



The end of November brings with it the culmination of the Year 11 mock examinations. These have been an opportunity for our Year 11 students to experience official exam conditions ahead of their summer GCSEs and to evaluate their knowledge and approach towards their subjects before the final term of learning. Year 13 mock exams will follow shortly after Christmas and I wish them all the very best as they approach this crucial stage of the academic year.

We have recently run a successful Tutor Review Day for all our students offering the opportunity to discuss the pastoral side of their time at Beaumont. As this was our first Tutor Review Day, we very much welcome feedback from parents/carers via the Google Form recently sent out in our school communications.

Our sporting teams have been exceptionally busy and successful; details can be found within the latter pages of this edition. We wish them ongoing success as we head into the final three weeks of this Autumn Term.

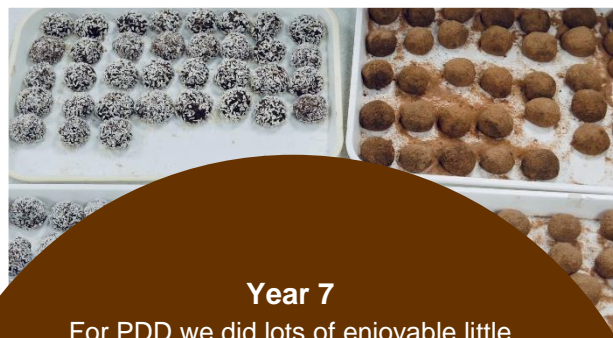
Our Year 9 and Year 10 Language students have just enjoyed a fantastic (long awaited!) return of a foreign exchange visit to Germany, staying with their host German families. Spanish students will be visiting Beaumont in December.

As you will see this edition of Beaumont Life is bursting with news on our whole school community. We are enormously grateful that our exceptionally hard working students are so brilliantly supported by both their families and the wider St Albans community. As we head into the seasonal festivities that Christmas time brings and the last few weeks of term, I encourage all our students to keep up their efforts and spirits and to enjoy all that Beaumont offers.

Martin Atkinson

Looking ahead

Date	Time	Location	Event (correct at time of publication, check website for updates)
Thursday 1 December	8.30am	D08	Year 12/13 Art life drawing
	7.00pm	Hall	Certificate Presentation Evening (current Year 12 students)
Saturday 3 December	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Tuesday 6 December	7.00pm	Hall	Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening
Wednesday 7 December	12.10pm	Hall	Year 7 author visit by Patrice Lawrence
	6.30pm	Conference Room	Board of Trustees Meeting & AGM
Thursday 8 December	1.00pm	British Library	Year 10/11 Exploring Black British Literature Workshop
	5.00pm	Online	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 9 December	8.30am		Staff & Sixth Form Christmas jumper day for Shelter
Saturday 10 December	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 12 December			Year 10/12/13 Spanish Exchange students to Beaumont
Tuesday 13 December	4.00pm	Sixth Form Atrium	Spanish Exchange social event
	7.00pm	St Peter's Church	Carol Service
Thursday 15 December	3.00pm		Year 11 reports issued
Friday 16 December	8.30am	A06	Year 7-9 nasal flu vaccinations
Saturday 17 December	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Monday 19 December	7.00pm	Hall	Sixth Form Certificate Presentation Evening
Wednesday 21 December	12.30pm		Students dismissed early for Christmas holiday
Saturday 24 December	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw
Saturday 31 December	8.00pm		BSA school lottery draw



Year 7

For PDD we did lots of enjoyable little projects throughout the day and we have learned how to work in a production line, which is the most efficient way. We accurately folded a box out of paper for the chocolate truffles to go into. We decorated the box by adding a logo, sewing fabric hearts together, made plaits for the hearts to create a connection, sawed, filed and designed a square of wood.

My favourite part was making the chocolate truffles because it was really fun and they tasted really good.

