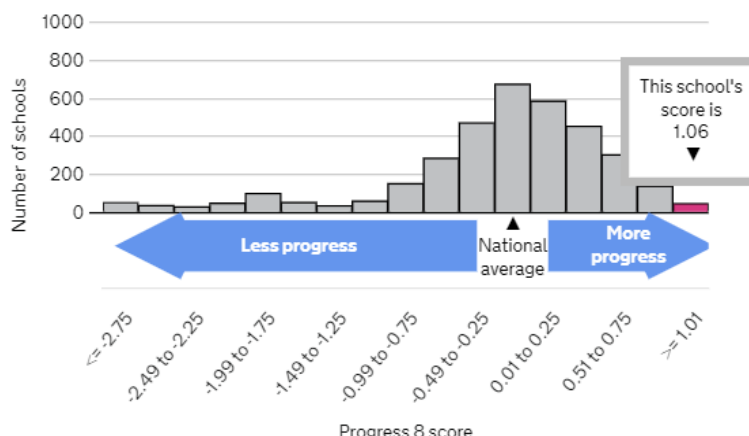




In parents information evenings at the start of the academic year, I referred to the Progress 8 score which we were hoping would demonstrate the outstanding results achieved by Year 11s. This figure has now been confirmed as +1.1 which is a truly fantastic achievement.

This means that on average students achieved over 1 grade better than the national expectation in all of their best eight GCSEs, something that the students in school can be exceptionally proud of. The school league tables have been published and can be found at:



<https://www.find-school-performance-data.service.gov.uk/school/138286/beaumont-school/secondary>

This is a very important half term for Year 11 with the mock examinations rapidly approaching and I would like to ask for the support of parents and carers in encouraging and managing this busy time, including making sure students take sensible breaks and plan some social time into their revision schedules. We wish them all the very best. It remains for me to wish you all a restful half term break and to thank you for your continued support of the school.

Martin Atkinson

Looking ahead

Date	Time	Location	Event (correct at time of publication, check website for updates)
Tuesday 1 November	3.00pm		Year 8, 9 & 13 reports issued
Wednesday 2 November		Various	University admissions testing
	7.30pm	Conference Room	BSA Committee meeting
Thursday 3 November	8.30am	Various	Year 7-13 Tutor Review Day
	7.00pm	Online event	BSV Education Trust Information Evening
Friday 4 November	8.30am		School fundraising non-uniform day
	7.00pm	Hall	Upper School show <i>The Lord of the Flies</i>
Saturday 5 November	7.00pm	Hall	Upper School show <i>The Lord of the Flies</i>
	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 7 November	9.30am	US Embassy	Year 12 & 13 US Politics Today conference
	10.55am	Hall	Public speaking final
Tuesday 8 November	8.30am		Personal Development Day
Wednesday 9 November	8.30am	Various	Year 11 study leave commences
	8.45am		Year 11 mock exams (end Thursday 24 November)
	8.45am		Year 9-10 German Exchange Beaumont to Germany
Thursday 10 November	6.30pm		Resources Committee meeting
Friday 11 November	10.51am		Armistice Day
Saturday 12 November	8.00pm		BSA lottery draw
Wednesday 16 November	6.30pm	Conference Room	CTL Committee meeting
Friday 18 November	8.00am	Great Thurlow	Year 12 Art trip to Curwen Print
Saturday 19 November	8.00pm		BSA lottery draw
Thursday 24 November			Last day of Year 11 study leave
Friday 25 November			Occasional Day (school closed)
Saturday 26 November	8.00pm		BSA lottery draw
Monday 28 November	8.30am	Various	Year 11 GCSE languages mock oral exams this week
Tuesday 29 November	7.00pm	Hall	GCSE Presentation Evening (Summer 2022 exam series)
Wednesday 30 November	7.00pm	Hall	Music Department concert



Ready, Steady, Cook with the Royal Navy

It was a great pleasure to host a visit from two chefs from The Royal Navy recently. Guided by the Navy team, our Year 10 students were able to make a plant-based lasagne in a Ready Steady Cook challenge and got really inspired by it. The chefs also delivered a careers presentation and were able to answer many of the questions posed by our students. Thank you to the two wonderful chefs who have made this experience very memorable.

Mrs Denton



Supporting mental health and well being

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have responded to the invitation to join us at our anxiety workshop on Wednesday 19 October. We are always looking for opportunities to promote the wide range of support that we offer here at Beaumont and would like to remind parents/carers of the following resources that we offer support beyond our fantastic pastoral system:



Finding Support at Beaumont

We want you to 'Enjoy & Excel' in everything you do, both in and out of school.

