

From the Headteacher

We have taken the decision to return to printing hard copies of Beaumont Life for all students (and parents) and staff as many families are not getting to see a copy themselves. Beaumont Life is always on the website to view but it's not the same as having a hard copy lying around in the kitchen or on the coffee table for browsing. There is a cost to this but we believe it is an important part of school life so I hope you find this helpful.

As I write our Year 11, 12 and 13 students are revising or sitting examinations and our Year 12 IB students are preparing to start their extended essays and their 'Group 4' (Science) Project. We wish them all well. Most of the rest of the students are now in summer uniform and summer has begun!


I recently sent home a letter regarding uniform; if you didn't receive it, and can't find it in the bottom of a school bag (!) please check the website www.beaumontschool.herts.sch.uk where you will find copies of all letters sent home. The main fashion trend at present is with shoes. May I remind parents again that **plimsolls are unacceptable** and students will be sent to change, if necessary. Thank you for your support in this.

In case you are wondering what is happening with the New Access planning application, it is still with St Albans District Council. We had expected to hear the outcome earlier and are now waiting for further information in the week after half term. As soon as I have further information I will inform everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Elizabeth Hitch

June Diary Dates



Tues to	1	BREAK
Fri	4	BREAK
Tues	8	Vocal Ensemble visit Jersey Farm Day Care Centre, 1.30 pm
Weds	9	Year 7 Drama Club show, 6.00pm
Thurs	10	Governors Curriculum Committee meeting – 6.30pm
Mon	14	CED Week including Year 10 Work Experience Year 12 IB Extended Essay (2 weeks) Year 12 IB Group 4 Science Project – all week
Thurs	17	District Sports Athletics competition
Sat	19	Corporate Sports Event in aid of the Rob Williams Enterprise Fund (Prince's Trust) and BSA.
Mon	21	Year 12 to Year 13 Transfer (enrolment) Governors Resources Committee meeting – 6.30pm
Tues	22	Beaumont Life deadline
Weds	23	BSA Committee meeting, 7.30pm, Library
Thurs	24	Student Voice day Sports Awards Evening – 7pm-9pm, Hall
Fri	25	Year 10 Final Reports issued Year 11 Clearance morning Year 13 Clearance Day
Mon	28	National Schools Sports Week Sports Day
Tues	29	Governors Community Committee meeting, 6.30pm Year 8 Drama Club show, 6.00pm, room 60/61
Weds	30	Sixth Form Conference/Induction until Friday 2 July



Maths &
Computing

CC4G

At CC4G we go to an internet club for girls only. We meet on Monday lunchtimes in room 49. On the website if you get ten credits you get one school credit. We learnt how to use an Autocue and we interviewed a pretend celebrity and made a magazine. CC4G is fun and interesting and you learn lots of things. You make friends with people who you would never think you would be friends with.

Morgan Bedell

CC4G is a really fun club. It is held in room 49 on Monday lunchtimes with Mrs Grace. We have done an Autocue, celebrity interview, improved our Publisher skills and many more things. When you get ten credits on the website you get a credit in your planner. So far I have really enjoyed doing CC4G. Sometimes we play games just for fun.

Sindhuri Bhagirathy

CC4G is a computer club for girls. There is a special website club. It is held in room 49. We also get to learn new skills on Publisher. For every ten credits we get on the website we get a credit to go in our planner from Mrs Grace. In CC4G we have practised Photoshop and done lots of activities like Autocue.

Zoe Wilkinson

CC4G

At CC4G we always have a laugh. If you haven't heard of CC4G it stands for Computer Club 4 Girls. It goes on in room 49 on Monday lunchtime. If we complete missions on the websites we get credits and if we get ten credits on the computer we get a credit from Mrs Grace. In CC4G we have practised on Autocue, Publisher, celebrity fanzine magazine and Photoshop. We really enjoy doing CC4G.

