



This month I would like to pay tribute to the BSA (Beaumont School Association) and the fantastic work they have done once again in supporting Beaumont School. At last week's committee meeting, over £31,000 of funds were allocated to bring benefits to many departments. I am particularly delighted that we have raised sufficient funds to replace the school minibus. I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to get involved with helping out and supporting events laid on by the BSA in order to support the terrific team.

On Thursday 9 January 2020 we held a tremendous Sixth Form Open Evening. As well as the majority of our Year 11s, over 200 external students took the opportunity to look around and consider joining Beaumont. We have received lots of positive feedback particularly about the Sixth Form students who helped out on the evening, both within the subjects and those meeting and greeting. I hope this goes to swell our numbers for next year.

All the best to our Year 13 students and their mock exams which should provide excellent preparation for the real thing in the summer.

**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 3 February	6.00pm	Hall	Year 10-11 Lake Garda trip Parent Information Evening
	7.00pm	Hall	Year 12-13 Iceland trip Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 4 February	5.00pm	Block A & D	Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 5 February	1.45pm	Hall	Animal Farm Celebration Talk by Richard Blair
Thursday 6 February	8.45am	Old Gym	Year 9-10 Intermediate Maths Challenge
	5.00pm	Palace Theatre	Year 10-13 Drama trip to Harry Potter Part One
	6.30pm	Conference Room	Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 7 February	9.00am		Year 11 Sixth Form application deadline
	9.00am		Year 9 options deadline
	5.00pm	Palace Theatre	Year 10-13 Drama trip to Harry Potter Part Two
Saturday 8 February	9.00am	Hall	Dance Display 2020 dress rehearsal
Monday 10 February	7.00pm	Hall	Dance Display 2020
Tuesday 11 February	7.00pm	Hall	Dance Display 2020
Wednesday 12 February			Spanish Exchange (Beaumont to Spain, return 19/02/20)
	12.05pm	Hall	Year 7 Author visit by Cliff McNish
	1.00pm	St Peter's Church	Music Concert
	5.00pm	Block A & D	Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 14 February			<b>INSET Day (no students in school)</b>
		Folgaria, Italy	Year 7-12 Ski trip to Italy (return 21/02/20)
Monday 17 February			<b>Half term holiday</b>
Monday 24 February			Students return to school
	8.40am	Hall	Public Speaking round two
Wednesday 26 February	12.05pm	Hall	Year 8 Author visit by Malcolm Duffy
	7.00pm	Hall	University Information Evening
Thursday 27 February	8.40am	Hall/C1/C2	Year 11 GCSE Drama practical exam
	11.00am		Governor day in school
	3.00pm	Conference Room	Full Governing Body extended meeting
	3.30pm	Dining Hall	Second hand uniform sale
Friday 28 February	8.30am	London	Year 10 Triple Science trip to Science Live
	8.40am	Hall/C1/C2	Year 11 GCSE Drama practical exam
Saturday 29 February	8.45am		Duke of Edinburgh training day



### Year 7 Castle Competition

Year 7 have produced some fantastic work for the annual castle building competition. This is linked in with the topic that they were studying from October to December: the impact of the Norman invasion on England.

A significant part of this was the introduction of castles to England, starting with the Norman version. The Motte-and-bailey castle which then evolved across the centuries to the enormous stone strongholds that litter the countryside of the British Isles today. Students could create an accurate representation of a castle from any of these eras.

There was a significant amount of effort displayed by all students who participated, but, in the end, the History Department selected the following students: Beth Scarborough (7R) first, Tilly Foulds (7B) second and Tom Clinton (7R) third because of their excellent combination of accuracy and creativity. Well done to the other 28 students who entered and who will each receive a postcard for their efforts.

Miss Pearson



### Duke of Edinburgh Award

Beaumont DofE is very grateful to the BSA for the purchase of eight brand new tents to replace worn out kit and to help us offer DofE to more students in Year 10.

Thank you for the continued support.

Ms Dickson



### Chickenshed

On Friday 7 January, ten staff members piled into cars and ventured off to Cockfosters! Why? Well we had the privilege to go and see Thomas Light (10R) in the annual Christmas show at Chickenshed.

We had no idea what to expect and we had also not told Thomas we were coming. He was very shocked to see us but I think secretly thrilled! The show itself was amazing. The dedication of the performers and the sheer brilliance of the whole production was a real eye opener. It was dynamic and fast paced and the original score complemented the story.

Chickenshed prove that drama is a great leveller. The performers have a complete mix of abilities and all had a very important part to play. Watching Thomas in this show I feel the enjoyment was felt both by him as the performer and us as the audience. I for one can't wait to see next year's production. Thank you Thomas. Miss Stewart



Fancy a day at  
Batchwood Golf & Country Club?

Join us for the inaugural

## Beaumont School Charity Golf Day

Friday 24 April 2020

Contact:  
David Powell  
07990 525418  
Ralph Renner  
07582 631102

All welcome, no handicap required





## Big Band celebrates ten years

As well as celebrating ten years of the Big Band under the direction of Mr Guinane with its usual high standard of jazz, we were delighted to welcome back a number of alumni to join us in what was a very special day and evening.

