



Wednesday 6 October saw a tremendously successful Secondary Transfer Evening, we had more visitors than ever before and I was extremely proud of the amazing effort our staff and students put in on the evening. I was particularly impressed by the adaptability of our students and staff when we had to change the format and move the Headteacher's Speech online at the last moment due to an increase in positive cases. We received many comments and emails on the excellent tours that our students provided. This evening was followed up by three days of daytime tours which were equally successful.

This is a very important half term for Year 11 with the mock examinations rapidly approaching and I would like to ask for the support of parents and carers in encouraging and managing this busy time, including making sure students take sensible breaks and plan some social time into their revision schedules. We wish them all the very best.

It remains for me to wish you all a restful half term break and to thank you for your continued support of the school.

Martin Atkinson

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

November 2021	Time	Location	Event – all may be subject to change (correct at time of printing, please check website for updates)
Monday 1 November	8.25am		Students return to school
Tuesday 2 November	7.30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee Meeting
Wednesday 3 November	9.00am	Hall & various rooms	University admissions testing
Thursday 4 November	12.50pm	Hall	Years 8-10 Public Speaking Final
	8.00pm	Online	BSV Education Trust Information Evening
Friday 5 November			School fundraising non-uniform day
Saturday 6 November	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Tuesday 9 November	8.25am		Personal Development Day
	8.25am	Hall	Year 11 Careers Fair
	1.00pm	Hall	Year 10 English Jekyll and Hyde performance
	3.30pm	Hall	Year 11-13 Upper school play dress rehearsal
Wednesday 10 November	8.25am	Old Gym	Year 11 mock exams (finish 19 November 2021 inclusive)
Thursday 11 November	12.00pm		Year 12-13 Interim reports issued
	7.00pm	Hall	Upper school performance
Friday 12 November	7.00pm	Hall	Year 11-13 Upper school performance
Saturday 13 November	7.00pm	Hall	Year 11-13 Upper school performance
	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Tuesday 16 November	10.00am	London	Year 13 Photography gallery visit
	7.00pm	Hall	GCSE Presentation Evening
Wednesday 17 November	6.30pm	Conference Room	CTL Committee meeting
Thursday 18 November	12.00pm		Year 7-8 Interim reports issued
	5.00pm	TBC	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 19 November	8.00am	Cambridge	Year 12 Art trip to Curwen Print
Saturday 20 November	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Tuesday 23 November	3.40pm	Dining hall	Second-hand uniform sale
Wednesday 24 November	5.00pm	TBC	Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 25 November	12.50pm	Hall	Year 8 performance of A Christmas Carol
Friday 26 November			Occasional Day (school closed)
Saturday 27 November	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw



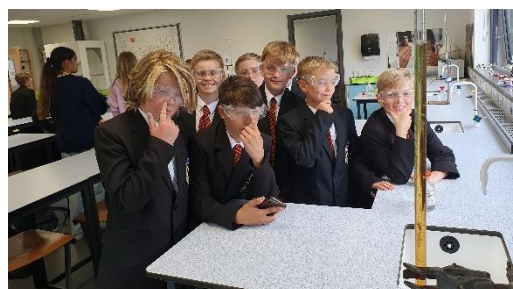
Year 7 and 8 Science Club

The Year 7 and 8 Science Club is up and running now with a whole host of scientific experiments. So far this term students have experimented with and learnt about:

- Making rainbows in a burette (acids and alkalis)
- Coloured flame tests (electrons and energy)
- Making crystal gardens (dissolving)
- Making spaghetti towers (forces)

Interested students should come along on a Monday lunchtime.

Mr Parmar



Year 7 Italian Club

Year 7 Italian Club has started meeting at Tuesday lunchtimes. So far, students have practiced how to greet each other, ask and give their names, and say how they are feeling.

We have also practiced lots of pronunciation rules, and even learned why it is wrong to order a "panini"!

