



We have had a strong start to the Spring Term here at Beaumont. On Tuesday 18 January we held a tremendous Sixth Form Open Evening; as well as our Year 11s, over 150 external students took the opportunity to look around and consider joining Beaumont. We have received lots of positive feedback, particularly about the Sixth Form students who helped out on the evening, both within the subjects and those meeting and greeting. I hope this goes to swell our numbers for next year. Our Year 13 students have been working incredibly hard and have just sat their mock exams, which should provide excellent preparation for the real thing in the summer.

This month I would like to say a huge thanks to our BSA (Beaumont School Association) and the fantastic work they have done once again in supporting Beaumont School. At last week's committee meeting, over £14,900 of funds were allocated to bring benefits to many departments and the school. I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to get involved with helping out and supporting events laid on by the BSA in order to support the terrific team. If you are interested, please contact [admin@beaumont.school](mailto:admin@beaumont.school).

I would like to ask if you would complete the brief Ofsted Parent View survey, which is available via the following link:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

**Martin Atkinson**

## Looking ahead

Date	Time	Location	Event (correct at the time of publication)
Tuesday 1 February	8.30am	D05, D08	Year 13 A Level Art mock exam
	5.00pm	A06	Covid Vaccinations for 12-15 year old students
Wednesday 2 February		Online event	Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening
	9.00am	D05, D08	Year 13 A Level Art mock exam
Thursday 3 February	8.40am	C01	Year 10-13 National Youth Theatre auditions
	6.30pm	D01	Year 11 Food & Nutrition non-exam assessment
Friday 4 February		Conference Room	CTL Committee meeting
	8.40am	D01	Year 11 Food & Nutrition non-exam assessment
	9.00am		Sixth Form application deadline
	9.00am		Year 9 options deadline
	1.45pm		Year 8 theatre company performance of <i>Gothic Tales</i>
Saturday 5 February	8.00pm	Hall	BSA school lottery draw
Monday 7 February		D06, D07	Year 13 A Level Photography mock exam
Tuesday 8 February		D06, D07	Year 13 A Level Photography mock exam
	6.00pm	Hall, C01, C02	Year 13 Drama performance exam
Wednesday 9 February		D06, D07	Year 13 A Level Photography mock exam
Friday 11 February			INSET Day (no students in school)
Saturday 12 February	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 14 February			Half Term (ends Friday 18 February)
Saturday 19 February	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 21 February	8.25am		Students return to school
Wednesday 23 February	5.00pm	TBC	Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 24 February	11.00am		Trustee day in school
	3.00pm	Conference Room	Board of Trustees extended meeting
	3.00pm		Year 7 interim reports issued
	6.30pm	C01, C02	Year 9 Drama company performance
Saturday 26 February	9.00am	A03, A04	Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award training day
	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 28 February	4.00pm	Hall, C01	Year 11 Drama performance exam



## Football writer Matt Oldfield's visit is pitch perfect

December saw our first in-person author visit for over two years, and what a day it was! Matt Oldfield, author of series including *Ultimate Football Heroes*, joined Year 7 and Year 8 to talk about his work. Matt told students he writes the books he'd like to have read himself as a child and that his mission is to make his non-fiction books exciting and enjoyable by combining factual information with the fun, creative, descriptive elements normally found in fiction writing. Matt's talk highlighted all the things our students love about his books: their bold and vibrant cover designs, the fascinating facts inside and the writing style that brings these players' stories to life in a way that engages and excites the reader.

We also held a book sale in the Library at lunchtime and Matt was mobbed by students wanting to buy a copy and have it signed. Hats off to Matt for signing around one hundred books, each with a personal dedication. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm around books and reading!

Matt's visit was a huge success and the feedback from students has been amazing. A huge thank you to Matt for making the event such a triumph. Here is what some of our students had to say about the day:

*I really enjoyed meeting Matt Oldfield. The assembly was truly inspiring for a budding author. The tips he gave us were amazing and gave me lots of ideas.* **Molly (7L)**

*Matt and Tom Oldfield are one of a kind. Writing about football heroes and telling their stories and the problems they've had to face is telling us that, no matter what gets in your path, nothing can hold you back. Their books are fascinating.*

**Nate (7N)**

*I found Matt's visit inspiring as he talked about how he got to where he is now and how we can start writing.* **Riya (7L)**

