



From the Headteacher

We held a tremendous Sixth form Open Evening on Thursday 17 January 2019. As well as the majority of our Year 11s, over 200 external students took the opportunity to look around and consider joining Beaumont. We have received lots of positive feedback particularly about the Sixth Form students who helped out on the evening, both within the subjects and those meeting and greeting. I hope this goes to swell our numbers for next year.

Year 13 have just been hard at work with their mock exams and I hope this will prove excellent preparation for the real thing this summer.

The official school league tables have now been made available since 24 January 2019. Here is the link where you will see Beaumont's success in terms of performance measure <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/138286/beaumont-school>

This site allows you to compare with other providers.

Martin Atkinson, Headteacher

Date	Time	Location	Event
Saturday 2 February		Hall	Dance Show all day dress rehearsal
Monday 4 February	7:00pm	Hall	Dance Show performance
Tuesday 5 February	7:00pm	Hall	Dance Show performance
Wednesday 6 February	1:00pm	Hall	Year 9 Chelsea's Choice production
	5:00pm	Blocks A & D	Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 7 February	6:30pm	Conference Room	CTL Committee Meeting
Friday 8 February	9:00am		Deadline for Year 9 option forms
	9:00am		Deadline for Sixth Form applications
Monday 11 February	7:00pm	D28	Spanish Exchange Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 12 February	6:00pm	D19	Year 9 German Exchange return visit Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 13 February	1:00pm	St Peter's Church	Choral Concert
	5:00pm	Blocks A & D	Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 15 February			INSET Day (no students in school)
			Years 8-13 Music Tour to Paris (returns 19/02/19)
Monday 18 February			Half Term (students return 25/02/19)
Tuesday 26 February	7:30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee Meeting
Wednesday 27 February			Year 10, 12, 13 Spanish Exchange students to Beaumont
	6:00pm	Hall	Year 9 French Exchange return visit Parent Information Evening
Thursday 28 February		Hall	Year 9 DTP/Meningitis ACWP injections
	11:00am		Governor day in school
	12:00pm		Year 7 interim reports issued
	3:00pm	Conference Room	Extended Full Governing Body Meeting
	3:30pm	Hall/C1/C2	Year 11 GCSE practical Drama exams
	3:30pm	Dining Hall	Second Hand Uniform Sale (no vehicle access before 3:35pm)
	4:00pm	Sixth Form Atrium	Year 10, 12, 13 Spanish Exchange Soiree
	7:00pm	Hall	University Information Evening



Our annual sports and music festival, **Rob's Festival**, celebrates a **tenth anniversary** this year! "Kicking off" at midday until 6.30pm on **Saturday 22 June 2019**, the day will be packed full of sports tournaments including football and volleyball, music, entertainment, stalls, BBQ and other food outlets, licensed bar and much more. Put the date in your diary and look out for more information over the coming months. **Come and join us and make this event the biggest so far!**

Thinking Box

On Thursday 17 January over 60 students listened to an external speaker from Thinking Box talking about the future of driverless cars. Students participated in a lively discussion considering the safety, practicality and economic impacts of a future with autonomous vehicles. The speaker, Paul Thistlethwaite, was very impressed by the questions and points raised by our students and explained the importance of listening to all members of the population, including young people, when making future decisions.

Dr Jones



National and County Cup Football Success

Huge congratulations to our Under 16 Girls Football team, who have made it through to the last 16 of the National Cup for the second year running, following a 10-0 win over Redborne Upper School. The team have also made it through to the semi-final of the County Cup, with an 8-2 victory against Sandringham School. Well done!

Our Under 12 Boys Football team have also made it through to the last 16 of the National Cup in their first season together, after beating Dr Challoner's Grammar School 7-3. Over 620 teams entered the competition originally, so this is a great achievement! The team have also made it into the quarter final of the County Cup, after beating John Henry Newman School.

In all, five Beaumont teams are now in the quarter final or semi-final of the County Cups, with next round games due to be played by half term. Well done to the following teams: Under 13 Girls, Under 16 Girls, Under 12 Boys, Under 13 Boys and Under 18 Boys.

Mr Tolley



Under 16 Girls Football Team:

Back Row (L-R): Zoe Cowan, Susie Weidmann, Kate Riches, Sian Watson, Kiana Barresi, Chelsea Howcutt, Millie Constantine

Front Row (L-R): Amy Heather, Sophie Bates, Niamh Gallagher, Hannah McCorkindale Brown, Ellie Flynn, Ellie Ralph

Not pictured: Daisy Porter, Grace Self, Rebecca Oliver

Affinity Water & WaterAid Challenge

On Tuesday 15 January, we started the Affinity Water and WaterAid Challenge with 30 students from Years 7, 8 and 9. It is a competition between local schools and will run for the next five months. Students found out more about where our water comes from, more about the work of WaterAid and were involved in planning the initial part of the challenge which was to produce a questionnaire.

Dr Jones



Harriet Rowlands Best Scholarship

Congratulations to Ben Davies (8R), who is the winner of the Harriet Rowlands Best Scholarship this year. Ben gets a year of free classes with Best Theatre Arts.

