

From the Headteacher

School life continues apace with only three weeks to go before the end of term and a huge amount to fit in! This week we welcome our new Year 7 to their first evening at Beaumont and then they join us for the day on Thursday 9 July. As you can see from this edition of Beaumont Life, the Curriculum Enrichment Week proved a success for so many with trips overseas and in the UK plus a wide variety of activities at school and on day visits. This year we planned it slightly differently to give students more choice in their activities which was a resounding success although took even more planning by all. I would like to record my grateful thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the week whether teachers or Essential Services Staff; we are already planning for next year!

During the same week our Year 10 went on one week's work experience to local or far flung places, both private placements and school placements. I am always delighted to see how work experience helps develop our students, many of whom gain confidence to do things they would never have thought possible. Once again we received several personal letters commending our students on their attitudes. Well done to all concerned.

Our Student Voice representatives held an extended meeting last week to plan their ideas for next year. I was pleased and proud to see the presentations they had completed and the quality of ideas that they had. Next year sees the launch of our new House System with lots of input from the students including the naming of the Houses. I am looking forward to seeing how this develops and to finding out the names of the Houses!

Elizabeth Hitch

July Diary Dates



Weds	1	Sixth Form Conference Full Governors meeting – 7.00pm Year 8 Drama Club Show – 6pm Year 13 Prom
Thur	2	New Year 7 Information Evening 6.00pm Sports Day
Sat	4	Year 12 (AS) French work Experience students leave – return on Saturday 11 th
Tues	7	Reserve Sports Day
Weds	8	Interform Competition Periods 2-7
Thur	9	New Year 7 Day
Mon	13	Beaumont Life Deadline Matinee Lower School Production “Honk” 1pm (Hall)
Tues	14	Lower School Production “Honk” 7pm (Hall)
Weds	15	Lower School Production “Honk” 7pm (Hall) Year10 ASDAN trip
Fri	17	End of Term – shortened session – dismissal from 12.30pm
Mon	20	INSET (4)
Tues	21	INSET (5)

A2 and AS level results available Thurs 20 August: 10am-12 midday in the Hall
GCSE results available Thurs 27 August: 10am - 12 midday in the Hall

Reminder: Beaumont Summer Concert: Tuesday 30 June, 7pm, School Hall
Beaumont Life June 2009

Science Week with the International Baccalaureate



IB places the subjects in different groups and Group 4 consists of all the sciences. IB has an ethos of promoting team work, co-operation and co-ordination and as such part of the work the students have to complete is the “Group 4 Project”. This involves students from different sciences working together for a week on a common theme. The score they achieve at the end of the week, which is for Personal Skills, forms 25% of their final practical exam.

This year the theme was “Sound & Light” and the students started in Sandringham where each group had to plan Biology, Chemistry & Physics experiments which were in some way related to this topic.

The students then conducted their experiments in the Beaumont laboratories over a period of two and a half days before moving on to Verulam to produce a display of their findings in “Science Fair” style.

The groups worked extremely well together and their presentations at the end were excellent. The visitors to their stands included Year 10 students from all three schools, teachers, Headteachers and a group of firemen who happened to be in the area and were fascinated by the students’ work. The IB students did an excellent job of pitching their presentations according to their audience.



Mr M Jones, Head of Biology

Wind in the Willows

On Thursday 4th June, Year 7 Drama Club put on the well known play ‘The Wind in the Willows’. However the play was not set conventionally, as it was done in promenade, meaning that different scenes were set in different parts of the school. This adventurous way of performing helped contribute to the success of the play.

Lowrie Evans and Melissa Hazeldine (leaders of Year 7 Drama Club and directors of the play) said that everyone involved was fantastic and they perceived a lot of confidence growth in many of the performers. Lowrie and Melissa say they had a lot of fun working with the Year 7s, and that they are very grateful for the amount of help from Gaby Medforth and Ben Williams. They would also like to thank the parents and fellow students that came along, and hope that they enjoyed the play as much as the performers did!