Isabelle White (7N)





Year 9





Year 11 & Sixth Form

We were delighted to welcome professionals from a range of organisations into school for the Careers Fair. This annual event provides our students with an insight into the workplace in a variety of different sectors.

Amongst many other organisations this year we had representatives from Computacenter, Ernst & Young, Nuffield, Pinnacle Consulting Engineers, Amber Mountain Marketing, Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, the Royal Navy, British Army, Hertfordshire and Metropolitan Police, together with a special visit from Ursa the Urban Search, Rescue and firearms trained police dog.

Our students were able to learn about individual career journeys and opportunities from TV & film producers, cyber security specialists, a UK Parliament civil servant, a barrister, engineers, a chef, a fashion specialist, a GP, nurse, together with a consultant and critical care emergency doctors. Students also gathered information from further education colleges and the University of Hertfordshire.

Thank you to the businesses and education, training and apprenticeship providers who contributed, especially the emergency crews, many of whom gave up their rest days to join us.

Mrs Rider

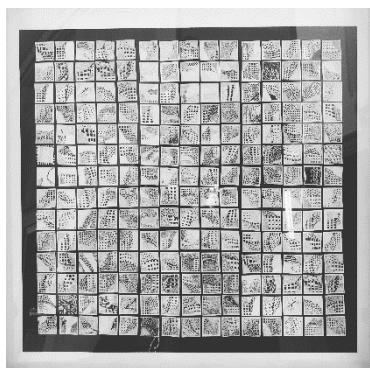


H'arts in Mind

Last year we were delighted to be the winners for the H'arts in Mind Zentangle Competition, run throughout Hertfordshire, where students were asked to complete a small tile based on petters and zentangles. It was part of a project run by H'arts in Mind, to promote mental health in young people. The work is currently on display in the St Albans Gallery, along with the trophy awarded to Beaumont.

Well done to all the Year 9 students involved. It looks fantastic and is a great achievement.

Ms Findlay



'Enjoy & Excel'

An important part of the school philosophy, 'Enjoy & Excel' is to acknowledge the achievements of our students' when they do well academically. Reviewing the students reports that were issued this term, Heads of Year sent out individual letters of congratulations to students in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

We will continue to praise, encourage and motivate our students to foster academic excellence. Congratulations once again!

Ms Afilaka



'Our' Local Hero

You may remember that Ashley Owens in Year 9 has been sleeping in a tent in his garden to raise funds for the animal charity Paws2Rescue. I am pleased to be able to share with you that he has now reached 600 nights in the tent and, for the last 100, his pet spaniel, Bertie, has accompanied him. He recently even moved the tent to the bottom of his garden for a greater challenge! His current fundraising total is in excess of £14,000, with £30,000 set as his target.

To recognise this phenomenal achievement, Ashley has been nominated in the Young Fundraiser category for two sets of awards. He recently won the My Local Hero Award, which he received at a ceremony held at the Grove Hotel in Watford. He has also been nominated in the 'Make a Difference Awards', which will be decided in a ceremony to be televised in February.

Congratulations Ashley on your amazing achievements to date and good luck for February!

Mrs Hartley



Tree Planting

Staff and students recently planted 30 native hedge saplings from the Woodland Trust to border a wild area at the front of Beaumont School.

As part of a school wilding project run by the Sustainability Club, native grasses and flowers are being encouraged in protected areas around school and more natural hedging established. The aim is to help conserve wild flora, which in turn provides habitat and food for insects and birds.



"I really like planting trees in a school area because it is an enjoyable, inspiring activity. I love doing it because it is super fun to get a bit messy and you get to feel like you have played a part in keeping your school eco-friendly. It is a great community to be around people who care about nature in a learning environment".

Rosie Bomphey (8E)

"I love taking part with the sustainability group! Last year I took part in many out-of-school activities. You have so much fun and make many new friends! We planted lots of trees by the car park and added to the pre-planted row of one year old mini-tree hedges. It was really fun and I learned a new skill: how to properly plant a tree sapling".

