



February has been a busy month with option choices for both Year 9 and those seeking entrance to the Sixth Form for Year 12. There has been a record number of applications for Sixth Form entry this year, which is terrific, and a great reflection on both the school and the Sixth Form itself. We look forward to welcoming the new cohort in September. On a similar vein, congratulations to Years 11 and 13 on all their hard work so far towards their exams and my message is to keep going as they work through their final assessments.

Our sports teams continue to deliver great results for the school and we are enormously proud of all our students and all their achievements in extracurricular pursuits. It is a real credit to both the students, their parents/carers and our dedicated staff that the number of successes are so high. We are delighted that there are so many opportunities available to students, especially as Covid restrictions relax further.

I'd like to refer you to the communication sent home on Thursday last week regarding Covid. Obviously, we are pleased that we continue to get back to normality but we ask that everyone keep following the advice being offered.

I'm really hoping that we will have an in-person Easter concert running on 30 March and hope to see some of you there.

I look forward to a productive and successful remainder of the Spring Term.

**Martin Atkinson**

## Looking ahead

Date	Time	Location	Event (correct at the time of publication)
Tuesday 1 March	9.00am	Hall/C01	Year 11 Drama performance exam
Wednesday 2 March	8.25am		Personal Development Day
Thursday 3 March	3.00pm		Year 10 interim reports issued
Saturday 5 March	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Tuesday 8 March	6.30pm	Conference Room	Board of Trustees meeting
Wednesday 9 March	7.30pm	Conference Room	BSA committee meeting
Thursday 10 March	3.00pm		Year 8 interim reports issued
	5.00pm	Block A & D	Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening
Saturday 12 March	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Tuesday 15 March	5.00pm	Block A & D	Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 16 March	6.00pm	Hall	Beyond Beaumont Information Evening
Thursday 17 March	8.00am	London	GCSE Art trip to the Tate Modern
	8.25am	A06	Year 9 DTP/ACWY Meningitis injections
	3.00pm		Year 13 full reports issued
	4.30pm	Theatre Royal	Year 8 Drama theatre trip to Frozen
	6.30pm	Conference Room	Resources Committee meeting
Saturday 19 March	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 21 March	5.00pm	Noel Coward Theatre	Year 9 Drama theatre trip to Dear Evan Hansen
Wednesday 23 March	7.00pm	Hall	Year 7-13 'Unity in Diversity' dance display
Thursday 24 March	8.30am		Year 11 panoramic photograph
	3.00pm		Year 11 full reports issued
	4.00pm	Cervantes Theatre	Year 12-13 Spanish theatre trip to La Casa de Bernarda Alba
	7.00pm	Hall	Year 7-13 'Unity in Diversity' dance display
Friday 25 March	9.00am	London	GCSE Art Graphics trip to London
Saturday 26 March	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Tuesday 29 March	4.00pm	Hall/C01	Year 10 Devising Drama performance exam
Wednesday 30 March	7.00pm	Hall	Easter Concert

## Year 10 Textiles Skills Academy Competition entry

Congratulations to the following students who have entered their work into a new competition for UK Textile students. Their work was produced in Year 10 but all students are now Year 12.

