



### Cantabria 2017

During a Curriculum Enrichment Week in July, 79 students and eight members of staff travelled to Spain for our increasingly popular Cantabria trip. Despite the early start, all students arrived bright-eyed and full of energy and enthusiasm which continued throughout the trip. With five full days of activities including: a boat trip, a cave visit, swimming, a cable car ride, mountain hiking, a talent show and a karaoke evening, the students had many opportunities to sight-see, sample local cuisine and use their language skills.

Among the many highlights of the week was a trip to a local outdoor market where students had to use both their budgeting and linguistic skills to buy and prepare their own "team" lunches. Tables were judged on their variety, presentation and authenticity and we, the judging panel, were highly impressed with the commitment and ingenuity shown.

A fabulous week was had by all and the students and their enthusiasm and willingness to participate in every activity and use their Spanish, was a pleasure to behold.

A big thank you to the seven members of staff who accompanied me and made this trip such a memorable experience. **Señora Rennie**



### Celebrating creativity in the lower school

Last term, Year 7 were set a creative challenge to earn House points for their respective Houses. Their mission was to design and make a model of a medieval castle, following specific criteria. Many thanks to all the Year 7s who entered. The overall winner was Alice Yntama (7A) with Charlotte Nelson (7L), Alex Martel (7L) and Nellie Collins (7L) as the runners up.

Meanwhile, Year 8 (as one of their home learning tasks) were asked to either design and produce a piece of Aztec treasure that might have been discovered by a Spanish Conquistador, or to design and write a guide book to the Aztecs to inform a Spanish Conquistador about Aztec Mexico.

For the Aztec treasure task, the overall winner was Danny Fawcett (8A) with Saffi de Bella (8S) and Tom Mumford (8R) as the runners up.

As part of their study of World War One, Year 9 (as one of their home learning tasks) were asked either to design and make (using prescribed criteria) a model of a trench, or to design and write a propaganda article about the Battle of the Somme. The winner was Joseph Todd (9A), with Max Tym (9S) and Katie Penn (9N) as the runners up.

All of the work will be put up on display. Many congratulations to the many other students in Years 7-9 who clearly put thought, time and effort into these tasks. They have set the bar high for next year. **History Department**

### Duke of Edinburgh Gold

On Thursday 17 May, eleven Beaumont students took part in the Gold Awards Presentation at Buckingham Palace. They were each accompanied by a guest, as well as Ms Dickson, the Coordinator of the DofE award at Beaumont.

It was a beautiful sunny day, and the students and guests spent some time looking around the gardens of the palace and taking group photos, before converging for their presentation.

Chris Lloyd, Paralympian skier, spoke to the whole group, before Prince Edward arrived. His Royal Highness gave his congratulations and he acknowledged the great effort involved in achieving Gold, also exchanging words with some members of the group. **Ms Dickson**



### Under 16 Girls win the District Basketball Championships

After last season's success at both County and National level, the under 16 team went into the District Rally with a great deal of confidence.

Our first game of the tournament was against Sandringham and we played extremely well, winning 17-0 in the ten minute game.

Our second game against Sir John Lawes was going to be pivotal as they had won their first game 15-2. Our defence was excellent, particularly against their strongest player who we stopped getting to the basket by double teaming her and preventing her having one v one opportunities. Our shooting also improved in this game and we came out comfortable 12-2 winners.

Our final game against Townsend was a comfortable 18-4 win and demonstrated the depth in the squad as we could bring in any of the bench without weakening our performance at all. This is the first time this team has won this competition (they played a year out of age last year) and it really shows the progress they have made as a squad. Well done on a great start to the season!

Squad: Alice King, Hannah McCorkindale Brown, Jocie Leavold, Daisy Porter, Rachel King, Lucia Grimer, Amber Young, Maisie Moore, Zofia Dybowska.





### Students finalists in Living St Albans Photography Competition

Congratulations to Danielle Shadbolt and Olivia Townsend (Year 12), and Jachym Tolar (8L) and Tom Mumford (8R), who took these amazing photographs and made it on to the short-list for the Living St Albans Photography Competition, Secondary Age Group.

Out of the 25 photographs short-listed for the top prize during Sustainable St Albans Week, five were taken by Beaumont students. This is a fabulous achievement and a commendable contribution to a valuable community event.

