



## From the Headteacher

Welcome back to everyone after the two week Easter break and thank you to all staff who gave their time voluntarily during the holidays to help students, including to those who led the ski trip and the trip to the USA.

The examination season starts shortly with GCSEs and 'legacy' AS examinations beginning before half term and A Level examinations after half term. Our Year 11 final assembly is on Thursday 11 May and our Year 13 final assembly is Friday 26 May. Our very best wishes to all our students who are taking examinations, we trust you will be well prepared, focused and be able to answer questions with a clear mind. Thank you to all our staff and parents for their help in ensuring the very best outcomes for our students.

I was absolutely delighted with the result of the whole school photograph taken on the penultimate day of term. Well done and thank you to all the students and staff for taking part and especially to the Sixth Formers who had to stand for a long time waiting for the rest of the school to be placed. The sun shone and the outcome is great. You should have received information about how to order a copy last week.

We welcome several new staff this term: Miss Ellison and Mrs Gasparova in the main office and Ms Harper, Assistant Network Manager. In addition we have several new students and we welcome them and their families to Beaumont and hope you will be very happy here.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Elizabeth Hitch**

## M A Y

Monday 1 May			Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 May	12:50 pm	Cunningham Hill	Beaumont musicians primary school workshop
	All day	Bletchley Park	Year 10 Computer Science trip to Bletchley Park
Thursday 4 May	6:00 pm	Hall	Year 7 CEW Trip to Germany Parent Information Evening
	6:45 pm	Hall	Year 7 CEW Trip to France Parent Information Evening
	7:30 pm	Hall	Year 7 CEW Trip to Spain Parent Information Evening
Friday 5 May			Non uniform day Rob's Festival
Saturday 6 May		F3/F4	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision Day
			Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
Wednesday 10 May	6:00 pm	Hall	PGL Parent information evening
Thursday 11 May	7:30 pm	Sixth Form Centre	BSA AGM
			Year 11 students last day in school before exam leave
Friday 12 May			Year 11 exam leave begins
Monday 15 May	1:00 pm		AS /GCSE exams start
Friday 19 May	4:30 pm	Hall/C1/C2	Year 12 Drama practical exam
			Year 9 Million Makers (everyday event ending on Friday 26 May)
Monday 22 May	9:00 am	Library	Children's Book Award
Thursday 25 May			Year 9 full reports issued
Friday 26 May			Year 13 exam leave begins (last day)
Monday 29 May			Half Term (students return to school on Monday 5 June)

For sports fixtures please check the PE Blog [www.beaumontpe.blogspot.com](http://www.beaumontpe.blogspot.com). For up to date news and information on forthcoming BSA events please check our website. Beaumont welcomes comments from parents/carers and families about any aspect of school life. Please contact us via our email [admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk).

### Beaumont School wins award for exceptional 2016 results!

Beaumont School has been nationally recognised for its exceptional 2016 performance by the Schools, Students and Teachers network (SSAT). Educational Outcomes data analysis from SSAT has shown that the school is in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for attainment and the top 20% for progress.

The school's SSAT Educational Outcomes awards will be presented at a regional celebration event held to draw attention to the work of high-achieving, in providing and innovating schools and teachers.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said: "It's my great pleasure to commend Beaumont School on their work at an SSAT Educational Outcomes celebration event. We know how hard teachers work to ensure the success of every child. SSAT's Educational Outcomes award recognises the professionalism, commitment and hard work of the leaders, teachers and students at Beaumont School. A big thank you and well done to the students, staff and governors".



### Beaumont hits the USA

Once again our USA History trip was designed to stimulate learning and curiosity, with each new experience a chance for students to learn more about their subject and America. We were fortunate with the weather this year; on average 25 degrees in Washington and a little less in New York.

This year we visited the Air & Space Museum for the first time, coupled with an IMAX experience into space students and staff were given a truly unique vantage point to witness the lives of astronauts throughout history, and the co-operation between nations, in navigating beyond our world.

#### Washington notables:

The whole group was given the opportunity to sit in the House of Representatives and learn about American democracy. (Luckily some students had Miss Bennett as our guide).

