



## From the Headteacher

I would like to make a polite reminder to all parents and carers that during the school day from 8.40am to 3.35pm all visitors need to enter via the Hatfield Road entrance as the Oakwood Drive entrance gate is locked during this time. This is to ensure our safeguarding arrangements are maintained. Sixth Form students carry access cards which allow them access via Oakwood Drive but this is not a suitable entrance for visitors as they then cannot get to Reception without walking through the school where lessons are taking place. Sixth Form students are aware not to let visitors enter with them but unfortunately some parents have been very persuasive and persistent. I would like to request that the new entrance from Hatfield Road is used during these times in order to make the site as secure as possible during the school day.

I was proud to receive a letter from the British Science Association informing me they had received 'glowing praise' from senior stakeholders including the Science Minister, Chris Skidmore MP, about our students who attended the Industrial Strategy Science Fair this month. The Drama Department put on the marvellous Grimm Tales performance and we had a very entertaining Jazz Night.



We have also had some great sporting successes as our Senior Boys' Football Team won the County League; Years 7 and 8 Girls' Basketball Team are County Champions winning in the final 64 – 21, and Years 9 and 10 Girls' Basketball are County Champions winning 43 – 20.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and I wish you a Happy Easter when it arrives.

**Martin Atkinson**

Date	Time	Location	Event *
* Correct at the time of publication; please check website for the most up to date information			
Tuesday 2 April	1:50pm	Hall	Year 9 Performance of <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>
Wednesday 3 April	8:40am	Hall	Year 10, 12, 13 Spanish Exchange (Beaumont to Spain)
	7:00pm	Hall	Year 7-10 Public Speaking final
			Easter Music Concert
Thursday 4 April	8:40am	Hall	Online safety and information talks to students
	12:00pm		Year 12 reports issued
	7:00pm	Hall	Online safety and information evening for parents
Friday 5 April	12:30pm		Students dismissed early for Easter
Tuesday 23 April			INSET Day (no students in school)
		J Block	Year 10 practice MFL speaking exams
	9:30am	A Block computer rooms	Year 10-12 Morrisby Testing
Wednesday 24 April	8:25am		Students return to school
Thursday 25 April	5:00pm	Hall	Year 11 BTEC Dance assessed performance
Tuesday 30 April			Year 12-13 A Level Photography exam
	8:30am	D2/D9	Year 11 Art Textiles exam
	8:30am	Hall	Years 7-11 Anti-bullying Ambassador training
	7:30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee meeting



### Beaumont Leaders

Chartwells supply a wide range of food to students at school and each season they change their menu. To the delight of the Year 8 Beaumont Leaders, they were invited to sample some of the dishes that the company plans to introduce. Dishes included creamy fish pie, chicken gyros, Trinidad chicken rice, tikka naan, Mexican chicken mac pot, raspberry thick shakes and chipotle bean toasties! Here are some of their thoughts:

*"Being in Beaumont is such fun since we get many experiences and opportunities to shine and challenge ourselves. One of the amazing opportunities was to try new and different food that might be on the new menu. This allowed us to share our views so that we aren't forced to eat food we may not like. The food choices are varied and large so that we can explore new tastes every day."* **Freya (8E), Olivia (8A), Hannah (8L)**



*This was great! We all really enjoyed eating the new food. We can't wait to be able to get this food regularly! Thank you for the free food Ms Shepherd!* **Charlie (8S), Sam (8S), Peter (8S), Ethan (8L)**

*I enjoyed tasting different types of food from different countries.* **Lluc (8N)**

*We love being Beaumont Leaders! It was a great experience to be selected and we now appreciate all the hard work that goes into preparing our food. We learnt about all the nutritional values of the food so we can be a bit more aware of what is contained in the food we eat.* **Polly (8A), Isabella (8E), Rebecca (8E), Mia (8R)**



### La Casa de Bernarda Alba

On Friday 8 February a small group of Year 11 and 12 students went to watch a performance of La Casa de Bernarda Alba at the Arundel Centre Channings School Theatre in London. The play was performed by native Spanish speakers from Cervantes Theatre. This is a set text for Year 13 students, so it was useful to see the work before embarking upon our study.

