



**Welcome** to this Special Edition of Beaumont Life, our monthly newsletter which is sent electronically to all families at the school. We have selected a range of items featured in the summer edition to give you a flavour of what life as part of the Beaumont community is like. We hope you enjoy reading it.

**Martin Atkinson**  
Headteacher

## Beaumont Drama

Beaumont Drama celebrates inclusion and each June this is demonstrated at the brilliant KS3 Performance Evening, where audiences are entertained by our young performers/designers taking the stage in work that has been directed by our Year 12 Drama Leaders. June 2022 saw the fabulous productions of 'The Jungle Book' by Year 7 Drama Club and 'Speak up!' by Year 8 Drama club.

'The Jungle Book' was an explosion of fun and colour. It had it all; acting, dancing, singing and puppetry!! The performance, taking place in the amphitheatre, was made up of over 90 Year 7 students who had attended the Year 7 Drama Club, our weekly lunchtime club. During this time they had created and devised the performance, being led by the imaginative Year 12 Drama Leaders. Some students contributed to the backstage team; painting, designing puppets and costumes. There was room for all to have a part and to be able to get involved!!

'Speak up!' was a devised piece of theatre, based on the whole school read 'The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne' by Jonathan Stroud. The Year 12 leaders taught this team devising techniques and pulled new, original work together to create a thought provoking performance piece, exploring topical issues such as the environment, war and adventure. The cast of around 40 Year 8 students worked together with confidence in a performance set in the round - a very challenging stage layout to explore! The team had a great backstage crew, who had worked on sound, lighting, costume and props, to ensure the piece had all it needed.

A brilliant evening, which entertained and engaged all. It was wonderful to see so many young people being involved in Beaumont Drama opportunities. Well done to all of those involved... and here's to KS3 Performance Evening 2023!

**Mrs Wallace**





# ROB'S FESTIVAL 2022



Forget Glastonbury; the place to be on Saturday 25 June was Beaumont as hundreds of people gathered on the field for a festival of sport, music and fun.

The festival is named in honour of former Beaumont student Rob Williams, who tragically died in a snowboarding accident aged just 29. His love of music and sport was celebrated in the entertainment on offer, while the Year 7 and 8 house stalls aimed to emulate his entrepreneurial success!

Following basketball and football tournaments organised by Mr Stewart, the music festival kicked off with a performance from one of the many student acts who entertained the crowds, as well as our headline act, local band Vertigo. House stalls offered the chance to splat a teacher, participate in an obstacle course and have your face painted, amongst many other things. There was even axe throwing, safely and expertly run by Mr Witton and St Albans Scouts.

The BSA ran a hugely popular barbecue and bar, as well as a tombola and raffle with some amazing prizes kindly donated by local businesses.

As ever, the aim was to have a great time whilst raising money for the school and the Prince's Trust. We have raised approximately £6335 and would like to thank everyone who helped make it happen. Roll on next year!

**Johanna Lutz, Year 12**





## The Little Princess Trust

Well done to Year 7 student Alix Brewster who, a couple years ago, decided she was going to start growing her hair so, when it was long enough, she could donate it to charity.

Alix also started a GoFundMe page for sponsorship and managed to raise £590, which was recently sent to The Little Princess Trust along with over 40cm of hair.

An excerpt from Alix' letter from The Little Princess Trust reads "We know how much a real hair wig can restore a young person's confidence and identity, especially at such a difficult time, which is why we are so grateful for your wonderful donation.



Your support also helps us to fund vital research to find better and more effective treatments for childhood cancers." Congratulations Alix. **Mr Gray**

## Year 8 Spelling Bee

Following exam week, Year 8 students were put to another test - taking part in the French and German Spelling Bees. Students were given a list of 100 words to learn, and following a preliminary written round in lessons, 3 students from each form went through to the Grand Final, which took place in front of their classes.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Unwin and Mrs Hartley for organising the events. Well done to all of the finalists, and especially to Oliver Purple (8L) and Emilia Thomas (8N), who won the French and German Spelling Bees respectively. **Miss Ashton**



**Thank you** to our wonderful helpers who ran the recent second hand uniform sale, especially Linda Searle who works tirelessly each week sorting and washing donations. The event raised £1511. These sales cannot run without the help of parents/carers. Please contact the school if you are able to offer at the next sale. The sale will be held in the autumn term, please watch out for details.

