



## From the Headteacher

I would like to start by voicing my thanks to the BSA (Beaumont School Association) for all their hard work in raising funds for the school. We have just agreed £10,000 worth of spending to improve opportunities and facilities for our students for a wide range of subjects. You will see in the calendar below the BSA AGM will be held on Thursday 10 May 2018. If you would like to get more involved, no matter how small, please do come along to the AGM and meet other parents and get to know a bit more – I'll see you there.

Congratulations are in order for our Music Department who have been awarded Music Mark School Member status, following a recommendation from Hertfordshire Music Service. The Hertfordshire Music Service's collective vision is to enable its members to deliver high quality musical and social outcomes for all children and young people and we have been congratulated and recognised for all our hard work and high quality music education.

Finally, I would like to report that just before the Easter break we received extremely positive news regarding a Condition Improvement Fund bid that the school made to the Education Skills Funding Agency. We have been awarded funding for a major capital project to build seven new Science labs to replace the existing ones. This funding will enable us to augment the current planned construction project for a new block containing five labs and six classrooms located to the rear of the school and is an exciting next phase for our ongoing ambitious building programme.

As we enter the important exam period, I'd like to wish all our students in Years 11 and 13 the very best of luck. Following which the Year 13 students will leave Beaumont to go on to the next exciting stages in their lives – GOOD LUCK!

**Martin Atkinson**

M A Y	Tuesday 1 May	Classrooms	A Level Photography Exam
		Hall	A Level PE OCR Moderation Day
		Hall	Year 9 PGL Parent Information Evening
	Wednesday 2 May	Classrooms	A Level Photography Exam
			Year 11 GCSE German Orals
		6.00pm Hall	Year 7 German Trip Parent Information Evening
		6.45pm Hall	Year 7 French Trip Parent Information Evening
		7.30pm Hall	Year 8 Spanish Trip Parent Information Evening
	Thursday 3 May	Classrooms	A Level Photography Exam
			Year 11 GCSE German Orals
M A Y		10.30am	Year 10, 12, 13 CS/ICT Trip to Bletchley Park
		6.00pm D19	Poland Trip Parent Information Evening
	Friday 4 May		Non-uniform Day for Rob's Festival
		Classrooms	A Level Photography Exam
			A Level MFL Oral Exams
	Monday 7 May		Bank Holiday (school closed)
	Tuesday 8 May		GCSE Art & Graphics Exam
			A Level MFL Oral Exams
	Wednesday 9 May		GCSE Art & Graphics Exam
		4.30pm D9	Year 11 D&T Exhibition & Celebration
M A Y	Thursday 10 May		Year 11 last day in school before exam leave
		7.30pm SFC	BSA AGM
	Friday 11 May		Year 11 Exam Leave begins
		1.50pm Hall	Year 7-9 viewing of the film The Giver
	Saturday 12 May	10.00am	Year 11 Revision Day for Drama theory paper
		8.00pm Hall	BSA Comedy Night (doors & bar open 7.15pm)
	Tuesday 15 May		A Level Art Exam (continues Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
			Year 9 Million Makers (to Friday 25 May)
		5.00pm Hall/C1	Year 12 A Level Practical Drama Exam
	Thursday 24 May		Year 9 full reports issued
Friday 25 May		Year 13 last day	
Monday 28 May		Half Term Holiday (return Monday 4 June)	

**BSA Comedy Night**  
**Saturday 12 May (for further details see page 4)**

## French Exchange still going strong after more than 10 years!

Our friends and partners from the Collège du Sacré Coeur in Versailles visited Beaumont from the 14 – 20 March.

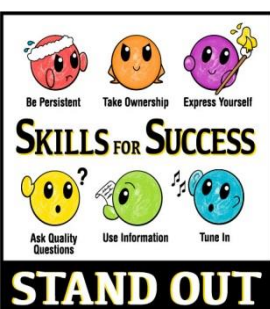
During their visit the French students spent time in London, Oxford, and were very excited to visit Harry Potter Studios. They were also shown a fantastic welcome from their English host families, and spent time in Brighton and at Gravity Force with their partners, as well as trying that very typical English cuisine – Wagamamas!

Mme Valeri-Fontaine and I both feel that this was one of the most successful exchanges, and we are very grateful to both the French and English families for their kindness and hospitality. I hope that the Beaumont students will continue to stay in touch with their partners, and that Year 8 students are already looking forward to this opportunity for next year.

**Ms Ashton**



## Year 9 Quality Questions – Out of this World!



As part of the Skills for Success programme, on Thursday 19 April Year 9 students participated in a Quality Question Time assembly. Our special guest was Rajan Bedi, CEO of Spacechips, a company that designs the space electronics for satellites and spacecraft. Year 9 students asked outstanding questions, ranging in topics from rocket science and its effect on the environment to the colonisation of Mars.

