



We hope all our community have had a restful recharge over the holidays and for our Year 11 and Year 13 students a productive Easter break.

On Friday 13 and Friday 20 May 2022, Years 11 and 13 respectively begin their study leave for their crucial GCSE and A Level examinations. We wish them all the very best of luck and feel sure all their hard work over the last two years will help produce excellent results.

On our Ofsted Parent View page, the question, "The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year", shows some uncertainty about whether this information is made available by the school. Please note that this information is listed on our website under the drop down menu 'Students' → 'Curriculum Overview' / 'Curriculum Subjects'. I hope this is useful.

Our BSA AGM will be on 10 May this year. It is another opportunity to join the BSA Team – they are looking for a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in getting involved with BSA please contact the school via admin email.

Martin Atkinson

Looking ahead

Date	Time	Location	Event (correct at time of publication, check website for updates)
Monday 2 May			Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 May			GCSE Spanish oral examinations for dual linguists
Wednesday 4 May		D05-D08	GCSE Art & Graphics controlled assessment
Thursday 5 May		D05-D08	GCSE Art & Graphics controlled assessment
	6.00pm	Hall	Year 9 PGL trip parent information evening
Friday 6 May			Non-school uniform day in aid of Rob's Festival
	12.30pm		A Level French & German oral examinations
Saturday 7 May			Year 10 Bronze DofE practice expedition
	8.00pm		Year 10 Bronze DofE practice expedition
Sunday 8 May			BSA school lottery draw
Monday 9 May			Year 10 Bronze DofE practice expedition
Tuesday 10 May			A Level Spanish oral examination
	7.00pm	Sixth Form Atrium	A Level Art controlled assessment
		D05, D06, D08	BSA AGM
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Wednesday 11 May		D05, D06, D08	BSA AGM
	6.00pm	Hall	A Level Art controlled assessment
	7.15pm	Hall	Year 8 Cantabria trip parent information evening
Thursday 12 May		Thorpe Park	Year 7&8 PGL trip parent information evening
	8.15am	D05, D06, D08	Year 11 trip to Thorpe Park
	7.00pm	Hall	A Level Art controlled assessment
Friday 13 May		D05, D06, D08	Year 11 Graduation Assembly
	8.25am		A Level Art controlled assessment
Saturday 14 May		Hall TBC	Year 11 study leave commences
	10.00am		Year 11 GCSE Drama revision morning
	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 16 May		Hall/various	External examinations (summer series) start
Wednesday 18 May		D06, D07	Year 12 A Level Photography mock exam
Thursday 19 May		D06, D07	Year 12 A Level Photography mock exam
	3.00pm		Last day for Year 13 students
Friday 20 May			Year 9 full reports issued
	8.25am		Year 13 study leave commences
	2.40pm	C01, C02	Year 12 Drama exam
Saturday 21 May			BSA school lottery draw
Saturday 28 May			BSA school lottery draw
Monday 30 May			Half-term holiday (students return on Monday 6 June 2022)

Student Voice representatives meet Catering Team

Students representing Years 7-10 recently held a meeting with the Area Manager of the catering company Chartwells, to pass on student opinions on the provision of food and refreshments at Beaumont. Year 8 student Leo Samuel has written a summary of their meeting.

Lunchtime is one of the most important parts of the day, and Beaumont, along with the school's catering company, allowed for a handful of students to say what they like and dislike about school food and, most importantly, how school food could be improved. We discussed making the food available to more and more students by offering a larger variety of vegetarian options. Recently, the school trialled meat-free Monday, where there was a much larger assortment of food for those who do not eat meat. We talked about the positives and negatives of this day and, if it was to happen every week, how it could be even better. We also spoke about serving halal meat, gluten free food and healthier options.

Another thing that was raised was how food is packaged and how packaging could be made more environmentally friendly by switching to paper and card alternatives. Oh and how could I forget, we tasted some food that could be added to the menu like a delicious vegetable biryani, potato wedges and a halloumi bun. The food was very nice and overall it was great being able to get my opinion heard and all my questions answered.

