



## From the Headteacher

As half term approaches we have both our first Family Colour Run on Saturday 8 June, 10.00am – 1.00pm, and Rob's Festival on Saturday 22 June. Tickets for the Colour Run are almost sold out, you're very welcome to come along and watch all the fun. If you'd rather help out instead, please email [colourrun@beaumont.school](mailto:colourrun@beaumont.school). Funds raised will go to the Willow Foundation who are based in Welwyn and organise special days for terminally ill people aged between 16 and 40, so thank you for your support. Don't forget to also check out Rob's Festival, arrangements are in are in full swing, we always hope for good weather but even if it rains it doesn't dampen the enthusiasm of the games that take place and the talented bands that play, it's still a great day out for all the family so I hope to see you there. Details can be found on our website [www.beaumontschool.com](http://www.beaumontschool.com).

To give you an update on 80 in 18 I am pleased to say we reached the £100,000 mark with a contribution from the BSA as well. We are considering using some of this towards drawing up some plans so watch this space - very exciting!

Years 11 and 13 have begun their exam seasons and these continue into the next half term. Internal exams for Years 7 to 10 start week commencing Monday 3 June so students have half term to revise. Their hard work will pay off and help them to achieve their best possible results; these exams are essential practice for the future. I wish all our students success with their exams over the coming weeks.

**Martin Atkinson**

Date	Time	Location	Event *
<i>* Correct at the time of publication; please check website for the most up to date information</i>			
Monday 3 June	08:25am	D19/D26	Students return to school Year 12 Threshold Exams (end Friday 14 June) Year 7-10 (Internal Exam Week)
Thursday 6 June	6:30pm	Conference Room	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting
Saturday 8 June	10:00am	Field	Family Colour Run for RED June
Tuesday 11 June	8:40am	H1	Year 10 Calypso Workshop with Alex D Great
	7:30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee Meeting
Wednesday 12 June	4:30pm	Conference Room	Resources Committee Meeting
Thursday 13 June	10:10am	D7	Financial Studies Unit 2A/4A online test resit
Friday 14 June			Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition
Saturday 15 June			Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition
Monday 17 June	6:00pm	Sixth Form Centre	EAA Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 18 June		Stratford	Year 10 Geography field trip
	11:30am	Library	Year 7-10 Book Club Carnegie discussion event
	2:00pm	Jersey Farm Day Centre	Year 9-13 Vocal Ensemble performance
	6:00pm	C1/C2	Year 8 Drama Club show
	6:30pm	Conference Room	Community Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting
Thursday 20 June	3:30pm	Dining Hall	Second hand uniform sale
	3:30pm	C1/C2	Year 7 Drama Club show
Friday 21 June	9:00am	D19	Financial Studies Unit 2B/4B written test resit
Saturday 22 June	12:00pm	Field	Rob's Festival
Monday 24 June	1:50pm		Year 11 clearance
Tuesday 25 June	8:25am	Hall	Sixth Form Induction
Wednesday 26 June	8:25am	Hall	Sixth Form Induction
			Year 8-9 girls' HPV 2 injections
	7:30pm	Hall	Sports Awards Evening
Thursday 27 June	6:00pm	Hall	Welcome to new Year 7 Parent Information Evening
Friday 28 June			Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition
	4:00pm	Tech Foyer	A Level Art and Photography Show
Saturday 29 June			Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition
Sunday 30 June			Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition



**Rob's Festival tickets on sale – ScoPay, Eventbrite & Monday, Wednesday, Thursday in B2**



### Salters' Institute Festival of Chemistry

In April, four Year 8 students were selected to take part in a day trip to the Salters' Institute Festival of Chemistry at University College in London, to take part in a science challenge.

The day consisted of practical tasks which were judged as part of a competition, based on both scientific achievement and team organising skills. The four team members from 8A were Polly Alexander, Sophie Bailes, Isabella Cottingham and Sri Yendapally.

UCL, being one of the top STEM universities in the UK, set a very challenging competition. Our students did the school proud; competing against 17 other schools, they came fourth in both competitions (competition was tough as in previous years their score would have placed them in second place). Well done to the Year 8s. Here are some of their comments:

**Mr Parmar**

*'I really enjoyed the Chemistry Challenge and it was lots of fun. We got to use proper chemicals and it was very interesting to see how many schools there were; we came fourth in both competitions.'*

*'It was a really fun experience and the best part was that we got to experiment and do everything ourselves without any teachers telling us what to do. We got to sit in a university lecture room and the professor taught us how to make ice cream using liquid nitrogen **and** we got to try some!'*



### International Olympiad in Informatics

Many congratulations to Year 13 student Zak Smith who will be representing the UK at the International Olympiad in Informatics. Here is Zak's story in his own words:

"This year, having taken the British Informatics Olympiad (a national programming competition aimed at Sixth Form students), I was among 15 people to qualify for the national final at Trinity College, Cambridge.