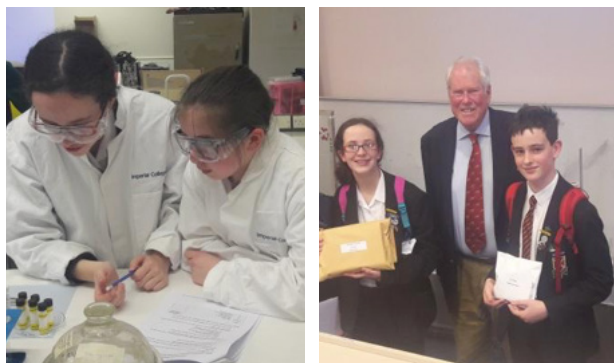
**Ms Baker**



### Salters' Institute Festival of Chemistry

On Friday 20 April, four Year 8 students were selected to take part in a day trip to the Salters' Institute Festival of Chemistry at Imperial 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 were Elliot Coates, Johanna Lutz, Hanif Musaheb and Hannah Robinson.



Imperial College, being one of the top ten STEM universities in the world, set a very challenging competition. The Beaumont students did the school proud; competing against 18 other schools, they beat all other state schools and all but two independent schools. In awarding the Bronze prize, the professor in charge of the competition commented on 'excellent teamwork and organising skills of the students.' Well done to the Year 8s.

**Mr Parmar**

### Beaumont Bake Off

On Friday 20 October all the enthusiastic Beaumont bakers came to the School Hall to show off their beautifully crafted 'House cakes'. We had cakes of all different shapes and sizes, all boasting their House initials, names or symbolic references. It was up to the Heads of Houses and their House Captains to decorate the tables and present the cakes that would appeal to our target audience of both students and staff. Mr Atkinson and Mrs Bailey judged the stalls very carefully and awarded the prizes for the Best Presented House, which this year was Elgar, as well as the best cake from each House. The photos of the best cakes and house stalls can be found on the House Board within Block B. In total we managed to raise £693.03, with Redgrave making the most money out of all of the house stalls by raising £153.60.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all those who baked, bought and sold cakes this year. It was amazing to see a huge amount of money that has been raised which will help go towards the funding for '80 in 18'.

**Miss Fraser**



### Beaumont Arts Centre Evening of Music, Drama & Dance

"Breathtaking" was the word uttered by one audience member at the end of a packed evening of drama, dance and music at the Alban Arena on Thursday 20 July.

It was hard not to agree. Over 200 Beaumont students, with a supporting cast of staff and alumni, had put together a truly memorable evening as part of the fundraising campaign to build a new Beaumont Arts Centre (BAC) at the school. We are delighted to announce that the evening made a staggering £9,630 which will go towards the Beaumont Arts Centre. Well done to all involved.

**Ms Shepherd**





### Year 7 Book Club members spread the word

This year's Year 7 Book Club has proved to be our most popular yet with 24 students joining us in the Library every Friday lunchtime. The club is hosted by Mrs Mayer-Khan and aims to inspire and nurture a love of reading and to encourage readers to share their thoughts and ideas. Book Club members take part in a range of book-based games and activities. At the most recent meeting, students held a 'poetry jam' using performance to bring poems to life. As a commitment to the whole school read, all Book Club students have read *The Giver* and will be working on writing their own play based on the story. As well as the more boisterous sessions, the Book Club students have also decided amongst themselves that every alternate meeting should be dedicated to silent reading. The library team looks forward to joining them! Here are the thoughts of our Year 7 students on what Book Club means to them:

"I joined Book Club, so I could read in peace at school, but also so that I could force myself to remember to read. Normally I get told off in AR Reading because I have no book, but now I have one or two books. So, from before when I hated reading and thought it was boring, I now find it fascinating and fun. Reading more also taught me that the hook in books is mostly in the middle, so remember not to give up if you find it boring." **Lais Patel (7A)**

"I joined Book Club because I love to read and I thought it would be nice to read with other people, including my friends. I also thought it would be good to find some time in my school week to read and socialise." **Isabella Farenden (7E)**

"I joined Book Club because it seemed like a fun way to find out about different books and make new friends. I was proven right. Book Club has been great fun and I have made some great friends." **Peter Hardisty (7S)**

"I joined Book Club because I thought it would help me get more into reading. It is a very fun way to socialise and I like the biscuits." **Rosie Henderson (7A)**