Georgie Males

In Year 7 Drama Club this year, we did the play Wind in the Willows. I had an absolutely fantastic time doing it. Not only did I get to meet a lot of people I wouldn’t normally get to meet, but I received a real confidence boost, and I know a lot of other people did too. The rehearsals were fun, but in the week before the play it really hit home. Not that that made it less fun, but we focussed a whole lot more. Even though nerves were high before we went out and did the final performance, it came together really well, even though we spooked a few drivers coming to the school with our ‘stampede’! All in all, I had so much fun doing it and it has really improved my acting confidence.

I can’t wait till next year!

Elizabeth McCann 7A

Curriculum Enrichment Week 8-12 June 2009

During Curriculum Enrichment Week 2009 students in Years 7-10 embarked on a varied programme of enrichment activities. For Years 7-9 students these ranged from trips to France, Germany and Spain through PGL Activity weeks in the UK to more local activities on and off the school site. Year 10 students each spent a week in a workplace finding out about the world of work as they undertook their Work Experience week. Reports of some of these activities are included here. Others will follow in future editions of Beaumont Life.



On Friday of CED week I did cameraless photography which was good as we got to go all round the school and take pictures with a coffee tin. It was a bit hard though to take a good picture with the tins and it took a long time to develop the picture and it would have been a lot quicker to just use a digital camera and a printer. After pinhole photography we did photograms which was really fun and you can make really cool effects on Photoshop after scanning the photos. I really enjoyed doing pinhole photography and photograms and I hope I can do it again.

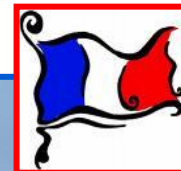
George Garner 9L



Wind in the Willows - pictures



Year 7 Trip to France, June 2009



Each year, half of Year 7 go to France for a week during CED week. During the week we did lots of fun activities. We went to Mont St Michel and had some free time to shop and see the wonderful sights. We also visited an aquarium before going to a big shopping centre where we all bought loads of sweets. We had the chance to see the war cemetery which was very moving.

The last evening we had a disco which was really good fun. There was lots of good music and the teachers joined in with the dancing which was funny. Mr Wiltshire thought he was a good dancer but we think Miss Hewitt was the best dancer at the disco.

We really enjoyed the French trip

Jacob Lockhart Lister and Michael Kingsbury 7S



My favourite bit of the trip was going to the farm because I liked picking up the baby goats.

Ed Thorpe

The trip to France was fantastic – I would definitely recommend it to everyone. We saw some great places; my favourite was Mont St Michel. It is a lovely place with lots of shops and cafes – a perfect time to practise your speaking skills! Another fab place was La Chevrerie du Dessert (a goat farm) where you can see some really cute animals and have a chance to taste goat's cheese.

I really enjoyed the evening activities – the beach was just beautiful and very fun to play sport on. The hostel was brilliant – the rooms were big and we had lots of laughs in them. I loved France and would go again!

Bethany Wiltshire 7S

I really enjoyed the trip to France. I would definitely recommend it to the Year 7s next year. The hostel we stayed in was really nice and the catering staff were nice to us.

My favourite part of the trip was the goat farm where we got to hold baby goats; they were so sweet. When we went to Mont St Michel it was the perfect time to practise our speaking skills.

The shopping centre was really good as well because we could wander around on our own and go in all the lovely shops.

We had a beach opposite the hostel where we went every evening. It was really pretty.

Emma Lane 7S

Year 7 and 8 Trip to Montabaur, June 2009



During CED week we went to Germany or, to be more specific, Montabaur. After arriving at Morrisons for 5.40 am we got going at about 6am. We then got on the ferry to Calais. Then we drove from Calais to Montabaur. After a tiring day we got to the Jugendherberge youth hostel.

