



It has been an exceptionally busy and productive half term for all at the School. Congratulations to Years 11 and 13 on their hard work so far towards their Summer exams and my message is to keep going as they work through their final assessments. Our other year groups have been working hard too and enjoying many more opportunities and experiences this term to support their learning.

Our Sports teams yet again have been enormously successful in District, County and National competitions. Huge congratulations to them all and their coaches. We have also just enjoyed a fantastic Dance Production by our incredibly talented dance students and are very much looking forward to the Music Concert taking place this evening with an accomplished array of our musicians. The Summer Term brings the excitement of our school Drama Production where auditions have already taken place.

As we head into the Easter holidays, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of both our students and the school, we are extremely lucky to have such an engaged and thriving Beaumont Community. We hope that you and your families take time to recharge batteries over this Easter holidays and have a restful, safe and well-deserved break.

I wish you all a Happy Easter.

Martin Atkinson

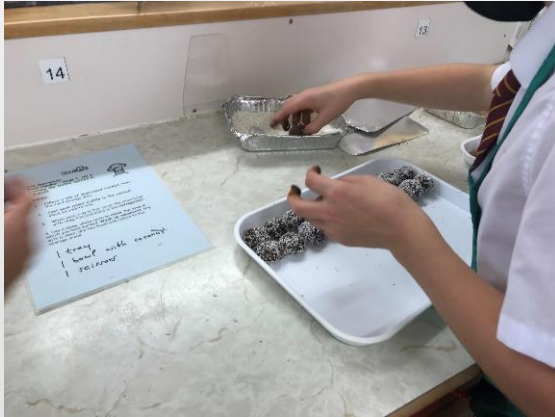
Looking ahead

Date	Time	Location	Event (correct at time of publication, check website for updates)
Friday 1 April	12.30pm		Students dismissed early for Easter holiday
Saturday 2 April	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 4 April			Easter holiday (students return Wednesday 20 April)
Saturday 9 April	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Saturday 16 April	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Tuesday 19 April			INSET day (no students in school)
Wednesday 20 April	9.30am	A01, A02, A03	Year 10-12 Morrisby Profiling
	8.25am		Students return to school
	1.50pm	Hall	Year 9 Romeo & Juliet performed by Royal Shakespeare Co
Thursday 21 April	8.25am	Conference Room	Year 10-12 Morrisby follow-up discussions
Friday 22 April	8.25am	Conference Room	Year 10-12 Morrisby follow-up discussions
Saturday 23 April	7.15pm	Hall	BSA Comedy Night
Monday 25 April	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
	8.25am	D06, D07	A Level Photography controlled assessment
	8.25am	Conference Room	Year 10-12 Morrisby follow-up discussions
Tuesday 26 April	8.25am	D06, D07	A Level Photography controlled assessment
	8.25am	Conference Room	Year 10-12 Morrisby follow-up discussions
	7.30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee meeting
Wednesday 27 April	8.25am	D06, D07	A Level Photography controlled assessment
	8.25am	TBC	GCSE French, German and Spanish oral exams
Thursday 28 April	8.25am	D06, D07	A Level Photography controlled assessment
	8.25am		GCSE French, German and Spanish oral exams
	3.00pm		Year 12 full reports issued
Friday 29 April	8.25am		GCSE French, German and Spanish oral exams
Saturday 30 April	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw



Year 7 Career Chocolatier

Students in forms B, L, E and A had the fantastic opportunity to participate in the 'Career Chocolatier' Experience. All students were involved in the batch production of chocolates and learnt about the various career options in Food and Nutrition, Textiles, Computing, Product Design and Resistant Materials.



Everyone enjoyed the whole process, from start to finish! Students made origami boxes and filled them with delicious handmade chocolates, then decorated the boxes with embroidered sales tags, designed and made logos and wooden emblems using their woodworking skills.



As Harry Newton (7E) put it, "*Teamwork makes the dream work*". **Ms Kadlott**

Year 8 The Lion King

Year 8 were able to attend The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre in London. The show was brilliant and the students all seemed to have an enjoyable time.