"I joined Book Club because I love reading and that books take me into another world." **Jakob Khan (7L) Mrs Shepard**



### Hertfordshire Schools' Gala, Royal Albert Hall

On Sunday 11 March, 75 students from the Beaumont School Choir set off early in the morning to head to the Royal Albert Hall to rehearse and take part in the biennial Hertfordshire Gala. This event involved many primary (and for the first time this year) secondary schools across Hertfordshire coming together to perform some large scale works together, accompanied by the Hertfordshire School's Symphony Orchestra (of which five of our students are members). This year, the Hertfordshire Music Hub commissioned a piece by the well-known composer, Will Todd, who set to music words written by Michael Rosen about the story of Icarus.

It was a thrill to be among such a large group of singers, being accompanied by a full symphony orchestra. In the afternoon, Beaumont contributed the largest choir by far and we are proud of how the students performed and their conduct throughout the day. After months of rehearsing, the end result was exciting and singing to a packed Royal Albert Hall was an experience we will all never forget.

Thank you to all students and staff for your hard work.

**Mr Guinane, Ms Doan**



### Alice

"After auditioning to be in Alice, I was so excited when I got the part as I had never taken part in a whole school production before. The title intrigued me as it was a modern take on Alice in Wonderland and I was curious to see what we could do with the role of Tweedle Dee.

I looked forward to going into rehearsal. I got to work with a Sixth Form student who helped us with our scene and we got to input our ideas too.

The performance was incredible. The buzz I got from performing and working with the whole cast was such a new colourful experience and so exciting." **Isabel Holsborough (10N)**

"When I joined Year 7 I knew I wanted to get involved with Beaumont Drama. I have now done five shows, and in Alice I played one of the lead characters, the role of the caterpillar. I thoroughly enjoyed creating the role and working with the cast across all the years, working with people that I have never worked with before. It was fun.

The performances were hilarious to be part of - the role was larger than life and I could really interact and bounce off the audience. This was a fantastic experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone!" **Luke Nixon (11N)**





### Geography Year 7 Curriculum Enrichment Day

On Thursday 21 September Year 7 students ventured out on their first school trip to the River Lea in Wheathampstead. Fortunately, the weather held out enabling the students to make full use of their time at the river and busy themselves collecting measurements.

They took a number of different measurements including using a dog biscuit to measure the speed of the river. The students learnt to read angles using clinometers and take pebble measurements using callipers with much of the fieldwork equipment having been kindly donated by the BSA. The students appeared to have a great time in the river with plenty of very wet feet and full wellies. What the students had to say about their first Geography field trip...

"On CED day the Year 7s went to the River Lea. We went there to get information to decide if it was the upper, middle or lower course of the river. The information we collected was: pebble size, depth, speed, wetted perimeter and width. Then in Geography we drew graphs to show our results. To get this information we used different techniques."

**Henry Benson (7A)**



"On CED day Year 7 went to the River Lea. Mr Osborne told us that the River Lea is very long and it goes around the Olympic Stadium in London. We had a task to measure the depth and width of the river in different places. We also had to measure the time it took for a rock to flow with the river for ten metres and the longest length of rocks that we took out the river. We had to measure the gradient with a clinometer. We learnt that the river flows through Wheathampstead, WGC, Ware, Broxbourne, Enfield and Stratford. The source of the River Lea is a little hole filled with water and the mouth of the river is a flow into the River Thames." **Rita Saporenkova (7E)** **Miss Anderson**



### Rob's Festival 2018

Rob's Festival is an annual Beaumont community sports and music event that has been running since 2010. It is a tribute to a former student, Rob Williams, who died in a snowboarding accident.

It was started by some of his friends and has grown into a successful whole school event which has raised, to date, over £50,000 for the Prince's Trust and the school. The unique aspect of this event is that is now organised almost entirely by our Year 12 students along with the Beaumont School Association (BSA). Its main aim is to raise as much money as possible for the school and the Prince's Trust, while bringing the Beaumont community together to enjoy music and sport which were two of Rob's passions.

In June, Beaumont's ninth annual Rob's Festival celebrated in the summer sunshine with a return to the school field as the main location. Students, staff and parents worked together to put on a splendid event, featuring House stalls and, of course, plenty of music from local talent across a range of genres. The event raised over £6,500 for our "80 in '18" fundraising campaign as well as the Prince's Trust.

**Mr Cross**