**Mrs Ten Dam**

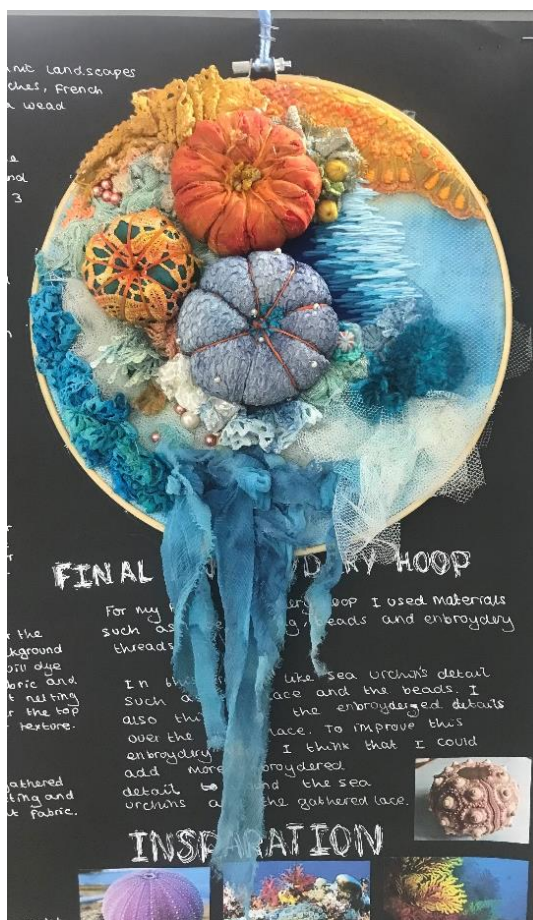


My textile piece (left) is a 3D felted head of a Victorian woman who is wearing a bonnet with various cakes and sweets along the sides. My theme was sweet treats and I was inspired by the colours and cakes typically associated with Victorian tea parties. I created this piece by needle felting into a polystyrene head and building the felt up in areas to readjust the proportions. I also used pulled apart yarn to give the hair texture. I next created the bonnet out of various pieces of cardboard and by manipulating an old hat and then covered it in fabric. I pleated some lace to go around the rim of the bonnet and sewed in some fabric flowers after sewing in a trim. I then fabric painted appliques of cakes and sweets for the bonnet which I embellished with pearls.

**Iris Towers**

My piece (below) is a Japanese inspired teapot, cup and macaroon; it was made for the Year 10 sweets and treats project, using embroidery, applique, reverse applique and fabric manipulation. It was developed after researching a wide range of artists' techniques. I choose my fabrics carefully to mimic the Japanese style and their love of matcha.

**Sarah McGrath**



The theme for my embroidery hoop (above right) was the ocean. I was inspired by the many organic shapes, colours and patterns in the sea. The three main circles are inspired by sea urchins and the folded fabric and lace are based on seaweed and coral. I used a range of materials including lace, synthetic and man-made fabrics. I embroidered into the lace and other areas and used a heat gun on some of the 3D elements; I used fabric paint to create the bold colours found in the ocean.

**Emily Hawkins**

## From the Trustees

Trustees on the Community, Teaching and Learning (CTL) Committee have two meetings each term. At our meeting in February we discussed a Pupil Premium report regarding progress and attainment. From the report we heard about the wide range of support being provided to students including pastoral interventions, where required, and how Covid-19 catch-up funding is being used for additional provision such as small group tuition.

Department reviews take place every two years to monitor the effectiveness of the curriculum and the CTL Committee oversees the effectiveness of the curriculum. Trustees play a role in these reviews, which typically involve the link trustee for the department. An important component of the review process is talking to students and trustees value the feedback we get from them which informs our discussions and planning. Trustees also spent time in school attending lessons with students on 24 February.

In response to the disruption caused by the pandemic, exam boards published information prior to the February half term about the content of this summer's exams being undertaken by students in Years 11 and 13. Teachers are informing students of areas they need to focus on as well as if there are any topics they do not need to revise.

Trustees would like to thank students, parents, carers and school staff for their continuing hard work and commitment.

**Michele Lloyd**  
Chair, CTL Committee

## Lego League

On Saturday 29 January, two Beaumont teams (one in Year 9 and one in Year 10) went to the First Lego League regional final competition in Stevenage. The competition entails coding a robot to complete Lego challenges and creating a solution to a given problem (this year's problem being to improve cargo transport).

Throughout the day, we got to practise and complete our robot runs and present our innovation projects to the judges. Both teams achieved 245 points in the robot run - making them joint top scorers, before facing each other in a friendly head-to-head later in the day, which the Year 9 team won.

For the innovation project, each team presented their idea to make cargo transportation better. The Year 9 team's idea was the WHOIL - a submarine shaped like a whale that goes underwater to collect oil from oil spills. The Year 10 team's idea was E-Trainsit - a train which puts down its own tracks to deliver resources to communities in third world countries, while cutting emissions and costs.

