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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a real pleasure to, once again, welcome so many of you to our annual **Presentation Evening** on Thursday where we celebrated the diverse talents and achievements of our upper school students from the past year. With over 100 awards given out, I was particularly taken by the many personal and heartfelt comments from staff for all the very worthy award winners; it reminded me how fortunate we are to have such positive relationships in school alongside your support from home. You can read more about the accomplishments of our Year 13 award winners and their exciting destinations on the attached Presentation Evening programme, and do also have a look at our Facebook page [Beaminster School | Facebook](#) for photographs of last night's award winners and other stories.

Our KS3 Reading Week reached its hiatus today with the final few chapters of **Lois Lowry's "The Giver"**, which focuses on the childhood of a boy called Jonas moving towards great changes in his highly ordered life. There are many discussion points about the journey that Jonas takes, so do have a conversation about the destination he hopes for!

Our **Year 9 girls** enjoyed their first competitive football game against Colfox on Wednesday. Despite conceding multiple goals, they all showed great enthusiasm and drive to make their coach incredibly proud of their efforts. The **Year 7 and 8 cross-country** teams also did incredibly well to complete a tough 3km course in their first English Schools race at Bryanston on Thursday, and will benefit greatly from the experience gained.

Looking ahead, do look out for **Year 9 Isla Sibley** who is being interviewed on Newsround on CBBC at 7.45am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October! Isla will be talking about being the winner of the **national BBC Young Reporter of the Year** competition with an article she wrote about her anxiety during lockdown. Many congratulations Isla!

On top of Rugby and Netball **House matches** we have another busy sporting week next week. Year 11 have an Area Netball tournament, Year 7 are playing football against Gryphon and we are hosting the Area cross-country on Thursday; many thanks to staff for all their support. Interested students may also like to know that **Beaminster Cricket Club** are running youth winter training sessions every Saturday in the school Sports Hall from 9.30-10.30am. All youth players of all abilities are welcome to attend.

Due to the significant demand during our three Open Mornings, we will be running an **additional Open Afternoon** on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15pm-3:15pm; please do contact the school if you would like to attend.

We currently have a large stock of **second-hand uniform**, so much in fact that we are unable to accept any further donations at the moment, so thank you for your generosity. We will let you know when any good quality donations can be accepted again, and any enquiries about second-hand uniform should be directed to Mrs Berry and Mrs Challis in the SSGC.

I have very much appreciated your thoughtful correspondence with regards to our consultation on joining **Aspirations Academy Trust**. The agenda for the October Advisory Board is now published [Advisory boards - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and we are still able to receive any further comments or questions (email [Info@aspirationsacademies.org](mailto:Info@aspirationsacademies.org) and/or [office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)) up until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Finally, we are looking for a **Teaching Assistant** to join our team as soon as possible, with a closing date of **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Details are available on both Dorset for You and the school website.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Hales

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