It was a brilliant opportunity for students to see talented performers, and creative technology and design on stage.

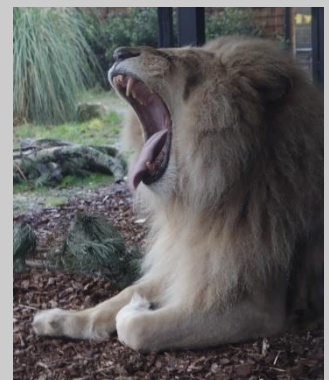
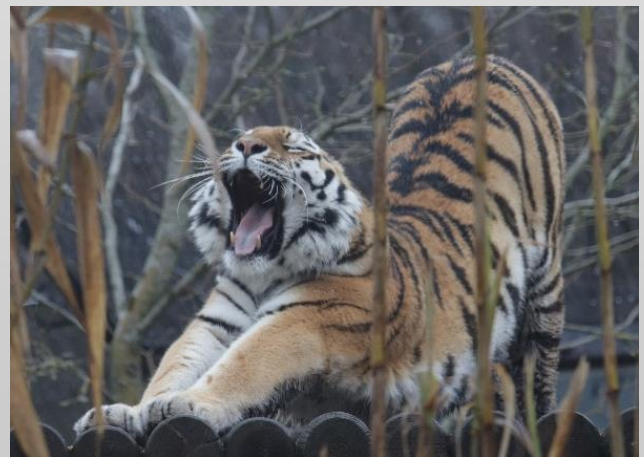
Miss Rowe

Year 8 Big Cat Conservation

Year 8 did not allow the weather to dampen their spirits as they embarked on a day focused on Big Cat Conservation on PDD on Wednesday 2nd March.

Following a virtual education session delivered by one of the experts at the Big Cat Sanctuary (Paradise's sister park in Kent), 70 students set off to spend a few hours trying their hand at wildlife photography. Once they returned to school, they spent the afternoon honing their teamwork skills building some excellent Big Cat conservation websites.

Congratulations to all involved for their outstanding work, teamwork and behaviour throughout and a huge thank you to all the staff who made this amazing day possible; particularly Mrs Cripps and Mr Wallace. **Mrs Hartley**





Year 9 PDD

Following the conclusion of the Relationships and Sex Education topic in Life Skills, students in Year 9 spent the most recent Personal Development Day with the Tip of the Iceberg Theatre Company. The main aim of the project was to supplement the RSE in our PSHCEE curriculum, through a creative project, consisting of performances and a variety of workshops.

Mr Gray



"The main focus of the project is to give young people the information and tools they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds.

We aim to highlight aspects of personality and society, to challenge stereotypes and discrimination. By taking participants on a journey, involving them through emotive and exciting performances, they can relate to our facilitators and explore how emotions, influences and situations when combined in real life, can create the perfect storm."

Tip of the Iceberg

Year 8 History House Competition

Last half term the Beaumont History Department ran a House Competition. Based on a topic taught earlier in Year 8, students were invited to extend this beyond the classroom and to use their creativity skills to design and write a "Conquistadors" guide to the Aztec Empire". They were provided with some guidance and criteria, then it was over to them....

The History Department was very pleased by the quality of the entries. It was clear that considerable thought, time and effort had gone into the production of the guides.

Ms Sullivan (Head of History) organised some small prizes and House Points for the overall winners, which were awarded in the Year 8 assembly. The guides will be displayed in the History area of the school. The History Department would like to thank all of the Year 8s who entered the competition and congratulations to:

Imogen Rennie (8B)

Euan Sakuma-Carruthers (8B)

Cem Adali (8E)

Fatima Aihan (8S)

Lottie Lee-Baron (8S)

Ms Wensley



Year 9 Drama

On Monday 7 March, the Drama Department took their Year 9 Drama Company to open the Welwyn Garden City Youth Drama Festival at the Barn Theatre. They performed a piece that was devised by the company based on a blueprint from Company 3, called 'When This is Over'. It was a lovely piece that focuses on the lives of the students involved, their experience of the pandemic and the impact of climate change. Students performed well with comments from the adjudicator calling it a 'dreamy' production, commending the ensemble for their focus and for exposing their lives so bravely on stage. He summed up the performance with three words: Poignant, Powerful and Moving.

