



It has been an incredibly packed half term at Beaumont. Last week we said goodbye to our Year 13 students who have now begun their A Level examinations. Having seen them mature over the years and especially during the pandemic, I am reminded of how amazing and resilient they have all become and we wish them all the very best for their exams and their futures.

They were preceded by our Year 11 students who, after a fantastic celebratory trip to Thorpe Park, enjoyed a graduation ceremony sharing many memories. We wish all our Year 11 students the very best with their exam season.

Internal exams for Years 7 to 10 start in the week commencing Monday 6 June. These exams are essential practice for the future. A reminder that Year 12 should also be working hard for their upcoming Threshold Exams as these provide vital information with regard to UCAS applications next academic year. Of course students need to balance their studies, making time for sport and other interests. I wish all our students success with their exams over the coming weeks, their hard work will pay off and help them to achieve their best possible results. I would also like to say thank you to all our parents/carers for their continued support of their children especially now in the examination season.

We are enormously proud of our Drama Department who have 13 acting students and one costume design student successfully gaining places on the coveted National Youth Theatre (NYT) Summer programme. An incredible record, huge congratulations to all!

The recent Comedy Night run by the BSA lived up to its name and was a huge success with plenty of laughter. Rob's Festival arrangements are in full swing and I do hope you will support the school and I will see you there on Saturday 25 June.

I wish you all a good half term holiday.

Martin Atkinson

Looking ahead

Date	Time	Location	Event (correct at time of publication, check website for updates)
Saturday 4 June	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 6 June	8.25am		Students return to school
	8.40am		Year 7-10 internal exam week (ends Friday 10 June)
	8.40am		Year 12 Threshold Exams (ends Friday 17 June)
Thursday 9 June	6.30pm	Conference Room	Board of Trustees meeting
Saturday 11 June	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 13 June	7.30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee meeting
Tuesday 14 June	8.30am	Stratford	Year 10 Geography field trip
Wednesday 15 June	4.30pm	Conference Room	Resources Committee meeting
	7.30pm	Online event	Bronze DofE Award parent information evening
Friday 17 June	12.00pm		Bronze DofE Award qualifying expedition
Saturday 18 June			Bronze DofE Award qualifying expedition
	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Sunday 19 June			Bronze DofE Award qualifying expedition
Monday 20 June	5.30pm	Hall/C01	Year 7 & 8 Drama club performance
Tuesday 21 June	8.30am	Swanage	Year 12 Geography trip to Swanage
	6.30pm	Conference Room	CTL Committee meeting
Wednesday 22 June	8.30am	Swanage	Year 12 Geography trip to Swanage
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	6.00pm	Hall	Welcome to new Year 7 parent information evening
Friday 24 June	8.30am	Thorpe Park	Year 10 trip to Thorpe Park
Saturday 25 June	12.00pm	Field	Rob's Festival
	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Tuesday 28 June			External examinations (summer series) end
	7.00pm	St Paul's Church	Summer concert
Wednesday 29 June	8.30am	Hall	Sixth Form Induction
	8.30am		External examinations (summer series) contingency day
Thursday 30 June	8.30am	Hall	Sixth Form Induction
	5.30pm	Art Foyer	Year 13 A Level Photography & Art show

BEAUMONT LIFE

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Beaumont DofE Expedition Season was literally 'back on track' with 104 Year 10 students completing their practice expedition in the Chiltern Hills.

The weather was largely kind to us and the students demonstrated enthusiasm, initiative and resilience as well as varying degrees of navigational skill. One group was even overheard to say "we should go for walks in the countryside more often" (although perhaps without the heavy rucksacks!). As always, the cooking proved popular with the standard pasta and sauce served up alongside some more ambitious meals. There were many tired and aching students at the end who were nevertheless proud of what they had achieved.

Of course, we cannot run such expeditions without our intrepid staff and parent volunteers, who were just as proud and in need of sleep at the end of a very long and successful weekend! We wish all participants success in their qualifying expeditions in June. More photos can be seen at twitter.com/beaumontdofe.

Ms Dickson



British Biology Olympiad

Three Year 13 students recently took part in the British Biology Olympiad, organised annually by the Biology Society. The students, Ben Whitehouse, Joseph Jason and Gabrielle Lukoseviciute obtained Gold awards, which is a fantastic achievement, putting them in the top 5% of the 10,000 students who participated. A massive congratulations to them.

Dr Jones



Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Past students Sam Mackinnon, Thomas Cooper, Beatrix Towers and Felix Walton attended a ceremony at Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold DofE Awards.

HRH The Earl of Wessex led the engagement. We are extremely proud of these students who persevered through their A Levels and Covid to complete this challenging and impressive award.

