



From the Headteacher

As Easter approaches, it gives me a chance to reflect on my first two terms as Headteacher. The pace of life at Beaumont has meant it has flown by. The sporting successes of last week were truly phenomenal and it is with great pride that I have stood and watched many of these finals as the Head.

I am delighted to report that planning permission for our new Science block has been granted and that building should be underway by the end of next term. I am also hopeful that our new entrance should be open during next half term, I will keep you informed as to the exact date when this has been finalised.

I have been reading Year 11 final reports over the last weeks and it looks like, if the students can continue to revise hard, we should be in for another outstanding set of results in the summer.

Next term we welcome Ms Shepherd on to the Senior Leadership Team as Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Wallace becomes Head of Drama and Ms Smith joins the Science Department.

Martin Atkinson

To celebrate **Beaumont's 80th birthday** this summer, we are holding the very first Twine and Dine ball! It will be a fabulous event in the school grounds near the bluebell wood in a huge marquee.

Part of the evening will be an auction to raise funds for the new hall and performing arts centre. This is an incredible opportunity to really contribute to the school's fundraising efforts. We would love to hear from you if you can contribute an amazing one-off experience for our parents and alumni to bid for.

Maybe a behind-the-scenes tour of a music, film or tv studio? A chance to meet a celebrity? Tickets for a performance, box or sporting event? Dinner for two at a local restaurant? A London experience? Do you have a holiday home in the UK or Europe you could offer for a weekend? A private singing/music lesson? Coaching? A BBQ, dinner or drinks party at your home? We'd also love to auction an amazing painting/artwork that we can display in the marquee if any artists would like to get in touch.



Please get in touch if you would like to help in any way – we would also love to hear from any possible auction hosts!
Email beverley.rider@beaumont.herts.sch.uk

A P R I L

Thursday 29 March	12:50 pm		Break up for Easter, students dismissed early (return Tuesday 17 April)
Wednesday 4 April			Lake Garda trip departs (returns Sunday 8 April)
Tuesday 10 April	9:30am	B2, B3, B4	Year 11 Philosophy & Ethics GCSE revision day
	10:30am	J1, J2	Year 13 French exam skills day
Wednesday 11 April			Geography field trip to Sicily (returns Saturday 14 April)
Thursday 12 April	10:30am	J2	Year 10, 12, 13 Spanish exchange students to Spain (return Wed 18 April)
Monday 16 April			Year 11 French GCSE revision day
	9:30am	A2	INSET (no students in school except students taking Morrisby)
Wednesday 18 April	9:30am	Herts Uni	Year 10-12 Morrisby Profiling
	6:30pm	Conf Room	Year 10 practice MFL orals
Thursday 19 April			Year 12 RSC Schools' Analyst Competition
	8:45am		Resources Committee Meeting
Friday 20 April	3:30pm	Dining Hall	German exchange students to Beaumont (return 26 April)
Tuesday 24 April	8:30am	London	Year 11 Tutor group photographs
	7:30pm	Conf Room	Year 12 reports issued
Wednesday 25 April			Second hand uniform sale
Thursday 26 April			Salters Festival of Chemistry 2018
	8:40am	Gym	Year 11 GCSE French and Spanish orals
Saturday 28 April	6:30pm	Conf Room	Year 11 GCSE French and Spanish orals
			UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
			Community, Teaching and Learning Committee meeting
			Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition (returns Sunday 29 April)



Trestle Theatre Company

On Tuesday 6 March the History Department was pleased to welcome back members of the Trestle Theatre Company who performed “*The Story of Yarico*”.

This, plus the follow up workshops, and classroom activity with their History teachers, enabled the Year 8 students to deepen their knowledge of the Atlantic Slave Trade.

8E and 8S sent thank you messages on behalf of Year 8 and many students commented on how much they enjoyed the opportunity to enhance both their History and Drama skills.

My thanks to everyone who was involved in making the day a great success. We hope to invite Trestle in again next year.

Ms Wensley

Hertfordshire Schools’ Gala Royal Albert Hall

On Sunday 11 March, 75 students from the Beaumont School Choir set off early in the morning to head to the Royal Albert Hall to rehearse and take part in the biennial Hertfordshire Gala. This event involved many primary (and for the first time this year) secondary schools across Hertfordshire coming together to perform some large scale works together accompanied by the Hertfordshire Schools’ Symphony Orchestra (of which five of our students are members). This year, the Hertfordshire Music Hub commissioned a piece by the well-known composer, Will Todd, who set words written by Michael Rosen about the story of Icarus.

It was a thrill to be among such a large group of singers, being accompanied by a full symphony orchestra. In the afternoon, Beaumont contributed the largest choir by far and we are proud of how the students performed, and their conduct throughout the day. After months of rehearsing, the end result was exciting and singing to a packed Royal Albert Hall was an experience we will all never forget.