The final was a three-day event, and included the chance to socialise with other contestants, as well as a very tough (but nonetheless fun) five-hour competition. Having solved about 2.5 of the four very difficult problems, I found out that I had made it through to the national team of four people! I look forward to representing the UK at the International Olympiad in Informatics this August, in Azerbaijan."

**Zak Smith**



### University Challenge Winners 2019

Our Sixth Form University Challenge Competition goes from strength to strength. This year (its sixth) had entries from 29 teams. The competition therefore stretched out from last November to the final which was held on 2 May, and the finalists had to win through at least three qualifying rounds.

This year's winners were "K is for Klever" (pictured below) who used a very broad general knowledge, team work and astonishing speed of reactions to win against spirited and talented opponents.

Congratulations to Jamie Biswas, Rob Campbell, Archie Lloyd and Alex Young. Thanks go to all the staff who contributed to our now, very large, question bank. **Mr de Kort**



### British Biology Olympiad

Beaumont students recently took part in the British Biology Olympiad (BBO), which is an international competition organised by the Royal Society of Biology. The BBO challenges and stimulates students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their knowledge and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates and medals.

Four students in Year 13 were rewarded for their efforts; Olivia Lobue and Frankie Brown gained Bronze awards, and Jonny Light and Isobel Todd gained Gold awards. Very well done to all those who participated!

**Dr Jones**







## Spanish Exchange

At the end of spring term our Spanish Exchange students headed off for their return trip to Puertollano, looking forward to some sunshine and Spanish hospitality. I think we have to realise that the rain in Spain does not always stay mainly in the plain! The weather did not live up to our expectations but the Spanish hospitality was something else! We were stuffed with food, taken out on excursions, introduced to extended family and treated with kindness and warmth.

Our trip to Madrid was packed full; we walked for miles, saw plenty of sights and finished with a sit down in the cable car to enjoy a different view and a rest. Our day in school was organised with activities, lessons, sports and more food - churros and chocolate. The afternoon finished with a rock concert from past students, with both Spanish and English music, mobile phones lit up and everyone dancing around. What an atmosphere! We also visited the Mayoress, who is keen to encourage young people to make the most of opportunities to travel and experience the world. We were town celebrities and were even interviewed on national Spanish radio!

Toledo was a relaxing day with Samuel Ryder Academy Exchange students and we looked around the Church and the old part of town. The myths and legends are fascinating. Cordoba was our last full day and we were lucky enough to get to spend it with our exchange partners. We visited the beautiful mosque and looked around the architecture before we let our students have some time with their partners.

We were sad to say goodbye to our partners but it is lovely to hear that there are some already booked to come back in the summer. Thank you to all of our wonderful students for making this a lovely exchange. Their Spanish has already improved and I feel that everybody learnt a lot from this experience.

**Mrs Bennett**



## Success for Beaumont Diving Club

Sophie Kemp (9E) took part in the Swim England South East Region Diving Skills Competition in Crawley on Saturday 27 April.

Sophie performed multiple dives on a variety of springboards at both 1m and 3m heights when competing. Sophie had recently learnt a complex dive on the Tuesday and then had to perform this in competition on the Saturday, meaning she only had three days to practise the dive prior to the competition. Out of 22 competitors Sophie scored 304.20 to win a Bronze Medal. She has qualified for the National Skills Diving Competition in Plymouth in early July.

Having seen the video evidence of Sophie's dives she is an incredibly able diver, who is works very hard in her training sessions to master new dives and is fully executing these within competitions. It is great to celebrate Sophie's success and we wish her all the best in the competition in July.

**Miss Fraser**

## From the Governors

Once again, we've had a busy few months at Beaumont. There has been success in sport, with rugby, football, netball, basketball, cricket and athletics teams, to name but a few, all winning trophies and titles on local and less local stages. Music and Drama are busy as ever and there will be more fun on 8 June at the family Colour Run, and 22 June at Rob's Festival.

The Governors have met on a number of occasions during the early part of the year, coming together last term for a full day in school with the opportunity to spend time in the classroom, watching teaching and learning in full flow and following staff and pupils through their hectic timetables. The afternoon was spent with all Governors and the Leadership Team meeting to discuss the strategic challenges that the school faces, whilst updating ourselves on the exciting progress being made through our school improvement plans, in the shape of the new Science block being built on the back playground. This is always a hugely useful day for all Governors, providing time to reflect and discuss a number of key issues.