On our first day we went to Burg Eltz castle. We had a tour around the Castle which was very interesting. Then we had our lunch and got back on the coach to Cochem. First we went on the Sesselbahn (chair lift) to see views of Cochem, the Mosel and the surrounding area. Once we finished taking in the views, we went back down and had some free time to explore Cochem. We got back to the youth hostel and it was raining so we ate dinner and then had some free time.

On the 2nd day we went to Cologne where we went round the cathedral which was huge! We then had an hour to look around the shops and purchase some presents. Afterwards we went to the chocolate factory where we saw how it was made and got to taste some chocolate.

On the 3rd day we went on a cruise down the Rhein. On the cruise we enjoyed some spectacular views of vineyards and castles. Once we arrived in Rudesheim we went to a mechanical music museum where we saw old instruments that played themselves.

On our last day in Germany we went to a wildlife park in Hellenthal, where we saw a falconry display. We then left the park and returned back to St Albans at the late time of 12 o'clock where we were greeted by our families.

Jamie Moroney and Ben Hackwood

Possibly the most memorable experience in 2009 for me, personally, will be the Year 7 and 8 trip to Montabaur, Germany. From the (very early) start to the (very late) finish, the week was packed full of interesting and exciting experiences that everyone on the trip will probably never forget. Every day, even on our journey days, we learned something new about Germany, or German, explored ancient castles or saw amazing and breathtaking sights. Possibly the best day was when we drove to Cologne, and visited the stunning Gothic Cathedral, and (probably the highlight of the trip!!) went to the Lindt Chocolate Museum, where, to everyone's delight, we got free tasters! In our first residential trip together in Beaumont, we saw, took in, and learnt a lot about Germany, and in some ways, each other. So we have to say thank you to everyone who made Germany what it was... *Danke schön!!!*

Rebecca Doidge



On 8th June 2009, many students in 7L, E and A went on a school trip to Germany. We stayed in a youth hostel for our four nights and slept in dormitories of up to six people. Our timetable was jam packed with lots of different activities, which included: a cruise down the river Rhine; a visit to a castle with some wonderful views; a trip around the massive Cologne cathedral and many shopping sprees.

My personal favourite activities were, our ride on the chairlift; our visit to the chocolate factory and our tour around the music museum. In the music museum, we were shown some very big, very loud instruments, one of which was known as 'the 8th wonder of the world'. The chocolate factory that we visited was owned by the company *Lindt* and we all had a great time tasting some samples of their chocolate. The chairlift was amazing! We rode high onto the hill in order to experience the breathtaking view down over the river Mosel.

I really enjoyed the trip to Germany and I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Beth Wilson 7E



School Sports Partnership Update

Over the last few weeks the School Sports Partnership has been very busy. Some of the recent highlights at Beaumont School include:

1. **We** took four Year 10 leaders to a Leadership Conference at Hertfordshire University. The students had the opportunity to develop and enhance their leadership skills in preparation for completing their Sports Leaders 1 Award. The students who took part were Aron de Vos, Elizabeth Worswick, Bradley Greening and Charles Green. They all worked very hard during the day, and were a credit to Beaumont School.
2. **Part** of my role as School Sports Coordinator is to organise a Multi-Sports Club for the Year 6 & 7 Gifted and Talented Students. This was held at Beaumont School for four weeks. Each session looked at different areas related to sport, including leadership, agility, coordination, balance and game play.
3. **We** have also started a Key Stage 4 Big Lottery Project to increase participation in sport. This is run by outside coaches. The first few sessions concentrated on coaching aspects of golf; during the next few weeks the activities will include Ultimate Frisbee and Rocket Ball.



Michele Fox, SSCO

County Athletics Championships

On Saturday 13th June the Hertfordshire County School's Athletics Championships took place at Jarman Park, Hemel. Beaumont had a number of athletes taking part from years 7 to 10 with some excellent results.