Leo Samuel (8N)



European Chess Championship

Many congratulations to Year 10 students Katie Ball and Emily Maton, and Year 7 student Charlie Ball who recently represented England in the European Chess Championship.



Year 8 Team Maths Challenge

Diana Jeddad (8E) Zoe Ross (8A) Abinash Ravithas (8R) and Matthew Kingsman (8S) won the first heat of the Herts for Learning Year 8 Team Maths Challenge on Monday 25 April, competing against other Year 8 teams from across Hertfordshire.



There were four challenging rounds, each with a different focus: calculations, memory, estimation and problem solving. The students were enthusiastic and worked well as a team; they were a credit to Beaumont Maths Department.

Our team came first out of 20 schools, scoring an impressive 204 points out of a possible 240. They will go on to the final later in May.

Ms Dickson

Our favourite round was the memory round because two of us were observers and two were scribes and we had to reproduce a poster with lots of famous maths puzzles.

Diana Jeddad (8E)



Year 12 & 13 visit Cervantes Theatre

With many thanks to our wonderful and lovely Sixth Form, who made this trip an enjoyable experience for us all. Both Years 12 and 13 joined us enthusiastically in the opportunity to see a live version of our A level literature play performed at the Cervantes Theatre in London.

La Casa de Bernarda Alba was enacted with a great deal of passion and emotion. It kept to the script and Year 13 were able to see how the characters came alive. Year 12 have not studied the play yet at all but took it on board and were given a more modern take on the story from Year 13.

It was our first Spanish trip out in a while and our students made us very proud and happy to be with them. Looking forward to more opportunities in the future. Gracias.

Mrs Bennett



Music Celebrations

Last term was busy in the Music Department and we had much to celebrate.

In February we were treated to an inspirational masterclass with UK leading trombonist, Jonny Watkins. Edward Fearn (trombone), Thomas Cross (trumpet) and Charlotte Lee (horn) all played brilliantly and it was great to see so many other Beaumont instrumentalists supporting them.

The Chamber Choir returned to St. Peter's Church, accompanied this time by the Flute Ensemble and soloists from Years 7 to 13. All gave stunning performances and the audience was rightly impressed with the variety of music performed. The concert was enjoyed by an audience of over 100 who donated in aid of Rennie Grove. We look forward to publishing the total raised in the next edition of Beaumont Life.



Extra-curricular music at Beaumont is going from strength to strength. Over 100 students were involved in our Spring Concert which took place in the Main Hall before half term. It was great to see every ensemble performing and impressive that the performers included some of our students from the 'Get Playing' Scheme. The initiative has seen nearly 30 beginner instrumentalists receive free lessons on an instrument of their choice and all have made great progress.



The school holiday was busy for Thomas Cross and Rebecca Bint: both gave fantastic performances with the National Youth Concert Band in The Bradshaw Hall at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Meanwhile, Polly Alexander and Ben Davies performed closer to home with the Hertfordshire Schools Symphony Orchestra, and Sadie Keaveny, with Hertfordshire County Youth Orchestra. We are also proud of Rosie Bomphrey, Bella White and Jessie Nelson, who passed their recent instrumental and theory exams with flying colours. Congratulations to you all!

Miss Morgan

Ashley's Camp Out

On Sunday 28 March 2021, Ashley Owens in Year 8 (then Year 7), decided to raise money for the charity Paws2Rescue, a charity which helps to care for and rehome stray dogs, who are also currently helping to rescue dogs from Ukraine. His chosen method of fundraising? To sleep in a tent in his back garden, and guess what? He's still there!



Over one year later, having braved temperatures as low as minus seven degrees, torrential rain, high winds, falling trees and a sand storm, Ashley is showing no signs of stopping and has raised over £6500. Congratulations to Ashley. This is amazing work!

If you would like to donate to Ashley's fundraising efforts, you can do so by visiting his [justgiving page](#).

