



From the Headteacher

November has proved to be a super month here at Beaumont with our students and staff working extremely hard producing extraordinary work across the school. We held a very successful Personal Development Day for all our year groups earlier in the month, engaging the students in activities to encourage their own personal growth, independence and development. We have received wonderful support from parents and local businesses in helping to provide the students with these unique opportunities.

Our students have also produced some sensational work and results in their Extra-Curricular endeavours including our Sports Teams, our Public Speakers and an astounding production by the Upper School Drama cast of 'A Monster Calls'. Our 'Drop Everything And Read' (DEAR) Day was a great example of the whole school working together. Students in their form groups were treated to recordings of various members of staff reading from the early chapters of our chosen book throughout the day.

The organisation and running of the Year 11 mock examinations has gone well and I have been impressed with the Year 11 approach to sitting formal exams. Year 13 mock exams will follow shortly after Christmas and I wish them all the very best as they approach this crucial stage of the Academic Year.

Many thanks to our BSA who ran a very successful Second-hand uniform sale last week raising £900 for the school. As part of the BSA Christmas fundraising, the Non-Uniform Day last week raised a fantastic £1,434. Please do look over the rest of their Christmas fundraising activities including the Christmas Text Raffle, Christmas Treeeasy and their Quiz night taking place on Friday 21 January 2022. The BSA are looking for new members to actively help them to continue to raise vital funds for our School, so if you can spare a small amount of your time it will be very gratefully received.

Please can I remind students that face coverings in school continue to be required (unless exempt), and ask that where possible they try to use a re-usable mask.

Martin Atkinson

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

December 2021	Time	Location	Event – all may be subject to change (correct at time of printing, please check website for updates)
Thursday 2 December	3.00pm	Duke of York Theatre	Year 10 Interim Reports issued
	5.30pm		Year 12 & 13 Drama theatre trip
Saturday 4 December	8.00pm	Hall	BSA school lottery draw
Tuesday 7 December	7.00pm		Year 10 Work Experience Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 8 December	6.30pm	Conference Room	Board of Trustees meeting & AGM
Thursday 9 December	8.25am		Year 12 & 13 Art life drawing
	3.00pm		Year 9 Interim Reports issued
Friday 10 December			Staff & Sixth Form Christmas Jumper Day for Shelter
Saturday 11 December	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Thursday 16 December	3.00pm		Year 11 Interim Reports issued
Saturday 18 December	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 20 December	12.30pm		Students dismissed early for Christmas
Tuesday 21 December			Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday (school closed)
Wednesday 5 January			INSET Day (no students in school)
Thursday 6 January			Students staggered return to school (times TBC) Whole School testing (times TBC)



Year 7

Students in forms B, L, E and A completed a day of work shadowing. This forms part of Beaumont's Careers and Work-Related Education Programme and enabled students to experience a day of work and reflect on it. Based on the feedback we received, a clear majority of students reported that they enjoyed their experience and felt they had developed work-based skills. Students will be introduced to Unifrog later this term to record their first of many careers-focussed activities at Beaumont. Forms R, N and S will complete this activity on the next Personal Development Day.

Mr Gray

Meanwhile, students from R, N and S participated in the Chocolate Factory Experience. All students got involved in the batch production of chocolates.

The whole process was enjoyed from start to finish. Commencing with embroidering sales tags, students then make origami boxes, designed and made logos and wooden emblems using their woodworking skills. Here are some of the comments received from the students:

- *I have learnt lots of new skills*
Edward Ramage (7N)
- *It is a break from work, doing fun stuff*
Chloe Segrue (7R)
- *I have learnt team work*
Chloe Tucker (7R)
- *Understanding of work in manufacturing, it was fun*
Ori Cohen-Rose (7N)
- *I learnt how to work independently and as a team and how to multitask*
Lucy Wilson (7S)

Mrs Ten Dam





Year 8

Year 8's second Personal Development Day was dedicated to supporting our PSHCEE curriculum, and in particular students' Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). The activity was a creative project, consisting of a performance and a variety of workshops led by the Tip of the Iceberg Theatre Company.