In the pre junior age group (Year 7) Rebecca Doidge finished 6th in long jump with Josh Clifford also finishing 6th in a very competitive 1500m final. Will Curtis threw a personal best of 23m11cm to finish 4th in discus, a very good result. Dan Hartwell also produced a personal best in the pre junior boys high jump of 1m 40cm to finish an excellent third.

In the Inter age group Carl Palin from Year 10, competing a year out of age, produced a very good performance to finish third in the 400m.

The largest number of Beaumont athletes competed in the Junior Age Group. Harriet Clifford finished 6th in the 800m, with Bernie Zondagh finishing 4th in triple jump with a personal best of 11m19cm. Harry Mack also finished 4th throwing almost 30m in discus. Steph Rukin finished 3rd in the 75m hurdles in 12 seconds exactly, another personal best from a Beaumont athlete with her time giving her an outside chance of making the County Squad for the English Schools Championships. Izzy Thompson went one position better, finishing an excellent second in the 1500m.

Chris Hilton had cruised through his heat of the 800m and was looking good to retain the county title he had won as a pre junior two years ago. He did not disappoint, winning the final and qualifying for the County Team going to the English Schools National Championships towards the end of July, an outstanding achievement. Well done to Chris and all of the athletes who competed; as always you were a credit to Beaumont.



District Championships Thursday 18th June

Congratulations to all of the athletes from Years 7 to 13 who helped Beaumont win the Brother Leo trophy for the 7th straight year and the 10th year out of 11. The Senior Team had already produced a good result to put us in third place but only 19 points behind Sir John Lawes.

On the 18th June at Woodside over 80 Beaumont athletes from Years 7 to 10 competed and finished in the top 3 in 34 of the events that took place (all top three finishers and selected team results are listed below). All of the teams acquitted themselves well and contributed greatly to the overall team score. The Year 9 girls team were our closest team to winning their age group, coming second by three points to St Albans Girls School. The Year 10 Boys also competed well in a very strong age group finishing in third place with our highest team total of 113 points.

Overall the competition was extremely close with Beaumont winning by 15 points. Sir John Lawes scored 958.5 points with Beaumont on 973.5 points. If we are to win again next year we will need to score over 1000 points as we did last year. Well done to everyone who has put in a great deal of effort this summer in terms of Beaumont athletics, and lets hope we can be as successful next year!

Winners

Seniors

Sam Crowne - Javelin (43m98cm)

Year 10

Joe Greaves - 200m (24.7s), Carl Palin - 400m (55.2s), 4 X 100m Relay (Stefan Maile, Nick Robinson, Carl Palin, Joe Greaves 46.9s), Ana Bee - High Jump (1m40cm)

Year 9

Chris Hilton - 1500m (4m29s), Tom Li - Javelin (36m43cm), Bernie Zondagh - Triple Jump (11m04cm), Steph Rukin - Hurdles (11.9s new District Record), Jojo Mills - 200m (29.5s), Izzy Thompson - 1500m (5m08s)

Year 8

Lydia Greaves - Shot Putt (7m47cm)

Year 7

Daniel Hartwell - High Jump (1m35cm), Maddie Odell - High Jump (1m35cm)

Second

Seniors

Lauren Bolger - Long Jump (4m50cm), Tom Clarke - Long Jump (6m09cm), Tom Clarke - Hurdles (14.9s)

Year 10

Stefan Maile - High Jump (1m70cm), Tash Williams - Long Jump (3.98m)

Year 9

Harriet Clifford - 800m (2m28s), Juliet Parker - Shot Putt (6m79cm), Steph Rukin - High Jump (1m35cm), Harry Mack - Discus (28m45cm), George Elliot - Long Jump (5m03cm)

Year 8

Francesca Rios - Hurdles (14.0s)

Year 7

Josh Clifford - 1500m (5m08s), Will Curtis - Discus (22m12cm), Michael Kingsbury - Long Jump (3m80cm)

Third

Seniors

Aisling Langan Culley - Javelin (18m89cm), Raph Mayaud - Pole Vault (2m30cm)