Signora Ashton is loving the enthusiasm that has been shown so far! **Signora Ashton**

Example work by
Rosie Bomphey, 7E



CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR ADULTS

Come and PARTY

Why not put on your dancing shoes and raise money for Beaumont School

- Saturday 11 December 2021 •
- 8pm-1am •
- St Albans County Club • 29 Ridgmont Road • St Albans AL1 3AG •
- £20 per person **ON SALE NOW VIA MCAS** [includes a glass of bubbly on arrival, freshly cooked Southern Indian street food and disco]

If you would like to sponsor the event OR donate raffle prizes please contact vandu2000@googlemail.com



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Beyond Beaumont

Congratulations to former student Edie Owens whose project titled Handle with Care has been nominated the Global Design Graduate Show, sponsored by Gucci.

Having gained a First Class degree in Fashion from Kingston she has recently worked on costumes for the film Cruella and the Ballet Rambert. Edie is due to join the design team at fashion brand Burberry in October. To view Edie's project, please see the link:

[Global Design Graduate Show](#)





Secondary Transfer Evening in our school kitchen

Our Year 10 students displayed their skills during Secondary Transfer Evening recently when they made fresh ravioli with a tomato sauce, a bee showstopper cake and a meringue cake. All dishes had detailed technical elements to them.

Year 7 and Year 9 students made cheese scones and falafel with tzatziki, topped with a mouse carved from a radish. Spirals were created from fruit coulis with the help of a turntable. I hope that every family who came through our department enjoyed it as much as the students did.

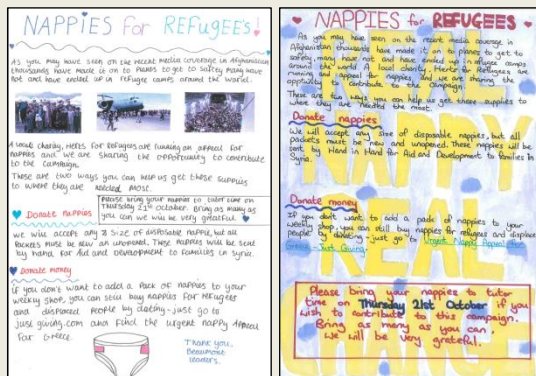
Mrs Denton



Beaumont Leaders

Our Beaumont Leaders are really getting behind a national campaign to support refugees and asylum seekers with nappies.

Johanna Lutz, Year 12, prepared a video for tutor time and Rosie Tembras, Year 12, is in charge of encouraging as many Sixth Formers as possible to get involved. In Year 9, Beth Scarborough and Peony Lo prepared these two beautiful and informative posters to encourage the Beaumont community to give generously.



DONATE NAPPIES We can accept any size of disposable nappy, but all packets must be new and unopened. These nappies will then be sent by Hand in Hand for Aid and Development to families in Syria.



DONATE MONEY If you cannot travel or do not have nappies to donate, you can still buy nappies for refugee and displaced people by donating – just go to <https://justgiving.com/campaign/thercn-nappy-appeal>. All funds will be sent to our friends at Pampiraiki in Athens to purchase nappies which will be sent to NGOs in Greece.

Thank you.

Mrs Hussey

Year 7 Book Club get set for an audacious adventure!

There has been a terrific turnout from Year 7 students who want to join our weekly Book Club sessions. Already this term, the group has filled the Library with lively chatter at their reading get-togethers, sharing their reading recommendations and discussing all

From the Trustees

The Resources Committee met for the first time this academic year in the middle of September. A major topic for discussion was the school's energy contracts which have recently come up for renewal. As you can image the current energy situation has meant that the deals we might have accessed in previous years were simply not available. As Trustees, we work closely with the school to agree the best deal possible and while inevitably costs will rise, the sound financial position of the school means that any increase can be comfortably covered.

The Resources Committee also considered the ongoing COVID situation, as a standing agenda item. The school carefully monitors case numbers and has taken the precautionary step of reinstating some additional safety measures, for example mask wearing, due to a recent small increase in cases. I am pleased to see that we have continued to see high levels of compliance with the twice-weekly testing.

I was disappointed to see that a small number of anti-vaccination protesters targeted the school in the run up to the on-site vaccination sessions. I should note that the school is not able to stop people handing out leaflets on the public highway outside the school site. I know the decision whether or not to vaccinate has been a difficult one for some parents and I feel strongly that the decision should lie with parents and students alone, supported by the school acting in a neutral manner. I would like to thank the school staff for the swift action taken to ensure safety/security and provide reassurance for the students. The students themselves acted in a responsible and mature way when faced with actions which I know some found quite intimidating. 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



things book-related. Here is a photo of our Book Club bibliophiles as they prepare to read and discuss our thrilling new whole school read, The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne by Jonathan Stroud.