With prosecco on arrival, the audience was treated to a first half of jazz numbers from the current Beaumont Big Band, featuring Miss Shepherd, Year 12 students Lauren King and Caius Datt as guest singers. Drawing upon their ever-growing repertoire, highlights included the famous *Harlem Nocturne*, which the Big Band will also be playing at the Royal Albert Hall in the Herts Gala on Sunday 8 March.

After being fed by the BSA in the interval, the current band was joined by 17 former members of the big band, some of whom left the school in 2013. We were greeted with a formidable wall of sound as the band opened the second half with *One O'Clock Jump* (which also opened the Beaumont Arts Celebration in 2017). Emma Doherty (class of 2013) treated us to a sublime rendition of *When I fall in Love*, and the return of the Beaumont Barbershop Quartet (class of 2016) brought back some fond memories.

The years and years of hard work from Mr Guinane and the band truly paid off, and the energy of the current band and alumni combined was really quite special. Thank you to the alumni for returning and to the BSA for organising the food and refreshments, as well as decorating our school hall. Ms Doan



## National Cup Football

Well done to our football teams, many of whom have had great cup runs in this year's National Cup. Five teams still remain in the draws. Hundreds of schools enter each year, for each age group, so this is a brilliant achievement! The following teams are still in the competitions:

### BOYS

U13

Round 6 (last 32)

U14

Round 6 (last 32)

U14 Elite

Round 4 (quarter final)

U18

Round 6 (last 32)

### GIRLS

U14

Round 5 (last 32)

Mr Tolley



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Did you know that you can text our school nurse? Send a message to **07480 635050** for confidential health advice and support. This service is also available during school holidays.

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## Students meet award-winning author Lisa Thompson, St Albans Schools' Book Award Discussion Day

Thirteen of our Year 7s had a fantastic day out in December when they represented Beaumont at the annual St Albans Schools' Book Award (SASBA) 2019. The SASBA is a collaborative initiative aimed at encouraging reading and bringing together students from local Hertfordshire schools. Students who take part are required to read the three fiction books shortlisted by their school librarians. The books on the 2019 shortlist were: *Boy Underwater* by Adam Baron, *The Children of Castle Rock* by Natasha Farrant and *No Fixed Address* by Susin Nielsen.

The award process culminated in a Discussion Day at St Columba's College in December. Around 60 students from eight schools took part in this year's SASBA and, as in previous years, the Discussion Day was a busy event. Students spent time sharing their thoughts and opinions on the shortlisted titles, they were treated to video messages from each of the shortlisted authors and also took part in a number of quizzes with the chance to win books and sweets! At the end of the discussion, each student was asked to vote for the book they wanted to win this year's award.

The day was made even more memorable when writer Lisa Thompson, winner of last year's SASBA for her book *The Goldfish Boy*, joined us at St Columba's. Lisa listened to all the students' book discussions and then gave a very engaging talk about her work and her books, from rough outline to first draft to publication. The students thoroughly enjoyed hearing Lisa describe her journey to becoming a writer, especially when she told them that when she was 4 years old she actually wanted to be Wonder Woman!



At the end of the day, Lisa revealed the results of the student vote, announcing *No Fixed Address* by Susin Nielsen as the winner of the SASBA 2019. Many congratulations to Susin Nielsen who holds a special place at Beaumont since she visited the school back in 2018 all the way from her home in Canada. Susin's books for young people tackle tough

social issues with warmth and humour and are always popular with our readers.

We would like to thank the thirteen Year 7 readers who brought their enthusiasm and book knowledge to the Discussion Day.

Congratulations also to Lilah B. for winning this year's SASBA Design a Bookmark competition.

*'I think it was a really good opportunity to do things with students from other schools and to listen to an author talk about her life, books and inspiration! A really good event!'* Martha B

*'I loved how we got to work with other people, people we didn't know. It was a brilliant experience to hear about Lisa Thompson's life and books. An amazing and fun event.'* Lilah B

For all the Beaumont Library news, book reviews and updates please visit us on social media:

Instagram  @beaumontschool.library

Twitter  @BeauLibrary

Ms Shepard




### Parental Leave Coaching



At the Alban Teaching School Alliance we invest in our staff development at every stage of their teaching journey. (Thanks to funding from the DfE Equalities and Diversity team). We have partnered with The Maternity/Teacher Paternity/Teacher Project to offer coaching to teachers choosing to complete CPD on parental leave.

We know that supporting staff members effectively whilst they are on parental leave will help to retain excellent teachers and diversify the leadership pipeline. The MTPT Project offer three coaching models:

- A two-module Accreditation unit for teachers choosing to complete personal and professional development whilst they are on parental leave
- Return to work coaching for teachers returning from parental leave
- Transition coaching for teachers who have returned to work following parental leave within the last five years

The Alban Teaching School Alliance knows that this support is a key enabler of talent progression and a crucial contributor to achieving a more equal gender balance in school leadership.

Explore further at [www.mtpt.org.uk/accreditation](http://www.mtpt.org.uk/accreditation) or email [enquiries@albantsa.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@albantsa.co.uk) for more information.