Tilly Burrige (8E)



Lord of the Flies

Early November we were treated to a brilliant and bold piece of theatre, Lord of the Flies, performed by Beaumont Upper School Drama. There were two casts that attacked this exciting production, bringing a sense of bravery and anarchy in their performances.

The audience was immediately immersed into what appeared to be a plane, three in fact, creating a thrust stage layout. The air hostesses greeted the audience as they entered, with the cast also getting on board the planes, to then be thrown into a plane crash, with a loud soundscape and movement sequences involving crashing chairs. We, the cast and audience, then landed on the island where the rest of this disturbing play was set.

The modern interpretation, through dress and sound choices, was engaging throughout. The performances were bold, brave and, at times, really quite scary, as we watched these characters deteriorate mentally over the time of the play. The cast tackled some challenging sequences and a wordy, but truly classic text, performed at its best.

Sometimes, it is hard to remember that these are young performers, because what they produce really is good enough to be professional work. Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Upper School Production of Lord of the Flies.

Mrs Wallace



Herts Young People Awards 2022

We were delighted to receive the news that a current Year 13 student and one of our alumni has received awards at the recent Herts Young People awards ceremony. Alexis Laurent received an award for persevering with his bronze Duke of Edinburgh through the pandemic and helping other, much younger, children with the tasks required on the expedition. Charlie Thomas, who left Beaumont last year, received an award for his work promoting apprenticeships.



They were presented their awards by Mr de Kort, who is now working full time as a representative for Herts County Council, but obviously knows Beaumont well! A huge well done to Alexis and Charlie.

Mrs Tolley

We have first-hand experience of Charlie doing this as he attended our recent Personal Development Day to speak to current Year 13s about his experiences completing an apprenticeship with Vodafone.

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From the Board of Trustees

It is a pleasure to be writing to you this year as Chair of Trustees at Beaumont after many years of association with the school. I am delighted that David Lee has been appointed as Vice-Chair of Trustees in addition to his role as Chair of the Resources Committee. Whilst we have seen some highly experience Trustees step down over the past year, I am confident that we have appointed several very able replacements. Our most recent Trustee appointment has been Sahida Malik, a former member of staff, who will bring additional knowledge and passion to our equality, diversity and inclusion agenda.

As we head towards our AGM in December, we will take the opportunity to update our Members (who sit above the Board of Trustees) on the effectiveness of the school and our ongoing plans for physical improvement of the school, specifically the building of a new hall and other improvement works funded by the School Rebuilding Programme.

Finally, on behalf of the Trustees, I would like to say belated congratulations to staff and students for the outstanding examination results in the summer at both GCSE and A Level. Everyone should be incredibly proud!

Ian Johnston



Beaumont Cubing Association

In their first half term at Beaumont, Year 7 students, Clayton Kwok and Zack West, started a new club, Beaumont Cubing Club.

Every Friday lunchtime, any student, from experienced 'cubers' to those interested in developing a new skill, can join to learn more about cubing. Students complete timed races as well as teaching each other strategies.

It has been great to see Clayton and Zack pursue one of their interests and create a space for others to do the same.

Miss Rhodes

Sixth Form trip to the US Embassy

Recently, Year 13 Politics students attended the annual Congress to Campus conference at the US Embassy. Throughout the day, academics and experts presented illuminating speeches on topics such as the party balance in Washington, the power of the President and the Supreme Court. These weren't only relevant to our study, but fascinating in the context of the forthcoming midterms. The speakers also considered how past events and Presidents, notably Trump, affected US politics and what the lasting effects will be.

After each speech, former Congresspeople Robert Woodall (Rep-Georgia) and Elizabeth Esty (Dem-Connecticut) gave their insight on the topic and answered students' questions. It was fascinating to hear views that aren't common in our country and how their experience in government shaped these opinions.