During the awards ceremony, the Year 9 team received the robot trophy and the innovation project trophy while the Year 10 team won overall and will progress to the national finals in Harrogate taking place on Saturday 26 February.

**Katie Ball (10B), Emily Maton (10E)**



## University of Warwick Virtual Visit

In January, we were delighted to have a virtual visit from Dr James Hodgkinson of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures at the University of Warwick. James delivered a presentation to all our Year 11 classes, followed by a question and answer session.



We were fascinated to learn about the different subjects that can be combined with languages at university, as well as the languages which can be learnt from scratch at university. We also found out about the diverse range of experiences which students have undertaken on their third year abroad as well as their career paths on graduation. We would like to thank James for giving up his time and hope that we can have a talk from him in person in the future!

**Mrs Lutz**

## ROB'S FESTIVAL 2022

After the difficulty of the last two years, we are thrilled to announce that Rob's Festival is coming back to Beaumont this year on Saturday 25 June! The event, first held in 2010, is a tribute to former student, Rob Williams, who died in a snowboarding accident, aged just 29.

The festival celebrates Rob's love of music and sport. We are working hard behind the scenes to produce an amazing event full of impressive musical talent, exciting activities and delicious food! Loads of local businesses have already got involved and we know this will be a fantastic community event to celebrate the summer!

There will be something for everyone with live music, barbecue, a bouncy castle, ice cream and lots more to enjoy all day! We will be raising money for The Prince's Trust and the Beaumont School Association. The Prince's Trust is a charity that helps vulnerable young people get their lives back on track. They support young people between 11-30 who may be unemployed, marginalised, homelessness or be struggling and offer them relevant guidance to reach their potential. Tickets go on sale soon so make sure you get involved!

**Johanna Lutz (Year 12)**



## Year 8 Muddy Monster













Congratulations to Ben Pollard (8L) who recently won the final round and is now the trophy winner of the U14 Muddy Monster Cyclocross series for Herts, Beds and Bucks. Ben competed in seven rounds of racing, taking six first places and one second place.

**Mr Tolley**





Our Project Seven programme ran across the Autumn Term for students in Year 7 to help them have the best possible start to their time at Beaumont. It also ran as a House Award, with valuable House points available for each entry. Students were tasked with completing a range of different activities or challenges, including achieving 25 lesson positives, attending an extra-curricular activity and contributing to wider school life including our Bake Off. You can see the different activities below.

 <p><input type="radio"/> Contribution to the Beaumont Bake Off</p>	 <p><input type="radio"/> Involvement in the extra-curricular programme</p>	 <p><input type="radio"/> Proudest achievement at secondary school so far</p>	 <p><input type="radio"/> Representing Beaumont at a competition / fixture</p>
 <p><input type="radio"/> Supporting Beaumont's Secondary Transfer Evening</p>	 <p><input type="radio"/> Piece of school work / home learning you are most pleased with</p>	 <p><input type="radio"/> Support the Beaumont Leaders' nappy appeal for Herts For Refugees</p>	 <p><input type="radio"/> Read Beaumont's Whole School Read</p>
 <p><input type="radio"/> Complete a 'Random Act of Kindness'</p>	 <p><input type="radio"/> 'Be Active' Challenge</p>	 <p><input type="radio"/> Received a praise postcard</p>	 <p><input type="radio"/> Be awarded 25 lesson positives / credits</p>

There was a superb number of entries from the year group. It was a closely fought battle between 7R and 7S, with 7S just clinching the win by 32 entries!

Here is the final score table. We are looking forward to launching our next opportunity for Year 7 this half term to provide further opportunities for school involvement and student leadership.

**Mr Gray**

Project Seven - Beaumont School	
Form	Position
7B	7th place
7L	5th place
7E	3rd place
7A	6th place
7R	2nd place
7N	4th place
7S	1st place

## Thriller writer M.A. Bennett joins the Beaumont Book Awards celebrations

The Beaumont Book Awards (BBA) reached a fabulous finale in February with the Library packed to the bookshelves for the all-important final vote and celebration party. The event was made extra special by a visit from Marina Bennett, author of the S.T.A.G.S. series of young adult books.

