



As we come out of the second lockdown, we plan to restart our extra-curricular offers in a socially distanced way, so please look out for individual department announcements in the coming weeks.

Well done to Year 11 who completed their mocks last week which I hope provided invaluable experience for the summer. Year 13 university applications are well under way with many students already receiving offers and several Oxbridge interviews are being held in the coming weeks.

I am really pleased to announce the purchase of more picnic benches funded by the fantastic work the BSA do on the school's behalf. So a big thank you once again to the BSA for making this possible.

Finally, just to remind you that any travel abroad over the Christmas period may result in having to quarantine, so please do check. It remains for me to wish you a safe and Happy Christmas and we look forward to welcoming the students back into school on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

**Martin Atkinson**

Date	Time	Location	Event – all may be subject to change due to Covid (correct at time of printing, please check website for updates)
Thursday 3 December	12.00pm	Virtual event	Year 10 interim reports issued
	8.00pm		BSA Lottery draw
Thursday 10 December	12.00pm		Year 9 interim reports issued
Friday 11 December			Non uniform day in aid of Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation Nigeria
			Sixth Form/Staff Christmas jumper day in aid of Shelter
Saturday 12 December	8.00pm	Virtual event	BSA Lottery draw
Thursday 17 December	12.00pm		Year 11 interim reports issued
Friday 18 December	12.30pm		Students dismissed for Christmas holiday
Saturday 19 December	8.00pm	Virtual event	BSA Lottery draw
Monday 4 January			INSET day (no students in school)
Tuesday 5 January			Students return to school
Wednesday 6 January	6.30pm	Virtual	Verulam School 'Into the Sixth' Open Evening
Thursday 7 January	6.00pm	Virtual event	<b>'Into the Sixth' Open Evening</b>
Saturday 9 January	8.00pm	Virtual event	BSA Lottery draw
Monday 11 January	8.25am	A06	Year 9 DTP/Meningitis ACWY injections
	1.15pm	Hall	Year 11 Nat Level 1 / 2 Cert in Creative iMedia exam
Tuesday 12 January	9.00am	Hall	Year 12 & 13 CTEC Sport & Physical Activity exam
	9.00am	Hall	Year 13 BTEC Level 3 Business exam
Wednesday 13 January	8.25am	A06/Hall	Year 13 mock exams (until 22 January)
Thursday 14 January	9.00am	D04	Year 13 LIBF Certificate in Financial Studies exam
	1.15pm	TBC	Year 13 CTEC Sport & Physical Activity exam
	6.30pm	Virtual event	Sandringham School 'Into the Sixth' Open Evening
	7.30pm	Virtual event	BSA Committee meeting
Saturday 16 January	8.00pm	Virtual event	BSA Lottery draw
Monday 18 January	8.25am		Year 9 SLT interviews (until 26 January)
	9.00am	TBC	Year 13 LIBF Certificate in Financial Studies exam
Wednesday 20 January	6.30pm	Virtual event	Resources Committee meeting
Saturday 23 January	8.00pm	Virtual event	BSA Lottery draw
Wednesday 27 January	6.30pm	Virtual event	Community, Teaching & Learning Committee meeting
Thursday 28 January	6.00pm	Virtual event	Year 9 Options Evening
Saturday 30 January	8.00pm	Virtual event	BSA Lottery draw



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## Deforestation

In Ecology, Year 9 students have recently been learning about deforestation. Students were set a task for home learning to produce a news article on the founder of the Green Belt Movement and 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Wangari Maathai. Very well done to Katie Ball (9B) who wrote this fantastic poem.