*I loved the fact that Matt asked us questions and involved us in the assembly.* **Gauri (7N)**

*I read Matt Oldfield's book about Messi. I loved how he didn't do the same formatting as normal fact books; he mixed it up and made it more exciting to read.* **Charlotte (8N)**

*I found it interesting the way Matt expressed his writing tips to us. I hope that we can do things like this more often in the future!* **Lorelle (8S)**

*I am not a massive fan of football or information books but Matt Oldfield's take on it is different. His books aren't 150 pages of boring facts, they actually engage and fascinate the reader. We need more authors like Matt Oldfield.* **Leo (8N)**

**Mrs Shepard**



## Royal Veterinary College lunchtime session

We were pleased to welcome Chris Hobson, Head of Recruitment at the Royal Veterinary College, to speak to students in Years 11-13. The lunchtime session was well attended and well received. Here is what Year 11 student Mia Samuels had to say: "The vet talk was amazing! It was very informative and interesting to listen to. The people speaking were clearly very passionate about their studies and this really came across. It was nice to hear from people who had actually experienced biological/veterinary sciences first hand.

Overall, it was great to listen to and has made me feel excited for the potential opportunities that veterinary science offers".

**Dr Skelton**



## Netball News

On Tuesday 18 January, Year 8A Netball team played in a cup game against Nicholas Breakspear school.

Nicholas Breakspear got off to a flying start and Beaumont were losing 5-0 at the end of quarter one. Beaumont dug deep, got their flow going, played as a team and came back to win 15-10. A very proud coach indeed!

Congratulations to Chloe Heng, who got Player of the Match, which was decided by Nicholas Breakspear.

**Miss Osborne**



## Year 13 Judo medallist

Many congratulations to Year 13 student Alex Asryan who won a Bronze medal at the National Open Judo Championships.

**Ms Dundjerovic**



### Beaumont Heartbeat Challenge



Due to events in the Euro 2020 football tournament, it came to the attention of students and staff at Beaumont that only one defibrillator was available within the ever-growing school. As a result during the summer term 2021, the "Beaumont Heartbeat Challenge" was born!

Fundraising for another piece of this life-saving equipment was swiftly underway, with the aim to raise enough money to buy at least one more defibrillator that is accessible for other parts of the school and playing fields.

The Year 8 Beaumont Leaders were instrumental in inviting students, staff and parents to take part in the challenge to run, walk, wheel, ride, (or any other physical activity) 111 miles as a group on Strava. 111 miles is significant because this is the distance between Christian Eriksen's place of birth and the place where he collapsed. Students also got involved with activities within the home such as sponsored washing up and cleaning.

We were delighted that £2,500 was raised and two defibrillators have now been installed in external locations on the school site. A huge thank you to Andy Greening from Upstream Workplace Solutions, who assisted with the procurement of the machines and cabinets, and to everyone involved in the challenge.

**Miss Shepherd**



### Year 7 Language Challenges

In the autumn term, Year 7 students were invited to use the Duolingo app to learn a new language. Over one hundred students completed this challenge, learning languages including Japanese, Russian, Czech and Italian.

The winning house was Seacole, with 21 students completing the challenge, followed in second place by Austen (18) and in third place by Redgrave (17).



This term, I am challenging Year 7 students to learn 100 words of one of the languages that they are studying in school. The details of this challenge have been shared by the Year 7 languages teachers on their Google Classrooms. Once again, this is a house competition!

**Mrs Lutz**



### From the Trustees

The Resources Committee met in November and again this month and we were pleased to hear that the return to school after the Christmas break has been very smooth, with relatively few COVID cases amongst staff and students. The school is gently relaxing restrictions, such as mask wearing in class, in line with the changes recently announced by Government. However, the regular twice weekly testing remains incredibly important, and I am pleased to see that we have continued to see really high levels of compliance.

At our November meeting the committee received and considered the school's annual accounts prior to final approval by the full Board of Trustees and Members in December. I am pleased to report that the school is in a robust financial position, which is important to deal with financial 'shocks' such as the recent significant increase in energy costs, but also to allow the school to plan confidently for the future. At our most recent meeting the committee considered the school's Estate Strategy which sets out plans for improvement to the school facilities and infrastructure over the next few years. The school has seen a transformation in its buildings and facilities over the past five years and I want to ensure this improvement continues into the future.