Year 10

Nick Robinson - 100m (12.1s), James Pellington - Discus (28m46cm), Ana Bee - Hurdles (14.7s), Nya Rayburn Javelin (20m34cm)

Year 9

Tom Moghaddas - Hurdles (12.6s)

Year 8

Aaron Exley - 100m (13.0s), Josh Berry - 400m (63.2s), Jack Nevin - 1500m (5m01s)

Year 7

Rebecca Doidge - 800m (2m53s), Holly Seglah - Javelin (12m98cm)

Selected Team results

Year 7 Girls: 3rd

Year 9 Girls: 2nd

Year 10 Boys: 3rd

Senior Boys and Senior Girls combined: 3rd

Overall Results: Beaumont Brother Leo trophy winners



Mr Stewart

The History Department

This year has been a very busy one for the History department. As usual the year began with the analysis of the previous Summer's grades, and it was exceptionally pleasing to the students (as well as the teachers) that some of our students gained full marks in their exams. This special achievement was gained by Sam Norwood and Kieran Lawrence in their AS and Sam Cash and Caitlin Deveraux at A2. As a result we have offered the opportunity to study for the History AEA to Oxbridge candidates Sam Norwood and Vicky Fryer. These students are both exceptional Historians, and although Ms Esmizadeh has taught this at lunch times, she (and the students) have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to study the discipline of History in such broad and challenging terms. A similar course will be on offer to those Year 13s who wish to participate (especially useful to those considering reading History at university) next year; please see Ms. Esmizadeh if you are interested.



We have also been pleased with the students lower down the school in History; those in Year 7 who are in the first year of the 'new' National Curriculum have recently been on the first trip from Beaumont School to the Chiltern Open Air Museum. The Year 8s have also been working hard, and enjoyed immensely the trip to Hampton Court, one of several trips that the department has offered over the year, including the Jack the Ripper walking tour for the Year 11s and the World War II expert who came to talk to the Year 9s earlier in the year. As Head of Department I offer unreserved thanks to those both inside and outside the department who put in many hours' work to enable such events to run smoothly.

Students can look forward to these trips next year and a World War I Battlefields trip to France and Belgium for Year 9 that I am currently planning for CED week June 2010.

We are particularly pleased this year to have increased the number of classes of GCSE students that have opted for History in Year 9. I feel that the increase from three to four classes at GCSE is a true reflection of the students' views of the subject and those who teach it. Although some of the topics that have been synonymous with History in the past such as Mao's China and South Africa have had to be lost from the GCSE years due to exam board restrictions they will still be taught at alternative places in the curriculum. So far in the few weeks we have taught the new GCSE to the Year 9 groups we have been very impressed with the level of enthusiasm and effort with which they have applied themselves to their studies and are confident that should this continue they will achieve excellent results.

Miss Pearson

As Head of Department this year I have been working on creating a department blog

www.beaumonthistory.blogspot.com aimed at the Key Stage 4 and 5 students. I have been trialling this as a method of getting revision and research materials to students outside the classroom and through a variety of ways. The web today has a wealth of history, but very often it needs selection, for instance You Tube is often famed for its irreverent videos, however, there are many videos created specifically for History students which can prove very useful revision tools. I have also trialled adding my own PowerPoint presentations for instance on exam technique that I have used in the classroom. Judging from the number of hits before the GCSE exams it has been utilised by many students, but further evaluation will hopefully refine the site and reflect student needs outside the classroom to make it a real 'bespoke' site for Beaumont's historians.

Miss Pearson

We are also excited to be offering a History morning to Year 5 pupils from Maple School in a few weeks time, where aided by the Year 12 students we will endeavour to teach the basics of source analysis skills through a 'History Mystery'. If all goes to plan we hope to extend this offer to other schools in the area next year.

Finally, my thanks as Head of Department, to the members of the History department: Mr Greenhaf, Ms Esmizadeh and Ms. Wensley for the hard work that they have put into the lessons they have taught and the revision sessions they have led throughout the year.

