

# BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to this final half-term of the school year; I do hope that you all found some time to enjoy the extended Jubilee weekend.

After the recent resurgent performance by the England cricket team, it has been a pleasure to continue with the return of **competitive sport at Beaminster**. On Tuesday **Year 8** produced a strong first performance to score a solid 74-8, with good runs coming from Arthur Donaldson, Huck Booth and Addison Gunning. However, despite wickets from Harry Huxford and Arthur Donaldson, Sir John Colfox reached 75-5 with nine balls to spare. After the fall of two early wickets for the Year 9 and 10 team on Thursday, Fran Caswell really got his eye in and scored 54, with Ollie Hey adding an important 16 to reach 106 by the end of the innings. Very tidy bowling from Henry Hansford-Harvey, Jack Ronan, Dan White, Ollie Hey and Magnus Park restricted Thomas Hardye to just 74 runs and we now advance to the semi-finals; congratulations to everyone involved.

All of **Year 7** enjoyed a visiting **Shakespearean drama workshop** today. They were introduced to the themes, characters and context of Macbeth and will be following this up in lessons during this half-term. Year 9 will have a similar performance, based on their GCSE text, Romeo and Juliet, next Friday.

Mrs Rychnovsky took a small group of our **Sustainable You** students to Symondsburry Primary School today, to support their "WE Day". This is part of a global programme to inspire children to change the world through local action and events. The students helped with workshops and presentations, passing on ideas and actions that we have taken at Beaminster School.

**Year 11 and 13** continue to face their barrage of examinations with real assurance, and are now well over half way! As previously mentioned, we are holding **assessments for Years 7, 8 and 10** in the school hall from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June (information has been circulated). 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.

With all the **2022 Year 7 admission applications** now completed, and the cohort for September full, Ms Smith and Mrs Dinsmore are looking forward to visiting the **25 primary schools** from across Dorset, Devon and Somerset.

We will be holding our annual **Open Evening for September 2023 admissions** and any other interested students on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June between 5 and 7pm**. Please see the attached poster and do spread the word to anyone who may be interested in attending, everyone is warmly invited to come along and we look forward to seeing you.

Dorset Council continue to provide their exciting '**Summer in Dorset**' activities programme over the school holidays. These programmes are open to all students, with free places (and hot meals) for children who receive free school meals (**FSM**). Bookings will soon be open with FSM families able to pre-register to receive a passcode via text/email. They can then enter/share this code when booking activities. Please see the attached leaflet, call 01305 252261 or register online: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/summer-in-dorset](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/summer-in-dorset) The **Prout Bridge activity poster** for the summer term is also attached.

Alongside all of the above, we had the excitement of **Activity Week meetings** this morning and have also had the announcement that **Beauty and the Beast** will be our school production in Spring 2023; do encourage your child to get involved. With the **Art and Photography exhibition** opening at The Bridport Arts Centre on June 20<sup>th</sup> it is really encouraging to, once again, be offering a wide range of opportunities and experiences.

Finally, we are busy planning next year's calendar and are keen to get your views about whether or not to keep Parent Consultation Evenings online, or if there is a preferred start time for evening events and meetings. Please help us by **completing the very short survey** on this link as soon as possible, and thank you for your support.

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

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr Hales

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