The representatives, particularly Mr Woodall, were grilled on their views of contentious issues like abortion, gun rights and the Electoral College system. It was valuable to hear how they justified and debated views that are so different to many of our own. However, it was arguably more interesting to hear their criticisms of their own parties and about topics where they agreed despite their difference in party allegiance. Both Congresspeople spoke about how the legislative branch isn't functioning as it should and addressed the current gridlock and partisanship. They highlighted the importance of working and empathising with people across party boundaries for the health of US democracy.

Overall, it was incredible to have the privilege of hearing the experts and Congresspeople share their experiences and expertise. And finally, a thank you to our Politics teachers Mr Batt and Mrs Tolley for organising this trip.

Freya Hughes (Year 13)





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The 2022 Final of Public Speaking

Monday 7 November 2022

***"Sticks and stones may break my bones,
but words will never hurt me."*** (well-known idiom)

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Argue **for** Samuel Morris (8L) **winner**
Argue **against** Aasha Barker (8R) **finalist**

***"When I was young, I thought that money was the most
important thing in life; now that I am old, I know that it is"***
(Oscar Wilde)

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Argue **for** James Robison (9A) **finalist**
Argue **against** Edie Higginson (9L) **winner**

***"Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening
when you'd have preferred to talk"*** (Doug Larson)

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Argue **for** Ellie Ratcliffe (10A) **winner**
Argue **against** Emily Groth (10B) **finalist**



Prepare for the magic to spark!

We are delighted that writer Patrice Lawrence will be visiting Beaumont on Wednesday 7 December to introduce her new book, *The Elemental Detectives*, to Year 7. Part historical-part fantasy, this thrilling adventure story is set in 18th century London and draws on the many secrets and mysteries that lie beneath the streets of our capital city. Full of dragons, shape-shifting elementals, magical goings-on and riddles to solve, Patrice Lawrence's story will make you see London in a new light! An exciting trailer for the book is available [here](#). As well as meeting Patrice, students will also have the opportunity to buy one of her books and have it signed by the author. Please look out for full details of the event, which have been sent out via ParentMail.

The Scholastic Book Fair is back with a bang

We would like to thank everyone who supported our week-long Scholastic Book Fair in the Library this month. After a three-year gap, it was wonderful to be able to host this event once again. There was a fantastic selection of books for students to choose from, including some of the latest must-have new titles. The range of stationery also proved extremely popular, with canvas tote bags and (much to our surprise) plastic hand pointers being two of our bestsellers!

As well as bringing a fabulous range of titles for students to choose from, the fair also earns free books for the Library. The final numbers are still to be confirmed but, at this stage, it looks like the fair will provide around £700-worth of new books. Thank you again to everyone who helped make this happen, and we welcome any suggestions from students on which new books they would like us to choose!



Mrs Shepard

Autumn Term News from Music

In October, the Chamber Choir and soloists from Years 8-13 gave stunning performances at their external lunchtime recital at St Peter's Church, St Albans. There was great camaraderie between year groups and the ruthless competition shown during break-time card games was replaced by good-natured support and encouragement as students took to the stage to wow the audience. Many listeners remarked on the professionalism of all the students involved and it was clear that the Beaumont recitals were a highlight of the church calendar. Well done to everyone involved.



On Armistice Day, Ted Jenkins, Scott Robson-Smith, Caleb Becker and Harley Kidza-Griffiths performed a moving rendition of *The Last Post* and *Reveille* to signal the beginning and end of the school's two-minute silence. Performing outside on a chilly November day is not an easy task but all four trumpeters embraced the challenge and did themselves proud.



In other news, the Music Department is grateful to have recently received an electronic drum kit, generously donated by Beaumont alumnus, Thomas Cross. Tom was involved in extra-curricular music throughout his time at Beaumont and has continued his musical journey at Newcastle University where he is currently studying for a Music degree. The kit is now established in one of our practice rooms and has provided a fantastic opportunity for another student-led group to get involved at Thursday band practice. We are most grateful to him for thinking of us.

