



To keep you all up to date, there has been a further delay to the opening of the Science block, progress has been hindered by the considerable rainfall! We will be occupying the building next term and this will bring about an exciting new era for the Science Department.

As I write we are looking forward to the Christmas Fair on Saturday 7 December from 12.00pm to 3.00pm. This provides an extra opportunity for you to further support the school and a great way to start the Christmas celebrations, so I hope to see you there.

You will see that the following week the upper school play 'Wendy & Peter Pan' will be performed on Thursday 12, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 December. It's a modern version of the tale performed by Years 10-13 students and promises to be an evening of magic and fun, suitable for all the family. You can get your tickets at £6 each via the school website.

The organisation and running of the Year 11 mock examinations have gone well and I have been impressed with the Year 11 approach to sitting formal exams. Year 13 mock exams will follow shortly after Christmas and I wish them all the best.

Martin Atkinson

Date	Time	Location	Event *
* Correct at the time of publication; please check website for the most up to date information			
Sunday 1 December		Braid Campsite	World Challenge training expedition
Monday 2 December	6.30pm	Hall	Year 10 AQA GCSE PE Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 3 December			Year 10,12,13 Spanish Exchange (Spain to Beaumont)
Wednesday 4 December	7.00pm	Hall	Christmas Concert
Thursday 5 December	9.30am	Hall	Year 8 'A Christmas Carol' production by Quantum Theatre
	12.00pm		Year 10 Interim Reports issued
Saturday 7 December	12.00pm	Hall	Christmas Fair
	7.30pm	County Club	Adult Christmas Party
Monday 9 December	3.30pm	Hall/C1	Upper School play dress rehearsal
Tuesday 10 December	3.30pm	Hall/C1	Upper School play dress rehearsal
Wednesday 11 December	8.25am	Hall/C1	Upper School play full dress rehearsal
Thursday 12 December	12.00pm		Year 9 Interim Reports issued
	7.00pm	Hall	Upper School performance 'Wendy & Peter Pan'
Friday 13 December			Staff and Sixth Form Christmas Jumper Day
	7.00pm	Hall	Upper School performance 'Wendy & Peter Pan'
Saturday 14 December	7.00pm	Hall	Upper School performance 'Wendy & Peter Pan'
Wednesday 18 December	7.00pm	St Peter's Church	Carol Service
Thursday 19 December	12.00pm		Year 11 Interim Reports issued
	5.00pm	Alexandra Palace Theatre	Theatre trip to 'Peter Pan Goes Wrong'
	7.00pm	Hall	Sixth Form Certificate Presentation Evening
Friday 20 December	12.30pm		Students dismissed early
Monday 6 January			INSET Day (no students in school)
Tuesday 7 January			Students return to school

Easyfundraising



As we approach Christmas, we would like to remind you that you can raise FREE donations for the BSA (Beaumont School Association) when you shop online with over 4,000 different online brands and retailers. Every time you make a purchase online, a donation of anywhere between 0.5-5.0% of your total spend is given to the BSA. It's easy and completely FREE for you. Enter the website below, ensure you are choosing to support the **Beaumont School Association** as your cause and register your details. Alternatively you can download the Easyfundraising mobile app on your phone. Thank you for your continued support.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Zero Poverty Youth Forum

On Thursday 24 October, Beaumont and Sir John Lawes Schools delivered a Zero Poverty Youth Forum to students from their own schools as well as students from St Albans Girls' and Sandringham Schools. Hosted by Beaumont, during the morning all attendees were welcomed by John McLaverty, Education and Youth coordinator for Oxfam GB, with a motivating presentation about the importance of students taking action to make change in their world.

Students from Beaumont and Sir John Lawes led workshops that covered topics such as: issues of global inequality, the link between poverty and climate change and how to solve issues of poverty in the local area. In the afternoon John McLaverty was joined by Daisy Cooper, the St Albans Liberal Democrat Parliamentary candidate and Peter Cashman from Christian Aid. They took part in a Question Time style debate hosted by Beaumont Year 13 Government and Politics student, Finlay Craigmyle, accepting challenging and thought provoking questions from the students.

Mrs Baker



DEAR

Throughout Thursday 14 November, the Beaumont community celebrated the launch of this year's Whole School Read - Animal Farm by George Orwell. Students were treated to staff audio clips of the novel and it was fantastic to see how many staff and students came brandishing their copies of the book to follow along and read ahead! Every single one of the 50 library copies had been checked out and we now have quite a long waiting list too.

After listening to Chapter 1 and completing theme related tasks and discussions around the book in tutor time, the rest of the day involved **Dropping Everything And Reading (DEAR)** more of the novel for roughly ten minutes of each lesson. There was a buzz around school, with students and staff alike caught in the corridors, chatting about the plot, characters and socialism! Everyone enjoyed guessing which members of staff were reading the audiobook and it has been rumoured that Mrs Cripps' rendition of Beasts of England even inspired a group sing-a-long in one Year 10 class.

After an inspiring launch, we look forward to maintaining this positive momentum through the range of cross-curricular tasks and events that will take place into the New Year.

Mrs Cripps

From the Governors

With four weeks remaining in this autumn term, a glance at the school's online calendar confirms that there is still so much to look forward to at Beaumont before students and staff take a break.

Performances over the coming weeks include the Christmas concert and the Upper School production of *Wendy & Peter Pan*. Additionally, the Christmas Fair and Adult Christmas Party on Saturday 7 December provide further opportunities for students and parents to celebrate with the school community. Please support these events.

