



## From the Headteacher

Latest news on the Beaumont buildings project:

The school has recently achieved successful planning permission for amended plans to our new Science block. A building firm has been appointed and they have been on site last week. We are still working towards an opening of September 2019.

You will see in this edition of Beaumont Life that we are delighted with how fundraising has gone so far for the "80 in '18" project which will be an enormous help when we bid for significant funding from the Education Skills Funding Agency. Our chances of success with our bid are greatly improved by showing that the school can contribute to some of the overall project cost. Architects have drawn up some exciting plans for the new Hall and everyone involved is working hard to try and make these plans become a reality – I'll keep you updated.

As you know, we recently had three Parent Governor vacancies to fill and the field of nominees was so strong an election was needed. Thank you to all the candidates who put their names forward, your continued support for the school is much appreciated.

Don't forget to check out the December calendar below for forthcoming events in the run up to Christmas.

**Martin Atkinson**

Date	Time	Location	Event
<b>December 2018</b>			
Monday 3 December		Gym	Year 11 Textiles mock exam
Tuesday 4 December	7.00pm	Hall	Year 10 Work Experience Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 5 December	5.00pm	Block A & D	Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 6 December			Year 10 Interim Reports issued
	12.05pm	Hall	Year 9 author visit from Tom Pollock
Saturday 8 December	12.00pm	Hall	Christmas Fair
	7.30pm	County Club	Adult Christmas Party
Tuesday 11 December	7.00pm	Hall	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 19 December	7.00pm	St Peter's Church	Christmas Carol Service
Thursday 20 December			Year 11 Interim Reports issued
	7.00pm	Hall	Sixth Form Certificate Presentation Evening
Friday 21 December	12.30pm		Students dismissed early
<b>January 2019</b>			
Monday 7 January			INSET day, no students in school
Tuesday 8 January	8.25am		Students return to school

Just a reminder that if you are coming to Beaumont during the school day, entrance to the school is via the Hatfield Road/Kingsbury Garden route. The Oakwood Drive gates have been closed in order to improve site security and safety of students throughout the day.



## Together, we have raised £88,939

In 2016, in recognition of Beaumont's approaching 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2018, the school was delighted to announce the launch of the "80 in '18" Fundraising Campaign: an ambitious campaign, designed to secure the school's future financial position and continue the extensive building programme on site. The vision of 'New Hall, New Heart' became the main focus and the Beaumont Arts Centre Gala Event at the Alban Arena, held the following summer, kicked off the main campaign and epitomised the hard work and dedication that students, parents and staff alike put into raising funds for the school. With buckets being shaken at every event, be it large or small amounts, the donations have all been gratefully received. Throughout our celebratory year our funds have grown due to the continued support from all members of the community; fundraising at every opportunity. This summer, guests were invited to "Twine and Dine" at the birthday Garden Ball to mark this special 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Going forward, we need to continue to work together to raise money and fulfil the vision of building our Beaumont Arts Centre, which will replace the current school hall, providing performing space. We are now pushing to reach £100,000 by the end of 2018. If you are able to make a donation through the school fund (the form is available on our website [www.beaumontschool.com](http://www.beaumontschool.com) - about us/fundraising), by attending an event or perhaps organising your own mince pie and mulled wine Christmas event, we would value your support.

In addition to the "80 in '18" campaign since the relaunch of the Beaumont School Fund back in November 2015, we have raised just under £74,000 for our general School Fund. In recent years there have been real-terms cuts to government funding and these donations have enabled us to continue to provide the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities that we are known for and also to improve facilities across the school, making a real difference to your child's experience at Beaumont. The sort of improvements that we have been able to make thanks to these generous donations include the provision of interactive screens in a large number of classrooms across the school and the refurbishment of the toilet facilities in the Science and Technology Departments.