This adds up to almost £1000 of training. The Drama Department would like to thank our friends at Best Theatre Arts for their continued support of our students.

Ms Shepherd



Second Hand Uniform

We are in need of good quality second hand uniform for our forthcoming uniform sales. We are especially keen to receive PE clothing but of course welcome any blazers, shirts, trousers and skirts. Kindly bring any donations to Reception.





Holocaust Memorial Assembly

In advance of Holocaust Memorial Day at the end of January, I gave an emotional assembly to Years 8-12, recounting the story of my grandfather's escape from Nazi Germany, and that of the British man responsible for saving him, Frank Foley. A memorial has recently been unveiled to Frank Foley, who was a British spy in 1930s Berlin, who used his position to create false papers to allow about 10,000 Jewish Germans to leave the country illegally. One of the families he helped was that of my grandfather, his brother and his parents. I hoped to get students to think about the personal stories behind the huge numbers affected by the Holocaust, but also of the unintended consequences - that I am here teaching Maths to our students is only possible because of a largely unknown brave British man called Frank Foley and his actions almost a hundred years ago. As it says on his memorial, "He who saves one, saves the world".

Ms Dickson

Writer Tom Pollock introduces *White Rabbit, Red Wolf* and discusses mental health

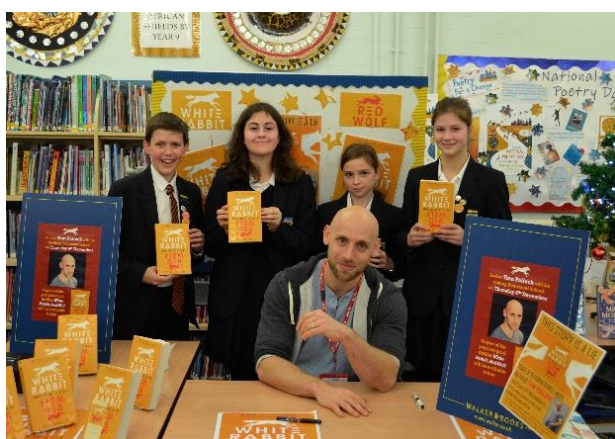
At the end of last term, writer Tom Pollock visited Beaumont to talk to Year 9 about his young adult thriller *White Rabbit, Red Wolf*. Tom told the students that the book contains 'murder, maths, mental health, family, secrets and spies' but is, at its core, a story about fear. The White Rabbit of the title is Peter Blankman, a brilliant, teenage mathematician who suffers from debilitating panic attacks and paranoia. When someone attempts to assassinate his mother, a government scientist, Peter unearths a deep and chilling conspiracy which he must investigate and expose while grappling with his own fears.

Having introduced the story and read a gripping excerpt from the opening pages, Tom went on to explain that he wrote Peter Blankman's character because he himself has a mental health condition. Tom spoke with great honesty about his own fears and panic attacks, explaining that he created Peter in order to convey what he has gone through himself. He hopes that this will resonate with others who are suffering with mental health issues and give them the sense that they are understood and are being spoken for.

Research has shown that reading fiction improves empathy. Tom echoed this by describing reading as 'taking a holiday in someone else's brain'. He stressed the importance of writing and talking openly about mental health issues in order to encourage greater discussion and understanding. Tom explained that those suffering should feel able to share, as reaching out and feeling supported is crucial to improving mental health.

Year 9 listened intently and greatly enjoyed Tom's talk. Many students then joined us in the library to meet Tom and buy their own, signed copy of *White Rabbit, Red Wolf*. Here is a taste of what the students said about Tom's visit.

Ms Shepard



Tom's presentation was informal and he connected with us. When he read the beginning of his book to us, I was hooked and I can't wait to read 'White Rabbit, Red Wolf'.

Johanna L (9R)

Tom Pollock's visit was one of the best author visits we have had as a school. He had a great combination of facts and humour in his talk and he also had a good conversational attitude. I loved his talk, his book and his personality.

Elliot C (9N)

I have been excited to meet Tom ever since I found out he was coming to our school.

Oliver M (9N)