<https://learn.beaumont.school/support> is a website that helps students to identify sources of support both in and out of school. It can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the back of our uniform cards.

We also have the @BeaumontSupport Twitter account. We are sent a huge range of courses, training and activities to promote with our families so this account has been set up specifically to share these. If you do not already follow us, please do!

We are also taking part in 'Just Talk' week in November. This year, the theme is 'Beneath the Surface'. We are currently planning some ideas for our students that will look at body image. Students in Hertfordshire identify their appearance as the thing they worry about

most, after school work. This worry and negative perception of their body and appearance has increased significantly since COVID-19 and although more prevalent in teenage girls, is also becoming more common in younger children and boys. The mental health charity 'Young Minds' has some fantastic advice for parents/carers which can be found at: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/body-image/>

Should you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

Ms Dundjerovic



Beaumont Drama

For the second consecutive year, Key Stage 4 students performed the first Drama department production of the year at the start of October. Following an intensive rehearsal period, this talented company presented DNA by Dennis Kelly.

Audiences were blown away by the fearless performances by the entire cast and we are incredibly proud of all the students involved. The Drama department did not rest there. Following two evenings of shows, we then welcomed word renowned theatre company Frantic Assembly the next day who led workshops with our Year 10 GCSE students.

Our extra-curricular focus now turns to Key Stage 5 and their production of *The Lord of the Flies* straight after half term; make sure you have bought your tickets via your MCAS account.

Miss Shepherd





First Competition for the Girls' Junior Swim Team

Well done to Amy Witton (8N), Sienna Zarilli (8R), Natalie Herbst (7B) and Chiara Lloyd (8B), who took part in their first swimming competition, the East of England and South Eastern Region Championships. Pitched against schools from all over the South and East Anglian swimming regions, the girls were not daunted and put in excellent performances.



The team was entered for the 4 x 50m medley relay and the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay.

Of the schools taking part from Hertfordshire, the Beaumont team came sixth in the medley relay with a time of 2 minutes 56.59 seconds and were only narrowly beaten by a student from Sandringham, whose time was only a fraction of a second faster. The technical ability of the Beaumont swimmers shone through in a race that saw many teams disqualified for technical infractions. This is where there is a mistake made by one or more members of the team in the execution of their leg of the relay. This can be either an incorrect stroke or turn, or an incorrect handover. In the Freestyle Relay they placed seventh with a time of 2 minutes 38.25 seconds.

We would like to enter more teams into the Schools Swimming Championships, both boys' and girls' teams in all age groups. Teams are Juniors (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10), Seniors (Years 11, 12 and 13).

If have a swimmer in your family who would be interested in being part of a team contact Mr Witton via admin@beaumont.school.

Dr Annette Payne

Netball News

Year 7 played their first competitive league match, which also happened to be a cup game, incorporating the two. The team all played very well together, showing real team spirit in a fantastic 21-1 win. The player of the match went to Mabel Yeldham (7B).



Year 9 A team played their first competitive league match against Sandringham on Wednesday 12 October. In a fantastic game with some beautiful Netball flow we had a great win by 22-5. Mikayla Blessing received Player of The Match, chosen by the students from Sandringham.



U14 were entered into a county tournament on Saturday 15 October. There were some very challenging games but the team fought well together to keep scores low. They reached the semi-final of the plate, sadly losing that one but finishing third in their pool and overall 11th out of 14 in the county.

An amazing achievement for their first tough tournament. Well done to all the teams; I am a proud coach!

Miss Osborne

Cross Country

The season started in earnest with the Sandringham Fun Run on Tuesday 13 September. All secondary schools from St Albans and Harpenden compete in both individual and team events and Beaumont had 20 boys and 20 girls competing.

The girls' team did brilliantly, winning their team competition with Eliza Ross (4th), Paloma Theobalds (12th), Sophia Neil (14th) and Jane Yu (21st) our four scoring runners. In the boys' event, Joseph McGrath was 7th and our individual winner on the night was Seb Parsons, who won the boys' race with an outstanding run.

This strong start has led to a very successful District League season and it has been great to see so many Beaumont students running both on Thursdays and training on a Monday evening. I would like to thank Mr Osborne for his enthusiasm and expertise in training the runners. This has really paid off with the junior boys winning the league, the inter girls' coming second and the junior girls team winning the league, with the B team coming third. This is the first time we have ever had two teams in the top three in an age group.

Sophie Treloar was placed 3rd at the district championships, whilst Emma Treloar was just outside the medals in 4th, Beth Lawson 5th, Lizzi Baylis 7th, Mabel Yeldham 9th and Seb Parsons 6th in their respective races.

