



### From the Headteacher

As we come to the end of our first half term, I hope that all our new students have settled in quickly and are enjoying being part of Beaumont. I am delighted to let you know that we have had our largest ever number of sixth formers joining us, 44 new students started in Year 12 in September. This is testament to our committed staff and enthusiastic students who, I hope, always make new students welcome. Once again our Secondary Transfer Evening held at the start of October was a huge success with in the region of 1400 visitors. My thanks to everyone who helped on the night - our student guides are brilliant ambassadors for the school.

You will have all received by Scopay (the parent messaging system) a letter of consultation regarding the proposed expansion from September 2018 to take an additional 30 students in each year group. The consultation closes on Friday 4 November, after half term, so do send in your comments if you wish to do so.

Please note that we have changed the date of the next non-uniform day to **Friday 4 November**, immediately after half term. This is to avoid clashing with Year 11 mocks which start that day. This non-uniform day is in preparation for the Christmas Fair. We ask students to bring in different gifts depending on their year group. Please see separate information from the BSA regarding which gifts to bring. There will also be Christmas Fair raffle tickets for every student to take home and sell – please do look out for these after half term.

We send our best wishes to two staff who left us at the end of September and who have served the school so well over several years: Mrs Crisp (TA and learning Support Admin) moved away with her family and Mr Lewis (TA and PE) takes up a place at university. Already this term we have had several significant successes in our PE fixtures, which are included in this issue, plus the French Exchange and the Year 11 Geography field trip. I wish you all a well-deserved rest over the half term holiday.

**Elizabeth Hitch**

# N O V E M B E R

Tuesday 1 November	7:00 pm	Hall	Upper School Play - The Crucible
Wednesday 2 November	1:00 pm	St Peter's Church	Music Concert
	3:45 pm	Conf Room	New staff induction
	7:00 pm	Hall	Upper School Play - The Crucible
Thursday 3 November	7:00 pm		BSV Consortium Evening, Sandringham 7.00pm, Verulam 8.00pm
Friday 4 November			<b>Non uniform day (Christmas Fair) * Change of date *</b>
	10:10 am	Hall	Year 7/8 Author visit form Matt Dickinson
	7:00 pm	Hall	Upper School Play - The Crucible
Tuesday 8 November	8:00 am	Hall	CED (including Year 11 Careers Fair)
	7:30 pm	Conf Room	BSA Committee Meeting
			Years 11/12/13 Senior Maths Challenge
Wednesday 9 November	6:30 pm	Hall	Parental Drug Awareness Workshop
			Year 9/12 German exchange - Beaumont to Germany (to 15 Nov)
Thursday 10 November	10:10 am	Hall	Year 7 Author Tamsyn Murray
	3:45 pm	Library	Primary Staff Tea
	6:30 pm	Conf Room	Full Governing Body Meeting
	7:00 pm	SFC	Year 12 /13 Law Careers Evening
			Sixth Form interim reports issued
Friday 11 November		Hall & Gym	Year 11 mocks (Mocks end 23/11/16)
Thursday 17 November	5:00 pm	Hall, SFC	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 22 November		Cambridge	Year 12 Art Trip to Curwen Print Study Centre
Wednesday 23 November	7:00 pm	Hall	GCSE Presentation Evening for last year's Year 11
Thursday 24 November	9:00 am		Year 8 interim reports issued
	4:40 pm	Theatre Royal	Year 7 English Trip - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Friday 25 November			Occasional Day (school closed)
Tuesday 29 November	3:30 pm	Hall	Auditions for Gym and Dance

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).



**My Day at WOWtalks**

At the end of September I was lucky enough to go to the WOWtalks at the Royal Geographic Society in London.

Women who work with technology gave speeches on what they do and how they do it, which was very interesting. There were also live demos about Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality and wearable tech. It was a popular event for schools, there were about 25 different schools there - one was all the way from Devon!

Twice a singer called ArA Harmony performed with her loop machine, which records sounds so you can keep that sound going - even if you only do it once. One lady combined tech and music by doing intricate movements with her hands. This made sounds because an innovative gadget she was holding recorded her movements and sent them to a computer, which turned them into music.