The Washington Nationals baseball match caught us out this year with an early afternoon start. Although the NATs lost the evening was sunny and students got a taste of the ballpark experience.

One big change was the security around the White House in Washington and Trump Towers in NY. This gave students an insight into current American politics.

#### New York notables:

On arriving at NY we visited the Top of the Rock in the early evening. As the weather was clear students were able to get amazing pictures of the Empire State Building and upper and lower Manhattan.

Following our experience of the last trip we ditched the idea of the subway in NY and hailed Yellow Taxis down to Battery Park for our boat cruise to Ellis Island; more beautiful weather.

On the last day students walked up 5th Avenue, which was hosting the Easter Parade. It was great to see the costumes and such a family event.

A big thank you to the students who took part, they engaged with the activities wholeheartedly. Many thanks to Miss Ashton, Miss Bennett, Mr Gray, Miss Shahradeh and Mr Tatham for giving up half of their Easter to give students such a fantastic experience.

Ms Esmizadeh

### Year 12 Photographers' Gallery Trip

We had the pleasure of taking our Year 12 Photographers to the Photographers' Gallery in London and then onto the London Art Fair. Students had a really insightful time looking around the Photographers' Gallery and then took part in a Camera Obscura workshop which enabled them to view London from one of the country's only Camera Obscura lenses, and have the street projected onto their t-shirts. They were then able to make their own smaller Camera Obscura to help learn and understand the eventual development of the camera.

**Miss May, Miss Finlay**



### Textiles outstanding coursework

Congratulations must go to all Year 11 students in Textiles, as usual they have all worked extremely hard to complete their coursework and it is all of a very high standard, well done to all of you! Revise now for the written exam!

Please take a look at the photos of the beautiful GCSE coursework

(Jenny Davy, Berenice Laurent, Gracie Holder and Olivia Townsend.

**Ms ten Dam**



### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We run the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at all three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. We currently have 63 Bronze, 46 Silver and 12 Gold participants, which is our largest cohort yet. We are very grateful for all the staff and parents who volunteer to make Beaumont DofE such a successful centre. As well as the well-known expedition, students also have to complete three other sections (four at Gold level). Our students do a wide variety of different activities. We are very proud of their hard work! Here are some examples of what is going on:

**Skills:** Stefan Cayless (Bronze) is learning Mandarin Chinese, Gracie Fletcher (Bronze) is learning Makaton sign language, Eve Harrison (Silver) is improving her cooking skills, Amy McAlister (Silver) plays the saxophone, and James Jarman (Gold) is learning to drive.

**Volunteering:** George Cox (Bronze) coaches rugby, Matthew Laanest (Bronze) helps at Sunday School, Emma Malley (silver) helps with a Cubs group, Alfie Tucker (Silver) works in a charity shop, and Kira Stevenson (Gold) helps out with a Brownie group.

**Physical:** Clare Baker (Bronze) plays netball, William Lewis (Bronze) plays tennis, Alex Tarsounas (Silver) is improving his snowboarding skills, Sol Gosine (Silver) does Jujitsu, and Jonathan Larkworthy (Gold) does trampolining.

**Residential:** Andrew Oliver (Gold) has a cookery course planned, Bill Lewellyn-Jones (Gold) is going on a sailing week, Laura Pankhurst (Gold) took part in the National Citizenship Service and Joe Vernon (Gold) will be volunteering at Phasels Wood Scout Activity Centre. **Ella Dickson, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator**

### Making a drama out of a Latin Class

The spring term has been fast and furious in Latin Class. We meet after school on a Tuesday. This term we have continued our study of the Latin language and used it to translate stories about slaves and slave girls, gladiators, and even a werewolf (for which we produced our own special effects). Sometimes studying Roman culture gives us a new perspective on our own values. How could such a great civilisation have relied on slavery?

We showed off our drama skills when we acted out a section of Roman comedy which we had translated. To make it even more realistic, we wore the theatre masks we had made for home learning.

We discovered how important it was to express ourselves through voice and gesture, since our faces were covered with masks.