We are delighted that the Year 9 performance achieved third place in the Junior competition as well as 'Jolliest Team'. Miss Rowe also won a medal for directing (or 'wrangling') the biggest cast with invention and imagination. The students were all very pleased with the result and the Drama Department is proud of all their hard work.

Miss Rowe

First Lego League National Final Competition

On Saturday 26 February, a team of ten Beaumont students went to the First Lego League national final competition in Harrogate. The competition entailed coding a robot to complete Lego challenges and creating a solution to a given problem (this year's problem being to improve cargo transport).

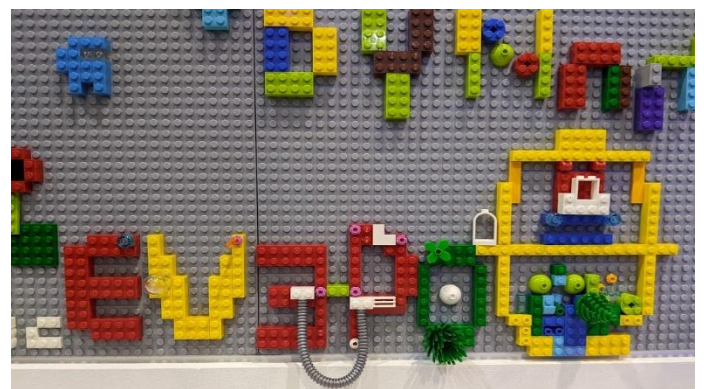
The day before, we left school early in a minibus and, after six hours, got to Harrogate. We then went to an Italian restaurant before arriving at the Youth Hostel, completing some final robot runs and going to bed. When we arrived at the competition, we were shown our 'pit' area, the judging booths and the robot tables. The day started with an opening ceremony and shortly after we had our judging session for the innovation project, where we presented our idea to make cargo transportation better. Our idea was E-Transit - a train which puts down its own tracks to deliver resources to communities in third world countries, while cutting emissions and costs. The judges thought our idea was well researched and presented. They also enjoyed our jingle and matching hoodies.

Throughout the day, we practised our robot runs. However, during the six-hour journey to Harrogate, the robot was knocked and couldn't travel in a straight line at the start of the day. Eventually, through lots of trial and error, we were able to get the robot back up and running and completed most of the challenges we wanted to. Our top score was 240 points, placing us just outside of the top 10.

During the competition, there were many fun challenges to complete, such as contributing to a lego graffiti wall, designing a placard, a photobooth and decorating a box as a cargo crate. These all gave us extra points and something to do for the members of the team that were less involved in the robot. Two of the hosts of the competition also interviewed us during a live stream.

During the awards ceremony, we received the first award to be given out which was elected by the president of the IET (Institution for Engineering and Technology) and was for the cargo crate challenge. This was one of the fun extra challenges completed during the day and we won a box of Lego for it.

Overall, the day was incredible and the atmosphere and support surrounding us was amazing: from the teachers who brought us there, to all the volunteers, and everyone watching the live stream at home. **Katie Ball (10B)**



Madres Paralelas

Odyssey cinema screened the latest Pedro Almodóvar film: Madres Paralelas; a film about two mothers, pregnant at the same time, and how their lives develop further and interlink with time. It also focused on las fosas, which are mass graves in Spain during the Civil War.

The cinema sold out and it was fantastic to see some KS4 and KS5 students taking the opportunity to see the film in Spanish and to open up to the history and culture of Spain. Reviews in return were very positive and they were generally very pleased at how much Spanish they could understand. Thank you to all the students and families who took the time to enjoy this experience.

Mrs Bennett



Beaumont's "University Challenge" 2022 winners crowned

This competition, which started ten years ago, crowned its first champion since 2019 due to pandemic restrictions. It was great to be back in the Hall for the final after months of heats. The final involved an extremely tense finish as both teams requested to go into three minutes overtime to settle the contest. The audience was at times in awe of the knowledge and speed of thought shown by all eight contestants. Spontaneous applause broke out regularly when correct responses were teased out through intense conferring.