2019 brings exciting times again at Beaumont with the expansion of the school's dining facilities as well as the building of a new Science Block which will provide twelve laboratories and six new teaching rooms. This expansion is in part a result of a successful Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) bid. Further fundraising initiatives will be launched next year to support these activities but, for all of this to be truly successful, we will need the time, enthusiasm and continued support of the whole school community.

Let's continue to work together to ensure an education at Beaumont for its students that goes "beyond outstanding". Thank you for your support so far.





# We've achieved this so far .....

## Expansion of Sixth Form Centre

Existing social and Sixth Form Library areas refurbished and extended, linked by a new glass fronted atrium incorporating a café and social area.



**2014**

**2016-2017**

**£31,774 raised**

from Music concerts (Christmas & Easter), school productions (Oliver, Matilda), Gym & Dance Display, BSA Jazz Evening, one-off donations & BSA donations.

## School Refurbishment

DFE bid secured for the refurbishment of the school; energy efficient double glazed windows, new gutters and drainage.

**2015**

## FAB Phase One

First phase of Field, Access & Buildings (FAB) Project completed. Creation of all-weather pitch, multi-use games area and three full sized grass sports pitches.



**2016**

**2015-2016**

**£32,132 raised**

from one-off donations, Bake Off and charity days.

## FAB Phase Two

Four court sports hall complex opened, incorporating conference facilities and a 30 station fitness suite.

**2017**

**2018**



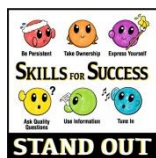
**2017-2018**

**£25,032 raised**

from school productions (Sound of Music, Road, Alice, Sixth Form, Trolls & Evita), Music concerts (Christmas, summer & Easter), Dance Show, BSA Jazz Evening, Bake Off, cake sales, in-school activities, RED June, Garden Ball and the Beaumont Arts Celebration at the Alban Arena.







## Skills for Success CED Sept 2018



### Year 7

"We had to solve a mystery, based on Skills for Success, as to who had stolen a tiger. Firstly, we had to look at the crime scene

and we took photos, drew pictures and made notes. We then watched DCI Guinane interview the lead suspect, Mr Grimley (who was really Mr Castagna). The last room was an evidence room where we saw examples of text conversations and phone calls to find clues. We finished by doing activities such as writing a final news report and adding photos. We really enjoyed it." **Emily (7E)**

"When the Year 7 arrived that day, we were addressed by DCI Guinane, who briefed us on the mystery of 'Fluffy' the tiger's kidnapping. We were allowed to use our phones to take pictures of the crime scene and the evidence. We then heard the chief suspect plead his case not guilty. After that, we wrote a newspaper article that would be printed in the local press based on the events and what we thought had happened. During the activities, we had to work well as a team and be persistent in solving the mystery." **Thomas (7S)**

### Year 8

"Year 8's first CED began with an exciting case of missing jewellery. With three prime suspects and 'supposedly' convincing alibis,

the case proved difficult to solve. We began with some witness statements and we had to tune in to discover the smaller details. It uncovered more points which led us closer to our conclusions: Who stole the necklace? The day progressed and using information was a very useful skill. We had to read between the lines and observe The Times to piece together the puzzle. Overall, we finally cracked our criminals and along the way we could not have done it without help from DCI McLean and her crew of brilliant detectives. Oh and not to forget the Skills for Success!"

**Jonathan & Joe (8R)**

### Year 9

"Year 9 CED was focused on Skills for Success and, more importantly, tuning in.

We started the day watching an interesting video about concentration which showed us that this can lead to us missing things; such as colour change and certain things appearing and disappearing.

The next part of the day was focused on persistence. We were told to do wall sits for a maximum of 20 minutes. This was the most challenging part of the whole activity and we did our best to succeed. Leading from this, we then learnt more about tuning in and imagination. A topic was read out to us, all words, no interaction. While this was happening, two more teachers were walking around creating distractions. This meant we didn't really take it all in and when we were asked questions we could barely remember anything. The second part of this was on imagination. We were given a video where we closed our eyes and were told to imagine helium balloons on one hand and books on the other. Depending on the difference in size between our hands showed us our imagination scale. However, if you opened your eyes, the person in fact was holding up slides to keep you entertained, and a puppy at the end. It was an interesting and memorable day."

