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Dear Parents and Carers,

The arrival of the hottest day of the year has certainly caused much excitement. However, with no GCSE examinations for our students today, and only a small number of A Level candidates this morning, we have been saved from stifling examination conditions. The timing is also perfect for Year 13 who have their **Summer Ball at Symondsbur**y tonight. After so many hours of work and examinations I wish them all a wonderful night of fun.

Congratulations to Year 12 student, **Ludi Synakova**, who recently competed in the **South West Army Cadets Regional Athletics finals** held in Cheltenham. Winning 3 Gold medals at this event qualified her to progress on to the **National Finals** held in Grantham earlier this month. Competing against over 200 cadets from 7 different regional teams in Grantham, Ludi (who also took part in the 2019 National Finals) claimed Gold medals in both the shot and discus, as well as Bronze in the javelin. Do see some of the great photos on our Facebook page and the Cadets page: [South West Region ACF Sports | Facebook](#) We also wish Year 9, **Anna Scarborough**, well as she competes for Dorset in the 300m SW Athletics championship at the weekend.

We were delighted to host the **Kenway Cup** last night. This is a long-standing football competition between primary schools in our area and certainly lived up to expectations. With the backing of a lively crowd, **St. Catherine's of Bridport** took on **Parrett and Axe**. The two strong teams put each other under real pressure, showing why they were the well-deserved finalists, but St. Catherine's were the worthy winners in the end taking the match 3-0.

On Thursday, a number of our **Year 10** students joined an enlightening live webinar called "**Maths is Everywhere**" run by the **Advanced Maths Project**. This highlighted the influence and impact of maths across a huge number of subjects, such as how displaying data in Sports Science can distort conclusions and comparisons, how, in psychology, maths can be used to persuade you to spend more and how, in business, number strategy can make the difference between profit and loss.

Year 9 had a stimulating introduction to their **GCSE Shakespeare text**, Romeo and Juliet. Through a lively presentation, enacting scenes and reciting lines, from the play they were introduced to the themes, characters and context of Romeo and Juliet and will be following this up in lessons as they move into Year 10.

Mr Withers is very keen for all our students to take part in an important survey called **VoiceX**. The aim of this Dorset based youth project is to hear the thoughts of our young people about where they live, the services on offer and the activities that are available to them. This information will be fed back into the voluntary sector to assist with funding and improve services in our area. Please encourage your child/ren to complete the short 5 min survey via the link sent out on ClassCharts or on the information attached.

As previously mentioned, we are holding **assessments for Years 7, 8 and 10** in the school hall over the next fortnight, and were very impressed with Year 10 who started today. These assessments provide an early opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with a more formal environment, and help to prepare them for the examinations that they will be required to sit in the future. Students are being provided with clear guidance as to the content of these assessments, with Years 7 and 8 also having specific help and guidance in tutor sessions each week.

We are very much looking forward to the **Joint 6th Form Art and Photography exhibition** which has its opening night at The Bridport Arts Centre on June 21st, and will be available to the whole community until June 30th. Please do drop in to see the stunning work that has been produced by students from Beaminster and Sir John Colfox.

Our annual **Whole School Open Evening**, when we open our school to all prospective new students and their families, is on **Wednesday 29th June from 5-7pm**; a poster is attached and details are also on the school website. Please feel free to share the date and spread the word to anyone who may be interested in attending – all welcome!

Thank you to all those who have already completed our short survey about Parents' Evenings and meeting start times. We are very keen to get your views about whether or not to keep **Parent Consultation Evenings online**, or if there is a **preferred start time for other evening events and meetings**, so if you haven't already done so please help us by **completing the very short survey on this link** as soon as possible, and by **Friday 24th June** at the latest - thank you for your support:

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

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Hales

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