

# EASTER UPDATE 2017

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This newsletter comes at the end of a long and extremely busy Spring Term. Much has happened in the wider world as well as the world of Belmont Community School.

I hope you enjoy reading about all the things students have been doing.

Well done! To Y11 students who have had a full term of 7 lessons a day as part of the final push for GCSEs. As a year group, they have completed 100s of extra hours of revision and staff have given hours of time to support them.

This term saw Y10, Y9 and Y7 Parents' Evenings. Following feedback from parents, we changed the format removing appointment times so that people could see any available teacher. As ever we would like to hear your views on how parents' evenings run and ways we can make them even better.

We are really keen to communicate with you and seek your views on the progress we are making and any concerns you would like us to address. If you wish to contact the school directly, then we are more than happy to meet with you; our contact details are on the website. To this end, a group of parents volunteered to trial our new school app which we are rolling out this year.

Please, can you make sure we have your contact details correct, particularly E-mail address and mobile number as we use electronic means of communication more and more.

Looking forward, we will have combined Options and Parents' Evenings for Y8 after Easter to guide you through the process. GCSE examinations are only a few weeks away once we return and we wish Y11 all the best, hoping the hard work pays off.

This summer we are performing *We Will Rock You*, so make sure you book early as it is eagerly anticipated, as is our popular Projects week in July.

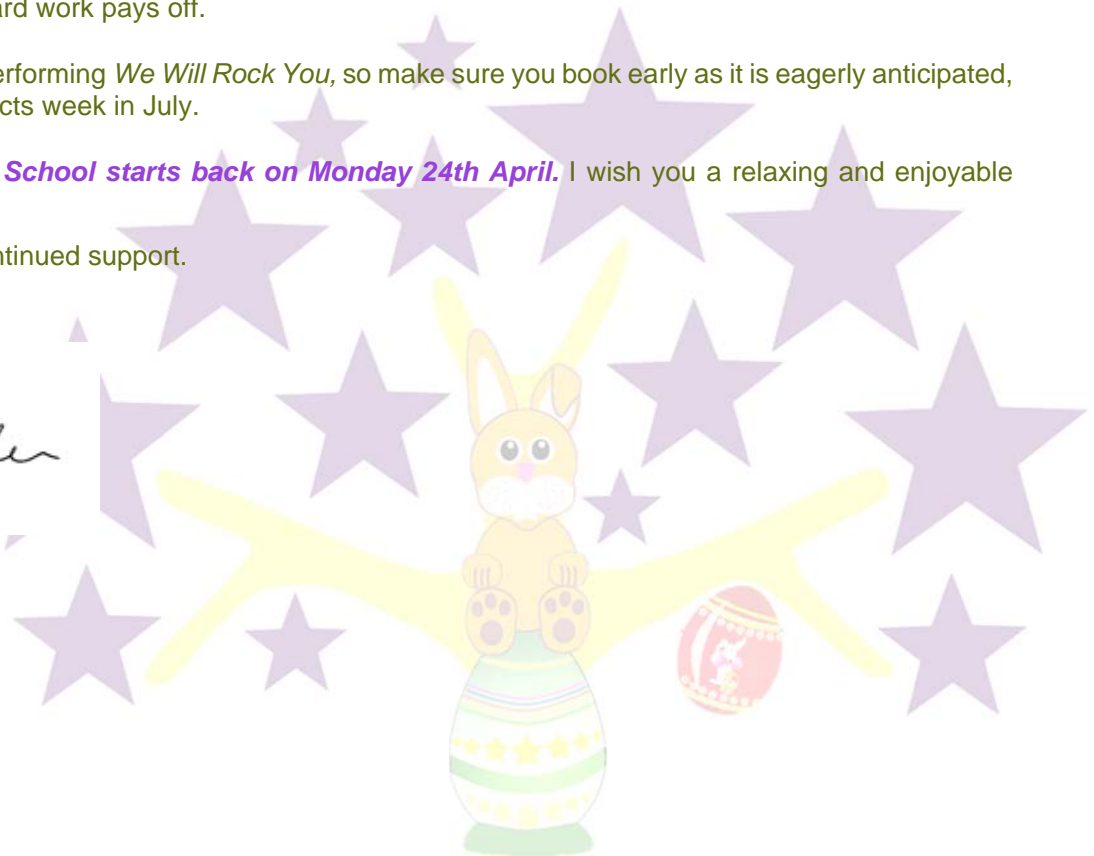
Do not forget that the **School starts back on Monday 24th April**. I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable Easter.