Ms Dickson



ROB'S FESTIVAL 2022

Rob's Festival is BACK on Saturday 25 June 2022 12.00pm – 6.00pm! We have an exciting array of activities planned for the day including live bands, a samba parade, a sports tournament, inflatables and a variety of catering outlets. Students are getting involved both on and off stage by practising music to perform and organising stalls in their houses. We hope to see as many as possible of you there to support the BSA and the Prince's Trust! See you there!
Rob's Festival Sixth Form Committee

See page 5 for ticket information

Year 13 student wins Judo Gold

Congratulations to Year 13 student Alex Asryan, who has added to his gold medal collection in Judo. Not only has he recently won the Chalfont Club Competition, held on 23 April, but he has also added the title of national champion to his collection after winning the BJC Open National Judo Championships on 1 May 2022.

What is even more impressive is that he has achieved this whilst preparing for his A Levels in May/June.

Ms Dundjerovic



St Albans District Schools Swimming Team

Three students Amy Witton (7N), Megan Gray (10A) and Yasmin Meadows (10S) were part of the St Albans District Schools Swimming Team who secured a decisive win at the Herts School Inter-District Swimming Competition. The swimmers dominated with individual wins from Amy in Butterfly, Megan in Freestyle and Yasmin in breaststroke.

The students were also instrumental in securing wins in both the medley and freestyle relays. The triumphant students are pictured below.



We are looking to form Beaumont relay swim teams to compete in the 2022/2023 autumn school championships. Each age group male/female team comprises four swimmers. Year group categories are (for academic year 2022/23) Years 7 and 8 (junior), Years 9 to 10 (intermediate), and Years 11 to 13 (senior).

There are two qualifying galas in September (girls) and October (boys). Times from these galas are then used to select for a national final in the London Aquatics Centre in November. The team competition is then over for the year.

Do you have a competitive swimmer in the family? Get in touch via admin@beaumont.school.

Mr Witton

Milton Mountaineers

Milton Mountaineers is a charity group of blind and partially sighted hill walkers and sighted friends and relations who meet in different parts of the UK to climb hills or mountains in the area. Recently, Year 7 student Phillippa Cowen helped guide a group of walkers and here is her story.

"I first got involved on the Milton Mountaineers 50th anniversary when I was nine years old. My great grandfather David Scott Blackhall started the charity as his own eyesight started to deteriorate when he was in his teens and then went completely blind by 45, but he still had a love for walking.



"This year we were in a place called Whitby and most of us walked over 25 miles across a span of three days, either guiding somebody or just enjoying the views. I guided a different person each day and it was a really unique experience for me because it's amazing to hear what they go through every day just to live as normally as they can."

Phillippa Cowen (7B)

Herts For Learning Team Maths Challenge Update

The Year 8 team who won their heat in the Herts For Learning Team Maths Challenge recently, went on to further success in the final, placing third after another tough four rounds of questions and challenges.

The team scored an impressive 210 points out of a potential 240. The first and second placed schools scored 218 and 217 points respectively. 76 teams entered initially, with 18 gaining a place in the final event, which took place at Marriotts School in Stevenage.

Matthew Kingsman, Diana Jeddad, Abinash Ravithas and Zoe Ross had clearly learnt from their heat success and improved their strategies, especially their teamwork skills in the memory round.

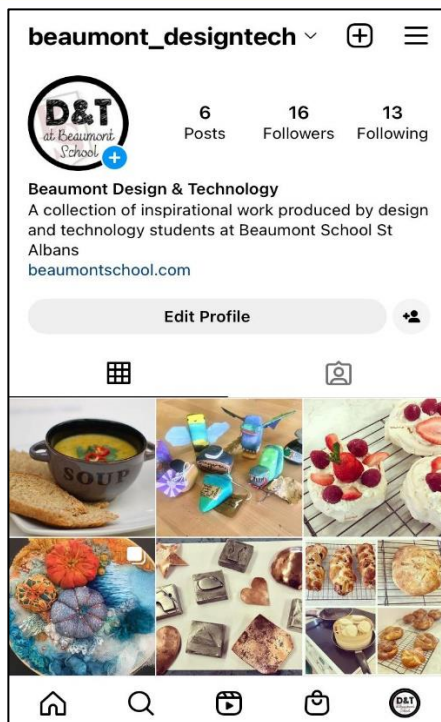
Ms Dickson



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Please follow [@beaumont_designtech](#) our brand new Instagram account, showcasing exciting work from our students in Food and Nutrition, Textiles, Product Design and Resistant Materials.

Mrs Kadlott



Carnegie and cakes – good times in the Library

The annual [Carnegie](#) Medal book prize spotlights the best of contemporary fiction for children and young adults. Each year we follow, or 'shadow', the award with students. This involves reading at least six of the eight shortlisted books, writing reviews and joining other shadowers for regular discussion sessions in the Library. This year, there are 35 students in the Beaumont shadowing group, wonderfully entitled the Bookiewookiedoodahs. This group brings together students from across Years 7 to 10 and gives them a fantastic opportunity to share their feelings and opinions with other readers. Our lunchtime get-togethers have been lively affairs, with hours of insightful book chat about the shortlisted titles, graced with a selection of the librarians' homemade, Carnegie-themed cakes and biscuits.

