



Welcome back to all the students, staff, new staff and the new Year 7. The term is well underway now with a very positive start, the superb examination results over the summer providing a springboard for us to start from. There were lots of smiling faces on 15 August 2019 when our Year 13 students received their results where, again, many records were broken or equalled. 68% of A Level grades were A*-B and the average grade achieved by our students was a B, equalling the stunning result from last year. Over 90% of students who had applied to university got into either their first or second choice, 57% going to a Russell Group university. A week later the GCSE results were also outstanding. The Attainment 8 score of 60 is a fantastic achievement and we estimate the Progress 8 score to be 0.62, which means that students at Beaumont achieved more than half a grade higher than expected across their subjects. Both sets of these results have led to our biggest Sixth Form on record with a total of 395 students now studying at Key Stage 5.

It was a pleasure to welcome the new Year 7 students and their families at the BSA summer BBQ on Saturday 14 September. The first Curriculum Enrichment Day of the year was a real success with many varied and interesting activities for each year group. I attended a hard-hitting but very effective 'Learn to Live' session with Year 12 on the responsibilities of driving. When I returned to school, I immediately saw some of the Year 9 students scaling a climbing wall on the school field, whereas, Year 11 were working hard on their 'Walking Talking' GCSE English exam practice.

It remains for me to wish all our students a happy and successful year ahead.

Martin Atkinson

Date	Time	Location	Event *
* Correct at the time of publication; please check website for the most up to date information			
Wednesday 2 October	2.00pm		Students dismissed early for Secondary Transfer Evening
	5.45pm		Secondary Transfer Evening
Thursday 3 October			Year 9 French Exchange (Beaumont to France, to 09/10/19)
	11.10am		Late start to lessons for students
Friday 4 October		London	Year 13 Art & Photography trip to London Frieze Fair
	9.30am		Year 5 & 6 morning tours (by appointment only)
	11.30am		Year 5 & 6 morning tours (by appointment only)
Saturday 5 October	7.30pm	Hall	BSA Quiz Night
Monday 7 October	9.30am		Year 5 & 6 morning tours (by appointment only)
	11.30am		Year 5 & 6 morning tours (by appointment only)
Tuesday 8 October	9.30am		Year 5 & 6 morning tours (by appointment only)
	11.30am		Year 5 & 6 morning tours (by appointment only)
	5.15pm	Criterion Theatre	Year 10 Drama theatre trip to <i>Comedy about a Bank Robbery</i>
Wednesday 9 October	6.30pm	Conference Room	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 10 October	7.00pm	Hall	Year 11 and Beyond Parent Information Evening
Friday 11 October	8.30am	Alexandra Palace	Year 10 Textiles visit to the Knitting & Stitching Show
Wednesday 16 October			German Exchange (Beaumont to Germany, to 22/10/19)
Friday 18 October	1.00pm	Hall, C1, C2	48 hour Musical
Saturday 19 October		Hall, C1, C2	48 hour Musical
Sunday 20 October		Hall, C1, C2	48 hour Musical
Wednesday 23 October	1.00pm	St Peter's Church	Lunchtime concert
	1.30pm	Hall	Year 9 production of <i>Chelsea's Story</i>
Thursday 24 October	8.25am	Hall, C2, A3, A4	Zero Poverty Youth Forum
	3.30pm	Dining Hall	Second hand uniform sale
	6.30pm	Sixth Form Centre	Wellbeing for Teens Parent Information Evening
Friday 25 October	12.50pm	Hall	Beaumont Bake-Off
Monday 28 October			Half term holiday (students return to school 04/11/19)

Do you have any unwanted spare foreign coins or notes from a holiday abroad this summer? If so, we can use it as part of our fundraising and change it to Sterling. Any currency, no matter how old (even obsolete currencies) are welcome! Please bring any donations to Reception for collection. Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 7 Freshers Fair

The Year 7 Freshers Fair was a big success! As a group of eight Beaumont Leaders, we helped present the large range of clubs on offer this year for the new Year 7 students. This was the opportunity for the new students to find out about the clubs they liked the sound of and to sign up for the ones they would like to attend after school and during lunchtimes. There was a club for everyone! All students were encouraged to try at least one extra-curricular activity and some even found a new hobby. If students appeared unsure of the clubs they liked, Beaumont Leaders were assigned to help them out and encourage them to try out new things. There were different stalls that were run by the teacher leading the club and the Sixth Form Captains. The people at the stall would explain further about the club and the things that you would do. In the lead up to the day of the fair, posters were made and put up so everyone knew what was happening and where to go. Overall, the event was a big success!