Miss Pearson

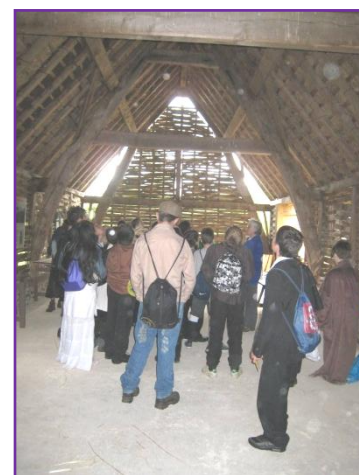
Year 7 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum 22nd May 2009

On the last Friday of half term the present Year 7 dressed in an array of Historical costumes and journeyed to the Chiltern Open Air Museum, just outside Rickmansworth. The students were going to visit the museum as an ideal location to see everyday homes and their change over time, linking in with the work on everyday life that they had begun to study in Year 7, and a topic that will re- occur throughout Key Stage 3. It is also important for the students to see buildings that have been utilised in the local area throughout history.

Whilst at the museum the students saw a vast array of dwellings. The museum had reconstructed an Iron Age roundhouse in a woodland setting and many students were surprised to see just how well built and spacious it was. There was also a role play activity in a reconstructed Medieval Barn, complete with thatched roof and dusty floor!

There was a vast array of Victorian farm buildings and even a tiny toll house positioned next to one of the footpaths complete with price list and gate. It was amazing to consider that a family of five lived in a house with one bedroom, a parlour and kitchen not much bigger than the range that housed it. Students also got to see some other Victorian buildings such as a school house (complete with chalkboard, desks and cane!) and a tiny corrugated tin chapel that would have been reconstructed for use by missionaries. Students were also amazed to learn that the temporary 'Pre-fab' homes were often better than the homes they replaced, despite the thin walls and small rooms.

However, all students did manage to get involved in the 'hands-on' activity of making bricks. As you can see from the photos, this clearly involved lots of mess and something that required lots of practice! Two methods



were tried out by the students: throwing 'dry' clay onto the table surface several times to make the flat surfaces and the far dirtier method of throwing 'wet' clay into a wet mould and quickly sliding it out. Much harder than it appears judging from the efforts of 7A!

Miss Pearson

Maths Challenge



Maths & Computing

Apologies and well done to Sarah Walker in Year 9 who was missed off the list of Intermediate Maths Challenge certificate winners in last month's Beaumont Life. Sarah achieved a **Bronze** certificate.

Rugby Fixtures

The rugby fixtures list for the next 2009/2010 school year is now on the school website

www.beaumontschool.com



Latin Option - for Year 7s

Would you like to begin Latin lessons in Year 8? Don't forget to take a letter home and bring back the reply slip if you would like to join the group.

Any questions? See Mrs Shenton in the Languages block

Beaumont's House System

From September we will be introducing a House system at Beaumont. This will be building on the already successful interform competition introduced three years ago, and will be based around the form groups L, E, A, R, N and S.

Pupils will take part in similar events to our present systems, although these will now mainly take place in the CED programme and will thus not disrupt the curriculum time. These events will incorporate both horizontal and vertical competition, therefore encouraging pupils across all ages to work together.

All staff (teaching and Essential Services) will automatically become a member of a House. Each House will have a Head of House (teacher), House Captains (Year 11 or sixth form) and each form will have House Representatives.

Mr Whyman

Beyond Beaumont

On Friday May 22nd and Saturday May 23rd **Callum Murfet** 9R took part in the Friviolten Cup trampolining competition in Sweden. This is an international competition involving 19 countries, including Russia and the USA. Against stiff opposition he secured two bronze medals in individual trampolining and double mini trampolining. He is currently training hard for the British national championships in July. **Well done Callum!!**

Kate Langley is graduating with a 2.1 in LLB Law from Durham University where she was President of the student Law Society. Kate will shortly be studying the accelerated Legal Practice Course at BPP Law School, London, before taking a year out. She will commence her training contract with Norton Rose LLP in January 2011 and looks forward to qualifying as a Solicitor in 2013.

