



### From the Headteacher

As the Autumn term draws to a close it is good to reflect on the multiple success that the students have achieved thus far. Evita was a particular highlight for me and at the time of writing, the PE Department have enjoyed the following successes:

- The Year 11 Netball Team is the District Tournament Winner and County Tournament Runner Up.
- The Under 18 Boys' Football Team is unbeaten this season and in the County Cup Quarter Finals. The Under 12s and Under 13s are still in County Cups and will be playing Quarter Finals before Christmas. The Under 12 Boys are unbeaten this season and have made it to the fourth round of Nationals.
- The Under 18 Boys' Rugby Team is through to the County Trophy Semi-Final and the Under 12 Boys are unbeaten this season including the District Tournament and Old Albanian's Festival.
- The Under 14 Girls' Basketball Team is unbeaten so far in National Pool Games and the Under 12 Girls are unbeaten in the District League.

I have been extremely impressed with the way Year 11 approached their mock examinations and this should stand them in good stead for next summer.

I recently sent an email alerting you to the new Drama Department project for Key Stage 3 students. With the help of National Lottery Funding they have joined forces with playwright, Mark Wheeler and the Breck Foundation and commissioned Mark to write a play which will be performed in 2019. It's a true and thought-provoking story that we will be honoured to perform and an important message to the Digital Generation to keep safe online. Look out for the sale of tickets in 2019.

Finally, I would like to wish all the Beaumont community a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

**Martin Atkinson**

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday 7 January			INSET Day ( <b>no students in school</b> )
Tuesday 8 January	8:25am		Students return to school
	5:00pm	Block A & D	Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 9 January	8:30am	D21	CTECH IT Unit 1 exam
	6:00pm	Hall	Years 8-13 Paris Music Tour Parent Information Evening
Thursday 10 January	8:30am	B10	CTECH Sport Unit 1 exam
	6:00pm	Sandringham School	Sandringham Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 11 January	8:30am	Conference Room	iMedia exam
	1:30pm	D22	CTECH IT Unit 2 exam
Tuesday 15 January	8:45am	Hall	GCSE English Literature Performance of <i>Dr Jekyll &amp; Mr Hyde</i>
	6:00pm	Verulam School	Verulam Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday 16 January	9:00am	D7	BTEC Business L3 Unit 3 re-sit exam
			Year 9 SLT options interviews (end 22/01/19)
Thursday 17 January	9:00am		November 2018 GCSE re-sit results issued to students
	10:10am	D7	Financial Studies Unit 1A/3A online tests
	2:00pm		<b>Students dismissed early for Sixth Form Open Evening</b>
	6:00pm		<b>Beaumont Sixth Form Open Evening</b>
			• Talks <b>6:15pm 11LEA/7:00pm 11RNS</b>
Friday 18 January	9:00am	London	Year 12 Photography trip to Camera Obscura Workshop
	9:15am		<b>Late start to school day</b>
	11:30am	C1/C2	Year 12 Drama – <i>Les Enfants</i> Workshop
Monday 21 January	9:00am		Financial Studies Unit 1B/3B written tests
			Year 13 exam week
Tuesday 22 January	7:30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee meeting
Wednesday 23 January	6:30pm	Conference Room	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 24 January	9:00am	D7	BTEC Sport L2 Unit 1 re-sit exam
			Curriculum Enrichment Day
Monday 28 January	3:30pm	Hall/C1/C2	Year 13 Practical Drama exam
Tuesday 29 January	9:30am		Sixth Form Open Morning tours for external students
	11:30am		Sixth Form Open Morning tours for external students
	3:30pm	Hall/C1/C2	Year 13 practical Drama exam
Wednesday 30 January	3:30pm	Hall/C1/C2	Year 13 practical Drama exam
	7:00pm	Conference Room	Resources Committee meeting
Thursday 31 January	6:30pm		Year 9 Options Evening



**Reminder**  
**Beaumont Sixth Form Open Evening : Thursday 17 January 2019, 6.00pm**

Students will be dismissed at 2.00pm on Thursday 17 January 2019  
Late start at 9.15am on Friday 18 January 2019

## Food Science Club

Every Thursday a group of Year 9s meet in Food Tech after school and cook with Mrs Denton. So far, we have made **pretzels** and learnt about how we use yeast as a raising agent for our bread and stretching the protein strands. Two weeks ago we made **sushi** with avocado, salmon and spring onions. We learnt how to roll the sushi and how to fill the rolls with different flavours. We also learnt how to caramelize mushrooms.

