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From the Headteacher

Sports Day was a resounding success on Monday 15 July 2019, although the weather was hot some cloud cover made it a very pleasant afternoon. There were superb performances by several individuals, relay teams and a highly competitive 'tug-of-war' competition. Many thanks to Mr Stewart and the PE team for putting this together.

The Drama Department put on a truly exceptional piece of drama called 'Game Over' which you may well have seen mentioned on the BBC Six O'clock News. Many thanks for all the hard work that went into this by the students and staff.

I'd like to thank the BSA for all their work again this year in raising much needed funds for the school. I would also like to thank the Governing Body for their continued invaluable challenge and support this year.

We say farewell to a few staff this year: Mrs Beaumont, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Colls, Mrs Davies, Mr Malak, Mr Marsh, Mr Osborne, Mrs Romain, Mrs Southall, Mrs Watkin, Mrs Webb and Mrs Williams, we wish them all the very best in their new adventures.

Finally, it just leaves me to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break and I look forward to welcoming all the students back in September refreshed and ready as they move up a year.

Martin Atkinson

| Date | Time | Location | Event * |
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| | * Correct at t | he time of publication; please o | check website for the most up to date information |
| Sunday 1 September | | | Gold Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition |
| Monday 2 September | | | Gold Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition |
| Tuesday 3 September | 9.30am | | Year 7 staggered return to school (9.30am-2.30pm) |
| | 11.10am | | Year 8 & 9 staggered return to school (11.10am-12.50pm) |
| | 1.40pm | | Year 10 & 11 staggered return to school (1.40pm-3.25pm) |
| | 8.30am | Sixth Form Centre | Sixth Form enrolment |
| | | | Year 7 panoramic & individual photograph |
| Wednesday 4 September | 8.30am | | All consortium lessons commence |
| Friday 6 September | 1.00pm | | Year 7 Fun Run |
| Monday 9 September | 6.00pm | Hall | Welcome to Year 9 Parent Information Evening |
| | 7.00pm | Hall | Welcome to Year 10 Parent Information Evening |
| Tuesday 10 September | 7.00pm | Hall | Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition presentation |
| | 7.30pm | Conference Room | BSA Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday 11 September | 8.40am | | Year 7 (RNS) CAT tests |
| | 6.00pm | Hall | Welcome to Year 8 Parent Information Evening |
| Thursday 12 September | | | Year 9 & 11 individual photographs |
| Friday 13 September | | | Year 7 (BLEA) CAT tests |
| Saturday 14 September | 4.00pm | | Year 7 Family BBQ & Games (BSA) |
| Tuesday 17 September | 7.00pm | Hall | Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition presentations |
| Wednesday 18 September | | | Curriculum Enrichment Day |
| | 10.00am | Alban Arena | Year 12 Learn to Live Conference |
| Thursday 19 September | 6.30pm | Conference Room | Resources Committee Meeting |
| | 7.00pm | Hall | Welcome to Year 12 Parent Information Evening |
| Monday 23 September | 6.30pm | Conference Room | Community Teaching & Learning Committee meeting |
| Tuesday 24 September | 6.00pm | Hall | Year 9 French Exchange Parent Information Evening |
| Wednesday 25 September | 5.00pm | Apollo Theatre | Year 8 Drama theatre trip – Everybody's Talking about Jamie |
| Thursday 26 September | | Cuffley Camp | Year 7 team building trip |



Easyfundraising is an online scheme which helps us raise funds for the BSA when you are doing your everyday shopping online. **This is free money for us!** Just sign up using our unique link: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/NOYST5









Some of the entries in the A Level Art & Photography Show – congratulations to all students.



Year 7 & 8 Curriculum Enrichment Week

Year 7 and 8 students had a funpacked day during Curriculum Enrichment Week with the opportunity to bake and decorate three cakes each. Students were provided with the basic ingredients for the sponge, but had free reign when it came to frosting and decoration.

Cake flavourings and decorations ranged from fresh cream and strawberries to sticky chocolate cakes with smarties and buttons.



A brilliant day was had by all, with lots of lovely cakes to take home and share with their families.

Ms O'Neill



Women in Engineering

This year we were joined by Helen Page, a Structural Engineer from Price Myers, to help us celebrate International Women in Engineering on 24 June. Forty Year 8 and Year 9 girls attended the event, during which time they listened to an inspiring talk by Helen Page, followed by completing an engineering challenge to build the longest bridge using only spaghetti and marshmallows. Bridges had to be strong, economical and aesthetically pleasing and prizes were awarded to the winning teams of Year 8 and Year 9. The Year 8 winners were Freya Bolam, Liliana Rodgers and Kate Alexander. Year 9 winners were Iris Towers, Rosie Tembras, Marsha Yakovleva and Kanchi Kohli. Well done to everyone.