Supporting Beaumont



BSA News

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bollywood Evening. In particular, the BSA would like to thank Jo and Vim Rawal, who organised the event, and to all the willing helpers who worked so hard to make it all possible. The fantastic total of £1600 was raised for school funds. Hold on to your outfits as we have already had requests for another Bollywood Evening in the future!

Thank you to the parents who have recently joined the BSA committee. We are also always happy to hear from any parents who would like to co-ordinate an event with help from the BSA.

A new addition to the website is the "Second Hand Uniform Sale" section. Please check the site if you are looking for uniform. Thank you to Janice Meakin for setting this up.

Janet Almond, Secretary BSA

A message from Abi Lewis, out-going Chair of the BSA

Thank you!

The BSA has had another really successful year. We have organised a wide variety of events including old favourites like The Christmas Fair and Quiz Nights to new endeavours such as a Race Night and the Bollywood Evening. We have raised a significant amount of money to be used by the school to enrich our children's learning. None of this would be possible without you, so thank you to all the staff and parents who supported us this year. I would like to take this opportunity to give a very special thank you to the small but dedicated committee who make the BSA such fun to be part of.

After three years on the committee, I am stepping down as Chair. We are looking for a new Chair. If anyone is interested in this role, joining the committee or if you have some fresh ideas, then please get in touch with me, Abi Lewis, via school reception.

I wish the new committee every success and am thrilled that Janet Almond and Margaret Murfet will share the role of secretary and Isobel Pile will become treasurer. I wish the new committee every success.

Abi Lewis

NEXUS NEWS



Linking Schools and the Community



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PARENT SUPPORT

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

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS – Helping Your Child with Bereavement and Loss

This is open to anyone who has children and young people who may be affected by the loss of a friend or family member. We can explore ways in which to help your child cope. This is a follow on from the previous session in May but all parents are welcome. Tuesday, 14th July from 7.30-9.00pm at Fleetville Junior School. Call Sarah Ellis on 07984 436939 or Nexus to reserve a place.

DAYS OUT IN ST ALBANS – FOR 13-19 Year Olds

Youth Connexions have organised several activities for our young people to keep them busy in the Summer such as: Go Ape, London Bus Tour, Midnight Ice Skating, Archery and much more. Take a look at the Nexus website for the flyer or visit: www.channelmogo.org or call Robert Brown on 01442 454 060.

PARKOUR – Sessions for Young People

This growing sport has really taken off in St Albans and Leisure Connection is running sessions at Francis Bacon School on Tuesday evenings for only £5.00 per session. Call or email: James Cavalier for more information on 01727 827667 or james.cavalier@leisureconnection.co.uk

MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP – Taster Sessions for 13-19 year olds

Herts Music Service is offering FREE taster sessions on 29th June and 6th July, 7.00-9.00pm at St Albans Music School, Townsend Drive, St Albans, AL3 5RL. To enrol, please contact: dean.evans@hertsmusicservice.org.uk or download the Application Form from the Nexus website.

FAMILY FINANCE

Free Course for Adults

Wednesdays, 24th June - 16th July
1.00pm - 3.00pm
at STAGS (St Albans Girls School)

Money matters - so come and find out how to make the most of your money.

- Understand different types of money accounts and financial language
- Look at ways of making the most of your money
- Budget more effectively

LIMITED SPACES
To book call the school office on 01727 853134.
Or Nexus on 01727 855134.