It was such an enjoyable event that we were all reminded how much we have missed in terms of group experience in the past couple of years. Commiserations to the runners-up "The Spanish Inquisition" who comprised Jack Lake, Ariana Ahmed, Lily Szigeti and Stella Lonie-Lewis, and congratulations to the winning Team "Tim" – Jay Evans, Gabriele Lukoseviciute, Helena Baird and Sonja Lundh Von Leithner.

Mr de Kort



Donation plea

The D&T Textiles department would welcome donations of large clean, pieces of fabric, (sheets are useful), buttons, ribbon, zips, beads.

Most of our projects rely on your generous donations. Thank you!

From the Trustees

The last couple of months have been a busy and productive period for the Board of Trustees. Following a robust external recruitment process, we were pleased to co-opt three new Trustees – Matt Maltz, Ekaterina Sjostrand, and Ian Winter – to the Board, all of whom will bring a wealth of professional skill and experience to governance at Beaumont. Continuing on the theme of Trustee recruitment, we will shortly be looking to recruit two Parent Trustees to the Board and, at the time of writing, arrangements are being put in place for the required election.

We were also sad to say goodbye to our Clerk for the past few years, Sharon Banks, and very grateful for her hard work for the school. We are delighted that Julie Wells has agreed to take on the mantle of Company Secretary/Governance Professional.

On Thursday 24 February, Trustees and Members met at the school for our annual Strategy Day. In the morning, the new Trustees toured the school with Mr Atkinson and me, whilst other Trustees attended lessons in various subjects, as part of our ongoing monitoring of student and teacher experience. In the afternoon, we received an excellent presentation from the student Sustainability Team, which gave us plenty of food for thought for our extended strategy meeting, which followed.

One of the core functions of a governing body is to ensure clarity of vision for the school, and that was the main theme of the strategy meeting. Following the presentation on sustainability, the Trustees and Members unanimously agreed to join the National Governance Association's Greener Governance campaign, and we nominated a Trustee to join students and staff on the school's new Environmental Sustainability Committee.

We also discussed self-assessment of the Board's own skills and reviewed the school's self-evaluation documentation; and we were joined by the Leadership Team for consideration of key strategic questions and challenges that the school faces as we emerge from nearly two years of pandemic.

It was a very useful discussion and will feed into the school's plan for school improvement in the coming year.

Alex Hall, Chair of Trustees

Reach out for Refugees

On Monday 21 March, Beaumont School took part in a 'Reach out for Refugees' day alongside about 50 schools in Hertfordshire. Students and staff alike were asked to wear something blue and yellow. These are the colours of Ukraine but also of Hertfordshire. The idea started when two students, Sherri and Joshua, from Skyswood School, saw what was happening in Ukraine and knew they wanted to do something to help. They wanted to 'Unite for Ukraine' and then decided that it should be a day to 'Reach out for Refugees' because Ukraine is not the only country from which refugees are fleeing. The schools wanted it to be an inclusive event which supported all refugees.



As a Hertfordshire schools' campaign, it seemed appropriate to support a local charity 'Herts for Refugees' which has a strong record of helping those people most in need. They have already sent thousands of pounds to organisations operating on the ground in neighbouring countries of Poland and Moldova who are providing hot meals to those who have often waited in long queues after difficult journeys.

Money has also been sent to support the transportation of vital medical supplies to Ukraine. The campaign has so far raised nearly £11,000 in a day.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ReachOutForRefugees>
The page remains open for donations.

We are available to support any of our students affected by what is happening in Ukraine at present. Beaumont has always been a strong community and we have been delighted to be part of this event with other local schools.