Biology Challenge

Earlier this year, I participated in the Biology Challenge in my Science set, and thought nothing would come of it. However, when we received our results a few months later, it turned out that I had done quite well and had been awarded Gold for it. I signed up for the awards ceremony and, luckily, I was chosen to go to the event. I was rather pleased since it was being held by the Royal Society of Biology in the Institute of Engineering and Technology, Savoy Place.

I arrived at the event and found a reception for several hundred people, and after a short while the ceremony began. Over the course of the afternoon various people spoke: a previous competitor of the International Biology Olympiad held last year in Tehran, Iran, there was a short lecture by a neuroscientist about laughter and the way it affects us, and to the co-founder of the National Biology Olympiads and the Biology Challenge talking about her experience of her work (this was her last year before retirement).

Overall it was a fantastic afternoon and, not only did I receive an award for my result, but, I also learned a lot about previous competitors in the Olympiad and also plenty about Biology as well.

George Fraser (9S)





Rob's Festival Tenth Anniversary

The gazebos have been packed away, the raffle prizes have been given out and the money has been counted. Yes, Rob's Festival is over for another year and what an amazing 10th anniversary it was. We raised a massive £9000 and everyone who came seemed to have a great time. We were blessed with lovely weather and the crowds came out to enjoy everything that Rob's had to offer from the inflatables, to all the house stalls, the lovely food and drink and all the music and sport we had on offer. It really showed off the Beaumont community at its best.

Organising Rob's Festival is an amazing opportunity and experience and the team and I have gained so much. This was a new experience for most of us and, with the support from Mrs Rider and information from last year's team, we started to plan this year's event. Initial planning started in November, logos and posters were designed and as the new year started bands were found and external attractions were booked, weekly team meetings and contact with the BSA made sure everyone knew what they were doing and when it needed to be done by. We also went out into the community and visited local schools telling them about the event and leafleted the local area.

Rob's festival would not be possible without volunteers and we had a great turn out from the Sixth Form and from the BSA and parents to help with the set up on the Friday night before the festival and on the day; there was a great sense of camaraderie all through the event. On the day everything ran pretty smoothly and there were only a few small blips which our team managed to solve straight away. It was very satisfying seeing everyone enjoying themselves, meaning that all our hard work paid off. I just want to say a massive thank you to the team, to Mrs Rider, the BSA and most importantly everyone who came and helped make it such a successful event. I think it is really important to get feedback, so if anyone has anything they think was good, anything you would like to see in the future or anything that could be improved on then please let Mrs Rider know.

Elouise Wathen







Thank you to Taylor Wimpey





Thank you very much to Taylor Wimpey North Thames, which has recently donated £1,100 towards three new picnic benches, to create an outdoor social space for students to enjoy the sunshine. In addition, to celebrate World Book Day earlier this year, the housebuilder also donated a £100 book voucher to the library.



Sixth Form Politics

On 17 June Year 12 politics students spent the day touring both the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court. The day began with a tour of Parliament given by Anne Main MP's caseworker. Not only was the history of the Houses explored but the modern day usage was explained. During the tour, the Year 12s were busy looking out for MPs who were passing by. Phoebe Sewell even managed to capture a selfie with Sir Keir Starmer MP as he passed through Westminster Hall. At the end of the tour, students were able to ask Anne Main's caseworker questions ranging from what issues the constituency office were currently working on, to the current political issues of the day. Lots of questions regarding new Prime Ministers and potential General Elections meant the debate continued over lunch.

When crossing Parliament Square towards the Supreme Court, students were able to witness the many Brexit protests from both the leave and remain camps, which demonstrated first-hand the topical nature of the subject they are studying. The Supreme Court had more of an immersive style when it came to comprehending the nature of proceedings. All students took part in debating and discussing controversial cases whilst sitting in the actual seats used by the Supreme Court Justices, defendants and claimants. Overall, the trip helped to bring to life all that had been taught in class and therefore encourage further enthusiasm for the subject.

Mrs Tolley

A year in Beaumont Library

To celebrate all things book-ish, here's a look back at some of the events and activities that have taken place in the library in 2018/19. We're already looking forward to September! In the meantime, please follow us on social media:



Insta: beaumontschool.library Twitter: @BeauLibrary

September 2018



We launch our Whole School Read for 2018/19

October 2018



Writer Susin Nielsen visits Beaumont

November 2018



Introducing Tom Pollock's thriller ahead of his visit to meet Year 9

December 2018



Promoting our Word of the Week Instagram feature

January 2019



Tom Pollock talks to Year 9 students about his writing and mental health

February 2019



Advertising our week-long Scholastic Book Fair in the library

March 2019



Author Penny Joelson celebrates our Whole School Read

April 2019



Books bought with a £100 book token donated by Taylor Wimpey

May 2019



Celebrating 'Beaumont Readers', our Carnegie Medal book award shadowing group

June 2019



Writer Sarah Crossan visits the library to meet students and to introduce her new book *Toffee*

July 2019



The library hosts a Carnegie Medal Discussion Day with students from St Albans Girls' School and Loreto College