Having not yet read the play it was useful to see how the work unfolded on a real stage and understand how the oppressive atmosphere of the house grew as secrets were kept and affected all those involved. The all-female cast was empowering and the lack of men in the show was a powerful commentary about the repression of women in 1930s Spain.

We now look forward to reading and analysing the text next year. **Mrs Bennett**

### Grimm Tales

This year's whole school production was the imaginative version of 'Grimm Tales' written by Philip Pullman. Full of deliciously dark twists and turns, the Tales came to life through a bunch of players waiting backstage for their performance.

Using ropes, hat stands, umbrellas and brooms the bright and magical cast performed familiar favourites - Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Hansel & Gretel - and some unexpected ones too, such as Hans-My-Hedgehog, Thousandfurs and The Donkey Cabbage.

There was live modern music to add a twist to the stories; twinkly lights and much, much laughter from all. Well done to the cast and crew of 'Grimm Tales'!

**Mrs Wallace**





Congratulations to **Will Davy (11N)**, winner of the Autumn Term Poetry Competition

### **The Traveller**

*I made my way to the bar  
as my daily drink was due  
when a stranger- a traveller came to me  
and said "I'll buy your drink for you"  
and I was shocked as this is not  
a very normal thing to do  
but I accepted and we chattered  
over a drink or maybe two  
when I noticed he seemed singed  
and was wearing just one shoe  
this, of course, made me wonder  
so I asked what he'd been through  
he said he was a traveller  
then turned his face out of view  
I asked where he had travelled from  
and how had he turned into  
a man in clothes that he long ago  
seemed to have outgrown  
and why had he come to see me  
was there something that he knew?  
while he explained he'd tell me later  
I noticed his tattoo  
I told him it looked just like mine  
though mine seemed a bit more new  
he sighed and said "fine- I'll tell you now  
I'm from 2042  
and this is sort of my first mission  
but sort of the job interview  
because to become a chrononaut like me  
there is something one must do  
to complete the training you must go back in time  
and speak to the former you  
I must now persuade myself  
time traveling is the career I should pursue  
and in a few years I'll get the opportunity  
to join a time machine crew  
and now you've seen the risks you must take  
and what could happen to you  
I hope you'll still become me  
and I'll be on my first mission soon  
and I know it seems uncomfortable  
and maybe awkward too  
I promise you from experience that change  
is one of the best things a person can undertake"*

### **Second Hand Uniform**

Thank you for the donations of second hand uniform. We are pleased that a profit of £119.50 was made at the recent sale. Please keep the donations coming in to reception!

### **Beaumont welcomes Spanish Exchange students**



On 27 February 2019 our Spanish Exchange partners arrived for their stay in St Albans. During that week they had a day in school, visited London and Oxford and had the most exciting weekend with our families. They were taken to London Dungeons, Harry Potter World, Wembley, London Bridge and out for dinner many times for typical British food (curry and Nandos!) and they even got to experience Pancake Day. Very positive comments were made about their behaviour and attitude.



My gratitude and admiration to all our families and students for the care they showed to our partners. They are already expressing how wonderful their visit was and we are looking

forward to our return trip in April. Muy agradecida a todos y hasta pronto.

**Mrs Bennett**

### **County Final Champions - Lady Taverners**

On Monday 11 March 2019 our Under 15 girls progressed through to the Lady Taverners Regional Finals after a thrilling county tournament victory. A strong squad of 11 girls travelled to the University of Hertfordshire where we placed in a competitive league of schools as expected at the County Finals. Throughout the tournament all members of the squad played outstandingly well and narrowly lost only one game across both the District and County Tournaments. Standout performances in our batting came from Imogen Warwick, Celeste Jones and Jess Cowan and consistently challenging bowling from Farah Stamp and Sophie Bailes saw teams struggling to score runs. Hannah Bentley kept wicket well and took a number of catches and stumpings.

