

## From the Headteacher

**Firstly**, a warm welcome to all those reading Beaumont Life for the first time as new families or staff at Beaumont. We hope you have enjoyed your first month and that you are settling in well. If you have any queries please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. The year has started very well with superb examination results (see website), the award of International School status again from the British Council, and many activities and events already up and running. As staff we have also been greatly encouraged by all the cards, letters and e-mails of thanks from students and families at the end of last year – we do appreciate it.

**We** welcome the following new staff: Miss Boggi and Miss Greenwood (Languages), Mr Trigg (Science), Miss Rosler (Maths), Mrs Gibson (Art), Miss Skelton (Science), Miss Tallentire (English), Mrs Sivakumar (Science Technician), Mrs Clamp (Art Technician), Mrs Chappell and Mrs Dazeley (TAs) and Mr Leigh (IT Technician).

**Our** big drive this academic year across the school is in developing Skills for Success (S4S) for all students at Beaumont from Year 7 to 13. We launched S4S at assemblies recently and all students took part in developing S4S in some way at the first CED of the year. S4S is the development of the essential repertoire of five skills for success which has developed from staff and student feedback over the course of last year, the key aim being to develop independent learning skills. Do look out for further information throughout the year.

**Finally**, please do respond to the request (on page 9) for information on past students; it would be great to hear more about ex-Beaumont students and where they are now.

**My** best wishes to you all at the start of this new year.

Elizabeth Hitch

## October Diary Dates

Mon	3	YEAR 8 girls HPV vaccination 1 P1-5 room 62/63
Weds	5	Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Norfolk (return 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct) Author Visit (Simon Scarrow) P4 and 5 BSA Committee meeting 7.30pm – Library ASD Parent Support Group 6.30pm Room 6
Thurs	6	Governor Community Committee meeting 6.30pm Boardroom German Exchange Parent Information Evening 7pm Hall
Sun	9	Songs from the West End Hall 7pm
Weds	12	<b>Secondary Transfer Evening 6pm-9pm</b> Early finish – students depart 2pm Beaumont Life deadline
Thurs	13	Late start to school day – students arrive 11.15am French Exchange students to France (Year 9) (return 19 Oct)
Fri	14	Parental tours am Year 10 BTEC Performing Arts students to Sandringham P3-5
Mon	17	Parental tours am
Tues	18	Parental tours am Upper school musical dress rehearsal P6 and 7
Weds	19	Lunchtime Recital St Peter's Church 1pm
Thurs	20	Upper School musical Songs for a New World – Hall
Fri	21	Upper School musical Songs for a New World – Hall Student Deadline for completion of UCAS applications
Mon	24	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thurs	27	German Exchange to Speyer (return 4 Nov)
Fri	28	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Sun	30	A level Biology field trip (return 4 Nov)
Mon	31	Students return to school

For details of sports fixtures please check the PE Blog [www.beaumontpe.blogspot.com](http://www.beaumontpe.blogspot.com)

Each school year we need to draw your attention to the School Discipline – Behaviour Policy. The Policy is available on the school website

<http://www.beaumontschool.com/pdf/SchoolDiscipline-BehaviourPolicyFeb11.pdf>

**The** popularity of Philosophy and Ethics GCSE has rocketed in the last couple of years with over 40 pupils opting to take it in the current Year 10. We thought you might like to see the sorts of things we cover at GCSE and hear from some people who took their exam in the Summer.

**Mrs Sidney**

**Results**

**This** summer's Philosophy and Ethics GCSE results were the best yet. Here are the headlines:

- 60% of the class achieved an A\* or A
- 85% of the class achieved A\*-C
- 100% of the class achieved A\*-G
- All students achieved well according to their target grade
- Nine students achieved full marks in one or more unit.

A lot of time is spent at GCSE developing the pupils' evaluative skills. We have many debates and they are encouraged to look at both sides of an argument. One topic that often generates a lot of discussion is the existence of God. Here are some of the different arguments that students have come up with or studied as part of the course:

**The Cosmological Argument** says that every cause has an effect. Thomas Aquinas said that there must have been a first cause, and that this cause was God. However others say that the universe was created by a massive explosion – the Big Bang theory.

**The Teleological Argument** argues that the world is so complicated that it can't have come about by chance – God designed it. But on the other hand many philosophers have used the imperfections in the world as evidence against this. These imperfections cause earthquakes and other natural disasters which kill thousands – why would God create a world so imperfect? One Greek philosopher, Epicurus, argued that there were not only imperfections in the world, but evil too. If God is unable to stop evil, then he cannot be omnipotent, and if he is simply choosing not to, then he is not omnibenevolent.

A third argument is the **Moral Argument**. Some say that there is a clear objective moral law. There must be a source for this law, and this argument says that the source is God. However, many say that you learn your morals as you grow up through your parents.

**The** argument from **experience** says that God's existence is proved through miracles, prayers being answered, feeling God's presence and hearing God speak to you. Many people argue that there is no such thing as a miracle – just because things happen against all odds, does not make it a miracle. Some say prayers only appear to be answered because of mere coincidence.