This week we made **profiteroles**. We soon realised it was a lot harder to make choux pastry than it looks, and not to over-whip the cream to fill them. With Christmas baking and fresh pasta making to come, it is a great way for us to understand harder techniques in food from different cultures and it is lots of fun at the same time! **Johanna Lutz (9R)**



## “A word after a word after a word is power”

Earlier this year, Beaumont Library launched a **Word of the Week** feature on our Instagram page to encourage students to improve and extend their vocabulary. This scheme involves posting interesting words that we’ve come across on our reading travels along with a definition, where we found the word and how it can be used in a sentence.

Over the coming weeks we’ll be giving this feature greater emphasis as it ties in with the English Department’s focus on vocabulary and the power of words. A large and rich vocabulary is important for a child, both in school and beyond. It strengthens reading and writing skills, improves comprehension and the ability to interpret texts. With more words at their disposal, a child is better able to think logically, to communicate and to express themselves effectively.



Writer Geraldine McCaughrean, winner of this year’s prestigious Carnegie Medal book prize for young adult fiction, is passionate about extending children’s vocabulary. In her acceptance speech, McCaughrean said that by failing to challenge our young people with new and more complex words, we risk limiting their freedom of expression. In her opinion, “We master words by meeting them. You need words to be able to think for yourself ... to build your very own thoughts and hopes out of.”

We’re asking all our students, but Year 7 and Year 8 in particular, to keep their eyes peeled for words that could be added to our Instagram page. These could be interesting words they already know but would like to share, or new words they’ve had to look up and find the meaning of. Each week we will post the students’ contributions on our Instagram page **beaumontschool.library** with the hashtag **#wowbeaumont**. Authors often respond on Instagram when you post a word that you’ve found in one of their books, which is always great to see.

We look forward to receiving our students’ Word of the Week contributions after Christmas and are excited to improve our own vocabulary! Please visit our Instagram page to see some of our recent Words of the Week. **Mrs Shepard**

### St Albans Rotary Young Chef Award

On 14 November, Charlotte Blick (10L) and I took part in the 11th year of the St Albans Rotary Young Chef Award. It was held at Oaklands College and the aim is to encourage young people to learn how to cook a healthy, seasonal meal, to take notice of hygiene issues, to develop food presentation, organisation and planning skills and to develop the capability to cope in a demanding situation.



Without help, we had to decorate and set the table and prepare a healthy starter and main course for two, in 90 minutes. This whole meal was meant to cost £12 or less. The judges were Gopi Chandran (Executive Chef at Sopwell House Hotel) and Paul Wood (Senior Chef Lecturer at Oaklands College).

We were awarded points for our costing, our planning, our range of skills, the taste of the food and its temperature. I was very nervous when the competition began because of the unfamiliarity of the high-spec kitchen, but, once I got into it I managed to enjoy myself. It was great to experience and I would recommend it to anyone who is also asked to take part.

**Matilda Green (10L)**

### From the Governors

The autumn term has been busy as usual and will continue as we approach Christmas festivities. The Governors' Resources Committee meets twice during the autumn term and we have just had our second meeting. The committee's remit is aligned around oversight of the management of people, physical assets and finance.

Routes to supplement allocated funding are clearly identified within the school. One route successfully followed by the school is the Education and Skills Funding Agency's Condition Improvement Fund. Awards through this mechanism in recent years have included flat roof repairs, full window replacement in B block and within this year will provide replacement Science classroom provision. As noted in Mr Atkinson's contribution to November's Beaumont Life, the school has been granted planning permission to proceed with the new Science block. It now lies with the senior leadership to deliver another successful building project to further enhance the building fabric of the school. Governors are supportive and are always willing to provide guidance where necessary.