Mrs Hartley

International Quiz

On Wednesday 30 March we held an international quiz for Year 9. Each tutor group was represented by a team of four students who competed in four rounds which challenged their knowledge of countries, cultures and art.

It was a close contest but 8S came out as the winners, and their knowledge of the literal meaning of country names was particularly impressive. Many thanks to all those who took part and came to support, and to Mrs Lutz who helped out on the day.

Special thanks go to Alex Hardy and Ash Withers in Year 12 who helped run the event.

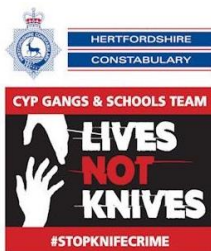
Miss Shahrade, Mrs Rennie



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Year 9 Hertfordshire Police 'Lives not knives' presentation

At the end of the Spring Term we were pleased to welcome DC Fiona Peters from the Gangs and Schools Team to Beaumont. Fiona delivered the 'Lives not Knives' presentation to Year 9 students in their weekly PSHCEE lesson. The presentation served as the conclusion to our focus this half term on anti-social behaviour, gangs and County Lines.



The presentation provided students with a valuable opportunity to hear first-hand about the important issue of knife crime, alongside broader issues including social media, County Lines, physical safety and personal responsibility.

Year 9 were also introduced to the organisation 'Fearless' (part of Crimestoppers) which is a site where they can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. It also provides a safe place to give information to us about crime - 100% anonymously. The site can be accessed here:

<https://www.fearless.org/>.

Mr Gray



Final Year 8 Netball

On Wednesday 20 April, straight back after the Easter break, 8B had their final league match of the netball season, playing against Roundwood School.

Some lovely netball was played, they listened to direction well and showed just how well they've come together as a team. They won 15-3 which means they finish top of their league, a fantastic achievement and I am a very proud coach.

Congratulations to Olivia Doyle who received Player of the Match chosen by students from Roundwood. Miss Osborne



County Cup Final

Just before the Easter break the U13 girls played their last game of the season. They faced Dame Alice Owen's in the County Cup final.

All students showed great determination and teamwork throughout the game and came away with second place. This team has achieved outstanding success this year, in the County Cup and also getting through to the National Cup quarter finals.

Miss Treadwell



Return of 1st XV Rugby

It has been great to see the return of the 1st XV rugby team this season. With a lot of hard work and perseverance they had a successful season, despite there being no county cup organised this year. Some of the highlights included Tom Cross playing competitive rugby for the first time, at prop, and the delight of him scoring his first try.

The cohort of over 22 players turned up regularly for fixtures, and, hopefully the successes of this season can be built on next year.

The most notable success was the selection of the team captain, Charlie Reboul, for the London and South East Divisional side, who beat both the South West and Midlands teams. We wish him and all those players all the best for their futures.



Mr Robinson, Mr Graham



Enjoy & Excel

A trio of book awards to get us talking

Beaumont students have the opportunity to get involved with three national book awards over the summer term:

[The Children's Book Award](#) (CBA): coordinated by the Federation of Children's Book Groups, which is the only national award voted for solely by children from start to finish.

[The Jhalak Children's and YA Prize](#) : this prize celebrates books written by British people of colour.

[The Yoto Carnegie Medal](#): this is the UK's longest running children's book prize and is considered by many to be the most prestigious. It is awarded by children's librarians but the young people who take part in or 'shadow' the award also get the chance to vote on which of the shortlisted books they want to win the [Shadowers' Choice Award](#).



Students can choose which of the shortlists they'd like to follow. Whichever book prize they pick, we'll be running discussion and activity groups in the Library in the weeks ahead. These sessions are always lively and, more often than not, the book chat is accompanied by biscuits and cake!

Book award shortlists showcase the very best of children's and young adult fiction. They are an ideal way to generate interest in reading, to raise talking points and to encourage readers to try books they wouldn't normally choose. If students are interested in taking part in any of these book prizes, they can pop into the Library and speak to the librarians.

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