## MTPT Project

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### Back to School..... and Beyond



**Programme begins – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

**Programme to include**

- 5 professional learning sessions
- School immersion day
- 1-2-1 coaching with Senior Management Coach and Consultant
- Online Personal Profiling Assessment

This programme will support, guide and empower individuals to return to the classroom after a career break.

Delegates will approach key areas of personal development including next steps coaching, strengths and self-belief work, building networks, a school observation day, time management and bespoke teaching and learning support e.g. behaviour management.

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Email: [enquiries@albantsa.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@albantsa.co.uk)  
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**Who for:**

Teachers looking to return to the classroom following a career break. This break could be for a range of reasons including maternity leave or paternity leave.

**Cost:**

Free of charge

**Outcomes:**

- To enable individuals to feel confident to apply for teaching positions or return to work following a career break
- To enable delegates to access individually tailored, bespoke coaching with an external senior management coach and consultant
- To give individuals the confidence to seek positions that they may have felt were unattainable
- To provide returner teachers with a professional network
- To update and refresh teaching skills and experience following a career break
- To provide delegates with next steps support through Alban TSA Professional Learning opportunities

**Timetable:**

Session 1	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2020, 4pm-5.30pm, Sandringham School
Session 2	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020, 9.30-11.30am, Sandringham School
Session 3	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020, 9.30-11.30am, Sandringham School
Session 4	School Immersion day
Session 5	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020, 9.30-11.30am, Sandringham School
Session 6	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2020, 9.30-11.30am, Sandringham School

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## BeauSandVer Courses for Adults & Children starting February 2020

We have had a record number of people enrol on our courses this term – woodwork is over-subscribed so we will be seeing if we can offer an extra class, as we will for the popular Restorative Yoga Saturday Workshop at Sandringham School. We have a thriving brand new Spanish Beginners class which started this term at Beaumont.

There are many courses which start in February so please look through the list to see if anything appeals to you as the evenings start to get lighter! Students are welcome to join the choir, yoga, jazz band, Pilates and Coding Club at any time of the term. **To book or for information, call 01727 754113 or email [carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk](mailto:carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk)**

### Introduction to Working in Health and Social Care (adults aged 19 upwards)

Introductory course for those looking for a change of career or considering their first job in this industry

27 February to 26 March                      Thursdays 9.15am to 11.15am                      Fee £25  
<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/introduction-to-working-in-health-and-social-care/>

### Creative Writing

Suitable for beginners

2 March to 30 March                      Mondays 7.30pm to 9.30pm                      Fee £55  
<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/creative-writing-for-adults-aged-18-upwards/>

### Introduction to Roman Latin and Culture

Learning Latin and discussing Roman stories in Latin and English – suitable for those with some Latin already

25 February to 31 March                      Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.00pm                      Fee £63  
<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/introduction-to-latin-and-roman-culture/>

### Ancient Greek for beginners (adults)

Ideal for beginners interested in learning Ancient Greek and reading Greek texts

6 February to 2 April                      Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.30pm                      Fee £63  
<https://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/ancient-greek-for-beginners/>

### Art Textiles and Creative Embroidery (adults and students over 16)

Explore your creativity with fabric, using sewing machines and hand-stitching

26 February to 25 March                      Wednesdays 7.30 to 9.30pm                      Fee £45  
<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/art-textiles-creative-embroidery-age-16-suitable-for-beginners-intermediate/>

### Contemporary Dance for children in Years 3 – 6 ..... try a session for free

A fluid dance style incorporating movements from jazz, ballet, modern and break-dancing – an exciting and creative way for young dancers to express themselves – new dancers welcome to join after half term

24 February to 30 March                      Mondays 4.00pm to 4.45pm                      Fee £30 for six sessions  
<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/contemporary-dance-for-junior-children-yrs-3-to-6/>

### Street Dance for children in Years 3 – 6 ..... try a session for free

Suitable for beginners as well as more experienced dancers. Learn hip hop and street dance moves, popping and locking to create dynamic dance sequences – new dancers welcome to join after half term

24 February to 30 March                      Mondays 4.45 pm to 5.30pm                      Fee £30 for six sessions  
<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/street-dance-class-for-juniors-yrs-3-6/>

### Lino Printing for beginners/continuers (adults)

A very effective and versatile way of creating striking images, especially for beginners. Create and print your own unique images on paper or fabric. Materials will be provided

24 February to 30 March                      Mondays 7.00pm to 9.00pm                      £90 for six sessions  
<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/lino-printing-for-beginners-adults-only/>

### Mosaic Course for beginners

Learn how to cut glass mosaic tiles, plan and execute your image effectively. Taught by experienced mosaic artist

25 February to 31 March                      Tuesdays 7.00pm – 9.00pm                      £90 for six sessions inc all materials  
<https://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/glass-mosaic-course-for-adults/>

**Jazz Band, Thursday evenings** <http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/community-jazz-band-19/>

**Choir, Wednesday evenings** <http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/community-choir/>

**Pilates, Tuesday/Thursday evenings** <http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/pilates/>

**Gentle Yoga, Wednesday evenings** <http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/gentle-yoga-class/>