The "80 in '18" fund continues to surge ahead with the £100,000 line in sight. This is a fantastic effort and will hopefully enable the school to develop important areas of the site. Have a relaxing and enjoyable festive season.

**Gary Kellett, Chair of Resources Committee**



### Warhammer Club's First Tournament

Beaumont's "Warhammer Club" (table top wargames) entered four of our bravest players into the local qualifying round of "Kill Team", a national competition held at the local Games Workshop.

The Beaumont players faced off against kill teams from Sandringham school, where they fought through three rounds each. The players from Beaumont emerged from the battlefield victorious, enabling all four of them to qualify for the semi-finals.

The team also won a host of other awards including "Best General" and "Most Honourable."

**Mr Malak**



Daniel Chisholm, Milo Nixon, Danny McDougall and Sidonie Millington.

SAVE THE DATE



**Jazz Evening**  
**Saturday 16 March**



**Comedy Night**  
**Saturday 18 May**



**AGM**  
**Thursday 9 May**



**Rob's Festival**  
**Saturday 22 June**



# Beaumont School

## 2018 at Beaumont School in words and pictures

We were delighted to start the New Year with the news that **Tatler** magazine had named Beaumont School as one of its Top 20 state schools in their February issue.



**January**

The under 16 boys' football team reached the **County Cup semi-finals** after a thrilling victory.



**February**



**March**



**SCHOOL MEMBER**

Accreditation awarded to the Music Department

**April**



Beaumont students took part in the Gold DofE Awards Presentation at **Buckingham Palace**.

**May**

Staff threw themselves into **RED June**, our month long campaign to promote well-being, fitness and community - while raising money for our "80 in '18" fundraising campaign.



**June**

Beaumont celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday in style with staff, parents and a celebrity guest.

**TWINE & DINE  
Garden Ball**



**July**

### Record 'A' Level Results

Mr Atkinson congratulated jubilant students and staff, who celebrated another year of record 'A' level results. 'It's rewarding that so many students have reached or surpassed their aspirations, with our highest ever number of top grades and a record average points score per student.'

**Beaumont students set new standard for GCSEs** Students celebrated outstanding GCSE results. Mr Atkinson said, 'I am delighted that our students and their teachers have risen to the challenge of the demanding new GCSE courses'.

**August**

U16 netball team reached **County Finals**



**September**

The Year 13 students who formed the 2018 **Rob's Festival** Committee, alongside the Chair of the BSA, presented Steve Lindsay (Prince's Trust) with a donation from the proceeds of this year's festival.



**October**

**Beaumont School announced £88,939 has been raised so far for the "18 in '18" fundraising campaign and we are pushing to reach £100,000 by the end of 2018**



**November**



**December**



With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from staff and governors at Beaumont School



## Back to School..... and beyond



### Programme begins – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### Programme to include

- 5 training sessions (9.30-11.30am)
- School immersion day
- 1-2-1 coaching with Senior Management Coach and Consultant
- Online Personal Profiling Assessment

This programme will support, guide and empower individuals to return to the classroom after a career break. This break could be for a range of reasons including maternity leave or paternity leave. Delegates will approach key areas of personal development including next steps coaching, strengths and self-belief work, building networks, a school observation day, time management and bespoke teaching and learning support e.g. behaviour management.

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#### Who for:

Teachers looking to return to the classroom following a career break.

#### Cost:

Free of charge

#### Outcomes:

- *To enable individuals to feel confident to apply for teaching positions or return to work following a career break*
- *To enable delegates to access individually tailored, bespoke coaching with an external senior management coach and consultant*
- *To give individuals the confidence to seek positions that they may have felt were unattainable*
- *To provide returner teachers with a professional network*
- *To update and refresh teaching skills and experience following a career break*
- *To provide delegates with next steps support through Alban TSA Professional Learning opportunities*

#### Timetable:

Session 1	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Session 2	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Session 3	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Session 4	School Immersion day
Session 5	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Session 6	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019

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