Mia Samuels (9R)



Year 7 France 2019

It was a pleasure to take 83 students to the Opal Coast during Curriculum Enrichment Week 2019. As well as spending time on the nearby beaches students were able to visit the towns of Boulogne and Arras and took part in visits to a bakery, aquarium and used their French skills to buy lunch at a local market! My thanks to the members of staff who accompanied the trip, and I hope that 7BLEA are looking forward to the same opportunities next July!

Ms Ashton

"I really liked the French trip as we did lots of exciting activities, like going to the market and down in the quarry. I thought that the teachers who took us on the trip were very nice and informative. I would suggest going to everyone, especially if you like finding out about the culture of a country or enjoying learning languages."

Eliza (8N)

"What I liked about the French trip was that we were allowed time to wander around the places we went to. We were trusted. I also liked the park in the evenings because it gave us time to unwind and talk to our friends. We also got to buy souvenirs. My favourite parts were the aquarium and shopping centre. I also liked the prizes at the end of the week."

William (8N)

"I really enjoyed the sweet factory and the beach. I liked going to the park after food. The aquarium was really cool and I liked it when we were allowed to go off in groups! The bakery was an interesting experience."

Fran (8N)



Year 7 visit the River Lea

As part of their first Beaumont Curriculum Enrichment Day, Year 7 visited the River Lea in Wheathampstead. As well as taking the chance to work in teams and get to know their new class groups, students took measurements of the channel and recorded river flow and sediment characteristics. Beautiful weather and enthusiastic participation made for a fantastic day! Thank you to everyone who was part of it.

Mrs Baker



D&T Herb Garden

Congratulations to three Year 8 students, Erica Lewis, Kambiz Yari and Henry Simon for their enthusiasm and dedication to the D&T herb garden this year, it has really flourished under their care. Thanks to Mr Polding for building the raised bed and the BSA for the funding to get it started in September! The Food Tech teachers have used it enthusiastically in classes this year.

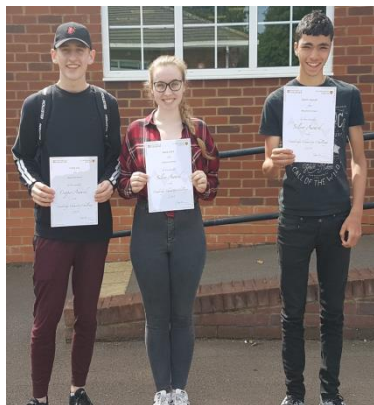
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2019 Year 12 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

This annual competition aims to stretch and challenge students interested in chemistry. Set by an experienced team of teachers and university chemists, it is designed to be accessible to Year 12 students but will take them significantly beyond the syllabus and encourage them to think about science in the way they would at university.

The winners were: Josephine Gunton, Elliot Hitchen, Ella Katz, Craig Lils, Emily Pidcock, Salim Hanafi, Ed Harrison, Katie Little, Ben Morgan and Alex Saunders.

Mr Parmar



Latin success at Beaumont

Latin is flourishing again at Beaumont, thanks to the support of the Modern Languages Department. Eleven students have been studying Latin after school each week for the last three years with visiting specialist teacher, Dr Harvey. In June, they took their Level 2 certificate in Latin and Roman Civilisation (an exam at GCSE level) and have gained excellent results including three A* and seven A grades.

The new cohort of 23 students (from Years 8 – 10) is just embarking on learning Latin this autumn and they are about to meet Caecilius, Quintus and Metella, the characters from the well-loved Cambridge Latin Course, and to discover the fate of Pompeii.

Mrs Lutz

Enquiries: Mrs Lutz in the Languages Department, or email FHarveyLatin@gmail.com

From the Governors

A warm welcome to the new academic year, and a special welcome to all of our new students, parents and staff.

Some of you may know that I have been a Governor of Beaumont School for a considerable number of years. During this period we have seen an enormous change in the way we communicate through the development of technology which has undoubtedly brought many advantages to the world of education. Our students are at the forefront of these changes.

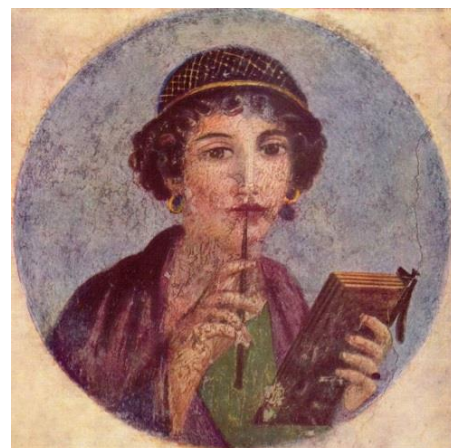
Conversely, there are also significant challenges for schools in the way we educate our children to use technology in a safe manner. Within Beaumont's Governing Body we continuously review and consider our responsibilities in this area, complying with statutory guidance and via the school lead on Safeguarding, Mrs Powdrell, Deputy Headteacher.