Miss Morgan / Ms Bailey

The English Debate Team

The Debate Team reformed at the start of this academic year. With the support of helpful and enthusiastic Subject Leaders, I am pleased to report that the English Department entered two Senior Teams and two Intermediate Teams into a local competition! Called Youth Speaks, the competition is organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary GB&I). It is a four-stage competition, which is designed to support and encourage the development of effective communication skills. The local heat took place on the evening of Wednesday 9 November at St Stephen's Church Hall, Watling Street, St Albans. Below are the teams that entered and the motions they prepared to debate. I am thrilled to announce that Senior 1 won their category, narrowly defeating Senior 2 and three teams from other local schools.

There was more good news in the Intermediate category, as Intermediate 1 were a cut above the rest, fending off tough competition from 5 other schools in St Albans. Senior 1 and Intermediate 1 now progress to the regional stage of the competition.

THB the media is flawed : Senior 1

Stella Ekblad Piscitelli, Emily Maton, Connie Bell (Subject Leader)

THB that true crime media should be banned : Senior 2

Jonathon Bint, Hannah Hassan, Nigel Vincent (all Subject Leaders)

THB that zoos should be banned : Intermediate 1

Siya Popat, Jessica Willis, Pippa Sandford Smith

THB that the government should have annual check-ups : Intermediate 2

Charlotte Bowen, Madeline Rhodes, Alizah Arshad

Team members were required to perform the following roles, as explained by the tournament organiser:

Chairperson

When the team is ready and has been given the signal, the Chairperson will stand. The Chairperson should control the debate. They should open the meeting and welcome the audience, introduce the speakers and their chosen topic. When the speakers have given their presentations, the chairperson should invite a question from the audience. After this has been replied to, the chairperson should close the debate with an appropriate summing up.

Chairperson

Ask a question from the audience.

Proposer/Opposer

Reply to question.

Chairperson

Close debate with appropriate summing up.

Proposer

The Proposer will put forward relevant arguments for the motion. The speech should be structured with an introduction, points for the motion and a conclusion.

Opposer

The Opposer should put forward relevant arguments against the motion. If possible, he/she should pick up on some of the points put forward by the proposer. The speech should be structured with an introduction, points against the motion and a conclusion.

Teams were allocated a total of 15 minutes to present their debate and it was recommended that both the Proposer and Opposer speak for five minutes, with the Chairperson taking up the remaining five minutes for the introductions and summing up. I am so proud of the achievements of all our courageous and eloquent students, who competed to such a high level. I would also like to congratulate two other Intermediate Teams, who presented their debates in school to a very high standard as well:

THB morbidly obese children should be removed from their parents :

Neyla Adali, Molly Blake, Imogen Singer

THB there should be younger members of parliament :

Parker Martin Ferguson, Amelia Thurlby, Abigail Hargreaves

The Debate Team will resume in the New Year and I am exploring the possibility of organising an internal Beaumont Debate Competition. Watch this space ...

Mr Tatham

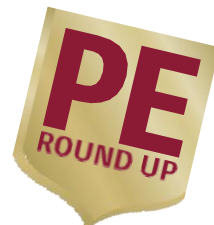




Bronze in Badminton

Many congratulations to Year 7 student Tuvy Didwania. At 11 years old, Tuvy is a county badminton player and competes in U13s and U15s. On Sunday 13 November, Tuvy won a bronze medal in U13 doubles in the Kent Badminton Tournament (a Badminton England tournament).

Mr Stewart



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U14B

U14A played in the first round of the District Cup versus Sir John Lawes School. An impressive game resulting in a 21-11 win, securing their place in the next round. Congratulations to Amy Wells, who received Player of the Match.

U14B team played their first league match versus Townsend School. A fantastic game from start to finish, some lovely passages of play highlighting how the team has developed. A well-deserved 17-0 win. Congratulations to Olivia Doyle, who received Player of the Match, chosen by students from Townsend.