We also watched videos of inspirational women like Michelle Obama, who gave a speech saying that people told her she wasn't smart enough to go to the prestigious university she wanted to go to. When she realised they were wrong, she also realised they were wrong about lots of things about her. In Jennifer Lopez's video, she told us to trust our instincts and follow our hearts.

It was a really inspirational day. **Leila Macpherson (7L)**



**Winners at the Olympic Park**

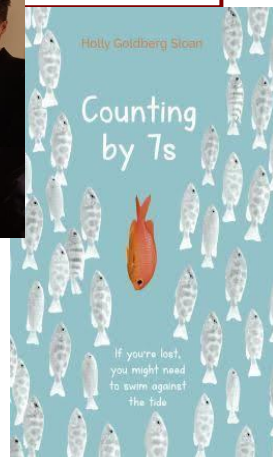
On Tuesday 4 October, sixteen members of Beaumont School's hockey team, consisting of Year 7 and Year 8 students went to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to compete against nine regional schools. We entered two mixed teams in to the eight aside hockey tournament.

Both teams were very successful with one team achieving joint **first** with Richmond, our second team came **third** overall. Overall Beaumont played really well with a selection of very strong dedicated hockey players. The trophy is on its way and will be presented to the winners very soon. Well done to everyone who participated. **Charlotte Paine (8L)**

**Well done Year 9!**

I am very proud of some of the Year 9 boys in my Spanish lesson. The boys recently took a vocabulary home learning exercise where they had to learn from a specific website. The boys needed at least 4000 points, however, they pushed themselves to go higher and higher, achieving incredible scores. William Baynham and William Brown challenged each other until they got to over 103,000 points! It really is a feat in terms of time and the practice that these boys have put in to their learning. Well done to all.

**Mrs Bennett**



**Beaumont Reads**

Students are queuing up to read *Counting by 7s*. This year's 'Beaumont Reads' whole school read initiative is going incredibly well. A fantastic number of students and staff have already read and reviewed *Counting by 7s*. The Library's fifty-six copies are in constant demand and interest amongst the students is amazing. The Library team has displayed all the reviews around the school and a selection can also be found on Twitter @BeauLibrary #BeaumontReads.

The book's author, Holly Goldberg Sloan, has been following our scheme from her home in California and has retweeted many of our reviews. We are also running a book trailer competition for students with the chance to win a Kindle Fire. Details of the competition and all the latest news on the Beaumont Reads scheme are on the Library blog:

<http://libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com>





### Great start in the District League for Year 10 Boys Basketball

On Monday 12 September the year 10 boys' team took on Sandringham in the first game of the season for any Beaumont basketball team. The boys played extremely well, moving the ball well on offence and defending strongly, both individually and as a team. At times we looked a little rusty when shooting, which is to be expected so early in the season. That said, we ran out comfortable winners 79 – 23 with Max Baskett top scoring with over 30 points.

Their second game was in the new sports hall. Against an athletic and tall St Georges team, the boys carried on where they left off against Sandringham, breaking effectively and quickly and working hard on defence to win impressively, 69 – 27. Harry Dean hit 22 points and Max scoring 16.

The squad have a lot of potential and should go into the County League season with a great deal of confidence. Well done to the whole squad: Joe Parrett ©, Harry Dean, David Brinkley, Tom Wilton, Hendrick Bockenbauer, Albert Quansah, Denzel Ememandu, Max Baskett, Nick Powdrell, Toby Gastaldi-Davies

### Boys reach Senior Rally final

A new look senior boys basketball squad travelled to Queens on the 20 September for the County Rally. In our group of three we played Simon Balle School and Queens in 10 minute each way games. We started slowly in our first game but soon started to pass the ball fluently on the break and came out 34 – 22 winners against Queens. The second game followed a similar vein and we won by a similar margin, beating Simon Balle 35 – 22.

In the final, our first 5 played extremely well and at half time we were 19 – 18 up. Unfortunately, due to an injury to Jacob Bockenbauer, two players had to play the full 20 minutes which meant fatigue set in and we lost 34 – 27. To come so close to winning with at least three squad members unavailable for the tournament and several new squad members, suggests that we can be successful at both County and National Conference level if we train well and stay fit.