## Past students

**Here** is what some of last year's Year 11 said about Philosophy and Ethics GCSE:

**Philosophy** and Ethics is such an interesting and thought-provoking subject. The topic Belief about Deity was extremely interesting and I thoroughly enjoyed learning the different arguments for and against the existence of God. GCSE has really sparked my passion for studying Philosophy in the future.

**Anshula Bain**

I liked Philosophy and Ethics because there was lots of discussion and everyone had their own opinions.

**Adam Hale**

**Philosophy** and Ethics was one of my favourite GCSEs. Every topic was different. I particularly enjoyed debating the ethics of modern issues such as abortion, animal testing and euthanasia. It has helped me develop skills which can be applied to many other subjects. It has given me an interest which I would like to pursue in the future.

**Emily Mattin**



**Philosophy** and Ethics was one of my favourite GCSEs. It's so different to the rest of them. Lessons are fun and interesting and make you think a lot.

**Henry Clendon**

I really enjoyed Philosophy and Ethics, especially the class discussions which showed the diversity of opinion. I chose it for A Level because I want to carry on learning about the different issues and continue to develop expressing myself.

**Grace Randall**

**Philosophy** and Ethics was definitely my favourite GCSE and I was really happy with my result. Our class discussions were so engaging and when it came to revising I actually looked forward to it as I always found out something new and it provided me with different insights from differing perspectives.

**Georgia Foster**

# Achievement Awards

**Congratulations to the following students who received Awards for getting two nominations for Effort or Achievement from their teachers at the end of the Summer 2011 term.**

Daniel Angus	7A	Saskia Manzi	8E	Aidan Gastaldi-Davies	9S
Celeste Da Palma	7A	Renaé Mooney	8E	Kirsty Hewitt	9S
Jessica Hall	7A	Megan Robinson	8E	Emma Lane	9S
Georgia Light	7A	Tammy Sapir	8E	Bethanie Roberts	9S
Alan-Yusef Pechenkin	7A	Jessica Ackers	8L	Natasha Robinson	9S
Laura Malley	7E	Olivia Albertson	8L	Bethany Wiltshire	9S
Amelia Reynolds	7E	Elise Cutforth	8L	Adil Ahmed	10A
Shammi Uddin	7E	Tian Figg	8L	Mark Evans	10A
Michael Winter	7E	Verity Stirling	8L	Ryan Harte	10A
Lauren Hitchen	7L	Joseph Clouting	8N	Nahida Miah	10A
Alfie Martin	7L	Eliza De Havilland Llewellyn	8N	Jonathan Miles	10A
William Mattin	7L	Alistair Gibbons	8N	Alice Tidd	10A
Jessica Beton	7N	Nicole Hazell	8N	Kirsten Bell	10E
Letitia Hatton	7N	Edie Owens	8N	Alima Bibi	10E
Elizabeth Kattenhorn-Black	7N	Benjamin Allen	8R	Saira Choudhury	10E
Joseph Lewis	7N	Connor Waters	8R	Osama Qayyum	10E
Craig Reece	7N	Rebecca Bainbridge	8S	Joshua Smithers	10E
Joseph Byers	7R	Isabelle Bloomfield	8S	Megan Beaven	10L
Edward Doyle	7R	Cameron Halsall	8S	Oscar Brando-Holahan	10L
Morgan Jeggo	7R	Lucy Hogan	8S	Alice Cherry	10L
Will Moroney	7R	Kira Pattenden	8S	Sonia Elder	10L
Thomas Thurlby	7R	Sanya Qayyum	8S	Ellie Mudd	10L
Hannah Burnham	7S	William Sherwood	8S	Aimée Smith	10L
Sophie Clark	7S	Elizabeth Wheatcroft	8S	Andrew Tung Yep	10L
Ellen Dean	7S	Sarah Bailey	9A	Kishan Das	10N
Chloe Dickinson Macrae	7S	Justine Brooks	9A	Lydia Greaves	10N
Huw Titmuss	7S	Ben Hackwood	9A	Olivia Madley	10N
Oliver Davies	8A	Kieran White	9A	Paaras Rawal	10N
Syeda Tasnim Jannat	8A	Alexander Sterling	9E	Mackenzie Rigby	10N
Francesca LoBue	8A	Sophie Bagge	9L	Francesca Rios	10N
Ella Moran	8A	Tatijana Bee	9L	Imadh Ahmed	10R
George Mudd	8A	Safia Bolton	9N	Emma Donaldson	10R
Emma Pepperdine	8A	William Curtis	9N	Ameena Mizi	10R
Jasper Beauchamp - Woodward	8E	Luke Hazlehurst	9N	Molly Thompson	10R
Reiss Davies	8E	Cassie Li	9N	Sophie Heselton	10S
Imogen Glass	8E	George Robbins	9N	Syeda Khatun	10S
Ashraful Islam	8E	Harriet Finlay	9S	Morgan Williams	10S

# Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Silver Awards at the end of the Summer 2011 term. Silver Awards are awarded to students who have made an outstanding contribution to school or community life.