Thank you to all students and staff for your hard work.
Mr Guinane, Ms Doan

If I had Wings



What students said about the day:

“It was an amazing experience and a really fun day. The songs were great and seeing the primary schools and secondary schools work together made it a unique opportunity.”

“I really enjoyed singing such an original piece of work in an amazing venue. Singing with the organ and orchestra with a massive audience was really exciting and so unique. I had an amazing day.”

“It was great to be singing among so many people, creating a powerful sound, which was really exciting.”

“Making music with my friends was a real highlight of the day.”

“It was really fascinating to be part of an event which incorporated so many of the arts: music, dance and art.”



Smiling through the snow with writer Dave Cousins

We were told to expect laughs when writer Dave Cousins visited Beaumont earlier this month and we weren't disappointed! Undeterred by a snow blizzard and significant wind chill factor, Dave joined us to celebrate World Book Day and to talk to Year 7 about his books and his journey to becoming a writer.

The students loved Dave's lively, madcap style and the energy of his presentation. They were also struck by the anecdotes he told about his persistence and determination to become a writer. Here is what some of our Year 7 students had to say about meeting Dave:



'I really enjoyed listening to Dave Cousins' funny and interesting speech. I am so glad we had the opportunity to meet him.' Rosie R (7N)

'I liked the way he mixed in personal stories and wasn't afraid to share them.' Edward B (7E)

'Dave Cousins has inspired me to read a variety of books and to be positive about the future.' Abzana H (7R)

'Dave Cousins spent an astonishing 7 years waiting for his publisher to say one word: yes. You don't need to wait for a yes to read his books-just go for it!' Mia S (7A)

'Dave Cousins was really funny. His life-story pictures made me laugh a lot.' Lilia J (7L)



'I really enjoyed listening to how he became a writer and never gave up.' Rani T (7L)

'Dave Cousins gave me the courage to come up with an idea for my own book. His books are amazing and his sense of humour is bigger than Mount Everest.' Thomas M (7L)

'I liked the part where he told us how he writes his books and the funny stories about his family.' Alysha B (7E)

'After Dave Cousins' visit I started to read Waiting for Gonzo and it is very funny.' Rebecca F (7E)

'I enjoyed Dave Cousins' visit. He is the most humorous person after Mr Malak.' Rita S (7E)

For more on Dave's visit, please visit the Beaumont Library blog: <http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com/>

From the Governors

Whilst following the Beaumont Twitter feed I am constantly amazed at the huge range of activities in which students and staff are involved. The last few weeks have seen Alice in Wonderland, DofE awards, football success, meetings for trips to Lake Garda and Sicily, basketball highs, 75 singers at the Herts Gala Concert, Sixth Form University Challenge, rugby wins, a first for the school in Gaelic football, language exchange trip planning, hockey finals, cricket competitions, Jazz night, visiting authors and more. I hope as many students as possible are making the most of these fantastic opportunities and Governors would like to thank the staff for their relentless enthusiasm and energy in supervising and encouraging students in all these endeavours.

The Governors' CTL Committee has continued to focus on curriculum and community issues and Governors were all in school together at the beginning of March for meetings with students and staff on our annual Strategy Day.

The key curriculum area for discussion was a review of the collation of Year 9 options and applications for next year's

Sixth Form. Both application processes have gone smoothly and students are fully prepared for their moves to the next Key Stage. Governors also considered the Ofsted Inspection Data Summary Report which was published in the middle of January. Whilst confirming the school's own analysis of last year's exam results, it also provides very useful national comparative data which we were able to review with the Senior Leadership Team.

Once again our Governors' Day in school provided us with the opportunity to talk with students and staff, spending the morning in lessons and the afternoon discussing and evaluating our strategy for the coming years.

Finally, good luck to all students sitting exams in the summer or competing in extra-curricular events in the coming months. I shall continue to follow the Twitter feed with awe!

Lisanne Sherwood
Chair, Community, Teaching and Learning Committee

Ready, Steady Cook

On Thursday 22 February, Food and Nutrition saw the first cohort of GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students complete their 'three dishes in three hours' practical exam. A challenge for even an experienced chef - think of the sometimes calamitous results on Masterchef or Bake Off! True to form, Beaumont students excelled themselves. Skills used included those to make different pastries, bread and cakes, filleting, cooking and dressing fresh mackerel and sea bass, making homemade Hollandaise, Béchamel and mayonnaise sauces, ice cream, custard and frozen yoghurt.