**Danny (9N)**



### Year 10

"On Wednesday 19 September, the company called Humanutopia came in to school. At the start of the session, one of the students was

chosen to warm up the crowd by clapping and running up and down the hall. At that point, we KNEW that whatever was in store for us was going to be brilliant. They told us the story that really tugged at our heart strings; of the boy who was accidentally shot by a gang member as he made his way home from football and died instantly. After this story, there was a deafening silence in the hall but our emotions were running high. We were asked to stand up and share if our 'bins' have ever been filled, meaning if we had experienced any negative feelings. Around 15 people stood up and told us about their stories and their reasons for choosing to share them with us. By the end of it all, we were all crying as it was incredibly moving. To complete the session, we wrote about our dreams and that was the end to an amazing day."

**Tia (10R)**

"Things got a bit emotional during Skills for Success CED. Many of our friends came forward sharing their personal stories and expressed how others did not understand how much they had going on already outside of school. Many of us were tearing up after hearing these emotions because we got an insight into what our peers were feeling on the inside but were putting on a brave face every day. Then, we could volunteer to share the experience of being the hurtful ones. Some people bravely stood up and said why they did it. They apologised to those they had hurt and, most importantly, were forgiven. For the rest of the day, we were put in groups with people we don't usually hang out with. This helped us to know each other a bit more and maybe change our views about them. Our cooperation skills as a team were tested through a variety of challenging activities and games. Overall, it was one of the best CEDs since my time at this school."

**Atiqah (10R)**



### Year 11

"This is a very important year for my GCSEs. As part of our Skills for Success CED, we had inspirational workshops and learnt techniques

on tackling GCSE. The main presenter, Action Jackson, was a very interesting man. He told us that we were all amazing but that success does not happen by magic. Also, Jackson talked about how we should not compare ourselves to other people because we are all good at different things. We explored ideas on why we want to do well and where we would like to be in ten years' time. The quote "Revision is temporary and results are forever" really stuck with me because I now realise that my future really depends on this year. We were given so much inspiration to do well and do it for ourselves."

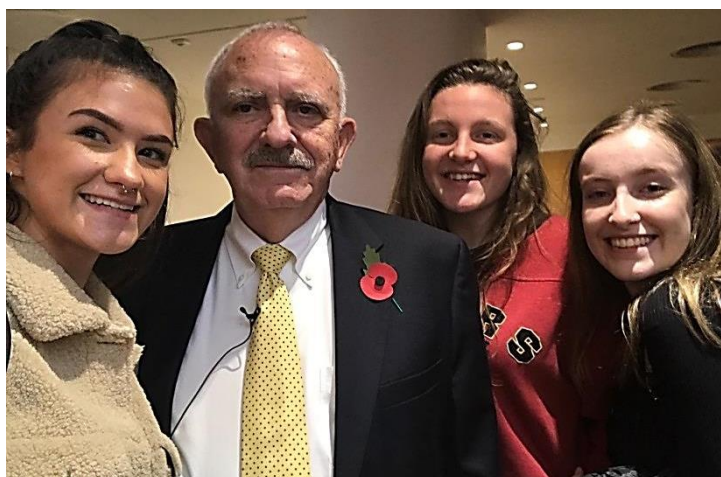
**Sofia (11E)**

"In Year 11, I feel that there is a lot of pressure on me; yet after listening to the FixUp team I was motivated to do more with what I have available. Before, I didn't know what I wanted to do after my GCSEs and every time I was asked what I wanted to do in ten years' time I wouldn't have had an answer. However, I have now realised that it's OK not to know what I want to do in the future and what matters is that I enjoy whatever I decide to do. It made me think about the big 'WHY' of wanting to succeed and how I could affect other people by doing well in my GCSEs and those I could help. Overall, I feel inspired by the whole experience to reach further for what I want and also think about decisions that I haven't thought about before."