The CTL Committee met again in March, discussing the PSI (Plan for School Improvement), receiving a report on the important work done by the school to promote CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) and an update on student progress and targets in advance of this year's exam season. Our final CTL meeting will take place in June and will cover updates on a number of departmental reviews as well as feedback from our most recent student perception survey.

As I write, public exams are underway and the sun has inevitably come out to make revision even harder! The Governors wish everyone great success in any exams they are taking and hope that the sun will continue to shine well into July.

**Lisane Sherwood, Chair, CTL Committee**



## Beaumont PE

Well done to all our students who have participated in football matches and training for Beaumont this year. The teams have had a number of successes, with many making latter stages of district, county and national competitions. Here are some pictures of our winning teams this year. Already looking forward to next season!

**Mr Tolley**



Under 16 Girls Football - County Cup Winners



Under 12 Boys Football - District Cup Winners



Under 12 & Under 14 Girls Football - District Futsal Tournament Winners



1st XI Boys Football – Under 19 District Cup Winners & Senior County League Winners



Under 13 Boys Football - County Cup Winners

## Warhammer Club

Warhammer Club sent four of its finest generals up to Nottingham's famed Warhammer World for the semi-finals. Although one of the youngest teams, in age and experience, our generals left their mark on the battlefields of Nottingham. Our team played multiple single games, defeating Year 8s and Year 13s alike, in between a tour through the breath-taking dioramas of the great hall and photo opportunities with a full size working space marine tank and dining in a popular troll slayers' bar. The club will be brushing up on their tactics for next year's tournament endeavours.

**Mr Malak**



## From the Library

The shortlist for this year's CILIP Carnegie Medal book award has thoroughly captured the imagination of Beaumont readers, with more students than ever before taking part in the award's 'shadowing' scheme. The Carnegie shadowing initiative encourages readers across the county to form reading groups to read and discuss the shortlisted books. Shadowing groups are supported by excellent CILIP resources and can create their own webpages on the Carnegie shadowing site. The 'Beaumont Readers' shadowing page is loaded with our students' reviews and opinions on the shortlisted books. So far, they have posted over thirty book reviews, which shows fantastic commitment to the scheme.

There are over thirty students in the Beaumont Readers group this year, bringing together students from Years 7 to 10. Led by Head Librarian Mrs Mayer-Khan, the group meets every week to share their thoughts on the shortlisted books and to watch online interviews with the eight authors. The eight books on the shortlist have been chosen from over one hundred and thirty nominated titles. The judging criteria stipulate that the books must be of 'outstanding literary quality' and must provide a reading experience that both entertains the reader and stays with them once the book is finished.

Book awards such as the Carnegie are an excellent way to engage students in reading and to introduce them to books they otherwise might not choose to read. This year's shortlist is an interesting mixture of genres and writing styles. It features three novels in verse or 'broken prose'. This poetic structure is new to many of our readers but all three verse novels have proved extremely popular with the students. This year's Carnegie also features an inaugural Shadowers' Choice Award which runs alongside the Medal. While the winner of the Carnegie Medal is chosen by librarians, the Shadowers' Choice Award is voted for by the shadowers themselves, giving our students a much greater say in the process. This is something our students campaigned for and wrote to CILIP about after last year's award so we are pleased that their voices have been heard.

The winners of both awards will be announced on Tuesday 18 June. On the same day, Beaumont Library is hosting a Carnegie Discussion event when we will be joined by other local shadowing groups to await the announcement of the winning books. We have been extremely impressed by the quality of our shadowing students' insight and depth of discussion. Please visit the Beaumont Readers' shadowing page to read some of their astute and thoughtful book reviews: <https://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=11440>

**Ms Shepard**







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# BEAUMONT COLOUR RUN

**8th June 2019**

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Childrens £6.50  
Adults £8.50

**Date:** Sat 8th June  
**Venue:**  
Beaumont School  
Oakwood Drive  
St Albans  
Herts. AL4 0XB  
**Email:** [colourrun@beaumont.school](mailto:colourrun@beaumont.school)

**Tickets:** 8's and under £10/  
over 8's £15  
**Registration from 10am**  
**Race warm up at 10:45**  
**for an 11am start**





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**break time every Monday,  
Wednesday and Thursday in B2**

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on ScoPay and Eventbrite**

**Students and Children: £5**

**Adults: £7**

**Family (2 Adults, 2**

**Children): £15**