



From the Headteacher

Over half term I had the privilege of supporting the Music Department as one of the team of staff that went on the Paris Music Tour. I have to say how proud the students made me, both in terms of the quality of their performances and the way they represented the school throughout the tour. The first concert was held at L'église de la Madeleine, a truly inspiring venue and the acoustics were amazing. The tour then went on to perform at Disneyland, with a highly professional set up and schedule. This gave the opportunity for another memorable experience in a totally different context, again the performances were outstanding. The final concert was held at La chapelle de l'hôpital universitaire Charles Foix and this provided a fitting end where all the pieces were heard by a very appreciative audience. I must thank Mr Guinane for organising this tremendous visit, for all his hard work and for inviting the Head! Many thanks too to all the staff team and our exceptional students.

It is that time of year where our Year 11 and Year 13 classes are really starting to step up their efforts in a big push to prepare for their final examinations. I would like to thank parents/carers in advance for their support in facilitating revision and encouraging and reminding their children to work hard to be as prepared as possible, whilst also making some time for exercise and social time to avoid burn out.

Martin Atkinson

Date	Time	Location	Event
Friday 1 March	8.25am		Year 10 GCSE Science Live
	8.30am	C1/C2/Hall	Year 11 GCSE practical Drama exam
Saturday 2 March	8.45am		Years 10, 12-13 Spanish Exchange (Spanish students to Beaumont)
Tuesday 5 March	8.25am	Hall	Duke of Edinburgh training day
Wednesday 6 March			Years 7-10 Public Speaking round two
Thursday 7 March	12.00pm		Curriculum Enrichment Day
	7.00pm	Hall	Year 10 interim reports issued
Friday 8 March	7.00pm	Hall	Years 8-13 whole school production ' <i>Grimm Tales</i> '
Saturday 9 March	7.00pm	Hall	Years 8-13 whole school production ' <i>Grimm Tales</i> '
Monday 11 March		Swanage	Year 12 Geography field trip (returns 13/03/19)
Tuesday 12 March	8.30am	London	Year 12-13 A Level PE OCR Student Conference
	3.25pm	Hall	Years 7-13 music auditions for Rob's Festival
Wednesday 13 March	12.05pm	Hall	Year 7 Author visit by Penny Joelson
Thursday 14 March		Surrey	Year 11 panoramic photograph
	12.00pm		Year 13 Biology field trip (returns 15/03/19)
	12.50pm	Hall	Year 8 interim reports issued
	3.25pm	Hall	Years 7-13 music auditions for Rob's Festival
	6.30pm	Hall	Years 7-13 music auditions for Rob's Festival
	6.30pm	Conference Room	Emotional well-being for teens Parent Information Evening
Saturday 16 March	7.00pm	Hall	Full Governing Body committee meeting
Monday 18 March	5.00pm	Stratford East Theatre	Jazz evening with the Beaumont Big Band (BSA)
Tuesday 19 March	6.00pm	Hall	Year 12-13 Drama theatre trip to <i>Equus</i>
			Talking about sex and relationships with your teenager Parent Workshop
Wednesday 20 March			Year 9 French Exchange (French students to Beaumont)
Thursday 21 March	10.10am	D7	Financial Studies Unit 1A/3A online test re-sit
	12.00pm		Year 13 reports issued
	5.00pm	Blocks A and D	Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening
	6.30pm	Conference Room	Resources committee meeting
Monday 25 March	9.00am	D19	Financial Studies Unit 1B/3B written test re-sit
Tuesday 26 March	5.00pm	Blocks A and D	Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 27 March	6.30pm	Conference Room	CTL committee meeting
	3.30pm	C1/C2/Hall	Year 10 practical Drama exam
Thursday 28 March	12.00pm		Year 11 full reports issued
	3.30pm	C1/C2/Hall	Year 10 practical Drama exam

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U16 netball team are 3rd in the East of England

On Saturday 26 January 2019, the U16 netball A team took part in the National Schools East of England Regional Netball Tournament at Stanborough School, following our outstanding performance at the county round back in September.

Our first game of the day was against the Stephen Perse Foundation, which began with a shaky start as we needed to get into things. The games were very short with two seven minute halves, so we needed to go full out from the start. At half time we were losing, but we pushed through and were even more determined to win. We ended up on top, winning 10-8. From the close match against Stephen Perse, we needed to really ‘up our game’ in both attack and defence. We were playing St Clere’s School and our hard work paid off as we won that game 15-0.