**Ellie (Year 11)**

## US Politics Today 2018

On Monday 5 November, the Year 13 Government and Politics class went to the British Library and attended the 'US Politics Today 2018'. Many of us found it interesting to see two former Members of Congress, Tom Petri (a Republican from Wisconsin) and Martin Lancaster (a Democrat from North Carolina), as well as six different lecturers. Not only was it informative for our A level course but also it was interesting with it being the day before the midterm elections in the US. At the lunch break, members of our class ended up in a conversation with one of the former Congressmen, Tom Petri, and were asked our opinions on various topics such as Boris Johnson, Brexit and Donald Trump as well as giving us the opportunity to ask him his own opinions on the state of US politics today. The day was intriguing and exciting, giving us the chance to challenge our perceptions on the two parties as well as look more in depth into certain aspects of the politics of America. **Beth Hardisty**



## The story behind the thriller – Year 9 to meet writer Tom Pollock

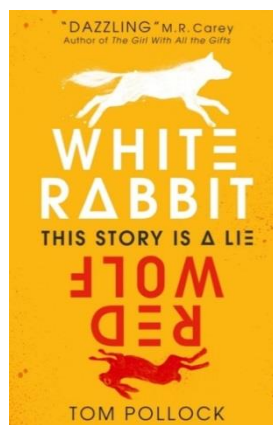
The majority of authors who visit Beaumont come to meet and address Years 7 and 8, so it is with great pleasure that we will welcome writer Tom Pollock to the school on Thursday 6th December to talk exclusively to our Year 9 students. Tom has written four books for young adults but will be focusing on his most recently published novel, **White Rabbit, Red Wolf**.

The White Rabbit character of the title is Peter Blankman, a teenage maths genius battling with paranoia and severe anxiety issues. The story ignites when Peter's mother, a top genetic scientist, is stabbed and his beloved twin sister Bel disappears without a trace. The plot twists and turns breathlessly as Peter finds himself caught up in a web of intrigue, espionage and violence that will test his courage and sanity to the limit. Can Peter's logical mind and obsession with maths help him discover the truth?

*White Rabbit, Red Wolf* is a highly original, fast-paced and often brutal thriller that grabs the reader and throws them into the heart of the action. We are very excited to hear Tom Pollock discuss the book.

Tom will talk to Year 9 in the hall and will also be signing copies of *White Rabbit, Red Wolf* in the library during the lunch break. Students in all year groups are invited to come along to the book-signing. The book will be available to buy at the reduced price of £7. Please could students bring in cash on the day. We can also accept cheques, made payable to Brenda Parkhouse, our local independent bookseller.

'What makes the difference, always, is numbers.'





## Year 7 visit to Mountfitchet Castle

On a bright and sunny Tuesday 13 November CED, Year 7 History students enjoyed an historical adventure both inside and outside Beaumont.

Students were regaled with tales of life during the era of the Battle of Hastings by our guest speaker, historical reenactor (and former Beaumont student) Lawrence Alman. As part of this, some students got to handle historical artefacts and dress up (always popular!). To enhance their learning even further, students were also involved in a team-building task linked to castles. Special thanks to Mrs Warmesley for helping with this enjoyable activity.

Year 7s also visited Mountfitchet Castle, which is on the original site of one of the first Norman built Motte and Bailey castles. This further extended their knowledge of castles and early medieval life. As usual, Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed exploring the site. They had the chance to meet the animals, engage with all of the artefacts and costumes available as well as having the opportunity to take lots of photographs themselves. All of this made many students report afterwards that they had really enjoyed the whole day and had learnt a lot. My thanks to all of the staff involved in the trip, both on the day and behind the scenes.