Season's Readings

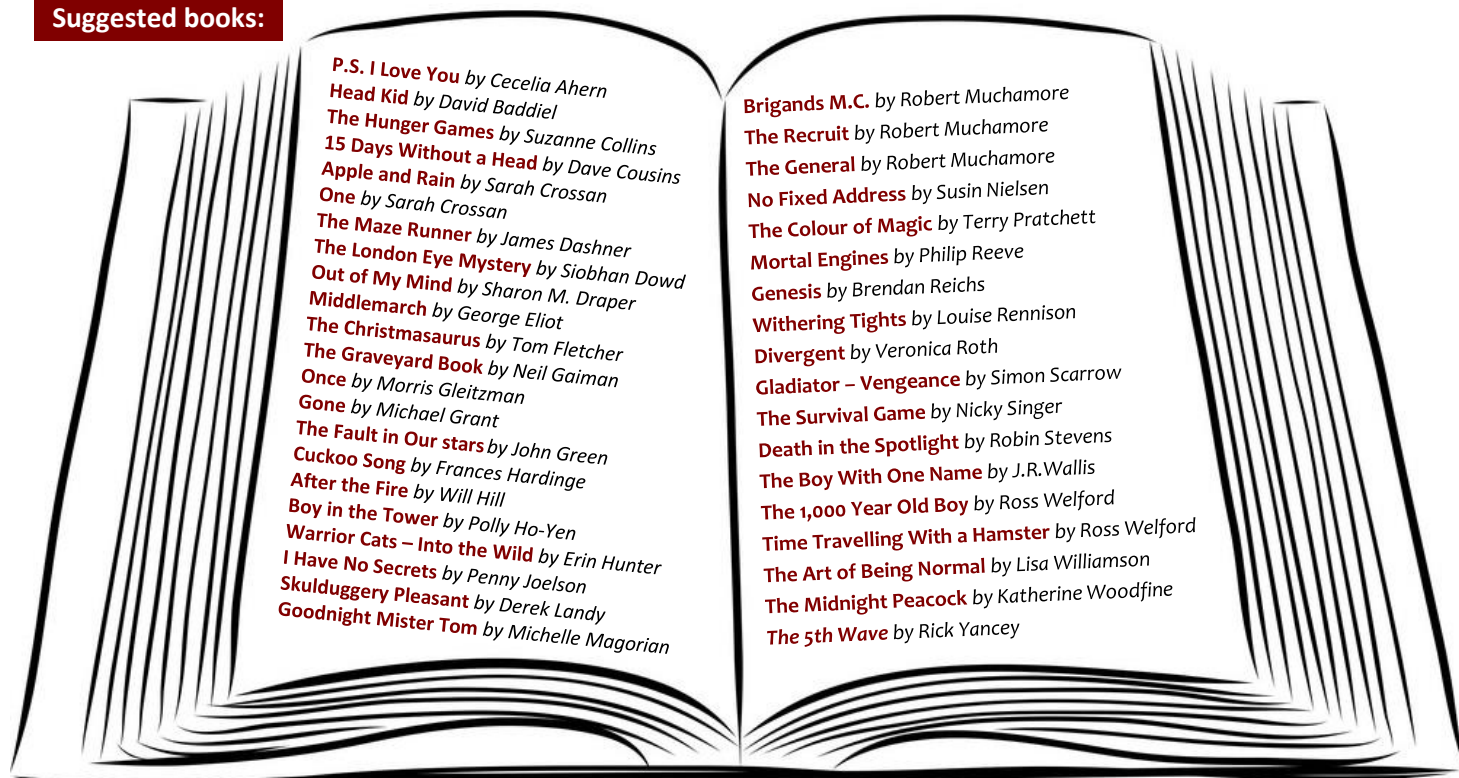


As part of Beaumont Library's festive celebrations last term, we invited students and staff to help decorate our 'Season's Readings' Christmas tree by picking one of their favourite books to recommend to other readers. We added the title and a picture of each suggested book's cover to the display board and, with close to fifty recommendations, the result was a fantastically bright and colourful Christmas display.

We thought it would be a nice idea to share the list of books with students, their families and carers. It features an exciting range of genres and writing styles, from action and adventure to romance, from historical fiction to humour, and from classics to fantasy. So, if you have a Christmas book token left to spend or are just looking to get 2019 off to a good start with a great read, then why not try one of these hand-picked titles over the page.

Ms Shepard

Suggested books:



The BSA are actively seeking new members to join the committee and would appreciate and welcome anyone who is interested in helping running social events for parents and students in order to raise money for the school.

Over the years the BSA has raised thousands of pounds which have enhanced the experiences of all children who come to the school, be it in the form of text books, sports kits, picnic benches, laser cutter or sewing machine, iPads and computers, literary magazine, lighting and music, and so the list continues. The BSA are currently raising money to increase their donation of £10,000 towards the building of a new school hall and to help equip the new science blocks that are being built at the moment to the tune of £10,000.

Being part of the BSA gives you a say as to how fundraising is organised and how the funds are spent. Being part of the team to do this is a social event in itself and a great way to be involved in the school and meet other parents. There are a lot of events during the year hence the more members on the committee, the more we can spread the work load and the less onerous it becomes on any one individual. You can volunteer to help for as much or as little as you wish. We welcome new ideas and fresh enthusiasm. Thank you for your support.

BSA

An evening of jazz
and swing with the
Beaumont Big Band
and special guests

**Saturday 16 March 2019 – 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the
School Hall**

Beaumont Music Department and the BSA invite you, your family and friends, to an evening of music and dancing, with light hot & cold refreshments served at the interval. There will be a pay-bar.

Tickets are £14 for adults, and £10 for concessions. A family ticket (2 adults, 2 concessions) is available for £40. All proceeds go towards supporting the arts at Beaumont School.

Bookings can be made by using the school's online payment system, **Scopay**. If you do not have access to Scopay, please email bsa@beaumont.school with your ticket requests.

Regardless of how you book your tickets, it is essential you email bsa@beaumont.school with details of your party size, and who you would like to sit with, and any dietary requirements.

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY 18 MAY 2019

COMEDY NIGHT

Tickets and further information released soon