You may also be aware that last summer Beaumont took the lead in a powerful new original drama called "Game Over", educating young people on how to keep safe online. We aim to build on this both formally within our school curriculum and through a culture of openness within school. As a school our first responsibility is to keep children safe whilst at school and we take this duty very seriously. When our students feel safe at school, they are able to flourish in all other aspects of their education. We look forward to working together with all of our school community in this central part of our students' education.

Alison Wallis, Lead Safeguarding Governor, Vice Chair of Governors



Well done to last year's Year 11 students who donated £1500 to Cancer Research. Raising funds through the ticket sales, deposits and money left over from the bar tab at the Year 11 Prom, the money was donated to the charity at the end of last term.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

We recently saw the culmination of the DofE year, which started 16 months ago with applications for Bronze and Silver and ended with the Silver and Gold expedition presentations. For Silver and Gold expeditions our students present on their experiences to an audience of staff and parents, reporting on the highs and lows, what they have learned and how they achieved their aim. Aims were varied and entertaining and included nature photography, mood diaries, geocaching (without a phone!), a history of slate mining in Snowdonia and a few thoroughly enjoyable vlogs. As I sign off on a hugely successful DofE cohort, with record numbers achieving their awards, I would like to thank students, parents, staff, volunteers and the BSA for everything they do for Beaumont DofE.

Ms Dickson

AF Alban Federation

Beaumont School is a member of the Alban Federation partnership in the area of teacher training. Each year the Federation trains a large number of adults (56 in 2019/20), either straight from university with their degrees, or people who are changing careers, and places them in a host school for the year to enable them to complete their training and gain Qualified Teacher Status. All applications are submitted through UCAS (the University Admission System) and this year, the application window is scheduled to open on 8th October 2019, for courses starting in September 2020. Courses are available in both Primary and Secondary programmes, with salaries or bursaries available for suitably qualified candidates in many subjects.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher and would like to find out more about how to apply and what is involved, we are holding an **Open Morning on Saturday 12 October 2019** in the Sixth Form Centre at Sandringham School in St Albans. It runs from 9.30am to midday and you are more than welcome to come along and meet current trainees, senior school staff and federation team members. Equally, if you know of anyone who is keen to train to teach, this will be a very useful event for them to attend.

Further details and information can be obtained from the school by contacting **Miss Shepherd** or direct from Alban Federation team via:

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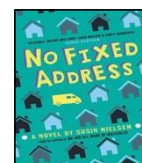
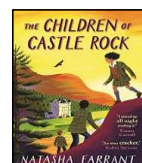
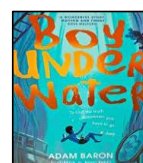


Year 7s, we need you! Introducing Book Club and the St Albans Schools Book Award

Beaumont School is a proud participant in the St Albans Schools Book Award (SASBA) which is heading into its third year. The award was established in 2017 by a number of St Albans schools, including Beaumont, and is targeted at Year 7 students. Each year we confer and produce a shortlist of three fiction titles.

Students who wish to take part and 'shadow' the award are asked to read all three books and to choose which one they would like to win the coveted award. We support the award with a range of activities, including a design-a-bookmark and a mini book review competition. Here are the books on the shortlist for the St Albans Schools Book Award 2019:

The award process culminates in a fantastic discussion day and awards ceremony which is held at St Columba's College.



On this day, students from all the participating schools get together to discuss the shortlisted books and to vote for the eventual winner. This is always a great day out for the students as the author of each book takes part in the awards ceremony in some way. This year's discussion day will take place on 12 December. In order to join us at St Columba's, Year 7 students will need to have read all three books in the running for the SASBA award.

Every Wednesday lunchtime, Head Librarian Mrs Mayer-Khan runs the Year 7 Book Club. During these sessions, students get together to talk about and share their thoughts on what they're reading and anything else book-related! Over the coming weeks the Book Club will also be reading and discussing the three books on the SASBA shortlist. If any Year 7s are unable to attend Wednesday's Book Club meetings but would like to participate in the award, they are still very welcome to take part. For more information on Year 7 Book Club and the SASBA, students can just pop into the library and speak to the librarians.

As well as being lots of fun, book clubs and book awards are an excellent way to nurture an interest in books and to encourage reading for pleasure. Discussing books helps students to learn how to interact with others, to think analytically and to articulate and share ideas. Reading fiction has also been shown to improve empathy and to develop emotional intelligence. We look forward to welcoming Year 7s to Book Club and to sharing the SASBA with them! Keep up to date with Beaumont Library's news on Instagram [beaumontschool.library](https://www.instagram.com/beaumontschool.library) and Twitter @BeauLibrary.

Ms Shepard