Rosie King

The German Exchange – return visit 19 - 27 April 2010

We were very pleased (and relieved) to welcome our German colleagues, Frau Bauer and Herr Schürjann, and all of the Exchange partners on the evening of Monday 19th April. Due to the volcanic activity in Iceland, it was by no means certain that they would be able to get here! Fortunately, they joined forces with two other groups from Hans-Purrmann-Gymnasium and their existing coach driver was able to take them to Calais and onward on the ferry. I was able to re-book a bigger coach to meet them all at Dover Castle coach park for their onward journey to St Albans, Spalding and Hemel Hempstead. In the end they arrived five minutes before the estimated arrival time!

The week then ran without incident; partners spent two mornings in school at Beaumont, Verulam and Sandringham and had an audience with the Mayor of St Albans and the Macebearer. They also enjoyed a tour round Brighton Pavilion, walking tours and a musical in London and a joint trip with the English host partners to Cambridge, visiting King's College chapel and Clare College and doing last minute shopping.

On the last evening ninety-six pupils, partners, parents and staff gathered at The Cinta Garden Restaurant in Verulam Road for the farewell celebration, comprising a three course Chinese buffet and dancing. Needless to say, this was a wonderful evening before the tears of the real farewells of the next morning!



I would like to express my personal thanks to Miss Fairhead and Mr McGillivray (a former member of Beaumont Modern Languages Department) for their support and help during this second leg of the Exchange and to parents, some of whom helped out at short notice and hosted two partners instead of one, when other host families were delayed themselves from coming back to England from abroad.

I am delighted to record that next year will be the twentieth anniversary of the founding of this Exchange! In this day and age it is very unusual indeed for an Exchange between two schools to survive this long. We hope that another bumper crop of pupils will avail themselves of the opportunity to practise their German and experience the German way of life at first hand. Dates for next year's Exchange will be available soon.....

Mrs Yapp

Editor note: A huge thank you to Mrs Yapp for giving up so much time to sort out all the travel arrangements for the three schools

AL4 2010

AL4 is a Physical Theatre Company made up of twelve Year 12 and 13 students. The company was founded in 2008 but 'Tangled Tales' was the company's first public performance. The purpose of the company is to give students the opportunity to broaden their movement and Physical Theatre skills, giving them the confidence to be more experimental with their physicality. This has certainly happened with this year's company; they have come so far and faced many new challenges. 'Tangled Tales' is the product of the students exploring the stimulus of Fairy Tales through movement and choreography. I am incredibly proud of the students who form the company. They worked very hard to create a beautiful and thought provoking piece of Theatre.

After the performance there was a question and answer session with the audience, giving them the opportunity to question the cast on the process they had gone through to create the piece. The feedback was extremely positive, many commenting that they 'had never seen a piece of theatre like this before' and that 'it was simply stunning'.

I would like to thank Jensen Tuddud for all his hard work as Co-Director, to the lighting, sound and stage management team and to the company for their risk-taking and imagination. A total of £190.05 was raised for CRY/SADS UK.
Miss Horn, Drama Teacher



Ms Horn told me that we were devising the first ever public performance of AL4 and it was suddenly more than just leading the warm-ups. Work was immediate, choreographing scenes here and there. The scale of the project provided a much welcomed challenge. The Year 12 AS Drama students in the company took the opportunity with much gusto; little do they know how I believe they will benefit from this in the near future come their devised A2 pieces (and countless others in the further study of Theatre). Similarly this is true for some of the Year 13 students, performing their final school performance before going to study Theatre.

'Fairy Tales' was the stimulus presented to us in September. The idea somehow reached us to pursue the dark origins of these tales and explore the possible relationships between the stories. Five months after, Tangled Tales was performed. The toil the company displayed added calibre to their performances and the entire piece, exhibiting their increased awareness of their bodies. Perspiration aside, I truly hope that my fellow AL4 members have enjoyed this journey we have embarked on in the spirit of the ensemble always working, developing and improving together.
Jensen Tuddud



Beaumont Community Noticeboard

CRY/SADS UK

On Sunday 20 June, a group of sixth formers from a variety of schools around St Albans will be participating in a 25 mile cycle run by 'Ride4aReason' which is an annual cycle event created by the Verulam Cycling Club.