## A Showcase of Musical Talent

In June, students from all year groups performed in the magnificent St Paul's Church to an audience of hundreds. The concert was a resounding success: it was a fitting way to celebrate everyone's musical achievements and a memorable send-off for our Year 13 musicians. Every extra-curricular music group gave brilliant performances, with highlights including the Theme from Chicken Run, performed by the Concert Band with the Choir playing kazoos, and Percussion Ensemble who got the audience clapping along to Katy Perry! The evening also saw some impressive solos from the Year 13 leavers.

In other Music news, Emilia Thomas was awarded a Merit for her ABRSM Grade 3 French Horn exam, and Stella Lonie-Lewis a Merit for her Grade 8 Piano and Grade 7 Saxophone. Maddy Wilding and Oliver MacKinnon also gave outstanding performances as part of 'Gang Show 90' at the Hammersmith Apollo. Congratulations to you all!

**Miss Morgan**





## From the Board of Trustees

The Resources Committee met in March and again a few weeks ago. Our most recent meeting was our annual budget setting meeting where we agreed the revenue and expenditure budget plan for the 22/23 academic year, which was formally ratified by the Board of Trustees this week. Careful financial planning is important to allow the school to plan confidently for the future but also to deal with financial 'shocks' such as the recent significant increase in energy costs. I am pleased to report that the school is in a robust financial position due to the excellent efforts of the entire leadership team, and in particular Helen Purple, the School Business Manager.

At recent meetings the committee has also been considering the school's Estate Strategy, which sets out plans for improvement to the school facilities and infrastructure over the next few years. The school has seen a transformation in its buildings and facilities over the past five years, but there are still parts of the School Estate which aren't of the quality we should expect. As you are aware we have been running a major fund-raising campaign over a number of years to build a new school hall and I am delighted to inform you that we have recently been successful in securing the necessary additional external funding to build it. We are confident that the funding will go further, allowing us to replace some other parts of the school estate that are in poor condition, as well as the hall. This is excellent news and I want to ensure that all of our facilities are consistently of the highest quality.

I was pleased to hear that the Personal Development Week went so well, with residential trips and work experience able to happen for the first time since before the pandemic. Extra-curricular activities are really important in the development of mature and well-rounded students and have always been a key part of the Beaumont experience.

Finally, I'd like to personally thank Alex Hall, who is stepping down as Chair of Trustees at the end of this academic year. Alex has been a Beaumont Governor/Trustee for 12 years and has been a truly exceptional Chair. The school has benefitted hugely from Alex's passion, experience and commitment and it has been a pleasure to work alongside him as a Trustee.

**David Lee**  
Chair – Resources Committee



## It's a tough life ..... but someone has to eat them!

Thank you to all the staff from Beaumont's in-house catering company, Chartwells, for the delicious cakes made to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Believe us, they tasted as good as they looked!



## Hertfordshire PE Conference

On Friday 20 May, Owen Fan (10A) spoke at the Hertfordshire PE conference. He is currently in the role of Young Athlete Role Model and is being mentored by Alistair Patrick-Heselton (GB Paralympic Footballer).

At the conference Owen was invited to be part of a Q&A with Alistair and shared stories about his experiences as an athlete with a hearing impairment and his journey so far. Hearing him speak him on stage was inspirational and the PE department and the organisers of the event were incredibly impressed with how well he spoke.

**Mr Wynne**



## GB Hockey

Congratulations to Jonathan Bint (11R) who, during the first week of July, represented Great Britain in the U17 Men's Underwater Hockey team that played in Mulhouse, France.

The opposition was tough and the games were all closely fought. The U17s managed to win 4, draw one and lose one game and were successful in claiming first place.

Jonathan said, 'It's been a great experience playing internationally and learning tactics from other teams. The French hosts were also really welcoming. I'm now looking forward to the World Championships which will take place in Turkey in 2024.'

**Mr Tolley**

### Carnegie Medal fever fills the Library

After three months of following (or 'shadowing') the Carnegie Medal (CKG) 2022 book award, there was a great sense of anticipation in the Library in June as we gathered to watch the official winner's ceremony and to find out which book has carried off the most coveted of international children's book prizes.

The Carnegie Medal is run and judged by librarians from across the country. Since the shortlist was announced in March, the students in our shadowing group (the Bookiewookiedoodahs) have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into the awards process, pledging to read and review at least six of the eight shortlisted books and to meet for weekly discussion sessions. To celebrate the finale, they were joined at our special Carnegie event by shadowers from Loreto College.

During an activity-filled morning in the Library, the students chatted and shared their thoughts on the shortlist. The Carnegie Medal always brings together a diverse range of genres and stories, so it was interesting to hear the shadowers' various opinions on each of the eight books. We also tested their knowledge of the shortlist with some fiendish quizzes!

