th whilst in the Inter Girls, Bea Towers finished 23rd and Niamh Gallagher also 8th (both Bea and Niamh running a year out of age).

The Inter Boys race saw Thomas Cooper finish 21st out of the 52 runners, whilst in the Junior Girls Scarlett Parkes finished 38th whilst Mia Pullan was 8th and Sarah McGrath 4th, both also a year out of age. In the Pre-Junior Girls, Sai Fisher was 16th and Meeka Nightingale was 15th out of a field of 61 runners.

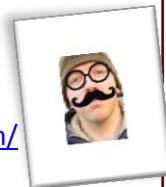
All of the runners braved cold and wet conditions, did a great job and it is possible that we may have 4 runners representing Hertfordshire at the National Schools Championships later this term. A really positive end to a very successful season.

Mr Stewart

As part of our celebrations for World Book Day 2018, we are thrilled to welcome Dave Cousins back to Beaumont on Friday 2 March. Dave’s books are described as ‘teen realism with action, humour and heart’. He will talk to our Year 7 students about his books and the inspiration and process behind his writing. His workshop will also focus on showing the students that ‘we all have a story to tell’. The session promises to be highly entertaining as Dave’s author events have been likened to ‘stand-up...with books’!

There will also be the opportunity for students to meet Dave in the school library, to buy one of his books and have it signed by the author. Information on pre-ordering Dave’s books and further details of his visit can be found on the library blog:

<http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com/>



England Rugby Grand Draw 2018

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 below 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

- 1st £10,000
- 2nd £1,000
- 3rd £1,000
- 4th £500
- 5th RBS 6 Nations 2017/18 Rugby shirt



signed by England Squad and many more

England Rugby Grand Draw 2018

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(five tickets in a book, each ticket is £1, each book is £5)

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Beyond Beaumont

Many congratulations to Beaumont alumna Rebecca Heselton who has been awarded the Connell and Connell WS Award for her installation *Floating Villages* at a Royal Scottish Academy exhibition of contemporary art, curated by the Society of Scottish Artists and Visual Arts Scotland.

