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#### From the Headteacher

The BSA has had another successful year in raising valuable funds for the school for which we are so grateful. Their latest contribution assisted with the purchase of our new wall art outside the Computer Science Department in A Block. If you happen to be in school, please do ask to have a look. As in my recent email sent out last week, if you would like to help the BSA in any way and get more involved they would like to hear from you and don't forget the BSA Annual General Meeting which is being held on **Wednesday 8 May 2019** in the Sixth Form Common Room, I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

On Thursday 9 and Wednesday 15 May 2019 Years 11 and 13 respectively begin their study leave for their crucial GCSE and A Level examinations. We wish them all the very best of luck and feel sure all their hard work over the last two years will help produce excellent results.

Martin Atkinson

Date	Time	Location	Event *
	* Correct at t	he time of publication; please	check website for the most up to date information
Wednesday 1 May			Year 12/13 A Level Photography exam
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		D2/D9	Year 11 Art Textiles exam
Thursday 2 May		02/03	Year 12/13 A Level Photography exam
		J Block	GCSE MFL oral exams
	10:10am	D7	Financial Studies Unit 2A/4A online test
	3:00pm	Dining Hall	Second hand uniform sale
Friday 3 May	3.00pm	Diffiling frain	Non-uniform day for Rob's Festival
			Year 12/13 A Level Photography exam
		J Block	GCSE MFL oral exams
Monday 6 May		J DIOCK	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 May			Year 11 GCSE Art & Graphics exam
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Wednesday 8 May		J DIOCK	A Level NE practical moderation
		J Block	GCSE MFL oral exams
	9:00am	D19	Financial Studies Unit 2B/4B written test
	3.00am	D13	Year 11 GCSE Art & Graphics exam
		J Block	A Level MFL oral exams
	6:00pm	Hall	Year 7 France trip during Curriculum Enrichment Week Parent
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	6:45pm	Hall	Year 7 German trip during Curriculum Enrichment Week
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	7:30pm	Hall	Year 7 Spanish trip during Curriculum Enrichment Week Parent
	7.30pm	Hall	Information Evening
	7:30pm	Sixth Form Centre	BSA AGM & Committee Meeting
Thursday 9 May	7.30pm	Sixtii i Oilii Centre	Year 9 German exchange (Germans to Beaumont)
			Year 11 trip to Chessington
	7:00pm	Hall	Year 11 Graduation Assembly
Friday 10 May	7.00pm	Hall	Year 12/13 A Level Art exam
Triday 10 May			Year 11 exam leave begins (no Year 11 students in school)
Saturday 11 May	10:00am	Hall/B20	Year 11 GCSE Drama revision session
Monday 13 May	10.004111	11411/ 020	Year 12/13 A Level Art exam
Tuesday 14 May			Year 12/13 A Level Art exam
Wednesday 15 May			Year 12/13 A Level Art exam
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Thursday 16 May	6:30pm	Sixth Form Centre	Friendships & Resilience Information Evening
Friday 17 May	5:00pm	Hall/C1/C2	Year 12 A Level Drama practical exam
Saturday 18 May	7:30pm	Hall	BSA Comedy Night
Tuesday 21 May	5:15pm	Fortune Theatre	Year 10 Drama theatre trip Woman in Black
Thursday 23 May	3.13pm	Tortune meatre	Year 9 full reports issued
mursuay 23 May	12:55pm	Library	Year 7/10 Book Club student author visit by Sarah Crossan
Friday 17 May	12.33piii	Library	Year 9 Million Makers (runs to Friday 24 May)
Monday 27 May			Half term holiday (students return Monday 3 June)
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#### **Year 12 Geography Field Trip**

The Year 12, A level Geographers braved the windy March weather in Dorset to learn about the impacts of sea level change, coastal management, diverse places and urban regeneration. Lots of valuable time was spent on preparation for individual investigations too. We had smiles, energy and enthusiasm all the way. A fantastic trip!

Mrs Baker

#### **Life Below Water Youth Forum**

A group of our Year 8 and Year 12 students worked together to present and share ideas with students from other schools at a forum that explored issues related to the sustainable use of our oceans. The event was held at Sir John Lawes School and was led by students for students. One major focus was our use of plastic and its impact on the world's oceans. The students returned to school with some fantastic ideas to share with the Beaumont Community - watch this space!