The Bookiewookiedoodahs have already written and published 40 book reviews on their own shadowing group page on the official Carnegie Medal website. Here are Edie's thoughts on the shortlisted verse novel *The Crossing* by Manjeet Mann.

"I loved this book, I think it was so powerful, I liked the way it balances out the seriousness with sections of humour whilst including serious topics such as homophobia and racism. It took me a while to understand the way the multiple points of views were set out but as I continued reading, it became clear. I thought that the family aspect of this book was very emotional and that the message behind how to treat others in relationships was strong. At several points whilst reading I was on the verge of tears, which just made me think, if this is how I am feeling from a reader's perspective, how must it feel for the people that have experienced that in the past? I think that the way the author chose to set out a page with the person's name and their lifespan was heart-warming and showed just how much she understands that it is a sensitive topic for some people."

We recommend visiting the Bookiewookiedoodahs' [page](#) to read more of their perceptive reviews.

Mrs Shepard

From the Trustees

Trustees on the Community, Teaching and Learning (CTL) Committee meet twice a term.

At our meeting in March, we considered Departmental Reviews which had been distributed before the meeting. Reviews had not taken place during Covid so this was a good opportunity for us to gain insight into the process and content of reviews once again.

Areas of focus include actions from the last review, an evaluation of curriculum intent and pedagogy, and entail activities such as lesson visits, student consultation, looking at student work where appropriate, and department consultation. Trustees linked to departments are often involved in the review process, including talking to students. Overall, the reviews were very positive and informed plans for continuing development.

A Level and GCSE examinations are underway, having started on 16 May and will be finishing towards the end of June. Students are sitting external examinations for the first time since the pandemic began and after two years of centre-assessed and teacher-assessed grades. This year the dates of exam papers are spread further apart than usual to help ensure that if a student becomes ill, they will not miss all their exams in a subject.

Trustees wish students in Years 11 and 13 all the very best with their exams and future plans.

As ever, we would like to extend our thanks to students, parents/carers and school staff for their ongoing dedication and hard work.

Michele Lloyd
Chair, CTL Committee





ROB'S FESTIVAL BEAUMONT SCHOOL

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Beaumont School, Austen Way
St Albans AL4 0XB
12:00pm - 6:00pm

ICE CREAM VAN

BAR

BOUNCY CASTLE

BSA BBQ

RAFFLE

GLADIATOR BATTLE

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TO BUY TICKETS**

Child ticket £4



Adult ticket £6



Family of four
ticket £15



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Enjoy & Excel



ROB'S FESTIVAL 2022



RAFFLE PRIZES

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

1ST PLACE PRIZE



LONDON

Win a one night stay including breakfast for two people at the Hard Rock Hotel, London*

*conditions apply

2ND PLACE PRIZE



a family ticket to a Friday night session at Pub at the Park in Verulamium Park.

3RD PLACE PRIZE



family photoshoot at Photographic Synergy

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ENRICHING LIVES

AND MANY MORE...

including Wrights's Jewellers, Oliver Bonas, The Nail Lounge and DJ Jungle!



Please contribute to Rob's Festival by bringing in used books for our sustainability stall.

Please bring them to the main reception from Monday 6 to Friday 24 June. Make sure they are in good condition.

Please do come and visit us on the sustainability stall!!

 [robsfestival2022](https://www.instagram.com/robsfestival2022)

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Beaumont School

COMMUNITY COURSES

Our evening community courses are now up and running

email: communitycourses@beaumont.school

AT A GLANCE

- cost is £120 for ten double lessons
- minimum of five students per course for a course to run
- if you are interested in joining, please email us (address above) for an enrolment form



Beaumont School would like to offer English as an additional language to Ukrainian families at a discounted rate.

If you know of someone who might be interested, please let us know.

This summer term, we are offering the following courses:

Art Textiles

Wednesday 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Beaumont School, Art, Design & Technology Block

English as an additional language

Monday and Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Beaumont School, venue to be confirmed

French intermediate

Monday 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Beaumont School, Block J, room 07

French (any level)

Tuesday 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Beaumont School or online (depending on interest)

German intermediate

Wednesday 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Online Google Meet

Italian (any level)

Tuesday and Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Online Google Meet or Zoom

Spanish (any level)

Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Wednesday and Thursday 2:15 – 3:45 pm

Online Google Meet or Zoom

Woodwork

Tuesday 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Beaumont School, Art, Design & Technology Block

If you are thinking of joining a course in September, please contact us now



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