I am really looking forward to the rest of the season. County Rally squad : Ewan Brand; Yusef Pechenkin; Bradley Roberts; Joe Byers; Billy Cresswell; Jamie Caulfield, Laurence Allen; Jack Fletcher; Jacob Bockenbauer

### Year 10 Boys basketball squad become District Champions

Congratulations to the Year 10 boys team who completed a perfect record of five wins, no losses in the District League. Having comfortably won their first four games, they met St Columbas in their final match never having beaten them before. In a great game which saw us up by 10 points at half time and then behind in the last quarter, we eventually came out 64-62 winners, thanks to a last gasp break away lay up from Harry Dean.

Harry top scored with 24 points but Joe Parrett, Max Baskett, Denzel Ememandu and Toby Gastaldi Davies all scored over 10 points in the game. The ability to share the points around, fast break effectively and play strong defence made the difference in this performance.

District League results: Beaumont 79 Sandringham 23; Beaumont 69 St Georges 27; Beaumont 73 Sir John Lawes 10; Beaumont 67 Roundwood Park 40; Beaumont 64 St Columbas 62. Congratulats to the whole squad: Joe Parrett ©, Harry Dean, David Brinkley, Tom Wilton, Hendrick Bockenbauer, Albert Quansah, Denzel Ememandu, Max Baskett, Nick Powdrell, and Toby Gastaldi-Davies.

**Mr Stewart**



As mentioned last month, Phoebe Turnbull (8S) was selected to represent England and the Eastern Region at the British Young Riders Dressage (BYRDS) Under 25's Home International Competition in July 2016. Phoebe, and her pony New Oak Thyme, made up a team of four members and competed against over 30 teams representing England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales over the three days. The team rode some of their best tests over the weekend, each rider riding two tests a day and were placed 7th overall. Many congratulations to Phoebe on representing England!



Well done to Celeste Jones in form (7L) and Imogen Warwick (7N) who have both trialled successfully for the U13 Herts County cricket team.

Action from the St Columba's game



Celebrating becoming District Champions (below)



**From the Governors**

It was with a buzz of excitement that the Community, Teaching and Learning Committee sat down in the conference room of the new Sports Hall building for our first meeting of the year on 21 September. I hope that by now many of you will have had the chance to explore the new sports hall, classrooms and atrium facilities that our students are able to enjoy. Indeed, weather permitting; the new amphitheatre will also add an open-air dimension to their learning.

At this first meeting of the year we reviewed an analysis of the last academic year’s external exam results. We were delighted that our students, working alongside their teachers, have been able to achieve another set of excellent results. 90% of last year’s Year 13 gained a place at their first choice university and we were able to welcome one of our largest cohorts of Year 12 students into the sixth form after their successes at GCSE.

The leadership team also reported that our newest Year 7 students have settled into school well and have enjoyed their first few weeks, joining in with the many extra-curricular opportunities on offer to them. As at all our termly meetings, we also received reports on the work being carried out by teaching and non-teaching staff to support our most disadvantaged students. A wide range of interventions and mentoring is in place to help ensure that these students reach their full potential as part of the Beaumont community.

We look forward to another busy and challenging year ahead at Beaumont.

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

Beaumont School is delighted to be able to participate again in the England Rugby Grand Draw - 2017. Tickets are £1 each with **90p from each ticket purchased going to the school.** Please get involved and return the form to **Reception** with the appropriate payment and your tickets will be sent out by return. Please send in cash or cheques (payable to Beaumont School) in an envelope clearly marked ‘England Rugby Grand Draw’ and **good luck!**

**Mr Panting**

**England Rugby Grand Draw**

**Beaumont School - Tickets for England Rugby Grand Draw – April 2017**

Name of Student		Form
Name on raffle ticket		
Contact address		
Postcode		Telephone
Number of tickets required		(five tickets in a book, each ticket is £1, each book is £5)
Amount Paid	£	*Cash/*Cheque (made payable to Beaumont School)