**Ms Gorham**

### Mother Nature as a Human

Wangari Maathai  
She had an outcry  
That she would not stand by  
And let nature die

She was the founder of the green belt movement  
So that there would be an improvement  
To the environment, by planting trees  
To replenish the earth, the sky, the seven seas

She responded to the needs of the rural Kenyan women  
Streams were drying up; it was becoming increasingly common  
Food supplies became less secure  
And firewood was becoming more obscure

She studied in the USA  
And, to this day  
She's the first woman to become a doctor in philosophy  
From East and Central Africa; she was part of a minority

In Kenya, in 1971  
Her PhD was done  
The green belt movement was founded in 1977  
And it made such a difference even after her death in 2011

Other countries were inspired  
By all the trees that had been acquired  
The green belt movement planted over 51 million trees  
Imagine the amount of photosynthesis- the amount of leaves

The green belt movement has a few values  
None of them rhyme with values but here they are:

- 1 Love for environment conservation  
To work with plants, you should appreciate their creation
- 2 Self and community empowerment  
Everyone should be liberal with no cower-ment
- 3 Volunteerism  
Which requires optimism
- 4 Accountability, transparency and honesty  
People need to be trustworthy, but there's still room for comedy

Wangari Maathai  
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That she would not stand by  
And let nature die

## Maltings Art Competition

Several students took part in the annual Maltings Art Competition. The theme was St Albans and we received some very creative entries. We are very proud of all the students who took part.



Two of our students, Emily Hawkins and Ben Scarborough, both in Year 11 and studying GCSE Art and Design, have been shortlisted and their work will be on display in the virtual exhibition, which will be coming very soon. We may even have the winning entry so watch this space! **Miss Emin**

## Lockdown Communities 1<sup>st</sup>

During lockdown, some of our students got involved in the Communities 1<sup>st</sup> postcard pals initiative. In total, the charity received over 600 cards, letters and drawings from the St Albans & District schools that took part. Each postcard received was posted out to an isolated member of the local community during the national lockdown. Here is some of the feedback they received from members of the community who received the cards and letters:

*"He was almost in tears. He said it really had made a difference to him and cheered him up no end. He said it would take pride of place on his mantelpiece. He has no grandchildren so this was even more special to him. He said his wife would have cried had she still been alive."*

*"Thank you so much for the kind letter I received yesterday, it made my day! I am a widow, living alone, and have been feeling very low lately as although I have seven grandchildren I have not been able to see most of them and miss all the cuddles so much."*



## Duolingo Challenge

Over one hundred students and staff have taken on the Duolingo challenge this term, learning a language through the Duolingo app. Languages being learned include Czech, French, German, Russian, Japanese and Spanish. Everyone taking part will receive a badge and there will be awards for those who make the most progress. If you would like to take part, speak to your languages teacher.

**Mrs Lutz**



## University of Cambridge Languages Masterclass Programme

We are very proud of Year 11 student Sophie Austin, who successfully applied to join the University of Cambridge Languages Masterclass Programme. Long may the love of languages continue and wishing her every success and enjoyment from it. Well done Sophie. **Mrs Bennett**

We hope you will support the BSA in raising funds by buying tickets for the Beaumont Lottery (numbers drawn every Saturday) and soon by entering the Christmas raffle – watch out for further details. Please contact [bsa@beaumont.school](mailto:bsa@beaumont.school) if you have any suggestions for fundraising ideas.

Christmas is nearly upon us and for your online shopping easy fundraising and Amazon Smile do a cash back donation to the BSA, just minutes to set up and easy to use. Christmas Treeasy sell, deliver your trees, and have continued to support us with their donations per tree sold.

Join us on Facebook for all the ongoing updates and chat.



## Practical Work in Design and Technology

Despite the unprecedented circumstances of not being able to do practical work in the wood and metal workshops, our Year 7 and Year 8 students have adapted extremely well and created highly successful prototypes of their designs of wooden push toys and metal jewellery. They modelled their ideas using a wide range of materials, including cardboard, aluminium foil, playdough and colour card. They have also created 3D structures like pop-up cards and decorations using origami.

These exciting activities have not only provided the students with a sense of creativity and emotional well-being, but also a much needed break and sensory feedback using the different materials, including playdough. Well done to 7B, 7R, 8B and 8R for the amazing work!