Mrs Hussey

BSA COMEDY NIGHT returns

After a two-year hiatus, the BSA is pleased to announce the return of Comedy Night; a fun evening hosted by professional comedians. The event will take place on Saturday 23 April, in the school hall, with doors open from 7.15pm. Your host and compare will once again be **Philip Simon**. The comedians will be **Mary Bourke**, **Tadiwa Mahlunge** and **Keith Farnan**. *Please note all acts are subject to change at the last minute.*

Tickets are now on sale via BOPP at £20 per person including corkage. Please click on the link below to pay BSA £20.00 securely from your bank using BOPP. This is for one ticket. if you require more, please type in the correct cost (e.g. for two tickets enter £40 etc). You will receive your e-tickets by email. <https://bopp.app/link/1fdb8>

Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own drinks and snacks and some cash for the raffle. If you have any queries, please contact BSA@Beaumont.school

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ROB'S FESTIVAL 2022

Raffle

In preparation for Rob's Festival, the school's summer fundraising event for the Beaumont School Association and the Prince's Trust on the Saturday 25 June, the team has been contacting local businesses to provide prizes for an exciting raffle!

We have already received vouchers for the Snow Centre, a family photo shoot, The Dressing Room, BC Cycles and many more!

We hope that you will get involved and buy some tickets to raise money for two fantastic causes and be in with the chance of winning some fantastic prizes!

Sixth Form Rob's Festival Team



Beaumont School



Writer Jonathan Stroud lights up World Book Day

WBD 2022 will live long in the memory as the day Jonathan Stroud, author of *The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne*, visited Beaumont to celebrate his book's triumph as our whole school read (WSR) 2021/22. Since we unveiled this 'futuristic British Western' as our WSR back in October, Jonathan's exhilarating adventure story has gripped and delighted Beaumont students and staff across the school.

During his visit, Jonathan spoke to students in the hall about his life as a writer and the ideas that led to *Scarlett and Browne*. He is currently putting the finishing touches to the book's sequel and treated us to a reading from the opening chapter of the story. We were so thrilled to get a sneak preview of *The Notorious Scarlett and Browne*! Isadora in Year 10 told us: 'I really enjoyed Jonathan's talk about his creative processes and his new book. It really inspired me and made me excited to read more of his work.'

We are very grateful to Jonathan for all the time he spent listening and talking to students, signing their books and browsing the reviews, artwork, bookmarks and book covers they have created through a range of cross-curricular *Scarlett and Browne* activities.

This book has been a superb whole school read. It's brilliantly written, contains a cast of unforgettable characters and has a rollercoaster of a plot. What's more, the book highlights important issues such as climate catastrophe and neurodiversity, providing excellent material for discussion in English lessons and lunchtime book clubs.

The movie world has also recognised the calibre of *The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne* with the book set to be made into a film with *Bridgerton* star Phoebe Dynevor in the title role. Exciting movie news but always remember: it was a Beaumont WSR first!

We would need a whole edition of *Beaumont Life* to bring you all the students' reviews of *The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne* so instead, here is a flavour of what Beaumont readers have said about the book:



This is an amazing dystopian novel about crime, adventure and friendship. I was hooked on the story and I couldn't put it down! **Zoe R**

I LOVE THIS BOOK! The whole storyline is fascinating, the mystery of it all is gripping and the idea of the book is genius! **Sam M**

I knew this book was going to be one of my favourites after the first chapter. Love it. **Lola W**

Filled with plot twists, action and a thrilling adventure; what more could you want from a book? This book left me filled with happiness. **Imogen S**

BOLD, BRILLIANT, BRAVE. Jonathan Stroud has wowed us all with this magical read. **Fatimah A**

This is an action-packed and adrenaline-rushing book filled with drama, blood and fun. It is a thriller and is a good school read. **Connor W**

Mrs Shepard





Under 13s Football

Beaumont under 13s came out 3-2 winners against Roundwood Park in the second round of the District Cup in very tough conditions. Ed Cullum scored two great goals and Leo Hooper-Walter scored with a brilliant long-range strike. The team played some impressive passing football despite the heavy rain.

The team go on to the quarterfinals next week v Verulam.

Mr Wynn



Year 8 Netball

On Tuesday 8 March, the Year 8 A and B had their Netball tournament. Team A team travelled to STAHS with Miss Osborne, and team B team to STAGS with Miss Fraser (many thanks for taking them). Some lovely netball was played and a lot to take from the experience. I'm a very proud coach, as always.

Miss Osborne