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#### Year 7 Hockey

On Wednesday 20 March, the Year 7 girls went to the hockey county finals. Beaumont reached the semi-final by beating the Royal Masonic School 1-0, Queenswood B 2-0 and Dame Alice Owens 2-0.

These are outstanding results considering that seven out of nine players had never played hockey before they joined the school. Beaumont met Queenswood A in the final which was an incredibly tough match but a great experience. Well done girls, here's to next season.

Ms Moody



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https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/N0YST5

#### 1st XV County Trophy Rugby Success

Huge congratulations to our 1st XV Rugby team who have won the Schools' County Trophy competition beating Sir John Lawes 34-5 in the final. Feeling confident the team took to the field at Cheshunt Rugby Club. The opening 15 minutes were tight but Beaumont took a strangle hold on the game with Max Westcombe-Evans scoring and converting the first try. As the first half progressed, Sir John Lawes soaked up a lot of pressure from Beaumont, eventually succumbing to three further tries from Adam Murphy, Jack Fletcher and Ewan Mills, one of which was converted. Having got the upper hand in the first half Beaumont relaxed a little with players seeing an opportunity to score and losing a little bit of shape in the process. Needless to say, after a sin-binning offence, Sir John Lawes got a consolation try.

A second try by Max and, fittingly, a try for Fergus Sherwood (Captain) enabled Beaumont to run out easy winners in the end. A special mention goes to Nathan Glasscoe, as a player who only plays for the school team and not for a club; he had an outstanding match along with Solomon Gosine who also receives praise for his fearless tackling and leadership on and off the field of play. For a number of Year 13 players this was a fitting end to their seven years of rugby at Beaumont - Fergus Sherwood (Captain), Solomon Gosine (Vice-Captain), Luke Ogbourn, Nathan Glasscoe, Luke McCorkindale-Brown, Ollie Driscoll, Callum Hunter, Matt Sims, Jack Hegarty, Sam Beton and Jack Fletcher. We wish them all the success in the future.

**Mr Robinson** 



#### **Industrial Strategy Science Fair**

Last month three of our Year 9 students, Hannah Robinson, Emily Denning and Sophie Austin were invited to attend the Industrial Strategy Science Fair, held in the Royal Academy of Engineering in London.

The Science Fair was a partnership between the British Science Association and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, as part of the celebrations for this year's British Science Week. Fourteen schools were invited to showcase their CREST awards themed around the Industrial Strategy Grand Challenges of Artificial Intelligence and Data, Ageing Society, Clean Growth and Future Mobility.

The students presented a poster and interactive display to show their CREST award about the blade length of water turbines. Their work was much appreciated by many of the senior stakeholders at the event, including Chris Skidmore MP and Sir Patrick Vallance, the Chief Government Science Advisor. Students very much enjoyed the discussions around their poster and managed to answer some very difficult questions from some of the visitors; they really were a credit to the school. **Dr Jones** 

#### Information from Hertfordshire County Council Road Safety Office

Most people do wear their seatbelts but still nearly ten per cent choose not to — help them make the right decision for themselves and others. If you have friends or family, who still do not realise how important it is to belt up, have that conversation and make sure they know how much you value their safety, and everyone else's in the vehicle. Please make sure children are secured in the most appropriate car seat for their age and height.



The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership is supporting the seatbelt campaign run by Roads Policing, raising awareness about the importance of wearing your seatbelt. You can receive a fine of up to £500 if you are caught not wearing your seatbelt. For more on seatbelts and car seats go to <a href="https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/seatbelts">www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/seatbelts</a>.

#### Non-uniform day for Rob's Festival

On Friday 3 May 2019, in order to collect donations for Rob's Festival, we are holding a non-uniform day when all students can come to school in non-uniform in return for bringing in a donation.



We are asking for donations suitable for a tombola (e.g. new, unused and in-date toiletries, consumables, gifts) from students in year 7 & 8, and all other students (years 9-13) a monetary donation of £2 or more. We do ask Sixth Form students to partake in this fund-raising event along with the rest of the school, although we appreciate they already wear non-school uniform. The money raised benefits them as much as the other students and we therefore feel it is fair and important they contribute too.