**Ms Kadlott**



## Science Club

Hello, my name is Zoe, and part of my role as a Sixth Form Science Captain is that I help with the Year 7 Science Club along with the other Science Captains.

Science Club gives students the chance to participate in a range of experiments and share their results on the Google Classroom. I think this is a great opportunity to explore the fun side of science and is especially important in the current climate, when it is not possible to do experiments in class.

**Challenge One** ..... was to make slime. Here are just a couple of the great results!



Dakota Smith, who experimented with different compositions to vary the strength of the slime



Each year the Science Department runs a weekly Science Club for Year 7 students who are keen to try a variety of engaging and challenging practical activities.

The aim of this extracurricular programme is to increase the breadth of the students' scientific knowledge by offering a wide range of enrichment

opportunities outside the normal classroom lessons, enabling them to broaden their experience and develop useful scientific skills. This year, the Science Department has had to move the club online. The Science Club involves fortnightly challenges: we share details of the challenges, practical instructions and instructional videos in the Google Classroom every fortnight.

The Science Club Google Classroom is a great place to comment and post to ask questions, share ideas and your results (to compete for house points). The brilliant Sixth Form Science Captains are there to help and answer questions or you can ask your Science teacher if you run into specific problems.

Students who are interested in taking part, should ask a parent/carer to sign, copy and return the permission slip by email to: **admin@beaumont.school** FAO Mr Parmar, Science Department. Parents/carers have already received an email with a letter regarding this. Students will then be invited to join the Year 7 Science Club Google Classroom. Best of luck! We are looking forward to seeing what students can achieve!

**Mr Parmar, Dr Burgess**



Finn McDonnell, proof that Slime is alive!

**Challenge Two** ..... was skittle chromatography, which everyone enjoyed too!



Vitek Adamek (above)  
Imogen Rennie (right)





## Here we go : the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2021 book award gets under way!

This month, CILIP, the organisation that runs the Carnegie Medal book award, announced the list of books in the running for the 2021 prize. The Carnegie Medal, judged by librarians, is one of the foremost awards for fiction books written for children and young people. Seventy-seven books have been nominated for the 2021 Medal and the list offers a rich and diverse array of stories, genres, and writing styles.

In order to win the Carnegie Medal, a book must create 'an outstanding reading experience through writing' and its effect must stay with the reader long after the last page is turned. The award's rigorous judging criteria testify to the quality of the 77 books on the list of nominations for 2021. This is just the start of the Carnegie Medal timetable. The list of nominations will be whittled down over the coming months to produce a longlist of 20 titles, which will be announced in February 2021. The Carnegie judging panel will then reduce the number of books in contention still further to produce the final shortlist of eight books in March 2021.

The announcement of the shortlist is always exciting for us as it also marks the start of the 'shadowing' process. This is when we encourage students to shadow the Carnegie Medal by forming a group dedicated to reading, discussing and reviewing the books on the shortlist. The Carnegie Medal website offers an exciting range of resources to support the shadowing groups and also publishes shadowers' book reviews and makes them available to the shortlisted authors.