U14A



Year 9A Team

Year 9A team played a league match against Loreto School, winning 19-2. It was a very well-played match, showing great team spirit. Congratulations Mikayla on receiving Player of the Match, chosen by students from Loreto.

Year 9A team played a tough league match against Sir John Lawes School. A challenging game resulting in their first loss, 12-18, but the team fought hard showing great team spirit. Congratulations Chloe on receiving Player of the Match, chosen by students from SJL.



Year 9A team



Year 9A Team

Year 9B team had a tough game versus Marlborough School, sadly their first loss 11-7. The score line did not reflect their amazing determination and team development. Congratulations to Mille (birthday girl) on receiving Player of the Match, chosen by students from Marlborough.

Year 9A team had a super game versus STAGS, resulting in a 21-7 win. The flow of play and the team development was great to watch. Congratulations Mikayla on receiving Player of the Match, chosen by students from STAGS.



Year 9B team



Year 9B team

Year 9B team suffered a close loss versus STAGS, 8-9. A score that did not reflect their play, with great team spirit across the four quarters. Congratulations to Bella on receiving Player of the Match, chosen by students from STAGS.

Year 7A team played their first away match versus Roundwood Park School. So early on in their school netball, they are already showing great team development and a lovely flow of netball. Congratulations to Eliza who received Player of the Match.



Year 7A Team



Beaumont School



COMMUNITY COURSES

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

community.classes@beaumont.school

AT A GLANCE

- The cost for a 10-week course remains £120.
- There need to be at least five people for a course to open.
- If you are interested in joining, please email us (address above) for an enrolment form.



In addition to the current courses that have been running since April 2022, we are excited to offer face-to-face Spanish and Italian lessons.

All lessons will start in the week of 09/01/2023 and finish the week of 20/03/2023 with no lessons during half term (week of 13/02/2023).

Community Classes at Beaumont in January 2023:

- French Intermediate, Monday evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm
- French Beginners, Tuesday evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm
- German Intermediate, Wednesday evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm
- Italian, Wednesday evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm and Thursdays 4:30pm-6:30pm (any level as we are re-starting)
- Spanish, Tuesday 3.45pm-5.45pm and Tuesday evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm (any level)
- Art Textiles, Wednesday evenings 7.30pm-9.30pm
- Woodwork, Tuesday evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm

We are working on a creative writing course, too. Details will follow in the December issue.



Are you or is someone you know interested in becoming a teacher?

If so, please contact Zoe Shepherd (teachertraining@beaumont.school) to discuss how you can train at Beaumont School, via our partners at the Alban Federation, from September 2023. We can arrange visits to the school, where you can observe lessons and talk to us about bursaries and the teacher training experience. You can also get advice about how to apply.

We would be delighted to hear from you so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

A recruitment poster for the Alban Federation. The top left features the Alban Federation logo (a yellow box with 'Af' in a blue circle) and the text 'Alban Federation' in white, with the tagline 'School-based training, inspiring teachers' below it. The main headline in yellow and white text reads 'WANT TO BECOME A TEACHER? THEN WE WANT TO MEET YOU!'. Below this, white text states: 'If you are interested in becoming a teacher and would like to find out more then come along to our virtual information session on Friday 6th January 2023'. To the right of this text is a large yellow question mark, and inside it is a smiling man in a light blue shirt with his arms crossed. On the left side, there are five icons with corresponding text: a calendar icon for '6th January', a meeting icon for 'Online Meeting (register for the link) 11am-12:15pm', a phone icon for '01727 799560 EXT 4217', an email icon for 'afgtpenquiries@Sandringham.Herts.sch.uk' and 'www.albanfederation.com', and a ticket icon for the Eventbrite link: 'https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alban-federation-get-into-teaching-tickets-464126784707'.

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