Daniel Angus	7A	Elizabeth Wheatcroft	8S	Alima Bibi	10E
Melanie Noad	7A	Hemant Bhagirathy	9A	Alisa Da Palma	10E
Jack Elliott	7E	Cerys Falvey	9A	Alistair Dann	10E
Peter Errington	7L	Benjamin Jerrams	9A	Rosie Goymer	10E
Rufus Neame	7L	Natalie Man	9A	Robert Kocharyan	10E
Syeda Jannat	7N	Phoenix-Amber Weston	9A	Daniel Novelli	10E
Thomas Martin	7N	Joshua Clifford	9E	Chloe Pattenden	10E
Olivia Almond	7R	Akeefah Lal Mahomed	9E	Osama Qayyum	10E
Anna Hardisty	7S	Alexander Sterling	9E	Terri Brooks	10L
Joseph Lee	7S	Alice Stirling	9E	Laoise Hill	10L
Emily Saunders	7S	Sophie Bagge	9L	Sam Hogan	10L
Gemma Day	8A	Jordan Bertram	9L	Sebastian Isted	10L
Ekaterina Green	8A	Rebecca Doidge	9L	Matthew Knight	10L
Syeda Tasnim Jannat	8A	Gabriella Mauro	9L	Antonia McDonnell	10L
Francesca LoBue	8A	Jamie Moroney	9L	Aimee Smith	10L
Emma Pepperdine	8A	Victoria Thomas	9L	Benjamin Winter	10L
Rebecca Rice	8A	Emily West	9L	Florence Almond	10N
Georgia Parrett	8E	Jack Burnham	9N	Sioned Armstrong	10N
Jamal Baig	8L	Emma Hodgson	9N	Elizabeth Clements	10N
Josephine Brown	8L	Cassie Li	9N	Kishan Das	10N
Olivia Champion	8L	George Robbins	9N	Lydia Greaves	10N
Elise Cutforth	8L	Courtney Ward	9N	Louise Timmins	10N
Phoebe King	8L	Sophie Brown	9R	Katherine Alman	10R
Felicity Lumley	8L	Stephanie Martin	9R	William Biggs	10R
Charlotte McAlister	8L	Holly Seglah	9R	Rebecca Campbell	10R
Megan Hodges	8N	Katy Stern	9R	Emma Donaldson	10R
Abbey Maginnis	8N	Isabelle Stuckey	9R	Matthew Packham	10R
Ella Arnold	8R	Jenella Marie Ttudud	9R	Molly Thompson	10R
Thomas Fogerty	8R	Harriet Finlay	9S	Ben Collier	10S
Joshua Howell	8R	Michael Kingsbury	9S	Jamie Guy	10S
Mei Plumstead	8R	Anastasia Raymond	9S	Isabel Maile	10S
Connor Waters	8R	Bethany Wiltshire	9S	Mark Telkman	10S
Matthew Wilton	8R	Adil Ahmed	10A	Rafe Wilson	10S
Jodie Wiltshire	8R	Francesca Armour	10A	Ben Blight	11A
Daria Abaza	8S	Louisa Briguglio	10A	Louise Fogerty	11L
Edward Anders	8S	Nahida Miah	10A	George Boote	11N
Rebecca Bainbridge	8S	Jonathan Miles	10A	Will Cutmore	11R
Sarah Chamberlain	8S	Calum Peet	10A	Gareth Folwell	11R
Hannah Collier	8S	Alexandra Pugh	10A	James Fitzpatrick	11S
William Sherwood	8S	Alice Tidd	10A	Jack Woods	11S

## Languages News

### Year 13 German Parliamentary Experience Trip

**Ben Williams** and I are Year 13 German students from Beaumont School and Sandringham School respectively. Both of us were given an amazing opportunity to travel to Berlin and shadow a Member of Parliament at the Reichstag. We departed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and on that same day we visited Berlin Zoo and we were lucky enough to have the sun with us!



On Sunday, we explored the wonderful city of Berlin. My highlights of the day were visiting the Checkpoint Charlie museum and the DDR museum.

I found these visits very moving and I now have a much deeper understanding of what life was like when the Berlin wall was standing.

**Bright** and early on Monday morning, Klaus Hagemann MdB showed us around the Reichstag. It is a magnificent building; I could not believe I was in such a prestigious place!



**From** Tuesday to Friday we sat in meetings and watched discussions. Every day we were also fortunate to watch debates and talks in the Plenum, where the parliament sits. We even saw Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of Germany make a speech! Klaus also spoke in front of the parliament. Watching him and other members of parliament was very inspirational and politics interests me a lot more now.



**It** was fascinating learning about current economic topics and parliamentary systems. I feel that my German has improved greatly, especially my listening and understanding. Towards the end of the week, I was able to absorb so much more vocabulary and grammar. I loved every second of my experience and it was an honour being part of it. I would like to thank Mrs Yapp for organising this wonderful opportunity and for allowing me to be involved.