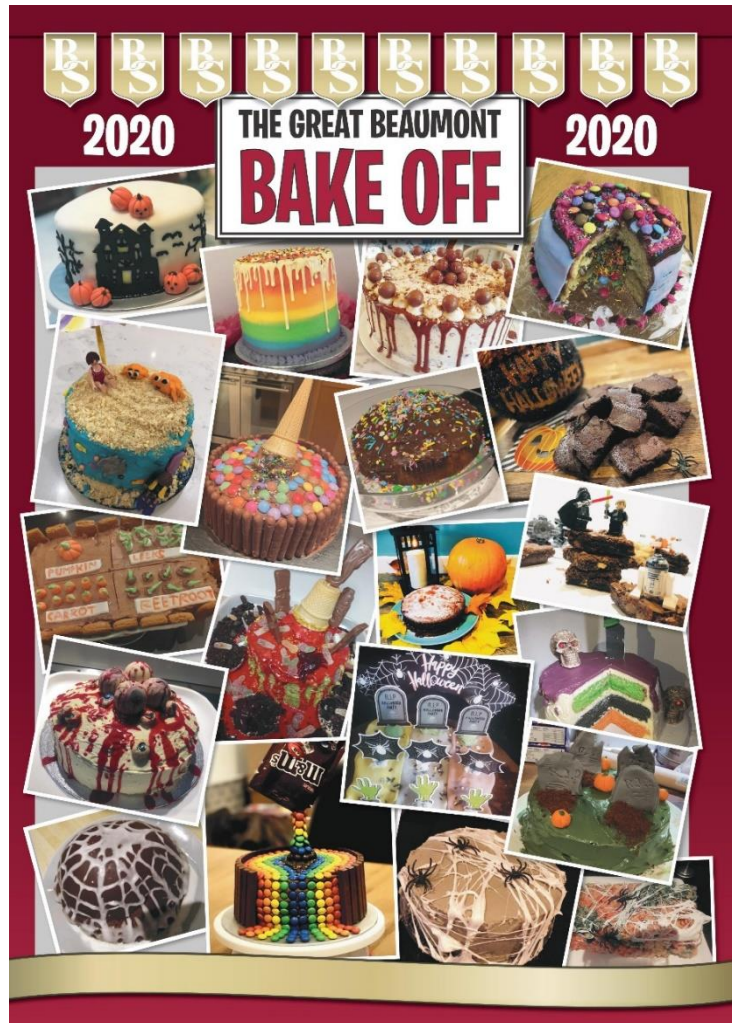
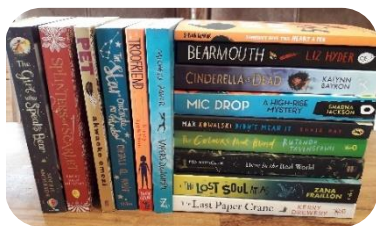
As well as the Carnegie Medal-winning book, which is chosen by the judging panel, there is also a separate Shadowers' Choice Award. This award gives the children and young people who take part in the shadowing scheme the opportunity to have their voices heard and to vote for their favourite book on the shortlist. The winner of both the Carnegie Medal and the Shadowers' Choice Award will be announced on 16 June 2021.

We have run a Beaumont Shadowing Group for many years and it is an excellent way to engage students in reading, to encourage them to share their thoughts with others, and to introduce them to the best of contemporary fiction. Group meetings are always lively, fun and full of friendly debate, strong opinions and, usually, biscuits! We are very proud of all the students who took part in the 2020 awards process in the face of the first lockdown and closure of the school, and who wrote such detailed and insightful book reviews. We invite you to read some of their reviews [here](#).

We are looking forward to running another Shadowing Group in 2021 and will send out more information next year. In the meantime, we would encourage students to explore the full list of nominated titles, which can be found on the CILIP [website](#).

We have also created an exciting [platform](#) where Beaumont students can discover and reserve the Carnegie-nominated titles that are available from Beaumont Library.

**Mrs Shepard**



### From the Governors

The Governors' Community, Teaching and Learning (CTL) Committee holds two meetings per term. The second of these was held recently online.

The direct and indirect effects of the current pandemic are evident in all aspects of school life. We heard from staff regarding areas where additional funds have been requested and allocated, to support the physical and emotional wellbeing of students and to help facilitate the effective delivery of education. This includes a range of equipment, technology and software across many aspects of the curriculum.

We wish our Year 11 students every success in their mock examinations, currently in progress and finishing towards the end of November. Year 9, 10 and 11 students and their parents and guardians, will receive their interim reports before the end of term.

Having previously contributed to Beaumont Life In November 2019, it is sad as both a parent and a governor not to have had the opportunity to enjoy the music and drama performances that unite our community at this time of year. We know from our meetings with the school, that the ethos of the Beaumont community is very much alive: it is evident in all aspects of school life, even in such challenging times.