Finally, the Trustees are always keen to hear the views of parents and I would encourage you to complete the annual Ofsted Parent View survey.

[Parentview, please click here](#)

**David Lee, Chair, Resources Committee**

### Five Ways to Wellbeing

Through our assembly and tutor time programme, we are frequently promoting the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' to help students manage their health and wellbeing. The Five Ways to Wellbeing are a set of evidence-based public mental health messages aimed at improving the mental health and wellbeing of the whole population.



We are so proud of the opportunities that we offer our students to embrace all of these messages at Beaumont and would thoroughly recommend discussing them with your children at home, particularly in relation to how involved they are with their lessons and the school's extra-curricular programme. For more information about the wide range of clubs that are available to students, please see our website.

<https://beaumontschool.com/extra-curricular/>

**Ms Dundjerovic**





## Foreign Artists' Club

This term has seen the start of Foreign Artists' Club for Years 7 and 8. Each week we look at the work of an artist from another country, discuss their techniques and influences, and then create a drawing of our own inspired by their style.

We looked at the work of Nigerian artist Kelechi Nwaneri, who creates imagined worlds and creatures that are half-animal, half-human. Many thanks to the Year 12 Language Leader, Ash Withers, who helps out at the club, and to our regular members Imogen Rennie, Neyla Adali, Sylvie White and Maia Law.

**Miss Shahrad**



## Sustainability Group

This month our student-led sustainability group met with senior leadership. They discussed our exciting new projects designed to make Beaumont more sustainable.

One Year 7 student who attended the meeting said, "The sustainability meeting was good because the staff team listened to us and took us seriously, answering our questions honestly, and considering our ideas."

The need to reinstate initiatives encouraging recycling and the reduction of waste are now a priority as COVID-19 restrictions ease. The group also aims to focus on information and education this term and will be working on ways to raise awareness of projects and encourage participation. Projects include increasing biodiversity (with an expansion of our work on re-wilding), waste reduction and improved recycling points (including signage to support their use), participation in the Plastic-Free Schools Programme, the promotion of sustainable use of transport (with information about options) and choices available to older students in the Sixth Form.

If you are reading this and would be interested in supporting the work of our students in this area, please do get in touch via [admin@beaumont.school](mailto:admin@beaumont.school)

**Mrs Baker**



## National Academy for Waterpolo

Many congratulations to Dusan Crompton, 9S who has been accepted into the National Academy for Waterpolo. Dusan was put forward to trial through the regional programme, where he represented East England.

He will now take part in four training camps across the country, with the hope of progressing to representing England at U17 level in the next few years.

**Mr Tolley**



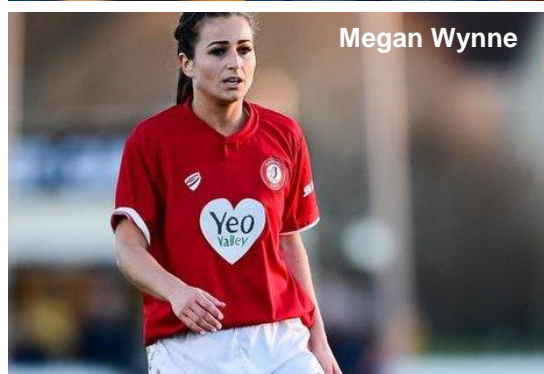
## Football round-up

It's been another busy term of football, with plenty of our teams and individuals continuing to 'Enjoy and Excel' at the opportunities available.

Congratulations to Kombe Kawimbe (Year 11), Ed Purple (Year 10) and Issy Renner (Year 9), who have all been selected for the Hertfordshire Schools representative teams. In order to be selected, each of them had to go through at least three trials and the standard was extremely high. Well done!



Millie Constantine (Year 13) continues to feature regularly for London Bees and scored her first senior goal in a recent game. Meanwhile alumna Megan Wynne has been putting in some excellent performances for Charlton Ladies, which has led to regular call ups for the Welsh national team.



## National Cup

Both our boys and girls football teams continue to do well in the County and National Cups.

At the time of writing, three of our teams (U13 Boys, U13 Girls and U16 Girls) are through to the last 16 of the National Cup, with the U16 Boys due to play their last 32 match imminently.

There are hundreds of schools who enter for each age group, so to get this many teams to the latter stages is a huge achievement.

Well done to the players for all their efforts.

