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### From the Headteacher

It's been an excellent start to the term and I've really enjoyed school life getting back to some normality. Extra-Curricular activities are in full flow and the buzz and excitement of a thriving school community can now be felt again. The new Year 7 students are settling in well and we held a very successful BBQ for 540 people on a sunny Saturday afternoon. The event raised £1,800 for the school.







The first Personal Development Day was held on Thursday 16 September and the various activities of the different year groups have been very successful. I attended a superb drama performance called 'Find Me' on Tuesday 21 September. An amazing piece of drama particularly when considering we were only in the fourth week of term. It remains for me to wish all our students a happy and successful year ahead. **Martin Atkinson** 









REMINDER to all parents - please adhere to the speed limit of 20mph on Austen Way at all times

October 2021	Time	Location	Event – all may be subject to change (correct at time of printing, please check website for updates)
Saturday 2 October Wednesday 6 October	8.00pm 2.00pm		BSA Lottery draw Students dismissed early for Secondary Transfer Evening
Thursday 7 Ostalisa	5.45pm		Secondary Transfer Evening
Thursday 7 October Friday 8 October	11.10am 9.30am	Alexandra Palace	Student late start to lessons Year 10 & 11 Textiles trip to the Knitting & Stitching Show
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Saturday 9 October	8.00pm		BSA Lottery draw
Monday 11 October	9.30am		Years 5 & 6 morning tours (by appointment only)
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Tuesday 12 October	9.30am 11.30am		Years 5 & 6 morning tours (by appointment only) Years 5 & 6 morning tours (by appointment only)
	7.00pm	Hall	Year 11 and Beyond Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 13 October	6.30pm	Conference Room	Board of Trustees meeting
Thursday 14 October	8.30am	Old Gym	Covid Vaccinations for 12-15 year old students
Saturday 16 October	8.00pm	•	BSA Lottery draw
Monday 18 October	8.30am	Old Gym	Year 7 – 11 Nasal Flu immunisations
Tuesday 19 October	10.00am	Sandringham School	Year 12 & 13 Drama Complicite Workshop
Wednesday 20 October Thursday 21 October	1.00pm 8.30am	St Peter's Church Old Gym	St Peter's Lunchtime Recital Year 7 – 11 Nasal Flu immunisations
Saturday 23 October	8.00pm	Old Gylli	BSA Lottery draw
Monday 25 October	0.00pm		Half term (return to school Monday 1 November)
Saturday 30 October	8.00pm		BSA Lottery draw

### **Maths Challenge**

The Maths Challenge continued to run in the 2020-21 academic year, though it was slightly different due to COVID restrictions. The Maths Challenges encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. There are separate challenges throughout the year for mathematicians in different year groups –Years 12 and 13 in November, Years 9, 10 and 11 in February and Years 7 and 8 in April. Well done to all of the students who chose to complete the challenges!

Many students were awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates which they received in end of term assemblies. Those students with particularly high scores were invited by the challenge organisers to enter either the follow-on Kangaroo Round or, in the case of the highest scorers, the Olympiad.

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Kangaroo Round specific to their year: Gonzalo Garcia-Romero, Joseph Shewfelt, Jachym Tolar, Sri Harshith Yendapally, Alexia Mitrache, Ben Soll, Molly Blake, Seth Cox and Kathryn Flury, with Gonzalo, Seth and Ben achieving merits.

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Olympiad specific to their year: Alex Mauldridge, Joe Whitehouse, Sean Eckford, Hayden McGrath-Johnston, Abinash Ravithas and Imogen Rennie, with Alex, Sean, Hayden and Abinash achieving merits.

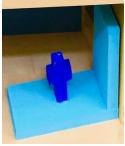
A special mention goes to Joe Whitehouse, who achieved a distinction in the Hamilton Olympiad and received a gold medal and book prize. This is an amazing achievement, which we believe is the first time that this has been achieved at Beaumont School and puts Joe in the top 50 scorers of the Olympiad which is run in schools nationally!

Well done to Joe and to all students who completed the challenges! If you enjoy Maths and enjoy a challenge then log onto <a href="https://www.ukmt.org.uk/challenges">https://www.ukmt.org.uk/challenges</a> where there are many questions to have a go at. We will be running the challenges in school again this year.

Mrs Knight







### **D&T Lunchtime Club**

Students in last year's Year 8 Design & Technology lunchtime club have been busy creating vibrant and colourful bookends for the Library, using pinewood. Well done to all involved!

Ms Kadlott

### **The Music Department**

We have had a fantastic start to the term with many ensembles re-established after the Covid disruption.

Ms Bailey and I are so impressed with the high standards of singing and playing at the rehearsals – keep up the excellent work! Concert Band, Choir, Orchestra, Guitar Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Jazz Band, Flute Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and String Orchestra are all up-andrunning. We can look forward to some exciting concerts this year.