The BBA is a student-led initiative featuring both a Younger Readers and an Older Readers category. It has been immensely popular this year with 50 students from across Years 7-10 taking part and undertaking to read all five of the shortlisted books in their category. At the closing event, students took turns pitching the books they wanted to win the awards, trying to persuade others to vote for their particular favourite. After a series of impressive pitches, students cast their votes to decide the winners.

Marina Bennett joined the event to listen to the students' book presentations and also had the honour of announcing the winning titles. Voting was tight in both categories, with a tie for first place in the Younger Readers section!

Younger Readers category, joint winners: *The List of Things That Will Not Change* by Rebecca Stead, *Echo Mountain* by Lauren Wolk. Older Readers category, winner: *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes.

To round off the BBA book fest, Marina talked to the students about her journey to becoming a writer and the events that inspired S.T.A.G.S. This thrilling page-turner about the dark side of wealth and privilege has been one of the most popular reads in the Library this year so it was fascinating to get an insight into the genesis of the book. Students were also excited to hear that S.T.A.G.S. is being adapted into a movie; we can't wait!

Marina said after her visit, 'It was lovely to meet such keen readers,' and we know how much our students appreciated her joining the BBA celebrations and sharing her stories. Here is just a taste of what students had to say:

*I loved attending the Beaumont Book Awards. I particularly enjoyed the diversity and representation in the shortlist. The author talk was incredibly intriguing.* **Isla R (8L)**

*I really enjoyed the BBA event and presenting our favourite book *Ace of Spades*, I think it should have won!* **Finn M (8E)**

*I loved the BBA event - listening to other students' presentations was very engaging and I was surprised to hear so many different views and ideas on the same book.* **Molly B (8E)**

*This event was amazing. The *Inheritance Games* presentation was very funny; based on this I changed my vote. The author was inspirational and it was great to meet her.* **Emilia T (8R)**

This immersive event truly celebrated books and it was such a joy to be there! I'm glad I read all the shortlisted books. I was delighted to hear author M. A. Bennett talk about her S.T.A.G.S. series.

**Pippa S (8L)**

Finally, huge congratulations must go to the Year 10 students who ran the Beaumont Book Awards: Katie Ball, Emily Maton, Isadora Jordan, Eliza Parsons and Silvia Rodriguez. The BBA has inspired and engaged readers across the year groups, encouraging them to try a range of genres. Thank you to the BBA organisers for spreading the joy of reading.

**Mrs Shepard**

## GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition

Four groups have successfully finished the three-hour long practical part of the Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE over four days before half term.

I was incredibly proud of the fantastic outcomes of every student, displaying the highest skills of food preparation and presentation. Honest and useful sensory analysis was given and recorded by the 'taste testing' students, taking great care to use cutlery just once.

By the end of February, the students' written portfolios will have been completed and 50% of their Food GCSE will have been achieved; well done everyone!

**Mrs Denton**



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## Netball round up

On Wednesday 9 February, Year 8 A team (right) played at home against Loreto, a fabulous game resulting in Beaumont winning 20-6. The changes made at quarter time didn't affect the flow, showing how well the team has gelled. Chloe Heng was named Player of the Match, chosen by students from Loreto.



On Thursday 10 February, Samuel Ryder travelled to Beaumont with their A and B teams. Despite playing outside in the chilly weather, both teams did really well. The A team (below) played some lovely netball but sadly lost 12-6 to a very strong Samuel Ryder team. Mikayla Blessing received Player of the Match, chosen by students from Samuel Ryder.



Year 8 B team (above) travelled to Nicholas Breakspear and thank you to Miss Fraser for taking the team. A brilliant game resulting in Beaumont winning 15-0, a real testament to their coming together as a team. Eve Scott received Player of the Match, chosen by students from Nicholas Breakspear.



The B team (left), with a large squad to give the flexibility to make changes each quarter, won 9-6 against Samuel Ryder. Each quarter there was a lovely flow of netball. Bella White received Player of the Match, chosen by students from Samuel Ryder.

Well done Year 8 Netball teams from a very proud coach!

Miss Osborne

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