Once again, the Governing Body would like to extend our sincere thanks to all staff, students, parents and guardians for their efforts in working together to ensure that our students continue to enjoy and excel during their time at Beaumont.

**Peter Mayne**  
Chair, CTL Committee



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## **BeauSandVer Courses for Parents – Modern Foreign Languages**

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We are delighted that we have been able to get a number of language classes up and running online this term as follows – most classes run from 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

Although online classes offer a different experience from classroom-based teaching, our new sessions have gone very well and have the advantage that we can still run during lockdown and you can still attend if you have to isolate. You are welcome to try a class with no obligation, to see if it suits you.

We are hoping to add more German and French classes in the New Year plus Spanish and Italian Beginners classes.

Classes are open to any adults – please email [carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk](mailto:carole.heselton@verulam.herts.sch.uk) if you are interested in either joining one of the classes below or would like to put your name down for the new beginner classes in the New Year.

<b>Autumn Term Classes</b>		<b>Evening</b>
<b>French Beginners/Continuers</b>		<b>Tuesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm</b>
<b>French Advanced</b>		<b>Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm</b>
<b>Spanish Continuers</b>		<b>Thursday 6.30pm – 8.00pm</b>
<b>Italian Intermediate Higher</b>		<b>Tuesday 7.00 – 8.30pm</b>
<b>Italian Advanced</b>		<b>Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm</b>
<b>German Continuers</b>		<b>Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm</b>
<b>Spanish Advanced</b>		<b>Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm</b>
<b>Autumn Term Classes</b>		<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Spanish Intermediate</b>		<b>Monday 4.30pm – 6.00pm</b>

We are also running online Pilates classes on Tuesday evenings between 7.00pm and 8.00pm and will be offering arts and crafts and coding classes online in the New Year – details of dates and prices will be available in due course on the website.



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25 November 2020

Dear Friends of Youth Talk,

**Just one month to go until Christmas!**

And what a time this is. With restrictions on our daily lives still in place, but the promise of at least some family time ahead, we're all trying to balance the realities of life in a pandemic with our wish to make the most of this special time of year. A season that brings family, friends and our community together.

Here at Youth Talk, we're looking back on our busiest ever year - and we're so thankful that with your help, we've been here for so many young people who find themselves struggling with their mental health.

But we're also looking forward - to growing our service further in the face of great demand, and to tackling our need for funding. We are determined to be there as our local young people face not just the many usual challenges of growing up, but the challenges brought by lockdowns, restrictions and uncertainty.

**So, this Christmas, we're launching our first ever Festive Fundraiser, and it's for you!**  
**To find out how to get involved visit [www.youthtalk.info](http://www.youthtalk.info)**

There's something for everyone...

- You can bring a little joy to your neighbourhood by creating a festive window and joining the Festive Streets Challenge
- You can help light up our virtual Christmas tree and make a donation - or give your Christmas tree light as the perfect Christmas gift to your loved one who already has everything they want!
- Or you can do your own thing to raise money... from festive biscuit baking or a Christmas quiz to donating your Secret Santa gift or your last hour of pay this year, we have a whole host of ideas to get you inspired

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- or you might even challenge yourself (or someone else!) to the Polar Plunge for a 'refreshing' start to the new year

It's easy to take part. It's about fun, and family, and community – do something you'll enjoy, try something new, bring people together (virtually or outdoors!), or give an extra Christmas present by making a donation – it's up to you. Just visit <http://www.youthtalk.info/> to find out more.

**Every little helps. Every pound makes a difference. Every counselling session takes a young person closer to coming out of a dark time, to look ahead with hope.**

**So please join us. Give, take part, or spread the word.** We are truly grateful to have you with us, supporting our local young people when they need it most. Thank you.

My very best Christmas wishes to you and your family



David Barker  
Chief Executive, Youth Talk

PS If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch – Rachel is here to help, on [rachel.simkin@youthtalk.org.uk](mailto:rachel.simkin@youthtalk.org.uk).



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