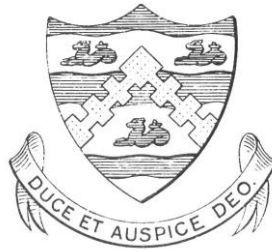


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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

There has been a real bustle and energy about this week, with a huge range of activities taking place and the welcome return of formal open evenings.

Our Year 11 started the week with three lively and immersive days as part of their **Year 12 Induction**, alongside their future classmates from The Sir John Colfox Academy. It was a pleasure to welcome everyone across the two sites with team building and fun activities on Monday, followed by taster lessons and summer projects to help bridge the gap to the start of their Year 12 courses.

This was then followed, last night, by the hugely enjoyable **Year 11 Prom at Haselbury Mill**. As always, it was lovely to share the students' arrivals, on all manner of vehicles, with parents, carers, past students and staff. The weather held off, the students were great fun to spend time with, and I am sure that many will be waking up a little tired this morning!

In between these events we had a busy **Whole School Open Evening**, when we opened our school to prospective students and families. As well as enjoying the opportunity to showcase the school, I must thank the large number of students, from Year 7s up to Sixth Formers, who volunteered for the evening, helping out with directions, tours, experiments, serving food and ensuring that everything ran smoothly, and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. To cope with demand, we will be continuing with the traditional open mornings at the end of September.

Alongside all this, our **Year 12 Geographers** have been exploring the coast as part of their course, and the **SustainableYou** team have been out on a field trip. SustainableYou visited two farms to learn about the establishment and management of wildflower meadows, as well as collecting a vast array of seeds, which they will be planting in the school ready for next year. Many thanks to Tizzards Knapp and Hogchester Farm for hosting us and for passing on so much helpful advice.

On Wednesday Mr Smith took a large ensemble of music students down to the **Beaminster Festival** where they entertained the community before enjoying a fantastic performance by guitarist Morgan Szymanski. I would highly recommend that you come along and enjoy our student talent at the **School Summer Concert on Thursday 7th July, at 7pm** (and if anyone is able to help the BSPTA with the bar please contact Kirsty King [kirstyking.bspta@gmail.com](mailto:kirstyking.bspta@gmail.com) or Sam Gunning [treasurer.bspta@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.bspta@gmail.com)). Do also remember the **B Sharp Busking festival** is on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 11am-5pm** on Lyme Regis seafront, with lots of free music activities for children and young people, include djembe drumming, young pop-up choir, early years music and drop in craft and drumming activities, details attached.

Following the completion of assessments over the past two weeks, on Tuesday Year 9 and 10 have a welcome opportunity to consider future careers and courses. Year 9 are visiting **Weymouth College** where they have selected a range of experiences, whilst Year 10 are either visiting **Yeovil College** or trying out some courses as part of our **Joint Sixth Form**. We then look forward to seeing Year 10 students, parents and carers at the Sir John Colfox Academy at 5pm that evening for an introductory Sixth Form information talk and tour.

On Wednesday our **Year 12 Photography** students are off to the Frome Photography Festival, and we very much look forward to welcoming **Year 8 parents and carers for the Year 8 Graduation**. This is a much-enjoyed celebration of the many talents and achievements of our Year 8 students – and if you haven't already, please do complete the short form on the link below as soon as possible to confirm your attendance and number of places required:

<https://forms.office.com/r/YTpPhpsgRq>

It is always reassuring to hear from so many of our students who have completed their first year at University. Many congratulations to **Sean Williams** who received a Dean's commendation for his outstanding results at Exeter University. He is currently doing a 7-week internship at the university in Materials Engineering, researching graphene and 2D materials for applications in flexible and wearable electronics.

Finally, do remember that **Sports Day is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**; we are hoping that the good weather returns for it!

Enjoy the first July weekend.

Mr Hales

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