



As the Autumn term draws to a close it is good to reflect on the multiple success that the students have achieved thus far. Wendy & Peter was a particular highlight for me and at the time of writing, the PE Department have enjoyed the following successes:

- The Year 7 Girls' Basketball Team won the District Tournament and were third in the County Tournament.
- The Year 8/9 Girls' Basketball Team won the District and County Tournaments.
- The Year 9 Boys' Rugby Team are in the semi-final of their County Cup competition.
- At the time of writing, we still have six teams competing in the National Cup (U13, U14, U14 Elite, U18 Boys and U14, U18 Girls). The U14 Boys have made it to the quarter finals of the Elite National Cup.
- Rugby: U13 Boys were unbeaten in the County Tournament last week (there are no official winners and losers at that age group, but we essentially won it!). They have also won all their Saturday games too.
- U14 Boys have gone through to semi-finals of County Trophy, as have U18 Boys.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the BSA who, once again, put on a magical Christmas Fair. The school was transformed for the festive season with lots of visitors kick-starting their Christmas shopping. We are extremely grateful to all the volunteers for all their hard work in making the event a success.

I have been extremely impressed with the way Year 11 approached their mock examinations and this should stand them in good stead for next summer. We wish Ms Atsiaris, Head of D&T, all the best as she is moving on at the end of term and I would like to thank her for her hard work and excellent Product Design and GCSE results. Replacing her as Head of D&T is Ms I Johal.

Finally, I would like to wish all the Beaumont community a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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 6 January			INSET Day (no students in school)
Tuesday 7 January	8.25am		Students return to school
Wednesday 8 January	6.00pm	Hall	Flogaria Ski Trip Parent Information Evening
Thursday 9 January	2.00pm		Students dismissed early for Sixth Form Open Evening
	6.00pm		Sixth Form Open Evening
Saturday 11 January	7.00pm	Hall	Beaumont Big Band Ten Year Anniversary Concert
Monday 13 January	9.00am	C1/C2	Year 10-13 National Youth Theatre auditions
	9.30am		Sixth Form open morning tours for external students
	5.00pm	Block A & D	Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 14 January	9.30am		Sixth Form open morning tours for external students
Wednesday 15 January	8.25am	Old Gym	Year 13 mock exam period commences (until 24/01/20)
	7.00pm	Verulam School	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 16 January	6.30pm	Sandringham School	Sixth Form Open Evening
Monday 20 January	8.40am		Year 9 SLT interviews (continue until 28/01/20)
Wednesday 22 January	6.30pm	Conference Room	Resources Committee Meeting
Thursday 23 January			Curriculum Enrichment Day
	8.30am	London	Year 12 Photography Workshop and Exhibition
	8.40am		Year 11 MFL Mock Orals
	7.30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee Meeting
Tuesday 28 January	5.00pm	C1/C2/Hall	Year 13 Drama practical exam to external examiner
Wednesday 29 January	5.00pm	C1/C2/Hall	Year 13 Drama practical exam
	6.30pm	Conference Room	Community Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting
Thursday 30 January	6.00pm	Hall & classrooms	Year 9 Options Parent Information Evening



Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 9 January 2020
6.00pm – 8.45pm

Happy Christmas from the Music Department

Beaumont's Christmas Concert was once again a hugely successful evening, featuring performances from vocal and instrumental groups, led by both students and staff. The evening culminated in a massed performance of Christopher Tin's Grammy-winning piece, 'Baba Yetu'.

Mr Guinane



Spanish Exchange

Our Spanish Exchange students have seen a lot of their Beaumont partners recently! Our students were in Spain last April on the exchange, some students then visited each other in the summer holidays and some Spanish students have returned again for the exchange 2019/2020.

On Tuesday 3 December, the Spanish students were warmly welcomed by our Beaumont families and could not believe their luck with the weather during their stay. Our Beaumont parents have been extremely supportive, giving their time and attention. Indeed, one of our students in the photo even had a birthday party so, in Spanish style, we all have to join in. *Feliz cumpleaños NB!*

During a day trip to London, the Spanish students visited Winter Wonderland and went ice skating. They also visited Cambridge. We are all looking forward to the return journey in February 2020.

Mrs Bennett



Year 7 visit the theatre

Each year the English department organises a trip for Year 7 to see a show in London's West End. In the past, Year 7 have had the opportunity to see Aladdin, The School of Rock, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

This year we saw Matilda The Musical and it was fantastic! Miss Trunchbull was frighteningly scary: Bruce Bogtrotter was made to eat the chocolate cake as in the film classic, the famous 'pigtail' scene was phenomenal, and we all squealed when the newt crawled up 'the Trunchbull's' leg. It was a brilliant evening and a wonderful show.

Ms McLean





Year 10 visit Epping Forest

It was a cold but dry November day when our Year 10 Geographers visited a beautifully autumnal Epping Forest to collect data for their GCSE rivers investigation.

Their focus and engagement were admirable throughout and we returned home with lots of useful outcomes. Thank you to everyone involved.

Mrs Baker

Open Diving Competition

Congratulations to Sophie Kemp (10E) who won a silver medal when she competed at the National Irish Open Diving Competition in November.