The official Carnegie ceremony takes place in London and is beamed live so that shadowing groups across the world can see the winner being revealed. This year, we watched as writer and poet Dean Atta hosted the event and announced *October, October* by Katya Balan as the Carnegie Medal 2022 winner. It was a day of double celebration for Katya as her book also won the Shadowers' Choice Award.

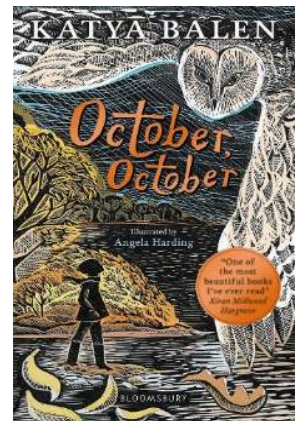
A huge thank you to all the shadowers for making our Carnegie event such a fun-filled day and to Ms McLean for all her help and support. We must also congratulate the Bookiewookiedoodahs on their commitment to the award. It's been wonderful to see readers from Years 7 to 10 coming together to share and explore the very best of contemporary fiction for children and young adults. Our shadowers have posted an impressive 115 detailed and insightful reviews of the shortlisted books on the official CKG website. We've also enjoyed their reaction to our book-themed cakes and biscuits, which have proved a popular addition to our weekly discussion groups! Here are some quotes from our shadowers about the experience:

*'It was an incredible event filled with books, food, and the joy of reading. Our wonderful librarians brought the celebration to life. They put in so much hard work, we cannot thank them enough.'* **Edie H (8L)**

*'We had riveting discussions and lovely food. Thanks to the librarians for their efforts to make it such a special day.'* **Anna W (9E), Dinah B (9E), Susie B (9E)**

*'I really enjoyed shadowing the Carnegie this year. The meetings helped to keep me interested and excited about reading the books. The books were also very immersive and diverse and the party was great; an amazing way to finish the shadowing.'*

**Isadora J (10A)**



As the Library settles down after this year's Carnegie Medal, we're already looking forward to next year's event. Why not join us for CKG 2023? Watch this space!

For more on the Carnegie Medal event and the Beaumont shadowers, please check out the Library's social media:

**Instagram** [beaumontschool.library](https://www.instagram.com/beaumontschool.library) **Twitter** [@BeauLibrary](https://twitter.com/BeauLibrary) **Facebook** [@BeauSchoolLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/BeauSchoolLibrary)





## Year 8 boys' cricket

The Year 8 boy's cricket team have had two very good wins in the last few weeks. Firstly, beating St Edmund's College by five wickets chasing 101. Jude Berry took three wickets and Luean Chakma-Smith scored 28 not out to help the team to the quarter finals.

In the quarter final, the team won a closely fought game versus Sandringham. Batting first, Beaumont were 131-5 with Thomas Banks top scoring with 24. Sandringham were bowled out for 116 in reply with Matt Fretter and Jamie Coffey both taking three wickets.

The team went on to beat John Warner and are playing in the final versus St Clement Danes. **Mr Wynne**

## Basketball round up 2021/22

This season has seen a number of Beaumont teams be very successful at both County and National level. The Year 7 boys were the first team to reach a county final, losing narrowly to Chauncy School in the final after winning all four group games and beating St Columba's in the semi-final. The team are due to play St Columba's again in the East Regional semi-final of the Junior NBA competition at the University of Essex. It has been an excellent season from a squad that has really trained hard and improved greatly.



The under 15, 16 and 19 boys went one better, all reaching the county finals. The Under 15s and 16s lacked a little depth due to injury and despite working extremely hard, both teams ultimately had to settle for runners up spot. The under 19 boys were our only boys' winners, beating St Columba's by a point on the buzzer in a very tight and tense game.



Our other boys' squads also had a strong season with the Year 8 team losing narrowly in their county semi-final to the eventual winners, whilst the Year 9 team reached the same round and also made the last 16 of the Nationals, losing away narrowly to Westcliffe High School for Boys, in probably their best performance of the season.





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The girls' teams all had excellent seasons with the Year 7 & 8 combined team beating Sandringham in the County Final in a very close game. The under 15 (Year 9 & 10) and under 19 (Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form) teams were outstanding in their county finals, beating Queens in both finals to deliver a clean sweep of county trophies for the girls' teams.



