

# BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy 24 school days since we returned from Easter with the return of Year 11 and 13 examinations, Year 10 Work Experience and finalising the Year 9 Routes for September. The return to the routines and rhythms of the usual school year has been quite a challenge for everyone, but also a welcome step back to normality. As we reach the end of this half-term I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and congratulate our students on their ability to take on these demands with such assurance and maturity.

Many of you will be aware that the recent School's Bill presented to parliament sets out a clear direction of travel for all schools to be part of strong Multi-Academy Trusts (MAT). As you would expect, we have kept a watching brief on the changing educational landscape and, following extensive research and discussions with all local MATs, as well as some national ones, we are confident we are able to navigate a positive route forward that will continue to support the uniqueness of our character, enrich experiences for our pupils and open up new and inspirational opportunities beyond our current reach.

It is important that we continue our close association with our primary and secondary partners in West Dorset, maintain our successful Joint Sixth Form with The Sir John Colfox Academy, and draw on our enduring christian values, whilst also looking to build exciting new links both regionally and nationally. I look forward to sharing more about this with you as we work through the process following the half term holiday.

There has been a feast of athletics this week as a number of our students in Years 7–10 represented the school and took part in the South West Dorset Athletics Trials. We were delighted to learn that 3 of our athletes have now been selected to go forward to **represent West Dorset at the Dorset County Championships** on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June – **Anna Scarborough (100 and 200m), Tom Rae (100m) and Magnus Park (Discus)** – many congratulations to these students, and to all those who took part, a list of names is attached.

We also hosted the **High 5 Primary Netball tournament** on Wednesday with a lot of competition and fun had by all. Our thanks to all the attendees and also to our student **Sports Leaders**: Kitty Rumens, Molly Spain, Maddie Crumpton, Florence Leather, Tabitha Taylor, Ella Knight, Neve Dodds, Imogen Taylor, Megan Vincent and Lulu Gale.

Beaminster Town Council are looking for **volunteers** with a couple of hours available **at 9am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at the Town Hall**. Volunteers will help set up tables and chairs for the Jubilee celebrations and, in return, receive a voucher to spend at one of the food and drink vendors. If you can spare some time then please sign up on the link below: [volunteersignup.org/YXDK3](http://volunteersignup.org/YXDK3)

Looking ahead, we are holding **assessments for Years 7, 8 and 10** in the school hall from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. 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 having specific help and guidance in tutor sessions each week.

**Bridport Youth Football Club** are looking for boys and girls in current Year 9 to join their mixed U15s team next season, details attached.

We return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** (Week A) and I wish you all a very restful half-term and a celebratory Jubilee weekend.

Mr Hales

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