Special thanks to Ms Pearson for her excellent organisation of a logistically very complex set of activities which Year 7 really benefitted from.

**Ms Wensley**



## From the Governors

The autumn term has been as busy as ever, with a fantastic production of Evita and some equally stunning sporting performances. We have the Christmas Fair, the Music concert and Carol Service to look forward to, each illustrating again the commitment of staff and students alike to the richness of school life at Beaumont.

The Governors' Community, Teaching and Learning Committee holds two meetings during the term. In the second of these, we were delighted to review another excellent set of external examination results. It is particularly pleasing to note the results at GCSE, where most subjects had moved to the new 1 – 9 grading system. The results analysis shows not only attainment but also measures the progress that our students have made from the time they enter Beaumont. This year we report a Progress 8 score of 0.85, which puts Beaumont in the top 5% of schools nationally. Congratulations to all our students and staff for their hard work and well-deserved success.

Ensuring that all our students are able to fulfil their potential is an important part of our role as Governors and whilst we are keen to review academic performance, we are equally keen to discuss matters of behaviour and attendance and the issues that affect our most vulnerable students. In this way we hope to support the school leadership in ensuring that all our students are offered a safe and nurturing environment to learn.

Our meetings also received reports on the transition of our newest students from primary school to Year 7 and the work being done in school in conjunction with employers, apprentice schemes, colleges and universities to provide information and inspiration to our Year 11s and Sixth Formers when they consider their next steps beyond Beaumont.

**Lisanne Sherwood**, Chair CTL Committee



## Beaumont at the BBC

Staff members Mandy Watt and Julie Wells, and their husbands, recently made a behind the scenes visit to BBC News. This was the result of winning the auction bid at the summer Garden Ball in July which raised funds towards Beaumont's plans for a new multi-purpose hall.

The visit was kindly donated by Beaumont parent and BBC news reporter, Martine Croxall. Martine was presenting live on the evening of the visit, but also gave a great guided tour of the news studios and the control room known as the 'gallery.' Mandy and Julie were particularly impressed with the skill of the BBC team and the extensive use of digital technology which gave great flexibility in the studios. Huge thanks go to Martine Croxall and the BBC for setting up the visit to contribute to Beaumont's fundraising.

**Mrs Watt**

## We still need your help!



We do hope you will come with your children and enjoy the Christmas Fair but we do also need a lot of help to make it successful.

We would appreciate all offers of help to run the fair on the day. Can you spare an hour or more to set up on Friday afternoon, or Saturday morning, or during the fair to man a stall?

We need help with the raffle, tombola, gift stalls, and games in the gym; if you can help cook and serve hot dogs, turkey rolls & baked potatoes, warm and serve mulled wine, tea, coffee & cakes, or make and serve popcorn, or help clear up afterwards.

PLEASE sign up on PTA Social - the app we use to manage the rota.

Any queries please contact us at bsa@beaumont.school.

**Thank you!**



## Beaumont School Christmas Fair

Join us on

**Saturday 8th December 12 - 3pm**

### Hot Lunch

Pulled pork, Bacon sarnies, Hot Dogs & Jacket potatoes

### Games & Stalls

Sumo wrestling, Nerf gun inflatable range and many more activities.

Craft stalls selling Christmas decorations, gifts, cards and beauty products

### Raffle & Tombola

Fantastic prizes to be won!

### Mulled Wine

... Paired with delicious Minez Piza ☺

Plus...

Christmas cake competition

Beaumont school choir & band

& Second-hand uniform sale



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Dear Parent/Carer,

With Christmas fast approaching it's time to inform you of our fantastic Christmas tree delivery & recycling scheme that Christmas Treeeasy are able to offer through your school again this year.

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Please mention your school in all correspondence to ensure a donation to your school fund.

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I look forward seeing many of you soon.

Yours faithfully

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