In the Nationals, the senior team were drawn against County Upper School in the last 8 of the competition. We had a very young team with only 3 or 4 Sixth Form players and, although we found the game extremely challenging we can take heart from the fact that County Upper went on to win the final by over 50 points.

The Under 14 girls beat Northampton School for Girls in the last 16 and then travelled to Manchester to play Trinity High School. Although we lost the game, the girls played extremely well against what was in essence an Academy team and should be extremely proud of their achievements.

The Under 16 girls had gone one round further, defeating West Park School from Derbyshire in the last 8 to set up another meeting with Trinity High School in the semi-final. Again, they were extremely strong and we had been weakened by injury prior to the game. Although we found the game really tough, as with the Year 9 team, our attitude was outstanding and we really made them have to work hard for every basket. For both teams reaching the latter stages of national competitions is fantastic and should motivate them all to keep developing as players. They should be extremely proud, as we are, of what they have achieved this year.



It has been an excellent season, with over 50 fixtures played and great commitment from all of the players. Thanks to all players for their hard work this year. I would also like to say thank you to all of the Year 10 and Sixth Form students who helped coach the Year 7 squad and to all the students across all year groups who table officiated across the season.





## Athletics round up

In the County League, which takes place over 6 rounds, we have had some outstanding results, with the Year 8 boys, girls and Year 10 boys all finishing in the top five schools in their leagues. I would also like to thank all of the Year 7 and 9 athletes who stepped in for both teams across the season and helped us maintain such high levels of performance.

In the track and field cup, all 4 teams reached the regional finals, whilst at the individual County Championships on 11 June, we had four athletes finish first and one second:

**Serena Thomas – second place in senior girls' 200m**

**Sarah McGrath – first place senior girls' 1500m**

**Griffyn Archer Jones – first place junior boys' 100m**

**Maisie Smith – first place pre-junior girls' high jump (new school record: 1m38cm)**

**Ben Hodkinson – pre-junior boys' javelin**



At the District Championships we had two very strong team performances from the Year 7 & 8 girls' teams, who both finished second out of 13 teams. The girls' teams were placed third overall.

Individually we had some outstanding performances with 24 top 3 finishes:

**THIRD Place – Olive Jones (Year 9 Javelin), Oliver Keigher (Year 7 1500m), Scott Robson Smith (Year 10 Discus), Sienna Banks (Year 10 1500m), Georgina Brugnoli-Rowe (Year 7 100m), Griffyn Archer-Jones (Year 9 100m), Dakota Smith (Year 8 Javelin), Tijan Gerber (Year 10 100m), Matty Williams (Year 8 800m), Lucy Conlon (Year 8 200m)**

**SECOND Place – Megan Gray (Year 10 Shot), Emma Treloar (Year 7 1500m), Ethan Parsons (Year 8 1500m), Caitlin Moss (Year 8 Discus), Oli Jay (Year 10 Hurdles), David Spears (Year 8 Discus), Aasha Barker (Year 7 200m), Jessie Nelson (Year 9 1500m), Emile Gray, Lucy Conlon, Lauren Viney, Mikayla Blessing (Year 8 girls' 4 x 100m relay)**

**FIRST Place – Jazz Mercer (Year 7 Javelin), Maisie Smith (Year 7 High Jump), Sophie Treloar (Year 9 800m), Emile Gray (Year 8 300m), Yann Merrick (Year 8 200m)**

As well as Maisie breaking the Year 7 high jump record, Matty Williams has also broken the Year 8 boys' 800m record, Serena Thomas the senior girls' 300m record and Emile Gray the Year 8 girls' 300m record.

It has been an absolute pleasure to take every athletics team this year and I know we will have a really successful season again next year based on the depth and quality of athletes we have at Beaumont.

**Mr Stewart**



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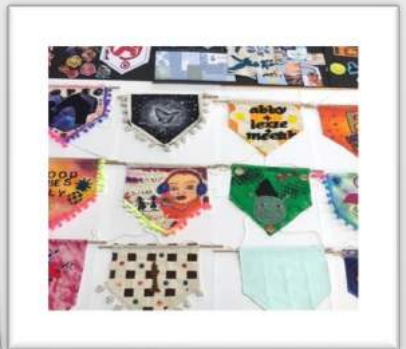
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## Top Golf

During PD Week 40 Year 8s and 9s opted to show off their golfing prowess. After spending the morning in the fitness studio and honing their technique on a make-shift driving range on the field, we all travelled to Watford to put our new skills into practice.