The day supported students' understanding of how relationships and behaviour are linked to emotions and mental health, and covered other important themes including peer pressure, communication and challenging stereotypes. As part of the day, students also completed a series of questionnaires. This gave them the opportunity to give their views on different areas of school life, including PSHCEE. The pastoral and senior teams will review the results and use them to continue to make changes to improve students' experiences of school.

Mr Gray



Year 11

We were delighted to be able to welcome professionals from a range of organisations into school for the Year 11 Careers Fair. This annual event, produced virtually last year, provides our students with an insight into the workplace in a variety of different sectors.

With representatives this year from the world of marketing, finance, architecture, health and medicine, together with the Royal Marines, British Army, Police, BT, Meta (Facebook) and further education organisations, our students were able to learn about individual career journeys and opportunities within these sectors. Thank you to the businesses and education, training and apprenticeship providers who contributed.

Mrs Rider





Year 12

Throughout the two years of Beaumont Sixth Form, we provide a structured programme to support our students in developing the skills and experience which will help them to be successful in later applications to university and employment. The Year 12 PDD was spent work shadowing, which enabled the students to gain valuable experience in approaching employers and making professional contacts. Here are what two students wrote about their day:

“For my work shadowing PDD, I went to Abbey Law. I shadowed a range of the staff members, who dealt with a broad scope of legal issues, including family law, property law, litigation and wills. My role in the company involved preparing case files, emailing clients and finding client information through a range of sources. Overall, I found the day hugely beneficial: it gave me valuable insight into the reality of pursuing a career in the legal profession; I learnt key research and communication skills and I got to talk to a range of legal professionals, including paralegals and solicitors.”

Lilia Prowse

“My work shadowing at Atlas Translations was extremely enriching, giving me insight into the responsibilities of translators, which go far beyond what people may think at first glance. On the PDD, I had the opportunity to learn about marketing strategies, transcription, translating, interpreting and blog writing. Moreover, in my blog, which will soon be published on the Atlas Translations website, I explored the significance of growing up bilingual, in between two cultures and languages. Likewise, I completed a Spanish translation which was actually sent off to a client, which made me feel very proud of myself.”

Adam Noad

Year 13

An Assessment Centre is typically a combination of different tasks and activities, increasingly used by large employers to test an individual's suitability for a job. It gives individuals the chance to demonstrate a wider range of skills than would have been possible during a traditional face-to-face interview.



The objective of Year 13 Personal Development Day Assessment Centre held on Tuesday 9 November was to provide individuals with a worthwhile experience of what to expect during an Assessment Centre.

We were delighted to invite back many Beaumont alumni to get involved during the day and it was a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their awareness of the world of work and prepare for the future. Thank you to all participants for making these events such a success.

Mr Cross





Beaumont School

2021 Final of Public Speaking

Thursday 4 November 2021

Year 8 Speakers

"We don't live alone. We are members of one body. We are responsible for each other."
(An Inspector Calls, J.B Priestley)

Argue **for** the idea that we are members of one body who are responsible for each other
James Robison (8A) FINALIST

Argue **against** the idea that we are members of one body who are responsible for each other
Siya Popat (8L) WINNER

Year 9 Speakers

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty,—that is all/Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know"
(Ode on a Grecian Urn, John Keats)

Argue **for** the idea that the truth is beautiful

Evie Warwick (9R) WINNER

Argue **against** the idea that the truth is beautiful

Tilly Foulds (9B) FINALIST

Year 10 Speakers

"I'm a pessimist because of intelligence, but an optimist because of will."
(Prison Letters, Antonio Gramsci)