An esteemed panel of judges including Hannah Saunders, Chef de Partie and current employee of the year from Sopwell House Hotel, had nothing but praise for the students' work. According to Hannah, the best selection of dishes came from Amelie Hayward (11A) and Amy Lockwood (11E). Stand out dishes included summer fruit meringues from Zsofi Gulyas-Jarvis and lemon tart from Bethany Lake (both 11A). The most meticulous preparation and planning came from Taibah Ahmed (11S).

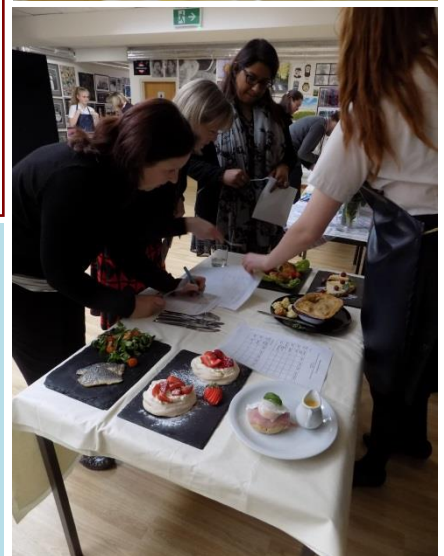
Every single candidate has so much to be proud of. In the words of Assistant Headteacher Mrs Dine (a self-confessed foodie and member of the panel of judges), "this was my best day in teaching this year!"

Our thanks and congratulations go to our students and their families who supported them so well.

Mrs Johnston

This year's Rob's Festival is being held on Saturday 23 June 2018 and the Sixth Formers, members of staff and the BSA who make up the team are busy planning all the activities.

This event is very exciting to be involved with and we are keen to hear from any parents who would like to help on the day. We are also looking to hear from any local businesses who would like to [offer a prize](#) or parents/students who could run a [stall for the day](#). Please join us and together we can make this the biggest festival we've ever had! Tickets will be on sale after Easter. In the meantime, for further information please contact Mrs Rider in the Admin Office.



MUSIC
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BARBECUE
DRINKS

Rob's Festival
2018

SAVE THE DATE

23rd June



Celebrate!



**COME AND ENJOY OUR AMAZING
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY YEAR 11
COURSEWORK!**

WHEN: Wednesday May 9th

5pm—7pm Room D9

Drinks and Canapes created by Food!



Food, Product Design and Textiles

BSV Community Courses

We have lots of courses for adults to sign up to in the summer term:

Tennis for Adults

We will be reintroducing Adult Tennis coaching on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with a Lawn Tennis Association coach who will be offering both tennis coaching and Tennis Cardio - a fitness class involving tennis for tennis players of any ability. This is a fun and intensive workout with on and off the court exercises including hitting the ball, jumping jacks, squats, lunges, sprints, skaters, split steps, burpees etc. For more details, check our website www.bsvcourses.co.uk.

Mosaic Class for Adults



This is a six week glass mosaic making course run in conjunction with Herts Adult and Family Learning and costs £5 for the whole course, including materials. Below are two of the mosaics made by the autumn term class. Course times and dates will be on the website www.bsvcourses.co.uk



Woodwork Classes

We have expanded from one to two classes as woodwork has become so popular! Dates for next term are Tuesdays and Thursdays, w/c 2 May for eight weeks excluding half term. Fee £80 per adults, £16 per accompanying student in Years 7–11.

Language Classes for Adults

We start classes again w/c 23 April. We have continuation, intermediate and advanced classes in French, German, Spanish and Italian - but no classes for complete beginners this term (new beginners classes will start again in September). If you already have some knowledge of a language and would like to start learning again please contact Carole Heselton to see which course would be best for you. Nearly all our teachers are native speakers and they are all very experienced. Classes are sociable and fun. Fees for BSV consortium parents are £90 per ten week term, £100 for non-consortium parents.

Art Textiles Class for adults

There are two six week classes running before and after half term, starting Wed 18 April 7.30–9.30pm, price £54. Ms Lloyd's students continue to be creative and inventive with fabric. Students can follow the theme for the term or work on their own projects. Beginners and experienced students welcome.

"It's such a brilliant class. The resources are great and Lynsey is so inspiring and enthusiastic. It's also a wonderful group of fellow students who are very encouraging. This is a lovely way to spend a couple of hours on a Wednesday evening."



Introduction to Latin and Roman Culture

Several Beaumont parents joined this course last term. Newcomers are welcome to the group which will be reading ancient stories together in Latin and English and looking at their (very badly behaved) gods. There will be a short weekly grammar feature. The class will take place 7.30 – 9.00pm on Tuesday nights, 1 May – 12 June (six weeks excluding half term). Fee £60

For more details and an enrolment form please visit our website www.bsvcourses.co.uk or

contact carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk (tel 01727 754113)