



From the Headteacher

Sports Day was a resounding success on Monday 16 July 2018, although the weather was hot some cloud cover made it a very pleasant afternoon. There were superb performances by several individuals, relay teams and a highly competitive 'tug-of-war' competition. Many thanks to Mr Stewart and the PE team for putting this together.



I would like to express my huge thanks to Mr Alex Hall, Chair of Governors, who is stepping down from the position of Chair after almost six years in post. His enormous enthusiasm and hard work has truly enabled the school to make the fantastic progress it has during this time. I am delighted he is remaining on the Governing Body.

We also say farewell to a few staff this year: Miss S Bennett, Mrs C Coyle, Ms L Cox, Mrs M Hamer, Mrs J Johnston, Mrs S Michaels, Mrs L Riggott Jones, Mrs K Tym, Mrs U Varsani and Mr N Woolley, we wish them all the very best in their new adventures.

Finally, it just leaves me to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break and I look forward to welcoming all the students back in September refreshed and ready as they move up a year.

Martin Atkinson

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Thursday 16 August	9.00-10.00am	SFC	A Level Results Day
Thursday 23 August	9.00-10.00am	SFC	GCSE Results Day
Thursday 30 August			Gold Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition (ends 03/09/2018)
Monday 3 September			INSET Day (no students in school)
Tuesday 4 September			Students return to school (staggered start)
			Year 7 from 9.30am – 2.30pm
			Year 8 & 9 from 11.10am – 12.50pm
			Year 10 & 11 from 1.40pm – 3.25pm
Wednesday 5 September			All Consortium lessons commence
	7.00pm	Hall	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Group Expedition Presentations
Thursday 6 September	7.00pm	Hall	Welcome to Year 7 Parent Information Evening
Friday 7 September	1.00pm		Year 7 Fun Run
Monday 10 September	7.00pm	Hall	Welcome to Year 9 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 11 September	7.30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee Welcome
Wednesday 12 September	8.40am	A1, A2, J6	Year 7 RNS CAT tests
	11.00am	C1/C2	Year 13 Drama students Punchdrunk Workshop
	6.00pm	Hall	Welcome to Year 8 Parent Information Evening
	7.00pm	Hall	Welcome to Year 10 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 13 September	7.00pm	Hall	Year 12 Parent Information Evening
	8.40am	C1/C2	Year 9 & 11 individual photographs
Friday 14 September	8.40am	A1, A2, J6, B8	Year 7 BLEA CAT tests
Saturday 15 September	4.00pm	Grounds	Year 7 Family BBQ & Games
Tuesday 18 September	6.00pm	Hall	Year 9 French Exchange Parent Information Evening
	7.00pm	Hall	Year 9 German Exchange Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 19 September	8.25am		Curriculum Enrichment Day
	10.00am	St Albans Arena	Year 12 Learn to Live Conference
	7.00pm	Hall	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Presentations
Thursday 20 September	6.30pm	Conference Room	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting
Monday 24 September			Languages week
	6.30pm	Conference Room	Resources Committee Meeting
Thursday 27 September	5.00pm	Milton Keynes	Year 10 Drama trip to War Horse
Friday 28 September			Deadline for course changes

Thank you! The second-hand uniform sale held on Thursday 28 June raised a staggering £532!! Thank you for all the donations. We collect second-hand uniform throughout the year so please don't hesitate to drop it in to main reception at any time. Thank you.

News from Science

It has been a busy term in the Science Department with several extra-curricular activities taking place across many year groups and disciplines.

Twenty-six Year 12 Biology students have taken part in the Biology Society Intermediate Olympiad, many gaining certificates for their hard work, including two Gold, six Silver, five Bronze, three Highly Commended and three Commended. Well done to all who took part.

Fourteen Year 12 Chemistry students recently participated in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, resulting in eight students gaining certificates, well done. June also saw the Launch Event of the Annual Robot Rumble with MBDA in Stevenage, six Year 8 students attended this, ending the day's competition with a well-deserved first place! Well done to Molly Sandford Smith, Daniel Chisholm, Lilia Prowse, Elliot Coates, Hanif Musaheb and George Fraser.

Dr Jones



Finally, the Science Department also celebrated International Women in Engineering Day, an event attended by over forty girls from Year 8 and Year 9. The students listened to inspirational talks given by female engineers and then participated in an Engineering Challenge. Congratulations the Year 8 winners, Iris Towers, Marsha Yakovleva and Eliana Servadei, and the Year 9 winners Amy Heather, Emma Chamberlain and Daisy Porter.

Dr Jones

From the Governors

As the academic year draws to a close, I would very much like to thank staff and students for another successful year at Beaumont. A particular note of thanks and congratulations to Mr Atkinson for completing his first year as Headteacher, without a hitch. The appointment of a new Headteacher can have a destabilising effect on a school, but it has very much been "business as usual" at Beaumont this year, and the school maintains its sense of purpose and ethos, as before. This is no mean feat!

Our facilities improvement work continues apace. The last part of the FAB project will be the final opening of the new access road, which we hope will happen soon in the new academic year. We have been making use of the road for the latter part of this term, but (for safety reasons) we do not intend to open it fully for parent and student use until road markings and traffic lights are all completed. In addition, we will shortly go out to tender for the construction works on the new Science Block, and are seeking planning consent to extend the scale of the building, given the additional CIF funding that we have been awarded by the Government for this project.

