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Welcome back to all the students, staff, new staff and the new Year 7 students.

Firstly, can I start by thanking everyone for their hard work in following the new systems and routines that we have instigated to try and keep everybody safe. It has certainly not been easy but I would like to thank both staff and students for adapting to the new way of working.

Both our GCSE and A Level students did exceptionally well this summer and we have record numbers both staying on at school from Year 11 and going on to university from Year 13. 164 students have gone to university and 50% of these are into Russell Group universities. Our Year 12 is at a record of 254 students with over 100 joining us from elsewhere.

The Heras fencing around school is finally coming down as our current building projects come to an end. We will shortly begin to use the new dining area although I have altered my original plan due to COVID-19. With the removal of these fences I am hopeful of arranging more space for students to be able run around in at break and lunchtimes.

We will be looking to open up more extra-curricular opportunities when conditions allow so keep an eye out for notifications.

Thank you and all the best for the new academic year.

Martin Atkinson

Date	Time	Location	Event – all may be subject to change (correct at time of printing, please check website for updates)
Thursday 1 October	8.30am	C1/C2	Year 9 & Year 11 individual photographs
Monday 5 October	9.00am	Conference Room	Economics B A Level exam (additional autumn series)
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Tuesday 6 October	9.00am	Conference Room	Geography A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Wednesday 7 October	9.00am	Conference Room	History A Level exam (additional autumn series)
,	1.15pm	Conference Room	Maths A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Thurday 8 October	9.00am	Conference Room	English Lit A Level exam (additional autumn series)
	1.15pm	Conference Room	Further Maths A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Friday 9 October	9.00am	Conference Room	Physics A Level exam (additional autumn series)
	1.15pm	Conference Room	Economics A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Monday 12 October	9.00am	Conference Room	Biology A Level exam (additional autumn series)
	1.15pm	Conference Room	History A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Tuesday 13 October	1.15pm	Conference Room	Geography A Level exam (additional autumn series)
	7.00pm	Virtual	Year 11 and Beyond Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 14 October	9.00am	Conference Room	English Lit A Level exam (additional autumn series)
	1.15pm	Conference Room	Maths A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Thursday 45 Ostal	6.30pm	Conference Room	Full Governing Body committee meeting
Thursday 15 October	9.00am	Conference Room	Physics A Level exam (additional autumn series)
	1.15pm	Conference Room	Further Maths A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Friday 16 October	1.15pm 9.00am	Conference Room Conference Room	Economics A Level exam (additional autumn series) Biology A Level exam (additional autumn series)
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	1.15pm	Conference Room	French A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Monday 19 October	1.15pm	Conference Room	Maths A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Tuesday 20 October	8.25am	A06 (Old Gym)	Year 8 HPV 1 injections
. 40044, 20 00,000	9.00am	Conference Room	Geography A Level exam (additional autumn series)
	1.15pm	Conference Room	Further Maths A Level exam (additional autumn series)
	1.15pm	Conference Room	Biology A Level exam (additional autumn series)
	5.00pm	Virtual	Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 21 October	9.00am	Conference Room	Physics A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Thursday 22 October	9.00am	Conference Room	French A Level exam (additional autumn series)
Monday 26 October			Half term holiday (students return Monday 2 November)

Year 8 Book Project

Despite the fact that Year 8 students were unable to visit local primary schools in the summer term, the English Department's long running Children's Book Project still took place.

All our students were paired with a 'little buddy' and given information about their interests (mud kitchen, junk modelling, Frozen and so on).

We were delighted with how so many Year 8 students fully engaged with online lessons and produced wonderful books that were suitably written and designed for young readers. These were shared electronically with our local primary schools.

After examining professional children's books like The Tunnel by Anthony Browne and The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson, students were given further instruction on suitable plot lines, characterisation and artistic tips on design and illustration.

It was extremely difficult to decide which books to share in this edition of Beaumont Life. Here are a few of our favourites.

Thank you to students for their effort on this project! **Mr Tatham**



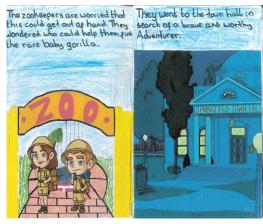
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Joel (9E)







Lara (9R)







MISY and KAROLINA'S Amazing Adventure!





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Congratulations to a few Year 12 students who, during lockdown, volunteered for the challenge of extra online learning through ETONX. Courses such as writing and research skills were requested and the students continued to apply themselves to furthering their independent learning and development. Impressive commitment and many congratulations on their certificates.