Thank you for your continued support.



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**Mr P Marsden**  
**Head Teacher**





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### **YOUTH GROUP –THE MINING LASSES**

The Youth Service ended on 31 March 2017, but the Mining Lasses continue.

The Mining Lasses are a group of female students: Shannon Pallister, Gabby Hammond, Rachel Turnbull, Lennie Finlay, Chloe Richards, Abigail Lawson, Leah Potts and Lauren Plant, who attended St. Johns Ladies Circle in Pittington. Here they gave an interesting presentation about the work they have been doing, followed by plenty of fun and serving tea and a gift to each member.

The ladies really appreciated it and would like to wish them success for the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support.

### **RED NOSE DAY – WEARING RED IN SCHOOL**

Staff and children were asked to support this year's Red Nose Day event by swapping one of their normal pieces of clothing for something red and donating £1 for the privilege.

Well done to all of those who joined in and donated their money! We raised in excess of £200 for Red Nose Day 2017.



### **SKI TRIP**

This year Belmont joined with Framwellgate School to run a joint skiing trip to Bormio in Italy. Not only did we have fabulous weather, we also experienced some of the best skiing due to a big snowfall on our arrival.

Everybody improved, from absolute beginners to our more experienced skiers, added to which our evenings were spent at the Thermal Spa, Karaoke, Nutella Night, Quiz Night and a Pizza Night.

Here are just a few photos:



We are taking deposits now for next year's visit to Claviere in France. The visit will run from the 3rd to the 10th of February 2018. A deposit of £120 is required immediately after the Easter holidays to secure a place, but **HURRY** as places are going fast!

# DUKESHOUSE WOOD TRIP



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At the end of March, 92 year 7 students, Mrs Cooper, Mr Laverick, Mrs Dietrich-Bray, Miss Connor, Mr Hall, Mr Mills, Miss Harrison and Mrs Grecnis went to Dukeshouse Wood Activity Centre to spend 2 ½ days taking part in different challenges and team building activities.

Well done to Henry Bowler, John Arneill and Connor Lewis who all managed to climb to the top of Jacob's Ladder. Miss Connor was impressed by Henry Orton for challenging himself to abseil and Ellie Richardson for perseverance. Miss Harrison nominated Jack Moorfield for being a great inspiration to the rest of the group and Erin Robinson who she thought was quietly brave and unrelentingly positive. Samuel Treweeke and Logan Powney excelled at orienteering and Mrs Dietrich-Bray managed to survive the 3G Swing. Finally well done to Katie Smith, Amy Burns and Lily Perez for having the tidiest dorm room.





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### 500 WORDS CHALLENGE

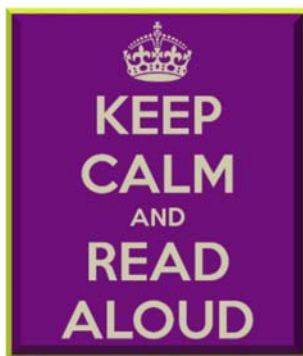
We entered the BBC 500 Words Challenge where students were asked to write a story using no more than 500 words on the theme of 'Wizards, Witches and Warlocks'.

Unfortunately, we didn't win anything nationally but we did chose 3 winners out of the many entries we had.

1<sup>st</sup> place – Logan Powney with 'Bartholomew'

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ellie Thornton with 'My First Spell'

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Lucie Luke with 'Witches and Wizards'



### BELMONT'S BIG READ ALOUD

The winners from years 7, 8 and 9 will be announced in lessons and Easter treats will be given out.