Next term, we'll be learning about Roman Baths, schools and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Latin class is run by Dr Harvey. For more details, contact Mrs Lutz. **Mrs Lutz**

### Last call for vouchers please!



### County Dance Festival 2017

On Tuesday 14 March the senior dancers represented the school, superbly, at the Hertfordshire Schools' County Dance festival. The festival is a celebration of dance in primary, special and secondary schools. They were one of twenty four schools who worked hard to create the festival in one day, including a matinee and an evening performance.

This year's theme was "Read all about it" where the dances had to reflect the content of newspapers or magazines. Choreographers Lydia Grinsted Tate and Shauna Lils cleverly combined this year's gym and dance display theme: "Beaumont Brits" with "Read all about it" by basing the dance on the Beatles song "A Day in the Life". The first two verses were inspired by the story of Tara Browne, the 21-year-old heir to the Guinness fortune. A major newspaper story in 1966.

Miss Dolan and Mrs Riggott Jones were very proud of their performance and would like to thank them again for their enthusiasm during the day.

**Mrs Riggott Jones**



### Geography Green Leaders help primary school children get crafty for Easter



On Thursday 23 March, as part of the Green Leaders Programme, three of our Geography Captains (Alex, Georgina and Alice) led an assembly about recycling and organised a competition for pupils at Fleetville Infants School. Using the assembly as inspiration and making use of their prior learning, the pupils took part in an Easter Recycling competition. At the end of term the Green Leaders returned to judge the winners. The pictures show some of the amazing entries, all using recycled materials. "This was the second assembly we have given. The students were very receptive and engaged. It was a very positive event and the children really enjoyed the assembly." **Georgina (Year 12)**

### Mayor's Pride Awards

Congratulations to Steven Aghanti (8N) who was a finalist in the award for Young Person of Distinction at the recent Mayor's Pride Awards. Steven was nominated by fellow students.



### From the Governors

Since my last report, Governors have been tremendously busy supporting the school to put in place the

new senior leadership team for the next academic year. We are delighted with all the appointments made and are confident that they will continue to lead the school from strength to strength.

We have also had two meetings of our CTL committee as well as our Governors' Day in School. CTL continue to focus on curriculum and community issues. The key curriculum area for discussion at recent meetings has been the new KS3 assessment arrangements which will be introduced in September 2017. These arrangements are necessary to dovetail with the changes in the way students are assessed at KS2 as they move to Beaumont and with the ongoing curriculum changes at KS4 and KS5. Hours of work by staff has gone into formulating a system which will support both students and staff in this key area.

Once again our Governors' Day in school provided us with the opportunity to experience Beaumont 'in action', when we spent a morning with students and staff in and out of lessons. The afternoon was then spent discussing some of the challenges with which we as a school are grappling; a major one being funding, which I am sure everyone is by now aware of, following national and local publicity in recent months.

Finally, good luck to all students sitting exams in the summer.

**Lisanne Sherwood, Chair, Community, Teaching and Learning Committee**



## Non-Uniform Day: Friday 5 May 2017

**Please remember to bring a donation for Non-Uniform Day!**

All donations are for **Rob's Festival** - Saturday 24 June 2017



**Years  
7 - 11**

Years 7 -11 are kindly requested to donate bottles (no alcohol), luxury gifts or a monetary donation of £2 cash (suggested amount or more!)



**Sixth  
Form**

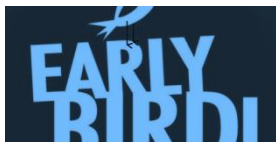
Sixth Form are kindly requested to donate bottles (alcohol) or a monetary donation of £2 cash (suggested amount or more!)

Funds raised at Rob's Festival will be used to support Beaumont School and the Prince's Trust

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## Tickets and wristbands on sale next week!



On ticket sales until 19 May

Students (under 18s, under 5s free)	£3
Adults (over 18s)	£5

All tickets entitle the bearer to a free \*half chicken at Nandos Restaurant, St Albans (worth £7.95) \* T&Cs apply

Wristbands	£2
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# Saturday 24 June 2017

**Bands include the C90s, Chris Hepworth & The Secret Spy Planes, Magician's Nephew, Purple Day, Written in Ink & rapper TRE**

**Sports Tournaments, Live Music, International Food Court, Stalls, House Games, Inflatables, Licensed Bar and much, much more .....**