Our Year 11 students have commenced their mock examinations and we wish them every success in these. The Governors' Community, Teaching and Learning Committee holds two meetings during the term. In the first of these meetings, we were delighted to hear that our 2019 Year 7 students had an attendance of 99.23% so far!

We also received a demonstration of Unifrog, a web based platform which provides tools to students and staff to build their CVs and personal statements, and which supports the Sixth Form UCAS process. This will be invaluable in helping students to collate a record of their activities and achievements during their Beaumont journeys. **Peter Mayne**, Vice Chair CTL Committee

Senior Maths Challenge

As part of the Mathematics Gifted and Talented programme at Beaumont students can take part in the Maths Challenge competition, which consists of individual and group rounds at the junior, intermediate and senior level.

This is a very prestigious nationwide competition in which many schools are involved. On 21 November Beaumont took part in the Hertfordshire section of the Senior Maths Challenge group round, which consists of four mathematicians who have to work as a team in attempting to supply answers to difficult maths problems, working against the clock.

The Hertfordshire section of the Maths Challenge is very competitive; in fact, in one past competition we were told that if we had been competing in a round in any other county we would have won. I am very pleased to announce that this year we achieved our best ever placing by coming in third; Parmiter's School were the winners and Harrow School were second.

The team consisted of Rujun Feng and Theo Mitrache in Year 13 and Charlie Bolam and Joe Marlow in Year 12; they are all excellent mathematicians who I know will go on to achieve great success in their future enterprises.

We are delighted that we have such a strong Maths Department and field of excellent mathematicians from which to choose the team. This allows students to compete and succeed at such a high level. Well done boys! **Mr Smith**

Beaumont Bake Off 2019

Beaumont Bake Off returned in all its glory on Friday 25 October. This year the Beaumont Bake Off replicated The Great British Bake Off, with students asked to create a signature bake, a technical bake and a showstopper.

Bitesize bakes were also on offer to help raise profits for each house. This year the theme was all things pink and all proceeds from the event were donated to Breast Cancer Research. In addition to the huge amount of money being raised for Breast Cancer Research, all left over cake was donated to a local homeless charity on behalf of Beaumont and the House Captains.

This year, with a few modifications, I wanted to make the Beaumont Bake Off bigger and better than ever before and I am pleased to announce that we raised a massive £554.79, a great contribution to a fantastic charity.

Overall Results

Mr Atkinson gave the 'Atkinson Handshake' to Austen as they won best overall cake but it was Butler House who stole the overall best stall of bakes (results to the right).

Mrs Owen-Brown



Recently in Art

At the beginning of November, the Art Department was privileged to spend the day at the Curwen Print Centre in Cambridge, where students were able to undertake a series of workshops to complete some beautiful printmaking outcomes. Students were introduced to both dry-point etching and lino cutting, and were able to create their own prints using the centre's huge specialist printing presses.



We have been pleased to be working with the Royal Academy again this year to complete a series of drawing workshops. This is an intensive but exciting day, where students have the opportunity to work from observation, and complete a series of experimental drawings, many of which students will use in their portfolios for university or college.



Miss Finlay

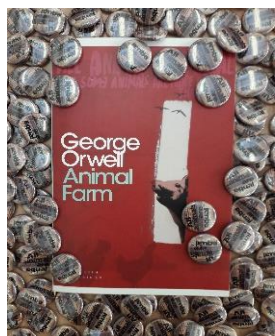
1	Butler	70
2	Seacole	60
3	Elgar	50
4	Austen	40
5	Newton	30
6	Luther King	20
7	Redgrave	10



Beaumont Library gets behind the Whole School Read

As in previous years, the school library will be at the centre of the new 'Beaumont Reads' scheme, promoting *Animal Farm* and supporting both students and school departments as they explore George Orwell's classic fable. We have created a number of *Animal Farm* displays around the school which will be used to showcase students' work and reviews. The librarians are also enjoying reading and analysing *Animal Farm* with a group of Year 9s during weekly English sessions. Last week we hosted a staff book club to discuss the book and to share thoughts, ideas and homemade, pig-themed biscuits!

All students and staff who read *Animal Farm* and write a book review can come to the library to claim an exclusive, custom-made pin badge. We have already received some very interesting and insightful reviews from students.



Here are the thoughts of Ellie in 7A: '*Animal Farm* is a really clever, great book. As the pigs turn into humans it shows what bad traits humans have. I think that the pigs are based on the Soviet Union and what was going on at the time. The story is of how rebellions can go wrong and how power corrupts.' Ellie is now wearing her 'All Animals Are Equal' badge with pride!

We will be supporting the whole school read with news and regular updates on our social media sites:

beaumontschool.library @BeauLibrary #BeaumontReads.

Mrs Shepard

GCSE Presentation Evening

It was a pleasure to see so many Year 12 students at the GCSE Presentation Evening and congratulations to all of them for their hard work during this year's summer exams. Several students received awards during the evening and well done to all runners up and award winners:



Outstanding Achievement
James Barwick



Headteacher's Award
Luke Nixon



Outstanding Contribution to the School
Rebecca Oliver



Outstanding Contribution to the Community
Lauren King



Outstanding Progress
Zoe Kerly

Readathon raises thousands

Every year following exam week, the English department runs a Readathon with Year 7.

This year the Readathon raised £1,329, bringing the grand total raised by Beaumont to £21,406 since 1998, participating in a total of 20 Readathons. This is an incredible achievement and one marked in a letter received from Justine Daniels, the Chief Executive of the charity 'Read for Good': "On behalf of everyone at Read for Good, I would like to say a huge thank you for your efforts over the years and for your continuing support – it really does mean the world to us."

Ms McLean