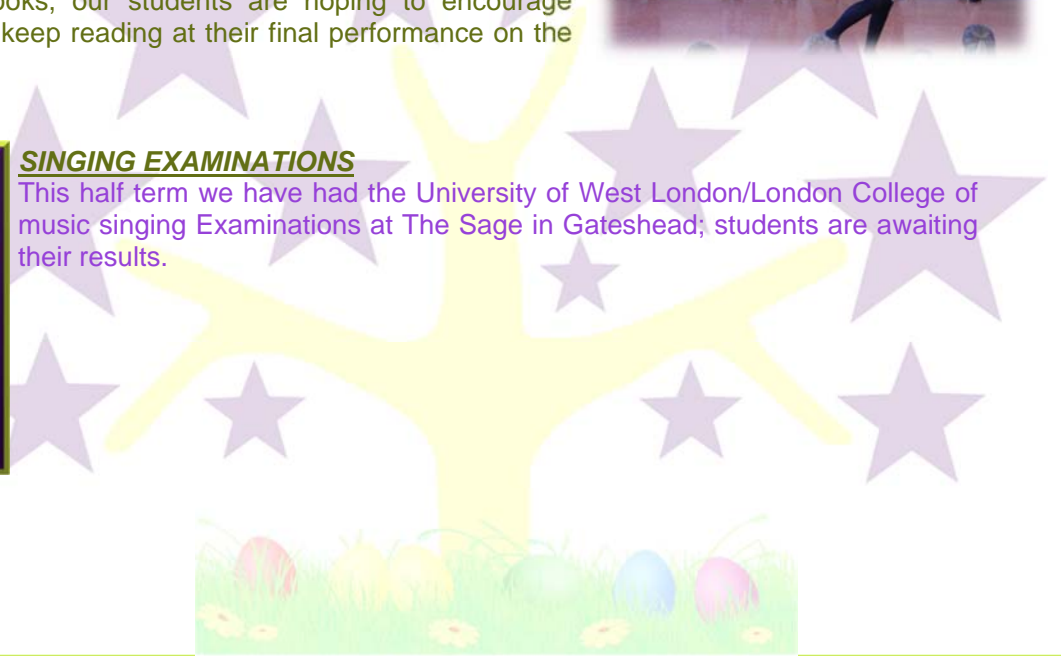
### YEAR 11 GCSE PERFORMING ARTS

The year 11 GCSE Performing Arts students have been putting the final touches to their GCSE showcase performance entitled 'Curiouser and Curiouser'. They have devised a musical theatre style performance in response to a brief set by the exam board. On March 22<sup>nd</sup> dressed as their characters, they visited the Y3 and 4 students at Cheveley Park Primary to invite them to come and see their performance. With different characters from popular children's books, our students are hoping to encourage primary school students to keep reading at their final performance on the last day of term.

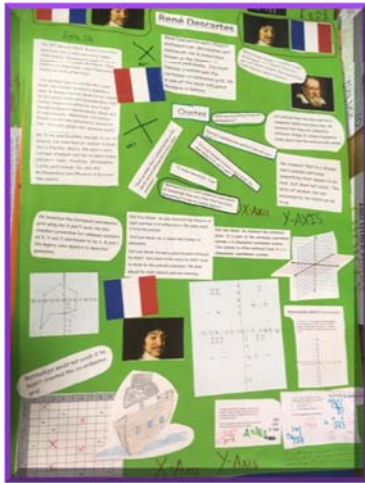


### SINGING EXAMINATIONS

This half term we have had the University of West London/London College of music singing Examinations at The Sage in Gateshead; students are awaiting their results.



# X-MATHS +% CHALLENGE



## PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

We had a fantastic day at Belmont hosting the Primary Schools heats of the Primary Maths Challenge 2017.

Nine teams of children in years 5 and 6 were joined by their teachers to take part in a range of logic and team challenges. The students particularly enjoyed the Maths relay and we were very impressed with all the hard work the children had put into researching Rene Descartes for the poster competition.

