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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a real pleasure to, once again, be able to hold our **Year 8 Graduation Ceremony** on Wednesday with so many students, staff, parents and carers present. The students spoke confidently about their exciting experiences since starting at Beaminster, as well as sharing the many wonderful things that members of the Tutor group get up to outside of school. Tutors then celebrated the achievements and commitment of their charges, with a range of awards and recognition. One of which was for Isla Sibley, who was congratulated as the winner in the Newsround category of the **BBC Young Reporter** competition: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-61870681>

Year 9 and 10 students were also a real credit to the school during their career experiences day on Tuesday. Year 9 were well looked after at **Weymouth College** with an introduction to further education and the many vocational courses on offer post-16. Meanwhile, Year 10 students enjoyed the opportunity to mix with fellow Year 10's from The Sir John Colfox Academy as part of our **Joint Sixth Form**. This either involved a visit to Yeovil College to see our unique vocational link, or three A-Level taster lessons across the sites, along with talks on Apprenticeships and Higher Education. After school we then welcomed Year 10 parents and carers to the Sir John Colfox site for an introduction to our joint Sixth Form and an opportunity for a tour of their facilities. We will have a full Sixth Form information evening, with all subjects and staff available to speak to, at Beaminster School on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

We were delighted to hear that one of our Year 11 students, Danny Beadle, won the **14-16 Student of the Year Award** at Weymouth College at their recent Awards evening (there are some photos on our school Facebook page). Danny has developed his catering skills to such an extent that he now prepares meals to be served in the canteen; we wish him well with his catering course next year.

On Thursday evening students performing in the **Summer Concert** excelled once again, with a wonderfully polished and eclectic mix of performers under the tutelage of Mr Smith. As always, it was lovely to see the depth of musical talent and such a range of vocalists and instrumentalists on stage, with students performing for the first time alongside their more experienced peers. Thank you also to the BSPTA for providing the refreshments.

The warm sunshine brought a very festive spirit to add to the competitive events taking place on **Sports Day** this afternoon. Beneath beautifully blue (and hot) skies we had a huge range of track and field athletics across all year groups. There were particularly outstanding performances from **Anna Scarborough** and **Tom Rae**, who were both just fractions of a second off sprint records, and new records were set by **Kitty Rumens** for Year 10 javelin, **Imogen Beale** for Year 8 triple jump and **Owen Kemp** for Year 8 long jump. The overall winners were ... **Lewesdon**, then Waddon, Pilsdon, Eggardon and Mapperton. Congratulations to everyone who took part today with many thanks to staff, particularly the PE Department for all their efforts in organising such a successful event.

Next week we are very much looking forward to welcoming our **incoming new Year 7 students** for their two induction days. This is an extended opportunity for the students to get to know the school, and their pastoral team, as well as experiencing the many different subjects on offer including English, Maths, Humanities, PE and Science as well as a Technology project to make and market their own cookie. This is then followed on Wednesday evening with parents and carers having a presentation and time to meet their child's Tutor.

The **Melplash Agricultural Society** have a **bursary scheme** available to any student intending to undertake further study in agriculture (or related subjects) with a view to returning to work in this area. This is an attractive offer for applicants who live within a 12 mile radius of Melplash Church. The application form is available to download from the society's website using this link:

<https://www.melplashshow.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Bursary-Application-Form.pdf>

As part of the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF), Wessex Wilderness Skills are offering a [range of activities](#) this summer for any **PP or FSM families** (Pupil Premium or Free School Meals). Please see the attached poster for the wilderness skills programme or the link for the full HAF programme for more information.

Most of us are looking forward to the long summer break from school and will no doubt enjoy the time away. However, for some people, the summer period can also be a challenging one: loneliness from being away from friends, a lack of routine, anxiety from so much social media or difficulties maintaining healthy sleep habits due to the longer, lighter evenings. Happily, **Kooth** is there as a community to reach out and engage with, or as somewhere to find further support whenever students may need it: [Home - Kooth](#) Other helpful links can also be found on the school website: [Beaminster School, useful links](#)

We currently have a rare opportunity for someone to join our hard-working Admin Team as an **Admin Officer based in Reception** (closing date Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July), and also a vacancy for a **Supervisory TA for Learning and Student Wellbeing** (closing date 14<sup>th</sup> September). Full details of both posts are available on the school website: [Beaminster School Staff Vacancies](#) please do share with anyone who might be interested in applying.

There will be **no Homework Club running next Thursday**, and do remember that **next Friday is a normal school** day, but we will have a final Tutor session and the **termly prize raffle** draw from 3pm – prizes include a Fuzion X-3 Stunt Scooter, Waterproof Bluetooth Speaker, Head Ti.Tornado Titanium Tennis Racket (size 3), Qisan Hydraulic 4-man Dome Tent and a £20 Amazon Gift Card. Do ensure that your child **spends their ClassCharts points by 3.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July**.

I hope that you all find some time to enjoy our beautiful coast and countryside.

Mr Hales

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