**Phoebe Greenland – Sandringham School**

**In** September I was fortunate to take part in certainly the best school trip that I have been on so far. Back in March Mrs Yapp invited me to go on a 'Berlin Parliamentary Experience' visit and I have to admit I was daunted by the challenge of spending a week in a new city and getting to grips with using my German practically, let alone completing an internship with a Berlin MP. However, although it turned out to be a thousand times more difficult than I had anticipated, it very soon became worth it.



**On** the first two days Mrs Yapp gave us a tour of Berlin and I learnt about German culture through monuments, churches, museums, the odd boat tour and a lot of Mrs Yapp's handy facts and experiences. It was certainly useful to have these couple of days to settle into the brand new 'all-German' environment before starting 'work' on Monday.

**The** parliament was fascinating. I became immersed in German politics from the moment that I stepped into the building and I can safely say that I now know more about it than I do about English politics! Throughout the week I was given the opportunity to see incredible speakers, including Angela Merkel. I watched meetings of the Budget and Petitions Commissions and debated topics such as Britain's response to the riots and the Euro Zone in German with Klaus Hagemann MdB. I learned an awful lot about German history, which will help my course this year, and I enjoyed all of it!



**It** is often hard to imagine that politicians or even public figures can have lives, or even personalities outside politics; however I came to learn the complete opposite! Klaus Hagemann was exceptionally patient, understanding and outstandingly hard-working. I cannot thank him or Mrs Yapp enough for the opportunity. The trip completely changed my views about politics, politicians, German and the way in which a country is run, and without this experience I would still be 'clueless' about many of the above. It was a truly amazing experience!

**Ben Williams Year 13 Beaumont School**

## Year 10 Rosas trip – July 2011



We were excited about the trip but couldn't understand why the Year 11s rated it so highly until we were actually there. Our expectations were exceeded by the gorgeous weather and interesting activities which included a visit to the world famous Dali Museum, a boat trip up the coast to Cadaques and a day long trip to Barcelona where we visited the Nou Stadium (and did just a little shopping!). We also went to Spanish classes, which has really helped with our studies. We enjoyed lots of freedom thanks to our brilliant trip leaders, and spent many hours relaxing on the lovely beach and by the pool.



The trip brought us together with people with whom we wouldn't normally have a chance to spend time, and the great company kept us highly amused all week. We didn't want to come home and will always have good memories of the trip. We would recommend the trip as it was an amazing experience.

**Ally Pugh and Ellie Mudd**

## Spanish students visit Beaumont



On the last week of term, a group of Spanish students visited Beaumont School giving our current Year 11 students the unique opportunity to practise some of the Spanish they had been learning during the year. The highlight of the visit was the football match our students played against the Spaniards. If you want to find out the final result, please continue reading. We hope to repeat this enjoyable experience next year.

**Miss Garcia**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July they came to our Spanish lessons and we discussed their hobbies, their likes and dislikes and what they were studying in school at the moment. They were mixed ages from 14-17 years old. We learned that they liked to play football and mostly supported Valencia.

They also asked us questions on our hobbies. Their English was a lot better than we had expected.



managed to go one up before half time.

On Tuesday 18 July the Spanish students came back over to play us at football. When we went to the field they were there waiting for us in full football kit compared to our PE tops and shorts. We sent out our starting line-up, the whistle blew and the game began. They started passing the ball between their midfield but they couldn't keep the ball from us long and we soon gained possession. They passed it forward and had an early break on goal but our goalie saved it with a heroic dive. After a near miss on goal we

The whistle blew for half time. We prepared for the second half by bringing on a few new players. Almost straight away however the opposition scored. We went back out and played our best football but then the ball hit the back of the net and they had managed another goal. We started again with a more attack-based pace, and got the ball to our midfielder who shot a wonderful strike from outside the box to score a fabulous goal. The question in

everybody's head was whether we could hold them back until the end of the game. Unfortunately we couldn't and with a minute to play we conceded the last goal of the game which came from their left midfielder. The game was closely matched; the Spanish team made good opponents for us and rather disappointingly we couldn't break their defence enough to beat them.

Will Halling 11E

## (More) PE News

### Under 15 Rugby

**U15 Daily Mail Cup 1st Round v Tring W24-5  
Tries: Matt Early 2, Tom Giles, Joe Harrison**

**Beaumont** opted to play the first half up hill and saw Tring camped in their half for a long period of time; this led to some strong defensive work from Adam Jones and the forward pack. Tring made several attempts to get over the line but good work from Dan Kempford and Joe Harrison ensured Beaumont went into the break with a clean sheet.

**The** second half saw Beaumont take the lead with Matt Early powering over the line; this was duly converted by Will Curtis. Jacob Lockhart Lister and Chris Stone put in good performances and Luke Ellis demonstrated his tackling abilities. Tring maintained the pressure but were unable to score due to some excellent defensive work from Ben Hackwood. Beaumont dominated the remainder of the game with Tom Giles adding to the score and Matt Early making a superb run down the wing to take the score to 19-0. Tring didn't let their heads drop and towards the end of the game scored their only try, hitting the bar on the conversion attempt.

**In** reply Beaumont remained confident and Joe Harrison made a powerful run for the try line, with Will Curtis converting for the last play of the game.