Mrs Bennett

Poetry Competition Success

Well done to Year 12 student Helen Ross who entered the 2020 Young People's Poetry Competition from Chester Cathedral.

We are delighted that Helen came in third place in the 16-18-year-old category. Her poem can be found on:

http://online.fliphtml5.com/jvpmi/qfkf/~p=8 Ms McLean



Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

Having had to reluctantly cancel our summer DofE expeditions owing to Covid-19, many of our Year 12 Gold DofE participants were able to attend open expeditions with the same company, ActivAdventures, who usually run our own.

Students thus attended trips in different areas and on varied dates and many of them managed to complete both practice and qualifying expeditions over the summer break, in the Peak District, Snowdonia and the Brecon Beacons.

Their assessors were full of praise for our hard working students, who had to follow strict procedures to minimise contact on top of the always-gruelling demands of the five-day walking and camping trip. Well done all involved. Ms Dickson



















HISPANIC month is celebrated (mainly in the USA but we are keen to enjoy Hispanic culture) from 15 September - 15 October.

Follow @BeaumontSpanish for lots of music, culture and Hispanic celebrations.

Mrs Bennett

Let's Chalk About It

Many thanks go to the Year 7 and 8 students who participated in the Let's Chalk About It during their lunch time break on Friday 4 September.

It was a socially-distanced community event whereby Beaumont supported the OLLIE Foundation in their endeavour leave uplifting to messages of positive vibes and appreciation for others.

We were also left with very colourful areas in the playgrounds, decorating their own zones for a bright few days. What a wonderful way to start **Mrs Bennett** our school year!



Two members of our staff became National Champions at the weekend! Miss Cleverly and Mrs Hicks were part of the St Albans over-45 Masters Squad who played in the Tier 1 Final September in Nottingham. Sunday 13 comprehensively beat Bristol team Redlands 4-0 to bring home the trophy!













Lockdown Cookery

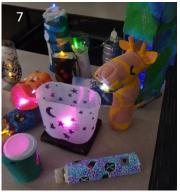
We are so proud of our students for producing such amazing cooking and baking during the lockdown and demonstrating the skills they have learnt in class. They have shown inspiration to create wonderful, nutritious food and treats. Thank you!

Design and Technology Sustainability Project

Since we are not in our usual workshops, Year 7s and 8s have been designing and making a variety of products. Well done and congratulations to 8N and 8E on designing and making their mechanism products. Congratulations also go to 7S and 7E on designing and making their Eco-Lights.

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From the Governors

A very warm welcome to all new students, staff and parents, who have, this month, joined the Beaumont School community. You join us in unprecedented circumstances, but I sincerely hope that you will find this community to be as thriving, caring and forward-looking as it has always been.

I would like to pay tribute to the work of the school over the past six months. It has been a rollercoaster ride for everyone working in the education sector, and I want to express my thanks (on behalf of the Governing Body) to the whole school community for pulling together and ensuring that Beaumont School continued to operate, to the best of its ability, in very difficult conditions, over the last few months.

My particular thanks to Mr Atkinson and all of his staff for their work in keeping the school open and ensuring that teaching and learning continued throughout lockdown. The need to react and plan in the face of ever-changing government guidance has meant a huge amount of additional work for an already busy leadership team, and I know that I speak for many who feel that staff at Beaumont have gone above and beyond to safeguard the wellbeing and education of students.

It is clear that there are still some challenging months ahead, and I know that the school and its staff will continue to adapt and plan for whatever scenarios may arise. Whatever does happen, I am certain that our school community will work together to ensure that Beaumont School continues to excel in its caring and considerate response to extraordinary times.

Alex Hall

Chair of Governors

Beaumont Library: New books hit the shelves

To celebrate the start of the school year, we've been busy ordering new books for the library. Here are just some of the exciting new titles on offer:

Year 7 *

Year 8 *

Year 9

Year 10 & 11

Year 12 & 13

* As some of these books have been published very recently, they do not have an AR quiz yet.

Students can explore these books and browse the entire library catalogue via the Accessit app which is located in the Portal section of the school website. We're committed to ensuring all our resources are readily available to students even though the library space is closed.

Our 'Click and Deliver' service is now up and running: students can reserve books and resources on the Accessit web app and they will be delivered to them in school. A video guide on how to reserve books can be found on the Accessit dashboard https://example.com/here/.

For all the library news, please see our social media: Instagram beaumontschool.library and Twitter @BeauLibrary