



I was pleased to see the publication of the National League Tables at the end of January. The new information available is based on Sixth Form progress and attainment so I was delighted to find that Beaumont's Level 3 Value Added score was the highest of all schools in St Albans. This measures progress between students' GCSE results and their final A Level scores. When this is alongside the average attainment grade which was a 'B,' it demonstrates the terrific offer that Beaumont puts on for Sixth Form students.

It is that time of year when our Year 11 and 13 classes are really starting to step up their efforts in a big push to prepare for their final examinations. I would like to thank parents/carers in advance for their support in facilitating revision and encouraging and reminding their children to work hard, to be as prepared as possible whilst also making some time for exercise and social time to avoid burn out.

Martin Atkinson

Date	Time	Location	Event * (correct at time of publication, check website for the most up to date information)
Tuesday 3 March	8.30am	British Film Institute	Year 10 GCSE Spanish Film Study Day
	7.30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee Meeting
Wednesday 4 March			Curriculum Enrichment Day
Thursday 5 March			Year 10 interim reports issued
	5.00pm	The Barn Theatre	Year 9 Welwyn Youth Drama Festival Competition
Sunday 8 March	7.30am	Royal Albert Hall	Choir & Big Band performance at the Herts Gala
Monday 9 March		Swanage	Year 12 Geography field trip (returns 11/03/20)
	3.30pm	Music Block	Beaumont student auditions for Rob's Festival
Tuesday 10 March	6.30pm	Conference Room	Resources Committee meeting
Thursday 12 March		FSC Juniper Hall A06	Year 13 Biology field trip (returns 13/03/20)
			Year 9 DTP/Meningitis ACWY injections
			Year 8 interim reports issued
	3.30pm	Music Block	Beaumont student auditions for Rob's Festival
	6.30pm	Sixth Form Centre	Resilience in Young People Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 17 March			Year 9 French Exchange (French students to Beaumont)
	11.20am	Hall	Game Over performance to Year 9 students
	1.50pm	Hall	Game Over performance to Year 10 students
	7.00pm	Hall	Game Over performance
Wednesday 18 March	11.30am	Hall	Game Over performance to local invited schools
	2.00pm	Hall	Game Over performance to local invited schools
	7.00pm	Hall	Game Over performance
Thursday 19 March			Year 13 reports issued
	5.00pm	Block A & D	Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening
	6.30pm	Conference Room	Community, Teaching & Learning Committee meeting
Tuesday 24 March	1.00pm	Fielder Centre	Year 12 Science visit to Future Heroes 2020
	5.00pm	Block A & D	Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 25 March	5.00pm	Hall/C1/C2	Year 10 devised Drama performance exam
	6.30pm	Conference Room	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 26 March	8.30am		Year 11 panoramic photograph
			Year 11 full reports issued
	5.00pm	Hall/C1/C2	Year 10 devised Drama performance exam
Friday 27 March	7.00pm	Hall	Year 10 World Challenge fundraising quiz
Sunday 29 March	5.00pm	TBC	Joint concert with County Youth Choir
Tuesday 31 March	8.40am	Hall	Public speaking final
	7.00pm	Hall	Easter concert

Year 7 Curriculum Enrichment Day (RNS)

A fun day was had by all students in Year 7RNS when they took part in a Chocolate Factory Production Line during the recent Curriculum Enrichment Day. The packaging for the chocolate was made in Product Design, the decoration in Resistant Materials and the labels in Textiles.

Here is what the students had to say:

"I enjoyed the day because it taught me about batch production which is a great skill for making."

"I loved the different activities; they were fun and the chocolate tasted really good."

Mrs Denton



**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**

**or
Ralph Renner
07582 631102**

**All welcome
no handicap required**

From the Governors

The February half term marks the halfway point of the school year. For our Year 9 students, the process of selecting and submitting their GCSE options is now complete. The Parents' Information Evening on 30th January was well attended. I observed numerous parents commenting on the ever growing and impressive facilities available to our students.

In the first of 2020's Community, Teaching and Learning Committee meetings, we received a report detailing a review of the Maths Department. Students interviewed as part of the review gave positive feedback on the use of tools such as Hegarty Maths in supporting their learning.

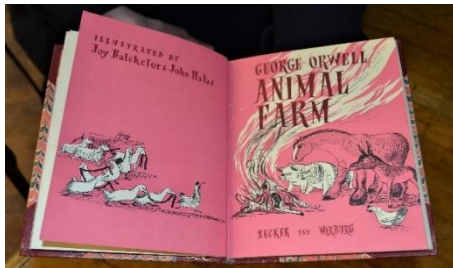
On Thursday 27 February, the governing body will be spending the entire day in school. In the morning, we will spend time with students and staff in lessons; in the afternoon, we will be discussing areas such as succession planning and long term strategy. The feedback that the school receives from parents remains as ever an essential component in helping inform our thinking and shaping our discussions. The Ofsted ParentView site is one such source of information we utilise. Please visit the website (<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>) and take the opportunity to feed back on your child's experience of the school.