More good news: the Music Department is delighted to have received a Yamaha digital piano and stool, kindly donated by former pupil, Alex Thomas, and his family. It is a beautiful instrument and will be a great asset. We are very grateful for their generosity. Miss Morgan





### **July District Athletics Championships**

Congratulations to the following athletes, who competed in the Year 9 and 10 District Athletics Championships at Watford Woodside Stadium on Friday 2 July. They achieved a top three finish in their events.

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### Year 9 (July 2021)

Meg Knibbs - Girls' 100m Ben McClements, Rhys Tanner, Ben Soll, Tijan Gerber – Boys' relay

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Tom Flower - Boys' 800m Jake Dell - Boys' Javelin Scott Robson Smith - Boys' Discus Rhys Tanner - Boys' 300m Ben McClements – Boys' Triple Jump Elisa Heblethwaite - Girls' 800m Sienna Banks – Girls' 1500m Megan Gray - Girls' 300m Stella Ekblad-Piscitelli – Girls' High Jump

Harry Crawley - Boys' Shot Putt Thomas Chisholm – Boys' Long Jump Lenny Brandon – Boys' Triple jump George Smith - Boys' 1500m

Both squads performed well over the day and were a credit to Beaumont.

The Year 9 boys had 11 top four finishes out of 12 events and were placed third in their age group and the top placed Beaumont team.

Thank you to everyone who competed and trained so well this season across all age groups. Mr Stewart

### Year 13 Prom

We were delighted to be contacted by some of our recent 'Beaumont Leavers' to donate the proceeds from their summer prom to the school. The committee are aware that we are about to begin developing some compassion focussed work in school and wanted to thank Beaumont for being such a positive environment for them and to leave a legacy from them to younger years.



As always, we are incredibly proud of our students and are incredibly grateful for their generosity. Ms Dundjerovic

### Unveiling the Beaumont Book Awards (BBA) 2021/22

Beaumont Library is delighted to bring to your attention the third annual Beaumont Book Awards. This initiative is the brainchild of a team of enterprising, book-loving Year 10 students who have devised, fine-tuned and launched the scheme again this term. To ensure the BBA is accessible to a wide range of readers, the award is split into two sections: the Younger Category for students in Years 7 and 8, and Older Category for students in Years 9 and 10.

Eliza from the BBA committee explains the awards process: 'The first thing we do is create a massive list of good books that we know about and then narrow this down to a longlist of about ten books. The students taking part in the award (the 'shadowers') then hold a vote to create a shortlist of five books for each category. All of this happens quite early in the year to allow time for the shadowers to read the books and for us to plan competitions, events and to update the BBA website.' Here are this year's shortlists:

### Younger Category shortlist:

Worst. Holiday. Ever. By Charlie Higson The House at the Edge of Magic by Amy Sparkes The List of Things That Will Not Change by Rebecca Stead When We Got Lost in Dreamland by Ross Welford Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk



### Older Category shortlist:

Ace of Spades by Faridah Abíké-Ívímídé The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynne Barnes Cinderella Is Dead by Kalynn Bayron Wranglestone by Darren Charlton A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson



Year 10 BBA committee students are: Fliza Parsons Emily Maton, Katie Ball, Sylvia Rodriguez, Erica Lewis, Callum Heron and Chris Rice

Students taking part in the awards will read all of the shortlisted books in their category. They will also meet to discuss the books and share their views at weekly book club sessions in the Library. To help publicise and support the awards, the BBA committee's creative team has designed a series of eye-catching posters and bookmarks. In June/July 2022, there will be a celebration and prize ceremony in the Library. On the day, students will vote for the book they want to win their category and the winners of the Beaumont Book Awards will be announced!

Back to Eliza: 'We started the book awards three years ago and it's always fun to run and to be a part of. If you like reading, consider going to your year group's book club and shadowing the BBA. You won't regret it!'

Beaumont Library takes part in many national book awards, as they are an excellent way to spark interest and engage students in reading. We must commend the BBA organisers for the way in which they run their awards and for their commitment to inspiring a love of reading in Beaumont students of all ages. Mrs Shepard

Alex Hall, Chair of Trustees

From the Trustees

## On behalf of the Academy Trust, I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to all new students, staff and families who have joined Beaumont in the last month. I hope that you are all settling in well and beginning to enjoy experiencing all that Beaumont School has to offer. Beaumont School is a Single Academy Trust (i.e. the Trust only manages one school), which is ably overseen by a Board of Trustees and a group of very experienced Trust Members. Full details of the Trust and its activities can be found on the website here: https://beaumontschool.com/governors/. We have a busy schedule of meetings this year and will be focussing on building an ambitious post-pandemic strategy for the school and promoting all aspects of equality, diversity and inclusion across the school community. I look forward to meeting many of you at school

# **Personal Development Day**

events during the course of this academic year.

Beaumont prides itself on being able to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, enriched by a carefully constructed programme of activities. Our Personal Development Days, the first of which was held on Thursday 16 September, enhance students' experiences and make learning both more enjoyable and more effective. Here are some of the memories made by Years 9, 11 and 12 during the day.





