Fundraising efforts continue as part of our "80 in '18" campaign. Red June was a particular highlight of this term, combining fundraising with all sorts of wellbeing and exercise opportunities. At the time of writing, we are also looking forward to the 80th Birthday Ball, on the field, which I am sure will also be a memorable and successful event. Thank you to everyone involved in these efforts, and to all who have donated. The school deserves a new hall and arts centre, and everything raised will help.

At this time of year, it is traditional to wish those who have taken examinations the best of luck for results day. Thank you to all staff and students for their hard work this year – I have again been moved by the commitment that you all show, day in, day out, taking every opportunity to enjoy and excel. Finally, I should note that (after nearly six years in post) I have decided that this year will be my last as Chair of Governors. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to hold this position, and the highlights have been too numerous to list here. I look forward to continuing as a governor next year, albeit with a little more time for myself and my family! Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer.

Alex Hall, Chair of Governors

A Celebration of Reading

We would like to commend the thirteen Beaumont students who 'shadowed' the prestigious Carnegie Medal 2018 book award. As part of the shadowing group, the students pledged to read at least six of the eight shortlisted books. The group also met weekly over three months to discuss the books and to post reviews on their personalised 'Beaumont Readers' webpage on the official Carnegie Medal website. To celebrate the announcement of the winning book on 18 June, the Beaumont Readers attended a Discussion Day at St Albans Girls' School where they shared their thoughts and opinions on the books with readers from other local schools.



The Beaumont School Librarians have been very impressed by our students' commitment to the shadowing process. We have thoroughly enjoyed listening to their debates and opinions, expressed with such assertiveness and fluency at the weekly meetings. We would like to thank the students for all their hard work, for their passion for reading and for representing Beaumont so brilliantly at the Discussion Day. Here are the thoughts of some of the shadowing group students:

I enjoyed the Carnegie discussion event because we were split into groups where we all exchanged our views on the shortlisted books; it was very often a lively debate.

Ella N (8A)

At the Carnegie discussion event at STAGS we all shared our views on the shortlist and voted for our winning book 'The Hate U Give'. Although our favourite book didn't win the Carnegie Medal we still had an amazing time and we enjoyed a wonderful lunch buffet.

Tia H (9R)

I have been shadowing the CILIP Carnegie Book Award since just before the Easter Holidays. It is the most prestigious book award in the country, and it was an honour to take part. Being able to put 'Winner of the Carnegie Medal' on the front of your book is like winning a BAFTA, and ever since I was six, it was my dream to be an author and win the Carnegie. It was an amazing experience, and I read books that I know I wouldn't have otherwise read. It has really broadened my reading and writing style, and I can't wait to do it again. At the STAGS event we met with other people who had been shadowing the award. We ate food, discussed the books (like we had been every Thursday at school) and then finally watched the winner being announced. Although it wasn't what anyone had expected, and people were very surprised, we all came to understand why 'Where the World Ends' had won. Overall, it was an amazing experience, and I would be honoured to do it again!

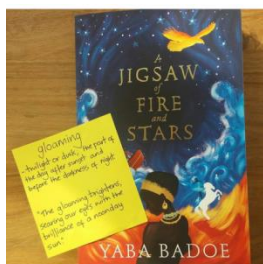
Oliver M (8N)

Words that make you go WOW!

At the beginning of this year, we launched a 'Word of the Week' feature on the Beaumont Library Instagram page. This aims to encourage students to look up and learn unfamiliar words. Each week, we have chosen and posted an interesting word or phrase that one of our readers has come across on their reading travels. The posts show where the word was found, a short definition and how the word works in a sentence. We have come across fantastic words such as *malefic*, *conniptions*, *esprit d'escalier* and *cacchinate* (yes, it's a word!). Not shy of the odd colloquialism, we have also posted a few blended words suggested by students, including *snaccident*!



We'll continue this feature in 2018/19 so would like to ask students to keep an eye out for new and interesting words in whatever they read over the summer holidays. Students should keep a note of any new words, where they found them and what they mean. At the beginning of the new term, students can hand their suggestions for Word of the Week to the Library team. If their word is chosen and posted on our Instagram page they will win a prize. We'll post a new word each week so students should keep their suggestions coming throughout the year. Students should be encouraged by the fact that authors often respond on Instagram when you post a word you've found in their books. Very exciting!



Exploring new words is an excellent way to extend vocabulary and enhance both reading skills and written work. Writer Geraldine McCaughrean recently won the prestigious Carnegie Medal for her young adult book *Where the World Ends*. In her acceptance speech she spoke about the importance of young people extending their vocabulary in order to think for themselves: "young readers should be bombarded with words like gamma rays, steeped in words like pot plants stood in water, pelted with them like confetti, fed on them like Alphabetti Spaghetti, given Hamlet's last resort: 'Words. Words. Words.'" Click on the link to read Geraldine McCaughrean's speech in full: <https://www.geraldinemccaughrean.co.uk/carnegie-speech>

TWINE & DINE *Garden Ball*

Thank you to all who attended Beaumont's "80 in '18" celebrations on Saturday night. We are grateful to all the suppliers, supporters, staff, students and special guest Kellie Bright for helping make this a truly memorable event.

Happy 80th Birthday Beaumont!