Peter Mayne

Vice Chair CTL Committee

Celebrating our whole school read with a very special visit from with Richard Blair

Beaumont students and staff were given a fascinating insight into the life of writer George Orwell when his son, Richard Blair, visited the school in February. *Animal Farm*, Orwell's classic fable and political allegory, has been our whole school read for 2019/20 and we were delighted that Mr Blair could join us to celebrate and bring the curtain down on this year's 'Beaumont Reads' scheme. Over the past three months, students and staff have been exploring *Animal Farm* through a variety of cross-curricular events and activities. This is our fifth whole school read and, as in previous years, all those who read the book and wrote a review received a commemorative badge. Students were very keen to add this year's 'All Animals Are Equal' badge to their Beaumont Reads collection!



During his visit, Mr Blair joined staff for lunch in the library. He then addressed around 150 students from Years 7 to 11 in the Hall. In an enthralling talk, Mr Blair shared childhood stories and family photographs, bringing to life many of the events that shaped George Orwell's writing. In a Q and A session, Mr Blair also answered a number of interesting questions from the students, many of which focused on *Animal Farm*. At the end of his talk, Mr Blair showed some of the students a special edition of *Animal Farm*, beautifully bound and personally dedicated to him.

Mr Blair brought a very personal touch to our Beaumont Reads scheme. Students and staff spoke highly of his visit. Here is what some of our students had to say:

"I am really happy that Richard Blair came. I know he isn't able to visit everyone and I'm proud he came to Beaumont. I really enjoyed learning about George Orwell." Thomas (7N)

"I learned a lot that I would otherwise not have known and it encouraged me to read more of Orwell's books." Kathryn (7S)

"I really enjoyed meeting Richard Blair because he told us things about George Orwell that you could never learn from a book." Ruby C. 8S

"It was very interesting to learn about George Orwell's life, both in the UK and abroad, and to discover more about a man who before had just been a name on a book." Billy (8R)

"Thank you, Richard Blair, for continuing to inspire and educate our generation." Jachym (10L)



Animal Farm has been a very successful whole school read, engaging students across the year groups. This is testament to the enduring relevance of Orwell's political satire which continues to resonate with readers 75 years after it was published.

Mrs Shepard

Swimming Champion

Many congratulations to Megan Gray (8A) who recently competed at the Hertfordshire ASA County Swimming Championship 2020.

Megan won eight gold medals and six silver medals. She also won the silver medal in the 10 to 15 age group in the 50m Breaststroke. Megan's results meant that she was the best overall female swimmer in her age group at the championships.



Miss Fraser



LGBT+

On Monday 27 January YC Support Worker Alex Scott visited Beaumont to spend some time with our wonderful, caring and supportive LGBT+ group.

Alex found our group to be "so passionate and insightful it is truly inspiring!" Alex talked to our students about the services available for them and the support that is out there. We are hoping that Alex will continue to visit our school in the future and that the community will receive all the support that it deserves.

Mrs Bennett



BeauSandVer Courses for Adults & Children March Update 2020

Classes with HAFLS

We work with Herts Adult and Family Learning to offer highly subsidised vocational courses for people interested in either returning to work or moving to different career paths. We have run most of these courses before for parents with excellent feedback.

It would be helpful to find out which courses might be of interest to Beaumont parents. Courses available include:

- Introduction to Working in Health and Social Care (adults aged 19 upwards)
- Introduction to Working in the Film and Television Industry
- Introduction to Working in Customer Services in the Retail Industry
- Succeed and Get that Job
- Assertiveness and Communication Skills
- Boost Your Confidence

To register your interest in the courses or find out more, please email:

carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk

Courses running in March

Creative Writing

This term, we'll be creating characters who are true to life, or at least true to themselves. When we confront these characters with a problem to solve, we'll see how the story begins to take-off. Suitable for beginners as well as more experienced writers

2 March to 30 March

Mondays 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Fee £55

<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/creative-writing-for-adults-aged-18-upwards/>

Courses starting next term

Ancient Greek for Beginners for Adults

Ideal for beginners interested in learning Ancient Greek and reading Greek texts. We are looking at starting this class now at the end of April on Wednesday evenings.

Please email carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk if you might be interested

<https://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/ancient-greek-for-beginners/>

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/>

Art Textiles

Wednesday evenings

<http://www.bsvcourses.co.uk/art-textiles-creative-embroidery-age-16-suitable-for-beginners-intermediate/>