Results were varied, with some very impressive scores running alongside some not-so-great results (among staff and students alike!) but hopefully everyone had fun. Thank you to Mr Tolley and Miss Moody for their support setting up the in-school activities, and to Miss Fulham, Miss Cleverly, Miss Bettison and Mrs Purches for their support on the day.

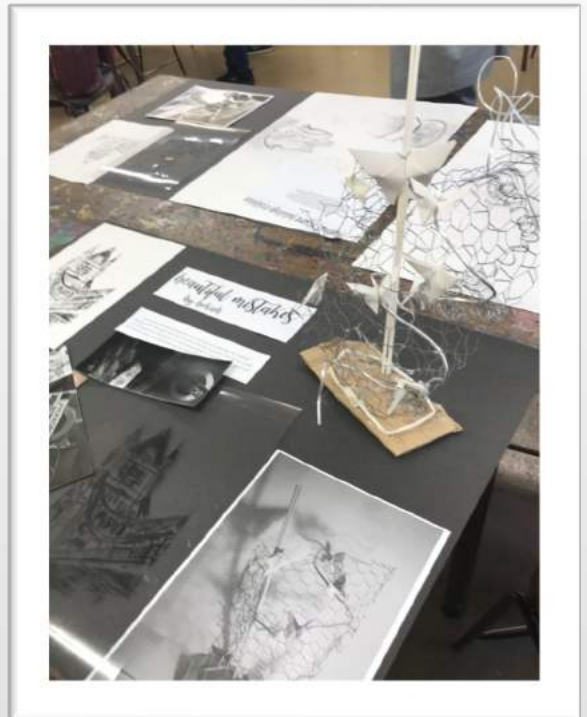
**Ms Ashton**





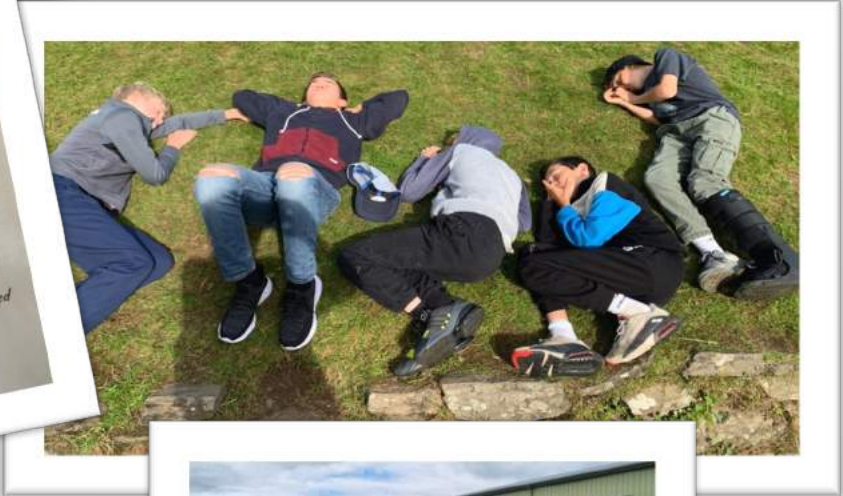






**FANCY, BEAUTIFUL ART**  
Amy Watts BL

Today I have done 3 different types of activities and types of art such as: Sculpting, etching and Cameraless photography. I have enjoyed all of them alot but my favourite one was properly cameraless photography because I loved working with new and different things and the final results were amazing. The sculpting was great because we got to use our imagination and work on photography skills as well as drawing and lots more. Finally we did the etching where we scratched away at a template and then filled in the marks with ink to create amazing pieces and lots of different textures.





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## And the final word from our students .....

"This was by far one of the best trips I've been on, with amazing activities and amazing staff giving it that extra awesomeness."

"The Year 7 Personal Development Week trip to Scotland was a great opportunity to spend more time with, not only our friends, but the teachers too. I enjoyed the time away because all the teamwork building activities worked and I now have a much stronger bond with my friends."

"I loved it soooo much and I think that it helped me get to know my class-mates more."

"The trip was great fun and if I could I would do it all again! The activities were awesome and the Cluedo/sports night was so fun as well. Thank you so much for taking us on this trip."

"This trip was an amazing opportunity. At first I was very nervous and wished I did not have to go but now I have completed the trip I look back to think how much I would have missed out on and how I was very lucky I was able to go on this trip."

"The Scotland trip was amazing and I'm so glad I was able to take part in it! It was an experience which I will never forget! The staff were all so kind, the activities were incredible and super fun and my Sixth Form leader is also someone I will never forget! The trip was one of a lifetime!"

**Wishing everyone in the Beaumont Community  
a safe and restful summer**