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Dear Parents and Carers

Our first charity day this year, **Jeans4Genes**, raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. The students were very generous in their support and I thank Year 8 for co-ordinating.

We very much appreciated the large turn-out and engagement with our **Year 10 GCSE and Work Experience Information Evening on Wednesday**. There was a lot of important information to share, so we have made the PowerPoint presentation available on the school website and have also sent out further information regarding Study Guides and Work Experience timescales.

Our **Student Council** had its first meeting, with new representatives from each tutor group, on Thursday. The election of key roles was discussed - Chair, Vice-chair and Team Leaders for the various Ambassador roles (#NOT-OKAY Ambassadors, Learning Ambassadors, Environment Ambassadors and Community Ambassadors). Mrs Wagstaff was selected as the 'Hot Seat' guest for the next meeting and Aspirations student engagement lead, Mr David introduced himself to the Council and outlined the work he will be undertaking with the school.

It was also a pleasure to meet with our **primary partners**, yesterday, to plan an exciting range of sporting events for the year. As well as working together to provide inter-school competitions and sporting festivals for primary pupils, our own students gain greatly from taking on leadership roles, working with younger students, and developing their organisational and team building skills.

Our **Year 10 Rugby team** met stiff resistance against Colfox in their first game of the year, but showed great character to keep the game competitive right until the end; the Year 9 and 11 teams have their first matches next week. Miss Lewis and Mrs Lees are delighted with attendance at **Netball training**, with nearly 100 girls attending each week, and look forward to starting fixtures in a few weeks' time.

Looking ahead, our **Year 13 Biology** students are out on Monday and Tuesday, completing their A-Level field studies coursework at Leeson House near Swanage. We are also looking forward to seeing prospective new students and families at our **Open Mornings**, running from **9am until 10am between Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. Do contact the school if you require any further information.

Our **West Locality Team** are keen to support families and have a number of courses available for parents / carers to access, please see the attached information. Sessions are being run at Bridport Children's Centre or by telephone, no appointment is needed for walk-in sessions, or call to book for a telephone appointment.

**Lockers** are now available for any student who would like one, please look in the Shop area of ParentMail and add to your basket.

Finally, we are looking for a **part-time Finance Admin officer** (Monday-Friday, 25 hours) to join our team as soon as possible, details are available on both Dorset for You and the school website, closing date **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**.

Today is the autumnal equinox, marking the end of summer and the beginning of Autumn, so I wish you all a leaf clearing weekend!

Mr Hales

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