Mr Tolley

Year 13 students visit Countess Anne Primary School

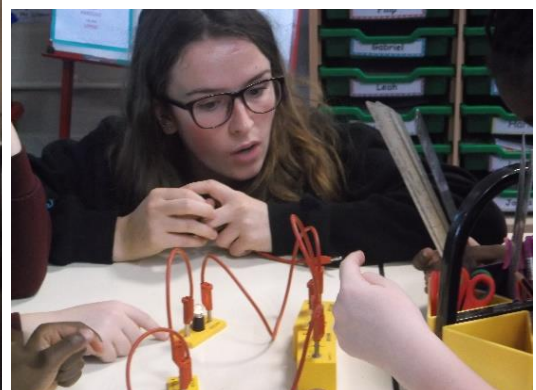
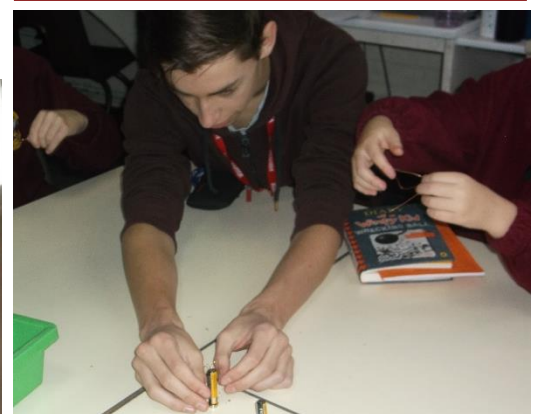
As part of a Science outreach project, six Year 13 students recently went to teach Year 4 students at Countess Anne Primary School. The topic they delivered was about electricity; the lesson started with a demonstration of the Van der Graaf generator, followed by a workshop of five activities ranging from making a simple motor, to modelling how electricity flows around a circuit. The activities were very well received, with one Year 4 student describing it as 'top notch'. I subsequently received the following email from the Deputy Headteacher:

"Thank you so much for bringing your students along to visit Countess Anne School today. I was so impressed with the way they inspired our Year 4 students and reinforced their learning about electricity."

Their interactions with our students were respectful and patient, providing Year 4 with excellent role models."

The Year 13 students involved were Amy Cowan, Josephine Gunton, Ed Harrison, Ben Morgan, Emily Pidcock and Alex Saunders. Very well done to them all!

Dr Jones



Beaumont students read their way to the Kids' Lit Quiz UK National Final

We entered two teams of Year 8 students into this year's Kids' Lit Quiz (KLQ), which is an annual competition for 10-13 year olds. The KLQ is run across the world and tests the competitors' knowledge of literature. Our students took part in the North London Heat on Wednesday 27 November at Queenswood School, Hatfield. They were up against 23 other teams and all represented the school brilliantly, answering one hundred book-related questions. At the end of the quiz, we were thrilled to find out that Beaumont Team 1 had seen off the rest of the competition and won the heat. By finishing in top spot, the team of four booked their place in the KLQ UK National Final which took place just a week later at The City of London School.



The final itself was a fantastic day out for the team. They pitted their book knowledge against eighteen teams from schools across the UK. There were 75 questions in total, spread over five rounds on different themes including authors, legendary heroes and families in literature. Unlike the heats, questions in the final had to be answered on a buzzer which certainly added to the tension and excitement in the room! The Beaumont students put in an admirable performance, answering questions in every round, which was no mean feat given the number of teams and the speed of the buzzers.

Our team finished mid-table on the day, which is a superb achievement. Around four hundred schools take part in the KLQ in the UK so we couldn't be prouder of Callum, Eliza, Emily and Thomas for reaching the final. Our thanks also go to Billy, Megan, Ruby and Zac in Beaumont Team 2 for their hard work in the North London heat. All eight students displayed an impressively broad knowledge of children's books and literature in general. Congratulations on demonstrating where reading can take you!

Mrs Sheppard



Celebrating *Animal Farm* across the curriculum

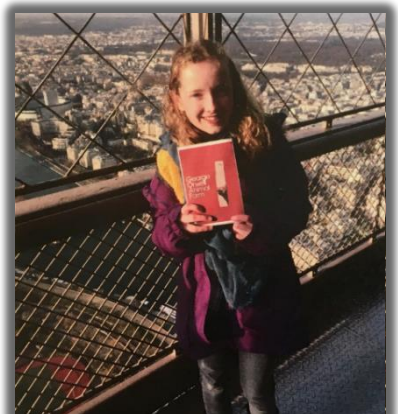
Since launching *Animal Farm* as our whole school read, departments across the school have been setting challenges and tasks to encourage students to explore the book from a number of different angles. Here are some of the ways students can participate in this year's Beaumont Reads scheme, with some fantastic examples!



Computer Science: design an alternative book cover for *Animal Farm* (Monsoon 7A and Laila 7N)



Art: paint an *Animal Farm* themed rock (Daniel 7R)



English: take a photo of yourself reading the book in an interesting location (Ruby 8S at the Eiffel Tower!)

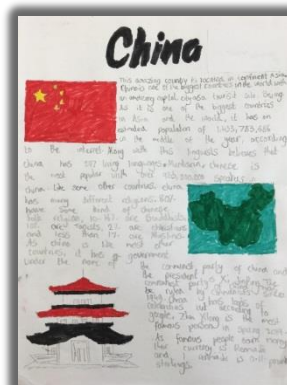
Tasks from other departments include:

Drama: read the play script of *Animal Farm* and write a new scene

MFL: translate some of the text from the German language edition of *Animal Farm* into English

Music: find a song that symbolises freedom and equality

History: find similarities between the Russian Revolution and the world of *Animal Farm*



Geography: create a fact file on Russia or China (Thanisran 7S)