We hope that Rajan's visit has inspired some of our students to consider the space industry as a potential career path.

**Miss Shepherd**





**Beaumont students all set to shadow the Carnegie Medal book award**

March saw the announcement of the eight books that have made the shortlist for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2018. The Carnegie is considered to be the most prestigious award for writers of fiction for young people. Books nominated for the prize must be of ‘outstanding literary quality’ and are judged on a number of criteria, including style, characterisation and plot. The books must also, of course, offer an enjoyable reading experience and leave a lasting impression on the reader.



Over a hundred books were nominated for the award, so the calibre of the shortlisted titles is clear. The list features an exceptional range of genres and writing styles. The stories they tell are funny, thought-provoking, heart-warming, terrifying and eye-opening. These books will shock, thrill, challenge and inform readers.

As in previous years, Beaumont library will be running a Carnegie ‘shadowing’ group. This involves a number of Year 8 and 9 students, who will meet regularly over the coming weeks to read, review and discuss the shortlisted books. The students must commit to reading at least six of the eight books. Alongside schools and ‘shadowers’ from across the country, our group will run its own page on the Carnegie Shadowing Site which it will update with news and reviews: <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=11440>

Shadowing is a great way to explore and share the books on the shortlist and is supported by a fantastic range of activities on the CILIP website: <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/>. The winner of the Carnegie Medal will be announced at a ceremony in London on Monday 18 June. To celebrate the shortlist, and to await the announcement of the winning book, our shadowing group has been invited to a Carnegie Discussion Day at St Albans Girls’ School on the day of the award. The library team has created a short video showcasing the shortlisted books: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jegtUx5RyKw> Mrs Shepard

**Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering**

As well as the well-known expedition, DofE participants must complete three other sections (four at Gold level) and I would like to draw attention to the great work our students do for their Volunteering section. Many of our students volunteer at local charity shops, with Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies, and by coaching with sports clubs. These efforts are hugely appreciated.



This year, at Bronze level, Leah Balchin and Grace Fryer have been raising money for MENCAP, Ethan Cohen-Rose has helped at a junior school Code Club, Sam Newton has helped run the local Park Run, and Jack Percy has knitted blankets for premature babies at GOSH.

Amongst the Silvers, Olivia Chrisp has worked in a residential home for older people, Will Collins has helped to run a church youth group, Sam Doughty has been a member of the school lighting team for productions, Josephine Gunton has taken part in events with the St John’s Ambulance, and Sara Hodgson has helped the Special Olympics with equestrian events.

For the Golds, Andrew Oliver also helped at the Special Olympics and James Harding coached disability football.

One of my responsibilities as Coordinator is to read the reports written by assessors, and it is particularly enjoyable reading reports written by grateful assessors for the Volunteering section - volunteers make the world go round!

Ms Dickson

**Lake Garda Trip – Easter 2018**

During the Easter holiday some students visited Lake Garda with the Music and Drama departments. Thank you to all the staff involved. Here is a selection of comments from the students:

*Lake Garda was one of the best trips we’ve been on; we made new friends, bonded with everyone and just had so much fun. Lake Garda itself was so lovely and the day trips to Verona and Venice were really fun. We also learned a lot in the workshops which have really helped our Drama GCSE. We just wish the trip was longer!*

Jacob Greaves/Rebecca Oliver (10E)

*This was definitely the best school trip I have been on. As well as learning some really interesting physical theatre skills for my GCSEs and A Levels, I had a great week, and spoke to lots of new people across both years. The location was amazing, as well as the food, and the professionals we worked with. I would definitely recommend to any future Drama and Music GCSE students, not only as a great holiday with great people, but also with really fun and useful practical workshops.*

Luke Nixon (10N)



# BSA Comedy Night

WE HAVE AN AMAZING LINE UP OF PROFESSIONAL COMEDIANS WHO HAVE PERFORMED ON RADIO & TELEVISION, AS WELL AS VENUES FROM THE COMEDY STORE IN LONDON TO GLASTONBURY

## CHARLIE BAKER



CHARMIAN HUGHES,



DAVID TSONOS,  
ZAHRA BARRIE,



**Saturday 12 May, Beaumont School Hall**  
**Doors & bar open from 7.15pm, comedians at 8pm**

Please grab your friends, buy your tickets and come and have a giggle whilst feeling your halo shine for supporting Beaumont School! Tickets cost only £15 a head and can be bought online via Tucasi scopay. Please email us at [bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk) to confirm your booking and let us know who you would like to sit with. Adults only! (*Acts subject to change*)