Argue **in favour of pessimism**

Stella Ekbal Piscielli (10B) WINNER

Argue **in favour of optimism**

Max Whelan (10B) FINALIST



Beaumont Leaders

Following on from the Beaumont Leaders article and the huge collection of nappies featured in the October edition of Beaumont Life, we were delighted to receive a letter from the Chair of Trustees, Herts for Refugees as follows: *"I wanted to say another thank you for the efforts of Beaumont School in collecting nappies for our appeal. Today we packed up the nappies ready to go to Birmingham before the next stage of their journey to Syria. I'm delighted to report that you did 'fill the van'. When they arrive in Syria, the name of Beaumont School will arrive too. Six ton bags and 20 boxes are winging their way (some of that donated by other local residents but the vast majority from Beaumont)."* Well done to all involved.

Miss Shepherd



D&T blog

Please check out our newly revived Design and Technology blog, full of inspiring projects from KS3 and KS4, including Year 7 wooden push toys, Year 8 metal pendants, Year 9 storage boxes and Year 10 injection mouldings. You can also read about the Textiles Knit and Stitch Show Trip. Feel free to leave some positive comments!

www.DTatBeaumontSchool.blogspot.co.uk



Ms Kadlott



A Monster Calls

A Monster Calls, performed by the Upper School Drama cast and crew, was an astonishing production based on the novel by Patrick Ness. We followed the story of a boy, Conor O'Malley, who has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill. We go with him on a journey of truth, love, loss and hope.

The production immersed our audience into the tale through imaginative use of set, sound and lighting, and the acting was simply outstanding. The company demonstrated such discipline, skill and incredible talent, absolutely astounding the audience with their performances.

We also saw some final performances from those in Year 13, who will be moving on at the end of the year. They have been a vital part of the Drama Department and we would like to say a special thank you and well done to them.

With performances and design work being produced like this, be sure to make the next one!

Mrs Wallace



Netball News

On Thursday 18 November, Beaumont Year 8 A and B teams played at home against two very tough Sandringham teams. Both teams played some lovely netball, passing well and intercepting but above all else, working as a team.

Sadly the score didn't go their way but they are determined to keep training, learning and blending more as a team. Player of the A team, selected by Sandringham, was Mikayla Blessing. Player of the B team, selected by Sandringham was Olivia Doyle. Congratulations both.

Big thank you to the Year 9, 10 and 12 students for your help. **Miss Osborne**

Year 8 Team A

Year 8 Team B and helpers



DEAR Day – the start of a whirlwind adventure

This month, Beaumont had a double celebration of reading as we used our annual Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day to launch the new whole school read (WSR). The book chosen for our 'Beaumont Reads' literacy scheme this year is the thrilling *The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne* by Jonathan Stroud. This story is set in the wild and flooded landscape of a future, broken, lawless England, with a heavy dose of Wild West thrown in. Here we meet the headstrong, gun-toting teenager Scarlett McCain and Albert Browne, a boy escaping a sinister past, helpless-looking but armed with a dark and secret power that will blow your mind.

This unlikely pair join forces and head for London, trying to outrun the law and to outwit the ruthless Doctor Calloway, who is desperate to harness Albert's talents for her own malevolent schemes. The world of this book is a vivid mix of the real and the fantastical, with evil villains and terrifying monsters at every turn.

On DEAR Day, students were introduced to the book and its themes in tutor time. What's more, author Jonathan Stroud, who has generously offered to support the Beaumont Reads scheme, sent a video message welcoming Beaumont to his book! Students were also treated to various members of staff reading from the early chapters throughout DEAR Day. In the weeks ahead, departments across the school will be running activities and competitions to encourage as many students as possible to read, explore and discuss *The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne*.

The book has had a fantastic reception at school. We have 64 copies in the Library and 130 students and members of staff have borrowed the book so far this term. Everyone who reads *The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne* and writes a review will receive one of our exclusive, custom-made pin badges. This is Beaumont's seventh whole school read and the scheme is a wonderful way to encourage reading and to bring the school community together. Judging by the response so far, this year's Beaumont Reads is set to be a cracker!

