



Once again can I start by thanking all the Beaumont community for their support in these difficult times. I have been very impressed with the students' flexibility in adapting to our new routines and I am very grateful for all the work the staff have put in to ensure we are still providing an excellent education. We recently ran a Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening online and it seems to have been very successful and gives more confidence going forward with the new system.

The Sixth Form team have been working hard and we have sent off 30 Oxbridge applications this year and the students have made good use of the Unifrog software we bought into last year. Elsewhere, extra-curricular activities have begun on a small scale and, predictably, it poured with rain when Year 7 football training began!

I hope the students can have a restful half term and that they keep safe following all the local guidance.

Martin Atkinson

Date	Time	Location	Event – <u>all may be subject to change due to Covid</u> (correct at time of printing, please check website for updates)
Monday 2 November		Conference Room	Students return to school Portuguese/Turkish/Latin/Eng Lang/Italian GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
Tuesday 3 November	9.00am	A06	Year 7 nasal flu immunisations
Wednesday 4 November		Conference Room	Maths GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
Thursday 5 November		Conference Room	Eng Lang GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
Friday 6 November		Virtual event	University Admissions testing Latin/Maths/Turkish/Eng Lit GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
Monday 9 November		Conference Room	University Admissions testing
Tuesday 10 November		Conference Room	Year 11 BSA Educational Trust Parent Information Eve
Wednesday 11 November		Conference Room	Non uniform day for BSA Christmas Fair Portuguese GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
Thursday 12 November		D22/Conference Room	Maths/Italian GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
Monday 16 November	6.30pm	Virtual meeting	Latin GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
Tuesday 17 November		D22/Conference Room	Year 11 study leave commences
Wednesday 18 November		Conference Room	Year 11 mock exams begin
Thursday 19 November		D22/Conference Room	Geog/Bengali/History/ GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
Friday 20 November		Virtual event	Polish/Eng Lit/D&T GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
Wednesday 25 November	5.00pm	Virtual meeting	Year 12 & 13 reports issued
Thursday 26 November		Virtual event	Resources Committee meeting
Friday 27 November			Russian/History GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
			Bengali/Geog GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
			Polish GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
			Community, Teaching & Learning Committee meeting
			History/Russian GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
			Year 7 & 8 reports issued
			Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening
			Geography GCSE exam (additional autumn series)
			Full Governing Body meeting
			Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening
			Year 11 mock exams and last day of Year 11 study leave
			Occasional Day (no students in school)

Horror books, tell us what tales chill you!

At the beginning of term, we asked each of our Year 7 and Year 8 students to fill in a reading questionnaire to give us a better understanding of what kind of books they like to read. Results showed just how many of our students enjoy horror books!

In response, we have created a 'Books to chill and thrill' display featuring a spine-tingling selection of horror, suspense and supernatural stories for all age groups. The collection is made up of books we already had in the library alongside new titles we have bought this term. Students can explore and reserve these books via our new library web app [Accessit](#) and the list of recommendations is available [here](#).

As always, we would love to hear which books our students have enjoyed as they are clearly experts in this genre! If any student has read a book in the horror genre that they would recommend to others but which isn't available from the Beaumont library, we encourage them to send us their recommendations and we can add them to our horror collection.

Students can send in their suggestions via our 'Library Matters' Google Classroom, which they can join using the following classroom code: **rocskp6**.

This is the Google Classroom we are using for all library-related matters, including information on how to use and make the most of our library web app Accessit. This app allows students to explore, reserve and renew books from home. They can also create their own personalised reading lists.

While the library space is closed to students, the Library Matters classroom will be a valuable line of communication, so it is important that students join by using the classroom code above. For more library news and book reviews, please visit our social media: Twitter @BeauLibrary and Instagram beaumontschool.library.

Mrs Shepard



From the Governors

The Resources Committee met for the first time this academic year in the middle of September, with considerable time spent looking at the systems put in place by the school to support learning in a COVID-secure manner. As we approach half term, it is a good time to reflect on these arrangements, which have largely been working very well.

The school is fortunate in having several entrances that can be used to minimise contact between bubbles. The major building projects over the past few years mean we have more space than some other schools although the ongoing building work has, in itself, created some additional challenges. Recently, however, we have been able to expand the space available at break and lunch and our new dining area is now available which will be invaluable as we move towards the winter months.

Another part of the remit of the Resources Committee is to consider staff workload and wellbeing. The current situation has resulted in significant additional workload to maintain a safe school environment while continuing to deliver outstanding learning. I would personally like to thank everyone in the Beaumont School community for their hard work, commitment and professionalism under incredible challenging conditions. The committee meets again later this term when we will continue to monitor the COVID situation, but will also focus on financial oversight as we prepare for filing our annual accounts.

David Lee, Chair, Resources Committee

Second hand uniform sales

A huge thank you to Carole O'Brien, the BSA, and all the helpers who coordinated three very successful second hand uniform sales recently.

All the helpers give up a vast amount of time to organise these sales, all of which have been held under strict controls and on a timed slot basis. A special thank you to Linda and Diane whose children left Beaumont many, many years ago and still give up their time!

We are delighted to announce that since July **£1487.98** has been raised plus £220 for mask sales, which, under the current circumstances, is an extra special boost to the BSA funds.



After a very productive BSA Zoom meeting on Tuesday 13 October the BSA will be arranging a number of fundraising events over the coming months - **see page four for further information!** We would be delighted if you could continue to support the school as much as possible. Thank you.