We are going to try and raise as much money as possible for the charity CRY/SADS UK which was created to raise awareness of conditions that can lead to **sudden cardiac deaths** in young people.

This fund-raising will be in memory of Vincenzo 'Chinni' Vetere. Please show your support by sponsoring us in this event as it is for a truly great cause and with the money raised lives can be saved through more and more screening programmes available around the UK. Thank you.

Lauren Bolger

Community Sports Leadership Award

The Community Sports Leadership Award (CSLA) is run as an enrichment activity in the Beaumont Sixth form. The award develops the students' communication and leadership skills throughout the year with the opportunity to practice, and be assessed, by leading students at our neighbouring primary schools. Over the year we visited Oakwood, Fleetville and Skyswood Primary Schools leading a range of age groups in Key Stage 2.



The course finished with a Year 4 rounders tournament at Skyswood School; the final competition was extremely close with the final winners being decided on rounders scored! The winners were Oakwood, with Skyswood A coming a very close second.

Michele Fox, School Sports Coordinator

Herts Young People of the Year Awards

On Friday 23 April, we attended the Young People of the Year Awards (YOPEY) held at County Hall in Hertford, for our efforts raising money for the Meningitis Trust UK. The evening was taken up with photos, food and the presentations. Everyone had done something amazing, and it was truly inspiring. There were some young carers, a girl who had started a charity, and the winner, who had a terminal illness, but had decided to stop treatment to raise money to help people like her. She was a true heroine.



We all got to wear our posh dresses, which was exciting, and the teachers even indulged in some wine! The evening was a great success, and everyone enjoyed themselves. We won an extra £100 for Meningitis UK, which brought our total up to around £900. After some more photos (including ones with Anne Main and the Mayor of St Albans) the evening closed and we all went home happy and proud of the extra awareness we had raised about meningitis.

Katie Knafler and Alex Wells

Group members: Emma Doherty, Yannick Mayaud, Alex Wells, Katie Knafler, Becky Tough, Chloe Haynes, Hannah Perryman, Steph Wallis. Photo courtesy of Anthony Middleton Photographer

Extra-Curricular News



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SUMMER CONCERT
Thursday 15th July 2010
at 7pm in the Hall

Your final chance this year to hear the school's fine extra-curricular groups, as well as Year 13 solos.

Tickets are £4/£2 and can be purchased on the door. Refreshments will be served in the interval.

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You are invited to the
YEAR 8 DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION
of

"The Adventures of The Monkey King"
at
6 pm on Tuesday 29th June in room 60/61

"An exciting, energetic and witty piece of entertainment for children of all ages."

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Gifted and Talented - Multi-Skills Clubs

The Beaumont School gym hosted this year's Gifted and Talented Multi Skills Club for Years 6 and 7. Students were invited from our family of schools, Oakwood, Skyswood, Colney Heath and Beech Hyde, as well as Beaumont's Year 7s. The club was also supported by Young Leaders from Beaumont's Sixth form, who gave up their time on Friday afternoons to help run the club.

Michele Fox, School Sports Coordinator



BSA FUNDRAISING SPORTS EVENT/MUSIC FESTIVAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRINCE'S TRUST



**AT BEAUMONT SCHOOL
SATURDAY 19TH JUNE**

URGENT HELP NEEDED

As many of you will be aware Beaumont School is hosting a charity event on Saturday 19th June in conjunction with the Rob Williams Enterprise Fund (Prince's Trust). It is intended to be an annual charity event in memory of Rob, a former pupil at Beaumont, who went on to be an amazing entrepreneur until his untimely death last year. To find out more about this event please check out the website www.robsfestival.com

We hope to raise a significant amount of money from this exciting event which will be shared between the school and Rob's fund. The BSA are working together with Enterprise Fund Committee and we need parents to volunteer to help man the bar and the tea, coffee and soft drink stall during the afternoon between 1pm and 8pm. Some help is also needed in the morning for setting up and afterwards for clearing up.