Owen Fan finished 9th and Alex Morgan 8th in a gruelling senior boys' race whilst Sarah McGrath was our outstanding individual runner this season, winning not only the senior girls' league title, but also the individual title at the District Championships for the second consecutive year.

I hope that we can continue our excellent performances at the County Championships in February. Thank you all for your hard work and outstanding performances and to all parents who supported the runners this season so far.

Mr Stewart

U14 Girls first national cup fixture

The under 14 girls' squad showed a great performance in their first fixture of the year.

Due to the opposition conceding in the first round, we were automatically through to round two. We faced Henry Floyd Grammar School in our first game.

The team worked really well together and displayed some great play and technical skills.

The game ended with a 15-0 win, with goals from Emily Gray, Lauren Viney, Jazz Mercer, Georgie Brugnoli-Rowe, Lizzie Baylis, Imogen Rennie and Maisie Taylor and an own goal from the opposition.

We face St Clement Danes in round three.

Miss Treadwell



Chess success

Many congratulations to Thea Losse (10A), Emily Maton (11E) and Katie Ball (11B), who finished joint fourth at the recent National School Girls' Chess Championship semi-final run by the English Chess Federation.

Having won four of the five rounds, the girls have now qualified for the national final: a huge achievement given this is Beaumont's first year of participation. Well done!

Mr Brooks



Moving to the rhythm of Karl Nova's poetry

Beaumont was blown away by the energy and brilliance of award-winning poet and hip-hop artist Karl Nova during his visit to the school this month. Karl wowed Year 8 and members of staff with a stellar performance in the Hall, talking to us about his journey to becoming a 'page and stage' poet and his defence of rap as a true form of poetry.

Karl told us 'I've never done a lesson of poetry.' Instead, his work is inspired and informed by his personal experiences and his lifelong love of reading and music. After sharing his story, Karl gave electrifying performances of his poems *Poetry?* and *True Colours*, which had the audience whooping and clapping. Afterwards, Karl signed copies of his books in the Library and spent time chatting to students about poetry, reading ... and his favourite footballers!

Karl's poetry, style and relatable approach struck a real chord with students. We will let them tell you what they thought:



"Karl Nova was really inspiring and helped me to dream big and be creative. His poems are proof that we can do anything we put our minds to. Having lunch with him in the Library was really enjoyable and I really got to know Karl Nova." **Harley** (8N)

"I loved listening to Karl Nova's talk! It was so interesting and by far one of the best talks I've ever listened to. He was so funny and great with young people; it was a real pleasure to get to know about him and his backstory. I will definitely be listening to his music. Overall, I hope every talk we have at Beaumont in the future will be as good as Karl's." **Maddie** (8S)

"I thought Karl Nova was amazing as he said his ideas in a funny, open way. He also gave us great advice. He was honest and it came from the heart." **Ethan** (8N)

"The way Karl Nova tells a story isn't how you would imagine but in a way the new generation understands. It's just amazing. Meeting him in the Library, he was speaking to everyone, yet you felt that he was speaking to you, and only you. I think he knows how to inspire people. He knows how to explain his stories and poems so you can imagine you are in them." **Sienna** (8R)

"Karl is very inspirational to young children. He is very smart in his approach, being very funny and interacting with the audience. It is very good that he does hip-hop because that links in with his poetry. Also, he is very modern, using slang and acting to tell the story of how he got into writing poetry." **Nate** (8N)

"Listening to Karl Nova was inspirational because it really showed me how you can reach your goals. I love poetry and love listening to it too. I hope I manage to build the courage to perform poetry for other people. I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to meet Karl in person!" **Molly** (8S)

Thank you to Karl Nova for making this visit such a huge success. We must recommend his poetry collections, available from the Library: [Rhythm and Poetry](#) and [The Curious Case of Karl Nova](#). Click [here](#) to visit Karl Nova's website.

Ms Shepard

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If you are interested in joining one or more of them, please email:

community.classes@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



This autumn term, we are offering the following courses:

Art Textiles

Wednesday 7:30 – 9:30pm

Beaumont School, Design and Technology Block

French intermediate

Monday 7:00 – 9:00pm

Beaumont School, J Block

French Beginners

Tuesday 7:00 – 9:00pm

Beaumont School, J Block

German Intermediate

Wednesday 7:00 – 9:00pm

Beaumont School, J Block

Italian (any level)

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30pm

Online, using Google meet or Zoom

Spanish (any level)

Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30pm

Online, using Google Meet or Zoom

Wednesday 2:15 – 3:45 pm and 4:00 – 5:30pm

Beaumont School, J Block

Woodwork

Tuesday 7:00 – 9:00pm

Beaumont School, Design and Technology Block



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