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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS: ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

If you currently receive one of the following benefits:

- Income support or
 - Income-based jobseeker's allowance or
 - Income-related employment and support allowance or
 - Pension credit (guarantee credit) or
 - Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £15 575 (or £16 040 from 6 April 2009) and not in receipt of working Tax Credit,
- you may also be eligible to receive Free School Meals



The system for applying for Free School Meals has changed. It is now much easier to apply. All you need to do is fill in your application form online or phone the Customer Service Centre and the rest will be done for you. Your application will be processed within seven days. The sooner you apply the better - successful applications will no longer be backdated to the start of the current term – they can only be backdated to the date on which the FSM application is made

For those pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals, their purchases are processed in exactly the same system as all other pupils, and they are free to choose from any of the items available in the cafeteria.

Less fuss, less bother and completely confidential, so why wait? To apply log on to www.hertsdirect.org or phone the Customer Service Centre on 01438 73737 or 01923 471370

Cucina – pronounced “Cuchina” (the Italian word for kitchen or a place where food is prepared) have been appointed as our new on-site caterers.

Students will be able to see dishes being freshly prepared such as home-made fresh pasta from our very own pasta maker, home-made pizza being served fresh from our professional pizza oven, daily fruit smoothies, fresh bread made on the premises daily, as well as a wide variety of freshly prepared main meals, salads, sandwiches, fruit pots and desserts and as mouth-watering home-made muesli bars, muffins and cakes.

Cucina's philosophy centres on the premise that eating well is crucial to improving I.Q. and behaviour, as well as academic and athletic success. Cucina makes meals fun and helps students to broaden their knowledge and appreciation of food.

What students will see:

- The use of fresh, locally sourced ingredients
- Growing herbs and selected vegetables
- Linking theme days to the curriculum
- Taste trials for new dishes and unusual foods
- Fresh food prepared in our kitchens every single day



I am sure that you will have heard about the new food-based requirements for school lunches, introduced in September 2006, which have been developed by the Schools Food Trust. These requirements will be further enhanced to include nutrient based standards from September 2009. Cucina's food offer already exceeds these and supports our aim of setting a new benchmark for food service in our area.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to enjoy nutritious meals based on quality foods and the students at Beaumont School will certainly be able to do that as not only does the food meet the newly introduced food standards but it is also tempts them to eat - it is like that of an up-market bistro. Cucina also plans to develop a range of sports meals to assist our sports teams whilst on their travels ... every little helps!

Our current catering team will be working closely with Cucina's support team to deliver improvements in the food offer, customer service and the dining facilities.

As well as fresh food for breakfast, break and lunch each day there will be “Take Home Deals” too, such as a freshly baked 14” pizza all boxed and ready to take away after school! Students will also be able to take home rotisserie chickens and freshly made pasta and sauces for evening meals with the family.

The new catering service with Cucina will be operated on a cashless basis. We are moving to a biometric system based on fingerprint recognition technology which stores numerical values derived from fingerprints (not the actual image of a fingerprint). Students will just need to ‘scan’ their finger in order to ‘pay’ for their purchases and top up their account if doing so with cash. Parents will be able to credit their child's account in advance, paying in money by two methods, at present:

1. **Payment by cheque:** The cheque is made out to **Cucina** and placed in the Post Box provided at the top of the ramp in the Dining Hall. Please write the full name of the pupil and his/her form on the back of the cheque and place in an envelope.
2. **Payment by cash:** The Revaluation Station, at the entrance to the Dining Hall accepts cash,

The system will come into operation on Thursday 3rd September 2009. **No cash will be accepted at the Till Point.**

The school will be able to provide parents with a report detailing each item of food served, each credit made to the system, for any time period and show a current balance upon request. If you wish, we can programme a daily ‘spend limit’ into the system. This can be increased or decreased for an individual pupil by making a written request to the school.

If you do not wish your child to be included in the biometric recognition system, then please write in to the school and we will arrange for your child to apply for a smartcard. (Please note that smartcards will cost £5 to replace if lost or damaged.)

For further information please see the letter which has been sent home via your child, a copy of which is available on the school website www.beaumontschool.com.

Mr Ed Jones, Premises Manager