Mrs Shepard

Our exclusive pin badge



Students' *Scarlett and Browne* bookmark designs



Jonathan Stroud addresses Beaumont



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Chamber Choir

In October, the Chamber Choir and soloists from Years 10-13 gave outstanding performances at St Peter's Church in St. Albans. The concert raised an incredible £357 for Rennie Grove Hospice Care. Well done and thank you to everyone who worked so hard to create such a memorable event.

Other successes include Oliver MacKinnon and Maddy Wilding being selected to perform for the 90th anniversary of the Gang Show at the Hammersmith Apollo and Alex Fenn winning an audition for the Voces8 Talent Award. Huge congratulations to all three.

This month, the Music department is grateful to be the recipient of a new mandolin from Aidan Paul. Many thanks for such a kind and generous donation. It is a beautiful instrument and is a welcome addition to our guitar and ukulele ensemble.

Our extra-curricular music groups continue to flourish and, as always, we encourage all staff and students to get involved.

Miss Morgan & Ms Bailey



US Politics Today Conference

The Year 13 Politics class attended an A Level Politics conference held at the Eccles Centre in the British Library last week. We were able to hear the perspectives of ex-members of Congress, Republican Tim Hutchinson and Democrat Larry LaRocco, as well as political commentators and academic experts.



Being given the chance to ask any questions to the speakers directly helped us to enhance our knowledge of the American political system beyond what is covered in the curriculum. Listening to “real life” Americans discussing their political system was an incredible opportunity.

We gained further insights on the Presidency, the Supreme Court, interest groups and the role of Congress. As my first school trip after lockdown, this experience was particularly enjoyable.

Katie Knott, Year 13

Rotary Young Chef Competition

It was a great pleasure to take nine of our enthusiastic and skilled cooks from Year 7 - 10 recently to the Rotary Young Chef Competition at Oaklands College.

The high quality of the dishes produced during the 90 minutes was outstanding. They showed creativity, tasted amazing and were presented in the most appetising way.

I was very proud of each student and I would like to thank the parents/carers for supporting their son/daughter in this fantastic opportunity to grow.

Mrs Denton

Beyond Beaumont

We were delighted to hear news of former student Iona Cutforth, who left Beaumont in 2012 to study medicine at Durham and Newcastle universities.



Credit EMA

Qualifying as a doctor in 2019, Iona is working with the organisation EMA (Endless Medical Advantage) helping over a million refugees from Syria. The EMA run a mobile clinic that provides healthcare services to different refugee camps. Iona has set up a gofundme page, to raise much-needed funds for the EMA.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/winter-fundraiser-for-endless-medical-advantage>



From the Trustees

The Trustees' Community, Teaching and Learning (CTL) Committee holds two meetings each term. Trustee meetings are currently being held online but with Covid-19 cases gradually falling at Beaumont in recent weeks, we are hopeful of resuming face-to-face meetings in due course.

At the CTL Committee meeting in November we discussed the Plan for School Improvement (PSI), including student attendance data, student progress data, and target setting for next summer's qualification results. Trustees also received a report on the Sixth Form destinations for 2021, showing the broad range of subjects students have gone on to study after Beaumont. A report on how students have been supported was reviewed, which included approaches such as the purchase of resources for remote learning, and one-to-one and small group tuition.

Students in Year 11 were busy with their mock examinations in November and Year 13 students start their mock examinations in January. Trustees wish them all every success with their studies in this important academic year.

It has been encouraging to see the welcome return of some extra-curricular activities and Duke of Edinburgh Award activities this term. As ever, Trustees would like to extend our thanks to students, parents/carers and school staff for their ongoing efforts and commitment. Thanks also go to Peter Mayne for his work chairing the CTL Committee. Peter is standing down as Chair but continuing as Trustee and CTL Committee member. The Board of Trustees meets again later this term when the Covid-19 situation will continue to be monitored.

Michele Lloyd, Chair, CTL Committee