Will Curtis



### Cross Country

#### Year 7 Inter Form Fun Run

**Well** done to the 175 Year 7 runners who ran either one or two laps of the school field on the first Friday of term in the inter form run. William Sharp (7A) and Greta Geller (7N) were the first boy and girl finishers in the two lap run, with Will Raymond and Mhairi Pennifer in second. This was also the first inter form competition, with points going towards the House Competition.

#### Year 7 Sandringham Fun Run

**The** top 20 boy and girl finishers from the Year 7 Inter Form Fun Run were selected for the Sandringham Fun Run on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Every Secondary school in the District took part with over 400 pupils running in the boy and girl races combined.

**The** girls' race was run first and Beaumont's first runner home was Mhairi Pennifer in 16<sup>th</sup> place, closely followed by Greta Geller in 24<sup>th</sup>. Kate Chamberlain (33<sup>rd</sup>) Tamsin Sandford Smith (47<sup>th</sup>) Fiona McFarlane (52<sup>nd</sup>) and Sofia Metcalf-Riener (58<sup>th</sup>) were our other scoring runners which placed the girls' team 7<sup>th</sup> with 230 points. In the boys' race William Sharpe was our first finisher in 8<sup>th</sup> place and Will Raymond was second home for Beaumont in 14<sup>th</sup>. Ben Rose (21<sup>st</sup>), James Wilkinson (26<sup>th</sup>), Liam Murphy (37<sup>th</sup>) and Harvey Trounson (43<sup>rd</sup>) followed. The boys' team finished with 142 points and were placed 4<sup>th</sup> behind Verulam, St Columba's and Sandringham. In the combined competition we were placed an excellent second, only 20 points behind the first placed team, Sandringham.

**Well** done to all of the Year 7 pupils who ran and had their first taste of competing for Beaumont. A full list of results is on the the Cross Country page of the Beaumont PE Department Blog.

#### District League Cross Country

**Our** first District League Run of the season saw a number of Beaumont runners produce some strong results. In the Junior age groups Olivia Almond finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the junior girls with Tom Hails 5<sup>th</sup>, Jacob Bockenbauer 9<sup>th</sup>, Jacob Grisenthwaite 23<sup>rd</sup> and Conor Moore 24<sup>th</sup> in the junior boys.

**In** the Inter age groups, Marius Bell finished 20<sup>th</sup> and Giulio Pipe 21<sup>st</sup> in the boys' race with Naomi Baker 7<sup>th</sup>, Olivia Albertson 13<sup>th</sup>, Laurel Parker Mead 15<sup>th</sup> and Laura Albertson 16<sup>th</sup> in the girls' race.

**Well** done to all of the runners but particularly the Inter Boys and Girls who were all running a year out of age.

Mr Stewart

Inter Form Fun Run Results		
1 <sup>st</sup> 7L	2 <sup>nd</sup> 7E	3 <sup>rd</sup> 7S
4 <sup>th</sup> 7A	5 <sup>th</sup> 7N	6 <sup>th</sup> 7R

## Drama News

### Tangled Feet Company in Residence

At the end of last term we were proud to welcome back Tangled Feet Theatre Company who were last with us in November 2009. The company spent three days with us and worked with all Year 10 and 12 drama students as well as Year 9 students who had just started their GCSE and BTEC courses. Activities ranged from games and ways of devising theatre to a 'happening' after school on the final day. We were thrilled to have the opportunity to develop our partnership with such an exciting theatre company and look forward to welcoming them back soon.



#### Quotes from Year 12 students who worked with Tangled Feet:

'Exploding naturalism' is a great way to create movement with meaning. I will definitely use this technique when devising.  
**Joe Madley**

'Loved it! the exercise using everyday movements to create a story I'm sure will really help when we have a theme for our devised piece.'  
**Gaby Medforth**

'WICKED! I cannot explain how much fun I had - such an inspirational group of people! Went to see The Hide (a Tangled Feet performance) = TOTALLY AWESOME!'  
**Adele Robinson**

'I've really enjoyed learning new techniques and how Tangled Feet create their pieces which will help when we come to devise ours.'

**Jack Madley**



**Miss Shepherd**

#### Textiles – donations please!

The Textiles department would be very grateful for donations of fabric, ribbons, zips, Velcro etc. Please bring them in to Mrs Holmes. **Thank you.**



### Year 13 Visit to The Rose and Globe Theatres

On a fine day at the start of the new term, an intrepid band of A2 Drama students left school at 11.30am for a 12 hour dramatic experience. Our first port of call was Bankside where Mrs Rowlands had organised a questionnaire on subjects such as "Who lived in Southwark Cathedral?" (answer The Bishop of Winchester) and "Which famous soldier was associated with The Cutty Sark?" (answer: Sir Francis Drake).

Later in the afternoon we went on a guided tour of the archaeological site of the ancient Rose Theatre, which was run in Elizabethan times by Philip Henslowe. He is the man having his feet burned at the start of the film, "Shakespeare in Love". We heard how theatres like The Rose, whilst staging some of the world's greatest plays, were often used for the barbaric entertainment of bear baiting.