Squad: Ben Soll, Tom Flower, Sean Gallagher, Oliver Jay, Josh Toop, Freddie Yeo, Jake Cottingham, Owen Weaver, Finn Ball, Berite Postema, Alex Hails, Ed Purple, Oscar Noble, Sam Estell, Tijan Gerber, Adam Oldfield, Leon Negus-Roman

Wins: Monks Walk (Herts) **7-0** : Carshalton Boys Sport College (London Borough of Sutton) **4-2** Passmores Academy (Essex) **2-1** : St Andrew's College (Surrey) **3-0** : Hampton School for Boys (Surrey) **2-0** : East Leake Academy (Notts) **2-0** : George Abbot School (Surrey) **4-1**

Loss: Emerson Park Academy (Essex) **1-3**

Year 9 National Cup Semi Final Heartbreak

After waiting six months to play their National Cup semi-final, the Year 9 boys' football team finally managed to compete for the chance to take one step further to becoming national champions. The semi-final saw them up against Emerson Park Academy (Essex).

The game was evenly matched but early decisions didn't go our way, coupled with some clinical finishing from the opposition, meaning we weren't able to get the result we wanted, losing 3-1. Freddie Yeo scored the goal for Beaumont.

I am so proud of the team and how well they have done in this competition. With 691 teams entered, to get to the final four is an amazing achievement! After making the quarter final the previous season, they are trending in the right direction. Well done for all your commitment during this brilliant cup run.

Mr Tolley

Elite Football

It has been inspiring to see some of our Beaumont students making great strides in their football development.

Year 13 student Anouk Denton recently made her debut in the FA Women's Super League for Arsenal Women in the North London Derby vs Tottenham, with the Gunners winning 6-1. Anouk has also been a regular in the England Lionesses U17 squad this year. Well done!

Millie Constantine in Year 12 has been getting plenty of experience playing for London Bees in the FA Women's Championship. Millie was also a key member of the Herts Schools U16 squad, who made it to the National Cup semi-finals in March. Great work, Millie!

Year 10 student Romari Forde has made the leap over the hedge at the London Colney training grounds, to join Arsenal Academy from Watford. As an Arsenal supporter, this really is a dream move for Romari. Congratulations!

Will Houghton, also in Year 10, continues to impress for Luton Town Academy U15's and U16's, often playing a year out of age. Kombe Kawimbe makes up the trio of academy players in that year group, representing Cambridge United U15s. All three boys, along with George Still, were selected for Herts Schools U14 last season.

Year 13 student Alex Lankshear and ex-Beaumont student Declan Jackson have both gained experience playing for St Albans City men's 1st team already this season. They have also been part of the St Albans City U18 Academy, along with Year 12 students Leo Geymonat, Stefano Geymonat and Aaron Austin, who have made it through the first four rounds of qualifying in the FA Youth Cup. Next round at Clarence Park coming soon!



Anouk Denton (top left)
Romari Forde (top right)
Millie Constantine (bottom left)

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Extra-curricular Sport

Extra-curricular sport has always been an important part of school life at Beaumont. With the current COVID restrictions in place, the PE department is looking at ways to ensure we can get back to a comprehensive extra-curricular programme, whilst ensuring we are able to do so safely. Please do bear with us as we work through this. We are subject to different guidelines to grassroots clubs and many of the District and County competitions have been postponed until after the Christmas holidays. Our main priority is the safety of our students.

It has been wonderful to welcome our Year 7 students to basketball and football clubs over the last few weeks, to give them a taster of what Beaumont Sport and PE is all about. As you can imagine, there has been a lot of planning completed to get these sessions on. It is our intention to provide opportunities for remaining year groups after the half term break. However, it is simply not possible to have all our usual activities, for all year groups, running concurrently. Updates will be provided via your child's form tutor and you can follow us on Twitter @BeaumontPE for updates.

Mr Tolley

Chromebook Donation

A huge thank you to **Goss Environmental Coatings** who kindly donated £5000 to the school during lockdown. Managing Director, George Goss, who has two children at Beaumont, was very keen for the school to be able to loan a computer to any student who did not have access to a suitable device at home during the lockdown period.



Mr Goss requested that the donation was used to purchase Chromebooks and it enabled the school to buy 21 in total.

The Chromebooks made a real difference to our students and all within the school community are very grateful.



BSA Fundraising

We are delighted to announce a new BSA fundraising initiative to help enhance the children's outdoor space at school. As you will be aware, due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19 guidelines, the students at Beaumont are having to spend more time outside at mid-morning break and lunchtime during the school day. There are currently insufficient numbers of benches, tables, and covered areas for all the students to be able to sit and eat in their various designated outdoor spaces. The BSA and school have identified this as a priority for improvement and therefore we will be holding a number of fundraising events over the next few months with all money raised going specifically to this cause.

Non Uniform Day for the BSA

Christmas Fair

Friday 6 November 2020



All students are invited to come into school in non-school uniform and to make a cash donation as they arrive: staff will be at the entrances to the school with collecting buckets. A minimum donation suggested is £2 but obviously, we welcome larger donations.

Students needing to be in sports clothing on that day do not need to wear the school sports kit but they need to wear something that is suitable for PE lessons.

We appreciate that Sixth Formers do not wear school uniform anyway, but we would ask them to join the other students in bringing in a cash donation, as this event is to raise money for the whole school population including purchasing more seating for the area outside the Sixth Form Common Room.

Many thanks for your help and support.

Beaumont School



**SIGN UP TO TAKE PART IN
OUR BIG PTA QUIZ 2020
& HELP RAISE FUNDS**

£6 per person
7.30pm
20 November

Play in teams of 2-6 together or virtually, pay on Scopay
and email BSA@beaumont.school with your team
name and members

**GET YOUR
QUIZ ON!**

Get your thinking caps on with friends and
family and put your knowledge to the
test at the Big PTA Quiz 2020.

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