The rest of our games in the pool were a success as we were not going to lose and be beaten. We played Sharnbrook Academy and won 11-1, we also played Royal Hospital School and won 13-6, and we also played against Norwich High School for Girls, where we again triumphed and won 17-6. Our final game in the pool round was against Woodlands School. It was a tough game as they had very tall shooters but we fought and came out on top of our pool, winning 9-8. We had made it into the semi-finals but we couldn’t take our foot off the gas just yet, as we had to play Berkhamsted School who we lost to in the final of the county round. It was neck and neck all the way through the first half but unfortunately they edged out in front and, with the halves only being seven minutes, we were unable to claw our way back to win. We lost in the semi-finals 8-4, meaning we couldn’t qualify for Nationals. However, we still had one more match to play, to find out the rankings for third and fourth position. We were up against Woodlands who we had already played so we knew it was going to be close. We made the decision to swap some players around into different positions, and it paid off as we came out winning that match 11-10 and finishing third in the East of England. It was an all-round great day of netball and everyone played so well.

Emma Norman (11L)



The team pictured below from left to right: Grace Self, Kate Riches, Hannah Hunter, Rebecca Oliver, Ellie Ralph, Emma Norman, Hannah McCorkindale Brown, Ellie Flynn, Daisy Porter, Alice Jones.

Netball at the highest level!

It was a real pleasure to take the U16 Netball team to the East of England regional round on Saturday 26 January. This is the highest level I have taken a school netball team and I could not think of a team that is more deserving of a place in the regional round than these girls. They work meticulously hard to improve their game play, both within their training sessions as well as in matches and endeavour to produce a great team performance regardless of their opposition as this is shown through their most successful season to date. We have worked on a lot of court possession and skills such as feeding into the circle and double marking when preparing for this tournament, and, all skills and tactics were used within all of their games. I would also like to thank all of the parents who came to support us at all the tournaments, your continued support means so much to me and the girls. It is a massive achievement for the girls to be placed third in the East of England, and it is a shame they were unable to qualify for the national round, however I am hoping that we can use this to our advantage when we enter for next year’s National Schools’ tournament and look to progress to the national round.

Ms Fraser

Beaumont Library is looking forward to holding a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 25 February to Friday 1 March. Year 7 and 8 students will be able to visit the fair and buy books during that week’s Accelerated Reader lessons. We will also be opening the fair over break and lunchtime to give other students the opportunity to browse and buy. There will be a fantastic range of fiction and non-fiction books available at the fair with over 200 titles on offer from only £2.99. Hosting a book fair with such a wide selection of titles is an excellent way to encourage an interest in books and to promote reading. The Scholastic Rewards scheme also gives us the opportunity to earn free books and key resources for the school. Students can purchase books using cash or cheque (made payable to Beaumont School).



Beaumont readers have their say at the St Albans Schools Book Award

The St Albans Schools Book Award (SASBA) features a shortlist of three books, chosen by librarians from local schools and aimed specifically at Year 7 and 8 students. The Beaumont librarians were very pleased to support the award once again and to help choose the three fiction titles in the running for the 2018 prize. Students wishing to take part in the SASBA were required to read all three shortlisted books

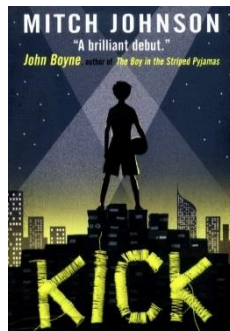
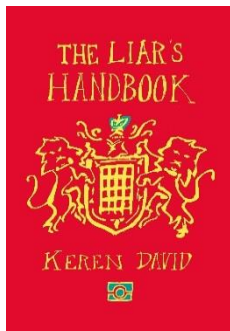
and were then invited to attend a Discussion Day on Wednesday 16 January. Eleven Year 7 and 8 Beaumont students attended the event in the library at St Columba’s College, joining keen readers from eight other St Albans schools to discuss the three books and to vote for a winner.

At the event, our students shared their views and opinions confidently and knowledgeably within their discussion groups. They then took part in a book quiz before casting a vote for the book they each wanted to win the award. After lunch, the students were treated to an audience with award-winning author Jonathan Stroud who talked to them about his books, his influences and his journey to becoming a writer. Jonathan Stroud also announced the results of the students’ poll and declared **The Goldfish Boy** by Lisa Thompson to be the winner of the St Albans Schools Book Award 2018.

We were immensely proud of the Beaumont students who represented the school so brilliantly at the Discussion Day: Billy Boardman, Ruby Cahill, Erica Lewis, Thomas Lutz, Emily Maton, Eliza Parsons, Theertha Senthilkumar, Lily Morris, Mia Samuels, Rita Saporenkova and Vera Ushakov.

Copies of all three shortlisted books are available from the Library.