In County competitions the U13 Girls, U14 Girls and U16 Boys are also through to the latter stages, with quarter and semi-finals to come. Best of luck!

It has also been pleasing to see many of our senior students and alumni continue on their pathway towards the elite level.

Alumnus Shaqui Forde made his first team debut for Watford FC vs Leicester City in the third round FA Cup recently. A brilliant achievement at 17 years old!

Alex Lankshear still continues to impress in the yellow and blue of St Albans City and was integral to the team's run to the FA Cup second round proper. He has been joined by Year 13 student Aaron Austin, who has featured frequently in match day squads and has now started a number of games for the club. Well done, boys!

Mr Tolley



## 'Team of the Term'

Thank you to everyone who has played for, supported or coached the teams and we look forward to more fixtures in the coming weeks.

Now for a bit of fun! The PE department has been in deep consultation this week to come up with our 'Team of the Term'. It was incredibly tough to decide, as so many have excelled this season! We will aim to do this each term, to recognise those that have put in particularly strong performances in the matches played for school or rep teams. Here we go! (See right.)

**Mr Tolley**



U12 Boys

## Year 8 Football

On Thursday 13 January, the Year 8 Boys football team won 2-1 versus Thorpe St Andrew School from Norwich in the last 32 of the National Cup. In a closely contested game of few chances, the boys came away with the victory to secure their place in the last 16 of a competition which was entered by 610 schools from all over the country. Parents, students and members of staff all watched on nervously as the boys secured the win. Both Beaumont goals were scored by star striker Harry Watts and included a late penalty to win the game. Man of the Match was Rory Williams for his dominant midfield performance.

Whatever happens from now on, this team should be proud of what they have achieved and how they have represented the school, especially as it is their first season together and after the disruption they experienced during Year 7.

In the next round they have been drawn to play away against Enfield Grammar School, which is likely to take place in the first week of February.

**Mr Wynne**





## Basketball round-up

Well done to the Under 15 Girls basketball squad who have qualified a game early for the County final via two league wins against Queens School (44-4) and Sandringham (40-10). The Under 14 Boys have also started well this season, winning three of their four league games and beating Ormiston Park 64-16 in their first round Nationals game.

The Under 16 Boys had their first County League game on the 18 January, completing an impressive 80-69 win against Queens, with the Under 13 Girls beating Sandringham a day later 48-0 to also qualify for the County final.

It has been a really impressive start to the term and hopefully this will continue with National games for both boys and girls teams coming up in the next couple of weeks.

**Mr Stewart**

## Basketball team of the month

Guard:	<b>Ben Hodges</b>
Guard:	<b>Stella Ekblad Piscitelli</b>
Guard:	<b>Camron Turner</b>
Wing:	<b>Alicia Moss</b>
Wing:	<b>Jazz Mercer</b>
Wing:	<b>Evie Warwick</b>
Wing:	<b>Lauren Viney</b>
Post:	<b>Charlie Clark</b>
Post:	<b>Emily Gray</b>
Post:	<b>Scott Robson Smith</b>
Post:	<b>Dalma Szigeti</b>
Post:	<b>Cameron Pacey</b>
Post:	<b>Dusan Crompton</b>
Post:	<b>Jeremy Akpan</b>



## Beyond Beaumont

We were delighted that Luke Nixon was able to return to Beaumont to receive the 2021 Harriet Rowlands Drama Prize. This prize is awarded to the student who has made the largest contribution to the Drama Department's output over their time at the school. Harriet Rowlands was a much-loved teacher of Drama and English at Beaumont who encouraged so many students over the years to pursue their interest in theatre and performance.

Luke has just started his second term of study at Oxford University, reading Spanish and Portuguese. We were delighted, but unsurprised, to learn from Luke that he has thrown himself back into Drama there with great success, winning another award for Best Director of a devised piece in his first term and securing parts in two productions which will be performed later this year.



Head of Drama, Lynsey Wallace, said of Luke's time here: "Luke was an excellent Drama student, always enthusiastic in lessons and he would fully immerse himself in as many Drama opportunities as we had to offer! He played a huge part, contributing to so many extra-curricular events: plays, musicals, leading KS3 clubs and was a brilliant ambassador for the subject. We are very proud of him and his successes so far, and wish him all the best with his future studies and productions!"

We wish him all the best with his academic studies and his continued pursuit of extra-curricular Drama".

**Mr de Kort**



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