If you are available to help please could you e-mail bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk indicating what time you are available, preferably for a period of 2 hours - but any help would be appreciated.

From the Governors

CURRICULUM, TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

The Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Committee of the Governing Body has continued to be very busy. At our recent meetings in January and March amongst other matters we discussed:

- **The** ICT strategy for the school, which led to a presentation to the Governing Body because of its complexity and importance. Investing in ICT is obviously essential and we talked about many ways to achieve this.
- **The** delivery of the curriculum for students with special needs.
- **The** Maths and Computing Development plan; this being the second specialism of the school. We were very impressed by the very high level of commitment of the Maths and IT Departments and the obvious enthusiasm of both staff and students.
- **We** considered a report about the international dimension to the work of Beaumont and the way in which this is relevant to many subjects of the school. We are proud of our international focus.
- **The** Committee looked at a report about careers education prepared in response to a pupil survey. One idea was that former students might be invited to an open event in the Hall where students and parents could talk informally to them about their careers.

Governors from the Committee are planning to come to the school on 29 June to visit a range of subjects being taught in all the years throughout the school and to listen to the views of students and staff.

Mike Tidball

Chair of the Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Committee

Year 7

Parental Feedback

Parents please remind your children that if they are crossing Beechwood Avenue near its junction with Central Drive they MUST use the light controlled crossing and be very careful. There have been several accidents here recently involving Beaumont pupils crossing the road.

Thank you to all parents who returned the parental questions on the evening of the Year 7 consultation evening. We had 60 replies on the evening.

The questions asked were:

1. Did you find the arrangements for Parent Consultation Evening satisfactory? If not, what do you feel could be realistically improved?

65% replied Yes and 15% indicated it would have been good to be able to see all staff.

2. Is there anything else that your child could have been told/experienced that would have helped their transition to secondary school?

68% replied No. There were individual replies which will be discussed.

3. Since starting at Beaumont in September with what have you been MOST pleased? (one answer)

45% replied linked to pastoral/settling in, child happy. 13% mentioned the progress their child is making, 8% the quality of teaching/teachers.

4. Since starting at Beaumont in September with what have you been LEAST pleased? (one answer)

The highest response was 12% linked to cost of food and lunchtime arrangements, followed by 11% on issues with Homework.

Seven parents have indicated that they would like to join a Parent Forum group which I hope will have its first meeting after half term.

Thank you again for your replies and the first item we will be looking into at school is homework.

Yvonne Powdrell, Assistant Headteacher



Linking Schools and the Community

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NEXUS NEWS

PARENT SUPPORT

For support and guidance don't forget to book an appointment or call the HELPLINE on **07984 436939**.



EXTRAS YOUTH CLUB – New Year 7s

Extras runs on a Wednesday from 6.15-7.45pm. Please encourage your child to come along with friends and to make new friends. We have sports activities, music, relaxation and tuck on offer – come to chill and chat! Only £1.50 entrance. See you soon!



SUPPORTING PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH AN ADDITIONAL NEED

Drop in session for parents with Helena Marks, Parent Partnership will be available to discuss specific needs or concerns. Please call to confirm attendance (07984 436939).

HALF TERM CAFÉ – THURSDAY, 3rd June – For Young People in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 (11-14 years old) Come and meet friends, chill out with others, enjoy indoor sports, games, quizzes, music and Wii games between 12.30 and 3.00pm. **FREE** entry and a **FREE** Hotdog (other food available to purchase). Marshalswick Baptist Church, 4 Sherwood Avenue (next to the Chinese at the Quadrant). Run by STEP.

DROP 'N DODGE – HALF TERM EVENT - For Young People aged 10-15 years

Call in at Charters Health Club and enjoy two hours of activities of your choice. Every holiday on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 2.00pm and 4.00pm with a Dodgeball game running at 3.00pm. **All this for an unbelievable cost of £1.00 per person!** Call Charters for more information on 01727 731540.