In game one we played against a developing Nobel side who bowled first. We scored heavily throughout the innings and capitalised on some wayward bowling and fielding. We amassed a huge 115 runs and managed to bowl Nobel out for an impressive 33 runs. An excellent start certainly did lay the foundation for an excellent day.

In the second game we faced Marlborough and once again dominated from the start, putting on a comprehensive display, scoring 101 runs from our eight overs. Tidy bowling and great fielding saw us bowl Marlborough out systematically for 42 runs. Having developed quite a buffer of run rate from our previous games we entered our final game with some confidence despite facing our toughest opponents yet, Presdales. Missing a couple of key starting players didn't faze us too much and we put on a comfortable 76. A real highlight was seeing Hannah Nixon pick up nine runs from one delivery after some interesting misfielding from one of the Presdales players. We bowled well but unfortunately narrowly lost by seven runs in the final over. Our excellent run rate in the previous

games meant that although Presdales beat us narrowly, to win the tournament they actually needed to score 120 runs meaning that Beaumont were crowned County Winners and now progress to the Regional Finals on 1 May 2019 at Finchley CC. **Miss Owen**





### Bringing the curtain down on our Whole School Read 2018/19

Way back in September we introduced Penny Joelson's award-winning young adult novel *I Have No Secrets* as our whole school read for 2018/19. This is the fourth year that the school has run this literacy initiative which we entitle 'Beaumont Reads'. The scheme aims to get as many members of the school community as possible to read and share the same book. This includes students and their families, carers, staff and governors.

Beaumont Reads is an excellent way to encourage reading and to bring the school together through a shared experience. This year's scheme was no exception. *I Have No Secrets* has been an extremely popular book at Beaumont and has been borrowed from the school library over 340 times since September. In Years 7 and 8, 175 students have read *I Have No Secrets* and taken an Accelerated Reader book quiz. The top-quizzing class was 7L with two thirds of their form taking the quiz.

All students and staff who read the book and submitted a review received one of our exclusive and much sought-after *I Have No Secrets* button badges. The reviews have been overwhelmingly positive and reflect how much Beaumont readers enjoyed the book and connected with the story. *I Have No Secrets* also raises awareness of cerebral palsy and it is clear from the book reviews that it has focused our minds on what it means to live with a disability. As in other years, Beaumont Reads has been a school-wide enterprise, supported by activities in subject areas outside Literacy including Art, Computer Science and Modern Languages.

We must say a huge thank you to Penny Joelson for her commitment to this year's scheme. Her support has been unflagging: visiting the school on three occasions, responding to students' reviews and endorsing Beaumont Reads across her social media. Penny's involvement also drew welcome attention to our Beaumont Reads initiative when her visit to launch the scheme in September was featured in The Herts Advertiser. To celebrate the success of *I*

*Have No Secrets* at Beaumont, Penny joined us again in March, meeting the Year 7s and drawing this year's proceedings to a close. It has been fantastic to have Penny's participation which has certainly made the school feel even more connected to the book. Thank you to everyone within the Beaumont community who read *I Have No Secrets* and got involved with this year's scheme. It's been a great way to champion reading and we look forward to choosing a book for next year's Beaumont Reads! Please visit Beaumont Library Twitter @BeauLibrary and Instagram beaumontschool.library to read some of the *I Have No Secrets* reviews and see the Beaumont Reads news. **Mrs Shepard**

### Beaumont Music Department tour to Paris

The Music Department took 63 students from Years 8-13 on a five day tour to Paris, during February half term.

We performed three concerts; a sacred concert at *L'église de la Madeleine* in central Paris, a short set on the Videopolis stage at Disneyland Paris, and an extended concert at the Chapel of the Charles Foix Hospital, on the outskirts of Paris.

As well as performing, the students enjoyed a boat trip on the Seine, at day at Disneyland, as well as sightseeing on the final day. Evening entertainment included a quiz, with a variety of rounds provided by the staff, and an informal concert organised by the Sixth Form students.

The students performed exceptionally well, and were a credit to the school throughout the trip.

**Mr Guinane**