After a jolly pizza dinner (with cut price vouchers) we settled into an evening of live Shakespeare at The Globe. We saw (or heard as they said in Elizabethan times) "Much Ado About Nothing". Although the language was difficult, the lively production, responsive audience and vibrant atmosphere made it a truly memorable occasion.

As usual Miss Shepherd has organised lots of theatre visits this year and we cannot wait till the next one! Thanks also to Mrs Webb who accompanied us to The Globe.

**Grace Burgon and Rob Aikman, Year 13**



#### Parents' On-Line Payment System

We would like to remind you that there is a system available for paying over the internet for school catering and many school trips and activities. In addition to processing payments to the school the system also provides a really convenient way of checking the balance and recent activity on your child's catering account.

This system is accessed via the Beaumont website under the 'Parents' heading on the home page. You should have received a letter detailing how to access the system with a unique code for your child. If you would like to receive a copy of this letter or have any other queries regarding using this system please send an email to

**[Beaumont.finance@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Beaumont.finance@beaumont.herts.sch.uk)**

## Beyond Beaumont

### Chloe Arnold 8R

**On** 22nd July Chloe took part in the British Gas National Age Group Swimming Championships in Sheffield, competing in the 12 year old girls 100m Butterfly. Chloe did amazingly battling through the heats and make it to the final. She swam the final in a personal best time of 1.08.23 and finished seventh overall in what was an extremely close and exciting race. This puts in her seventh in the country in the National Ranking for her age group. This is a massive achievement for Chloe and as a result she has now been selected for the 2011/2012 English Talent Development Programme. This means she will attend one day specialist weekend training days to help her progress further in her swimming alongside other top national swimmers.

**Chloe** works extremely hard in her training before and after school this result is a fantastic reflection of this.

### David King

**David** left Beaumont in June 2008 to study at the University of Kent.

**He** has been awarded a BSc (first class honours) in Medical Anthropology. He will spend the coming year working for a medical foundation in Oxford and then plans to embark on the long training to become a doctor specialising in Psychiatry.

### Anne-Louise Pilbeam

**Former** student Anne-Louise has been awarded a First Class Honours degree in Photography and Video from De Montfort University, Leicester.

### Caitlin Devereux

**Newnham** College Cambridge has let us know that Caitlin has achieved a First in her recent Part IB of the Philosophy Tripos. She has also been awarded an Anne Jemima Clough Prize in recognition of her result, and a Winkworth Third Year Scholarship.

### Oscar Simmons 8L

**Congratulations** to Oscar Simmons who has won the 'Best Drama' award at the Peckham Film Festival. Oscar was competing against people aged up to 25.



Oscar made his film, which was seven minutes long and called 'Dog', about a lonely elderly lady who finds love and companionship through her relationship with a robot dog. Very well done Oscar!!

### Thomas Durnall

**Former** student Thomas Durnall has just graduated with a 2.2 degree in Physics with Astrophysics from Exeter University

### Craig Watt

**Craig Watt** graduated from Aston University this year with a BSc First Class Honours degree in Marketing. Many congratulations!

### Jerome Mayaud

**Congratulations** to Jerome who read Geography at Worcester College at Oxford. He has come first in his year, receiving the 'Gibbs prize'.

**His** love of geography stemmed from his time at Beaumont 'where several inspirational teachers instilled in him their own passion for the world and how it works.'

### Oliver Garner

**Oliver Garner** left Beaumont in July 2011 and is at Middlesex University studying Photography. He has a chance of winning a prestigious HSBC Bursary to help him with his studies and to enable him to make a mark on the world using his photography skills. Please help him win by voting for the video he has produced – if you have a Facebook account you can find it by searching for HSBC Student Bursary and then finding Oliver's entry (by 30 September please!). Good luck Oliver!

Congratulations to **Adam Jones** of 10S who was selected for HiPAC training over the summer holidays. This is East of England Regional hockey training Level 2 which means Adam could gain selection for an East of England Team. Also well done to **Jacob Lockhart Lister** (10S) and **Luka Fadrique** (10N) who have also been involved with Junior Regional Performance Centre Tier 1 training. Good luck to all boys in the new Hockey season.

## Calling former Beaumont students

**Are** you in touch with former students now in their 20s? We would like to put together an alumni board of past students and what they are doing now – it is great to show current students what previous Beaumont students have gone on to do (whether they went to University or not) and we might also be able to ask some in to help out with careers days and talks at some point in the future. If you are in touch with someone who would be interested please could you ask them to let us know:

1. What A-levels they did at school
2. What and where they studied at university (if they went!)
3. What they are doing now

Please email [admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk). A current photo would be great as well.