COME DINE WITH ME (Not Pot Noodle!) – For Teenagers in Years 11, 12 and 13

A new exciting project from Nexus for young people planning to live away from home. Cooking skills, shopping on a budget, looking after your health and body. The first course has been postponed and will now run in the Autumn Term. If you would like to persuade your teenager to sign up then contact Jo to reserve a place.

MEN BEHAVING DADLY! – Saturday, 26th June – Dads of pupils in Years 7 and 8

DRUM FUN EVENT - 10.00am-12.00pm. Come along and join in this musical session. Learn basic drum patterns, use an electronic drum kit and more..... To find out more call Jo – Dads £5.00, children free.

HERTS GOT TALENT !

Whether you're a singer, dancer, juggler or comedian we're looking for the very best talent Hertfordshire can offer. Open to individuals aged 5-105 years. Auditions Summer 2010 at The Forum – Call 01707 285000 or register at www.forumhertfordshire.co.uk

IS YOUR CHILD BEING AFFECTED BY BULLYING?

If you want help in supporting your child and need someone to talk to in confidence we can help. Parentline Plus and Mediation Herts are supporting families in Herts affected by bullying. Call **01707 630101** if you have any concerns.

For details of the above please contact Jo Maher on 01727 855134 or 07939 111152.

BEAUSANDVER COMMUNITY PROGRAMME NEWS

Adult learners take Spanish GCSE at Beaumont this term

Ten of our Advanced Spanish evening class students are sitting GCSE Spanish exams this month at Beaumont School. The students have been studying Spanish at our term time evening classes for the last three years and are now putting their writing and reading skills to the test, having already taken oral exams in March. Gerlinde Darlington, who teaches the Advanced Spanish class, is very proud of them: "The students have worked really hard, and we have managed to have fun as well in the class every week. They deserve to do really well." Many of the students are Beaumont or Consortium parents, and we wish them all every success in the exams.

Modern Foreign Language evening classes at Beaumont (French, German, Spanish, Italian)

We are delighted to welcome new students to our current classes this term and a number of adults who had previously learnt German and French at school have signed up since Easter. If you are interested in taking up a language either this term or next, why not try out a class in advance? Call Carole Heselton on 01727 754113 if you would like to arrange this, or to put your name down for classes starting in the Autumn Term.

General Election Results for Beaumont School in the constituency of St Albans

Students in Years 7-12 were given the opportunity to vote in a 'mock' election. Ballot papers with each of the real candidates that were standing in St Albans in the General Election were distributed to all forms.

No-one was forced to vote as is the democratic right of every individual! However the turnout within the student body was 82 %.

The overall results are given below. An interesting comparison to how the votes went within St Albans!

Thanks to everyone who took part in voting in the election!

Miss Cleverly

	419 votes
	172 votes
	116 votes
	114 votes
	41 votes

Beyond Beaumont

Congratulations to archer Mary Perrott. At the European Junior Cup in Italy Mary, along with her two team mates were awarded the gold medal after beating the home nation Italy. Mary was team captain for the event, and despite very windy conditions, set the standard by shooting a personal best score on the day, beating all of the other team archers and ensuring that GB took first place in the junior girl compound class. She was placed fifth in the individual event, the highest placed GB junior girl.

Mary is now looking forward to the European Championships in Germany, in July, an event that she was able to qualify for by out-performing all of the other Archery GB junior girls, which guaranteed her a place in the championships.

Year 8 and 10 House Competitions

Year 8 and 10 had a great day doing a range of activities on the Curriculum Enrichment Day on 19 May.

Both Year groups were challenged by puzzles, built a tower made of newspaper, and competed in a Tug of War. They also competed in a series of PE activities – rounders, tennis, dance and cricket – led by Mr Willsher.



In addition Year 8 had a drama competition led by Miss Shepherd.

There is still a very close race for the final top spot in the Inter-House competition. At the top, Austen and Newton are battling it out, but with so many points to play for there is still a race to be won.



What are the next two letters in this sequence?
O T T F F S S ? ?

See Mr Whyman for the answer.

Mr Whyman, Head of Houses