Mrs Shepard

WANTED

BEAUMONT READERS TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S WHOLE SCHOOL READ

**THE OUTLAWS
SCARLETT
& BROWNE**
by JONATHAN STROUD

We're looking for as many students, staff, parents, carers and family members as possible to get involved with the 'Beaumont Reads' scheme. First step: read this thrilling adventure story and join the outlaws Scarlett and Browne on a breathless journey as they race to London, dodging terrifying monsters and outwitting evil villains along the way.

You can earn yourself a custom-made pin badge!

Look out for more information on what's involved and all the activities we have in store.

Take a deep breath and join in...this is one ride you won't want to miss!



Year 8 Cricket

The Year 8 cricket team played in the County Plate Final at Hatfield and Crusaders Cricket Club on 16 September. The final was supposed to be played at the end of their time in Year 7 but was delayed until the start of the new school year.

The team had a tremendous run to the final, beating some really strong opponents on the way. We came up against high quality opposition in St Albans Boys in the final who scored 99-4 in their 16 overs. Toby Coope was the pick of the bowlers who bowled with real accuracy and took two wickets.

In reply we reached 52 all out against an extremely talented bowling attack. Danny Hart scored an impressive 16 runs to help boost the total. Well done to everyone involved in the squad this season: they have done really well to reach the final of this competition. The performances they have produced really do bode well for the future.

Mr Wynne

Year 8 boys' football

The Year 8 boys' football team travelled to Slough to play Westgate School in the second round of the National Cup. Given the circumstances over the last 18 months this was the first game this team had played together as well as only having two training sessions. The team played some brilliant attacking football, scoring some really well taken goals. This included a superb hat trick from Harry Watts, two from Leo Hooper-Walter as well as goals from Edward Cullum, Ashley Owens and Tiago Mendez-Barall which all contributed to a final score of 8-1 to Beaumont.



Although the score-line was obviously very pleasing I was most proud of the way the boys conducted themselves on the pitch. Both the referee and their teacher complimented them on their exemplary behaviour.

Mr Wynne

We need more Hannas!

We were proud to receive a lovely email from a parent about one of our Year 13 students last week. Entitled "We need more Hannas", the parent went on to describe how Hanna had supported their daughter when she settled into Year 7 and most recently took round a care package when she was forced to isolate due to Covid. The letter continued, "Hanna, you have made your parents, school and community proud. 'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel' (Maya Angelou). Wishing you all the success in your upcoming endeavours." Hanna has also been helping the site team deliver parcels to various departments in her free time and has received much praise from staff across the school - all whilst staying on top of her final year of studies. Well done Hanna!

Mrs Tolley

Cross Country and Basketball round up

Well done to all of the Year 7 to 13 runners who have competed over the five district races this season. It has been great to see so many students running, and we regularly had over 40 runners at races.

In the District League we had every team finish in the top three, and the junior boys' won their competition.

Junior girls took second place, junior boys first place, inter girls third and inter boys second place.

At the final race of the season at Westminster Lodge, we had two individual medalists. Ethan Parsons finished third in the junior boys' race and Sarah McGrath won the senior girls' race, completing an outstanding clean sweep by winning all five races this season.

I would also like to thank Sarah who as the Cross Country Leader has helped at each training session on a Monday evening this half term.

Well done everyone!



Basketball fixtures are up and running

It has been great to start fixtures again and in the District and County Leagues, we have played a small number of fixtures this half term.



The Under 15 boys have played two District League fixtures, beating Sandringham 48-32 and St George's 61-37 to top the league with two games to play.

The Under 14 boys, who won the Count Rally in Year 7, had a tough first District and County League double header away to St Columba's College. Although going 12 points down in the first quarter, the team pulled it back to win a very exciting game 58-51. A great start to the season and hopefully this will continue for both the boys and girls teams after half term.

Mr Stewart