## Year 5 History Mystery Day

In the penultimate week of term the History department once again hosted a History Mystery day for a local Year 5 class. This year it was Rowan Class from Oakwood School. The students arrived with great anticipation and they were not disappointed. The day began with an inference activity with Miss Wensley and the groups examined objects from the costume cupboard such as chain mail, a soldier's tunic and a Sony Walkman (yes, parents, this is history now). They then were divided into two groups and looked at evidence about a mystery event. They were treated to a pre-recorded video guest starring Miss Pearson, Miss Wensley, Mr Cross and students Sam Stothard, Anshula Mauree-Bain and Anna Fordham who had all dressed up as part of the evidence. As well as watching the videos they were expected to interview two of the people involved, played again by Anshula and Anna (coming in from their summer holidays to help) who played their parts convincingly to the students. They worked well in their groups to use the evidence and were ably assisted by Helen Tung-Yep, Alex Brett, Holly Andrews and Soairse Hill from Year 12 too.



At the end of the session the students summed up their ideas about the solution to the mystery and the department was really impressed with their enthusiasm and interest that they showed across the lessons that day. It seems that this was something that they enjoyed too as a couple of days later we received this thank you note from the class:

*"Thank you very much for inviting us for a History morning. We all enjoyed the lesson we has and they film you made was very exciting. Your students were very skilled and experienced. You have taught us so much in one morning about History and Beaumont must be so lucky to have teachers like you. We all look forward to having another lesson there and we were very impressed with your knowledge."*

Many thanks to the History department for all their extra efforts on this day that makes everything run like clockwork, to Anna and Anshula for giving up their summer holidays to come and help and to Sam and Mr Cross for starring in the video and wearing some of our (musty) costumes and Helen, Holly, Soairse and Alex for helping out as class assistants.

Miss Pearson



New menus and pricing for September 2011 can be found on the school website [www.beaumontschool.com](http://www.beaumontschool.com)

### ABSENCE – STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-11

If your child is absent from school please ring

The Absence Line

01727 732987 before 9.30am

Please call every day that your child is unwell, not just the first day. If your child is in Sixth Form please report absence on 01727 732962.

### HELP WANTED WITH LOST PROPERTY

If you could help at breaktime at all please contact Janice Meakin [janice.meakin@ntlworld.com](mailto:janice.meakin@ntlworld.com) or Reception for further information.

### Morrisons 'Let's Grow' vouchers



If you shop in Morrisons please collect your Let's Grow vouchers and bring them into school so that we can claim free equipment.

### Parking near school

Please take care not to block driveways, or otherwise park illegally when dropping or collecting your children from school. Parking on yellow road markings, across driveways or on corners is illegal and endangers and inconveniences local residents and other road/pavement users – including school children.



## News from the Governors

The Community Committee met in June. We were given an update on the Parent Forum Meetings. Governors are interested in the outcomes of these meetings and it was agreed that where possible governors will attend meetings and report back to the committee on any issues arising. We discussed whether having the meetings during the day might mean that some parents who would like to attend are unable to do so and the balance between the meeting time being convenient for parents whilst ensuring that the group does not get too big and unworkable. It was noted that the group does not make decisions and operates as a focus group. Issues raised are consulted on more widely.

We had a lengthy and detailed discussion about various areas of the Pupil Survey. Governors would like to look further at careers advice at the school and it was agreed that this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting when the breakdown of the responses from each year group will be analysed as compared to the responses from the previous survey.

We were pleased to receive feedback about the Student Voice Day where the students looked at the areas of Environment, Charities, Teaching and Learning and Community. A collage was prepared which will be displayed in school.

Yvonne Deal, Chair of Community Committee

## Fleetville Partnership – Community News



The new Fleetville Partnership of schools will be offering children, young people and parents a variety of activities and programmes in the future.

### Communicating With Teenagers – 6 week course for parents – 13 October- 24 November

To help you understand your teen, run by Parent Centred Support and Vista on Thursday evenings 7.30-9.30pm. A small fee of £15.00 for the course will be charged. To secure a place call the Booking Line on 07827 502785 or 07939 111152.

### Pamper Session/Time for Me – Monday, 24 October – Years 7 and 8

Learn relaxation and meditation techniques. Cucumber eye masks! Face mask and exfoliation scrub! Crystals! Hand massages and more ... Session runs from 10.00am-12.00pm at STAGS, AL3 5DB. All for an incredibly reasonable cost of only £15.00. To secure a place call the Booking Line on 07827 502785 or 07939 111152.

### Boys' Street Defence – Tuesday, 25 October @ Verulam School, AL1 4PR – Years 7 and 8

### Girls' Street Defence – Wednesday, 26 October @ STAGS, AL3 6DB – Years 7 and 8

The latest and most effective reality based self defence system. Helps you to counter any new threats that may arise on the streets of today. Both sessions run from 10.00am-12.00pm by experienced and inspirational coaches for a fee of £12.00 per person. To secure a place call the Booking Line on 07827 502785 or 07939 111152.

### Basketball Coaching Level 1 – Sundays 30 October and 6 November, 11.00am-5.00pm

Places are strictly limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. A course for young people aged 16 years and over held at Francis Bacon School Drakes Drive, St Albans, AL1 5AR. Course fee is £70 (including resources). **Go to:** <http://www.sportinherts.org.uk/workshops-courses/find-a-course/292> **to book your place.**

**To find out more contact Jo Maher on 07939 111152. Email: [jo.maher@fleetvillejm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jo.maher@fleetvillejm.herts.sch.uk)**

## News from the BSA

The first BSA event of the new academic year was the **Year 7 Family BBQ and Games Afternoon** held on Saturday 17 September.