We look forward to working with the children and their teachers again soon. Special congratulations and good luck to Pittington and Coxhoe, who took the top 2 places and have qualified for the next stage of the competition.

## UK MATHEMATICAL TEAM CHALLENGE

Well done to Katherine Marsden-Bell, Stephen Dooley, Ellie Louise Seymour and Jay Bowler who represented Belmont in the regional final of the UKMT Team Challenge.

The students had a fantastic day out working together on a range of very challenging maths puzzles and games. They were a credit to the school.



## UK INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Kendra Ardle, Harry Weatherburn, Cameron Steer and Joshua Charlton who achieved Silver in the UKMT IMC. Congratulations to Jake Thornton, Rebekah Scrimger, Becky Bones, Neave Laverick, James Ramm, Katherine Marsden-Bell and Callum Jones who achieved Bronze.

Over 250,000 students from more than 3,000 schools and colleges from across the UK participated in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Students had 60 minutes to answer 25 varied multiple-choice mathematical problems. High scorers are awarded certificates to recognise their success in mathematics.

Rachel Greenhalgh, Executive Director of the Trust said "Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge.

The Maths Challenges aim to stimulate mathematical thinking and enhance problem-solving skills, and we are grateful to all teachers for their support providing their students with access to the rich mathematical problems and the many benefits that the challenges bring."

Good luck to our students in 7X1 and 8M6 who are taking part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge in school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017.



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### LONDON TRIP 2017

In February Mrs Cooper, Mrs Summers, Mr Rowell, Mrs Curry, Mr Clark and 43 students enjoyed the Performing Arts Trip to London. They saw two West End shows – Les Miserables and Wicked, took part in a theatre workshop at Pineapple Dance Studios, had a guided backstage tour at the National Theatre, went shopping in Covent Garden and ended with a visit to Harry Potter Studios.



## **BOOK DONATIONS WANTED**



We are looking for donations of fiction and non-fiction stock for the LRC.

Donations can be brought into school and marked for the attention of Miss Roe, LRC Manager.



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**BELMONT BEAT DURHAM JOHNSTON**

Belmont boys played 2 hockey matches v Durham Johnston on Tuesday evening. Belmont won both matches 1-0 and 2-0 and now go on to play in additional tournaments. Following this success, after the Easter holidays, Mrs Steven will be running an after school hockey club on a Tuesday.

**PARKING**

Could we please remind you that our campus site has a nursery, primary and secondary school as well as a specialist unit for Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired students.

Some parents are taking up disabled bays used for the Visually/Hearing Impaired students, blocking staff cars in and using spaces so that visiting education staff cannot park.

We also have a large number of buses that need room to manoeuvre and which struggle due to the number of cars on site.

It has always been the campus rules that:

- Only staff and educational visitors can access the site by car.
- Parents called to school for a meeting may use the parking facilities, but not for drop off and pick up at the start and end of the school day.
- There is a speed limit of 5 mph at all time that must be adhered to.

There are a number of alternative parking places within the vicinity of the school such as the shopping area at Cheveley Park, the Belmont Hotel and by Bannatynes.

For the students and smoothing running of the site, we ask for your consideration in this matter.



**SCHOOL APP**

This term has seen the launch of our new school app which will replace the text messages you receive with the Friday update and information about events. You will also receive an E-mail from [notifications@schoolcal.co.uk](mailto:notifications@schoolcal.co.uk) or a text (if we don't have your E-mail address) to allow you to activate the app. If you not received these messages, please contact [e.morgan@belmontschool.org.uk](mailto:e.morgan@belmontschool.org.uk).

Thank you to our parents/carers who have already downloaded it.



**!!!COMPETITION TIME**

**Their war, our history.**

Short Story Competition

**Write a World War One inspired short story.**

**1000 word limit.**

**Closing Date: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Please hand it to either Mrs Cowie or your English Teacher**



# SUMMER PRODUCTION



  
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Rehearsals for our Summer Show We Will Rock You are well underway. This modern musical features songs from Queen and will be performed in the sports hall on

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017**



**Keep a look out for more  
information  
Tickets will be on sale soon**