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#### The Royal Navy rustle up an omelette!

On Monday 1 April, we had a visit from the Royal Navy Presentation Team during our Food Technology lesson. Leading Chefs AB Stone and LH Goldsworthy, both Logistical Chef Recruitment Specialists, taught us how to cook omelettes.

First, the chefs talked about their own experiences working in the Royal Navy. They also gave us an insight into the Royal Navy operations around the world. Then our class was spilt into two teams, becoming Team Mattie and Team Jason. I was in Team Jason.

The two groups competed against each other to see who could cook an omelette in the quickest amount of time. Megan Liddle (9S) was the fastest in our team with a time of 34 seconds. At the end, there was a final between the two quickest students in both teams to see who could be the fastest overall. Our group enjoyed the visit and it taught us some valuable skills.

















#### **Aqua Fair for the Affinity Water Challenge**

On Thursday 4 April students competing in the Affinity Water Challenge held their fundraising event for WaterAid. The students advertised the event in assemblies and around the school, recruited staff members to help them and set up their stalls in the playground.

It was a very cold and blustery day, but students battled with the elements to set up stalls such as sponge the teacher, poo in the loo, water pong, guess the volume of melted ice, an energy rowing challenge, and of course a cake sale. The students also arranged a 'Wear Something Blue' non-uniform day.

We were joined by Sarah Caleb and Jonathan Gibson from Affinity Water, who were very impressed by the students' independence and professionalism in running the event, and by the involvement of the whole school community. Students managed to raise a very impressive donation for WaterAid of over £1300.

Many thanks go to the staff who agreed to be sponged and parents for helping students bake cakes and prepare for the event. **Dr Jones** 

### Scholastic Book Fair success and World Book Day donation boost the Library's resources

Beaumont Library thoroughly enjoyed hosting a week-long Scholastic Book Fair in March. Our Year 7 and 8 students were allowed to browse and buy books in their Accelerated Reader lessons, and they took full advantage of the fantastic range of fiction, non-fiction and stationery on offer. The fair was also open to students during break and lunchtimes and the library staff were indebted to the dedicated group of Year 7 volunteers who helped run the Fair and even took charge of cashing up!

Sales at the fair totalled over £640, which earned the school a staggering £321 of Scholastic Reward Points to spend on new books and resources for the library. We've already put some of the proceeds to good use, buying a great selection of newly published fiction titles which are now on display in the library. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents, carers, students and staff who supported the fair. The response to the event was so positive that we plan to hold a fair in October!

The library received an additional boost during March with a very kind donation from Taylor Wimpey. The residential developer's North Thames division presented us with a £100 National Book Token as part of the World Book Day celebrations. We have used this voucher to buy a number of books on the shortlist for the prestigious Carnegie Medal 2019 book award which we are 'shadowing' with students again this year. We are very grateful to Taylor Wimpey for their generous support and have marked the books with a commemorative book-plate.

There are exciting times ahead in the Library as we are following both the Carnegie Medal and the Children's Book Award in the coming weeks. For more news on what's going on in the library, please follow us on Twitter @BeauLibrary and on Instagram beaumontschool.library.

Mrs Shepard



# Comedy Night

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Saturday 18th May @ Beaumont School Hall Doors open from 7.15pm, comedians at 8pm

Tickets cost only £20 a head and it's bring your own drinks.

Tickets available online via Scopay and then confirm who you want to sit with/size of table needed for your group by emailing us at bsa@beaumont.school



#### CRAIG MURRAY: HEADLINING

Craig Murray hails from the West Yorkshire town of Dewsbury. Currently recognisable to many as the guy from the Plusnet Broadband adverts, charming northerner Craig began his comedy career working as an MC. A master of audience interaction and comedy improvisation Craig has appeared at the Edinburgh festival and worked with the BBC and many more. He has now been a UK circuit regular for over ten years, appearing at all the major comedy clubs across the country as well as performing his own brand of observational comedy and stories all over the world.



Thank you for supporting 20 years of Special Days



**Date: Sat 8th June** Venue:

**Beaumont School Oakwood Drive** 

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Email: colourrun@beaumont.school

Tickets: 8's and under £10/

over 8's £15 Registration from 10am Race warm up at 10:45 for an I lam start