In spite of a short, but heavy, downpour half an hour before the start, the spirit of the event was not dampened and hundreds of students, siblings and parents attended. There was a very happy atmosphere to the whole event and we were even rewarded with a good deal of seemingly unseasonal sunshine for most of it!

A Treasure Hunt, Netball Shooting Competition, Football and Rugby occupied the students and their siblings, allowing parents to socialise. The Bar and BBQ were very busy! From the comments received on the day, it would appear that the afternoon was a successful and enjoyable occasion. At the "Prize Giving", the Chairman, Neil Almond, welcomed everyone to the event and encouraged parents and carers to become involved with the BSA in some way if possible.

### **Prizes were awarded to:**

**Hannah Crisp 7S**, for scoring the most goals in one minute; **Ewan**, younger brother of **Robert Mills 7S**, for winning the Treasure Hunt; whilst the Lucky Ticket prize was won by **Archie Dench** also of 7S. It would seem that 7S had a winning streak! A special prize was awarded by the Year 8 helpers to **James Carruthers**, young brother of **Gemma 7A**, for his relentless enthusiasm for netball shooting throughout the afternoon. Very well done to the winners and to all those who took part in the competitions.

The BSA would like to thank all the very kind parents who helped both before and during the event and also with the clearing up afterwards. It was greatly appreciated. We would also particularly like to acknowledge the eleven enthusiastic students in Years 8,9,11 and 12 who gave up their afternoon to run stalls. Without their help this event would have been very difficult to run. Thank you! Thanks also to Mrs Darnell and Mrs Hamer whose help behind the scenes prior to the event was invaluable.

**Whilst** this event is primarily a "welcome and social event" for new Beaumont students and their families, we raised around £350!! Thank you to everyone for their support.

The BSA page on the school website may now be accessed via the "Quick Links" on the Home Page of the school website [www.beaumontschool.com](http://www.beaumontschool.com). Email us on [bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk)

## ‘SONGS FROM THE WEST END’

**Our** next event is a ‘Songs from the West End’ Evening on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm, finishing by 9.30pm. The evening will feature Beaumont’s Miss Shepherd, former cast member of *Les Miserables*; Kyl Messios from *The Lion King* and Lee Bright from *Grease*. Don’t miss this wonderful evening! *Please note:* this evening is most suited for Year 7 and above.

**This** event is raising money for new and improved stage lighting for Drama and Music Productions and also for the Gym and Dance Display. Tickets are priced at £10 for adults and £6 concessions with a family ticket at £25 (maximum of two adults) to include a light buffet. There will be a Pre-Show and Interval Bar and food will be served at the Interval.

**Tickets** are available from school: please bring or return the tear off slip below to Reception with the correct payment (marked “BSA Tickets”). Tickets can be purchased in person or if applications are handed in to the form tutor, tickets will be returned to students via tutor trays for them to bring home.

**Please** do come along and support this event which received excellent reviews last time!

### Calling all crafty people!

#### Beaumont School Christmas Fair, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December



Can you help with the craft stall at this year’s Christmas Fair?

We are looking for anyone with any craft skills to help us make items for the craft stall.

Can you or someone in your family knit/sew/paint/make jewellery/work with wood??

Do you have access to any craft materials you could donate?  
I would love to hear from you!

Please contact Nicky Reardon at  
bsa@beaumont.herts.school.uk

**A** reminder that the BSA will be taking orders for their delicious Beaumont School Christmas Puddings shortly.



### ✂..... Songs from the West End – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm for 7.15pm start

**Please reserve me the following places:** (Please insert number of tickets required)

..... adults @£10 each

..... student/concessions @£6 each

..... family ticket @£25 (..... adult plus .....concessions) (maximum of two adults on a family ticket)

**Cheques made payable to BSA or correct money please.**

There will be tables of 8. Please indicate if you would like to be seated with particular friends.

Name:.....Child.....Form.....

e-mail address:.....

phone:.....

Bring or send this form to Reception with the correct payment in order to get your tickets

*Back by Popular Demand...*

## ‘Songs From The West End’

*With Zoë Shepherd (Les Miserables), Lee Bright (Grease) and Kyl Messios (The Lion King)*

7pm,  
Sunday 9th October  
Beaumont School Hall

Tickets on sale from  
Weds 28th Sept  
£10 Adult £6 Concessions  
£25 Family Ticket  
Includes light buffet.  
Bar and Raffle  
Tickets from Reception  
Cheques payable to  
Beaumont School Association



### Dates for your diaries:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011: Non Uniform Day with donations for Christmas Fair – more details soon**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011: Christmas Fair, 11-2pm, with House Competitions**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012, Quiz 7pm**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012, BSA AGM**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012, “Beaumont School Hosts Rob’s Music and Sports Festival”**