Mrs Shepard



The students gave some glowing feedback on the event:

“The book award was great! I loved the group discussion part because I got to know what other people thought of the books and I made a new friend.” **Theertha (7R)**

“It was very cool meeting Jonathan Stroud. He is an awesome and funny guy.” **Lily (8E)**

“Jonathan Stroud was great fun as he explained how he became an author and showed all the drafts from his previous works, comics and picture books.” **Vera (8E)**

“I really enjoyed the book award because it taught me not to judge a book by its cover. ‘Kick’ is a book I would never have normally read but I really enjoyed it. It was a memorable experience.” **Mia (8R)**

“The winner of the book award was ‘The Goldfish Boy’ which was the one I wanted to win! I had a very good time and I want to come again next year!” **Erica (7N)**

Year 9 Curriculum Enrichment Day 24 January 2019

There was a Year 9 CED trip to St Albans town centre to collect data on pollution levels and public opinions about traffic and air quality. The students worked in small groups completing traffic counts, taking decibel readings and interviewing members of the public. In the lessons following the trip students have worked in groups to find solutions to the problems identified during their trip to the town centre. We have had some fantastic suggestions to solve many issues including monorails, cable car park and ride systems and underground car parks. The students have worked hard to ensure a range of stakeholders’ perspectives are included in their solutions.

Ms Anderson

“We went to St Albans town centre and recorded different types of data so we could decide whether or not it should be pedestrianised. I enjoyed the freedom of walking around and completing surveys. I also liked how we were allowed to be independent and get on with the task on our own. I learned that the town centre is more polluted than we expected.”

Finlay Pocknell (9R)



Chartwells are looking to recruit two Customer Service Assistants for their busy kitchens based at Beaumont. For more information contact: Gill Aldridge, Catering Manager, Chartwells, 01727 853867

- Position one:
- 20 hours a week (preferably 8.30am start), term time only
 - paid on a monthly basis at the current minimum wage (£5.90 - £7.83 depending on age)
 - salary paid in twelve equal parts throughout the year
- Position two:
- zero hour contract to cover sickness/absences as required, term time only
 - paid on a monthly basis at the current minimum wage (£5.90 - £7.83 depending on age)

From the Governors

This is my first Beaumont Life article as Chair of Governors after taking over the role in September from Alex Hall. I want to take this opportunity to thank Alex for all he did during his time as Chair, helping improve the school for all staff and students. In particular the drive and commitment he brought to finally bringing the long awaited FAB project (the sports hall, classrooms and sports fields) to fruition have opened up opportunities to develop the school environment. Fortunately Alex has agreed to continue to serve on the board which helps provide continuity.

If you have visited the school recently, perhaps during the successful Sixth Form evening in January, you will have seen the new Science block begin its journey out of the ground. The first part of the building is planned to be opened in time for the start of the new school year. This will be a significant enhancement of our Science teaching facilities. Whilst, as you know, funding continues to be very difficult, we will continue to apply for capital projects to enhance the school environment and ensure we make good use of the funds raised by the parent body.

Next month governors will meet as a team for a whole day. During the morning we will be spending time with staff and students and later in the day looking forward to strategies for the coming years. We use all the feedback we can get hold of to inform these discussions so it would be helpful if you could spare a few moments to add your comments via the Ofsted Parentview site (<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>).

Mike Cameron, Chair of Governors



Courses available for adults through our Community Learning Programme after half term

For further information or to enrol on any of the courses, call Carole Heselton on 01727 754113 or email carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk

Becoming a Learning Support Assistant in Secondary School and Beyond

This course is designed to enable parents interested in pursuing this as a career to explore the skills needed to become an effective Learning Support Assistant in a secondary school, college and beyond. The course is provided by Herts Adult and Family Learning Service (HAFLS) in conjunction with Verulam School.

Topics will include looking at learning styles, how to support young people and adults in their learning, typical duties associated with role, and an insight into safeguarding, behaviour management and how to prepare a professional CV to apply for job roles as an LSA. You will need a good level of conversational and written English to gain the most from this course.

<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/becoming-a-learning-support-assistant-in-secondary-schools-and-beyond/>

Fee: £35
 Date: Wednesday 27 February to 27 March 2019
 Time: 12.45pm to 2.45pm
 Venue: Verulam School



Lino Printing Class Sandringham School

This course is ideal for people interested in learning how to lino print. This is a very effective and versatile way of creating images, especially for beginners. You can create striking pictures without being experienced or confident in art.

<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/lino-printing-for-beginners-adults-only/> for more details.

Fee: £75
 Date: Mondays
 25 February to 25 March
 Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
 Venue: Sandringham School



Art Textiles

This friendly and popular class is ideal for people who want to be creative with fabric and stitch.

<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/art-textiles-creative-embroidery-age-16-suitable-for-beginners-intermediate/>

Fee: £54 for six sessions
 Date: Wednesdays
 Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
 Venue: Beaumont School

Woodwork classes

Fee: New enrolments to start after February half term £60 per person
 Date: Tuesday and Thursday evenings
 Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
 Venue: Beaumont School

<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/woodworking-class-for-adults-suitable-for-beginners-intermediate/> for more details