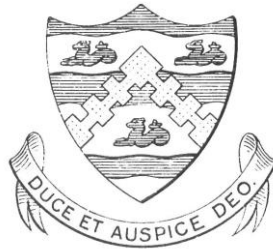


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Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The blue skies, warm sunshine and cherry blossom perfume across the school have lifted spirits and are sure signs that Spring is firmly upon us.

The students have certainly taken advantage of this good weather to organise a huge range of fundraising activities to support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Alongside the non-uniform contributions, cakes and sweet sales, Year 10 ran a slam dunk contest in the Sports Hall, a Football tournament on the 3G and, the ever-popular, staff in stocks with some very soaked staff! All the money raised will go to the **Disasters Emergency Committee** [Home | Disasters Emergency Committee \(dec.org.uk\)](https://www.dec.org.uk) We haven't got all the money in and counted yet, but it looks like **well over £1,000** has been raised, a fantastic amount, and I thank everyone for their efforts, do enjoy the videos and photos on our Facebook page.

Miss Coleman was a very proud of her two **Year 10 Maths teams** after they secured first and second place in the West Dorset Maths feast, defeating teams from Sir John Colfox and Sherborne. Jensen Freer, Brody Gunning, Henry Hansford-Harvey and Alfie Gunning proved too strong for the competition on spatial, algebraic and arithmetic, functional and theoretical maths problems, with Ruth Sloper, Patrick Neary, Milly Cross and Kai Kenway only one point behind!

Mrs Da Costa and twenty KS3 students enjoyed a highly challenging **Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)** day on Tuesday. The teams had to plan, design and produce a range of alternative forms of sustainable transportation, using recyclable and sustainable construction materials, that would enable them to travel 1500 miles. Supported by a STEM Ambassador, the teams developed some wonderfully creative designs and even managed to present their work at the end to earn a well-deserved CREST Award for them all.

We were delighted to learn that talented Year 11 student, **Daisy Channing**, whose wonderful photos won the local round of **Rotary's Young Photographer of the Year**, has now also won the District round of the competition! This means that her photos will now go forward to compete in the **national finals** of this prestigious competition which take place later in the summer – huge congratulations to Daisy and we wish her the very best of luck.

Our own Mr Haigh will be displaying a range of his photographic work as part of the **"Dorchester Like a Local"** exhibition. This will be in the old Marks and Spencers Building, Dorchester from Friday 18th March at 5pm, with everyone welcome (details attached).

Looking ahead, the **Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies** are expected to arrive in school on Monday, and more information about this has already been sent out separately. We have the busy **Stop The Clock Day** on Wednesday, with Year 7 building on their History at Corfe Castle, Year 8 are looking at coasts in Lyme Regis, Year 9 have a Science and Technology Day with Wonderstruck, Year 10 are developing their Learning Skills and preparing for Work Experience, whilst Year 11 look to complete their coursework, develop a revision programme and look at our "Impress The Examiner" online resources. Thank you to all staff for putting this excellent day together.

This is followed, on Thursday, with **House matches**. The boys are playing 6-a-side football and girls 5-a-side basketball.

Dorset Council are, again, able to provide free places (and hot meals) on their **Easter activity programme** for children who receive **Free School Meals (FSM)** (see attached). Families can register online: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/easter-in-dorset or by calling 01305 252261.

A reminder that we have current staff vacancies for a **Supervisory Teaching Assistant** (Grade 7) with a particular focus on Learning Support and Student Wellbeing, a **School Cleaner**, and there is an exciting new role in the school as a **Student Progression Officer** (Grade 8), working with our Sixth Form team and supporting Careers information and guidance. Please do spread the word to anyone who may be interested, full details of all posts are available on the school website: [Beaminster School Staff Vacancies](http://www.beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

We are also very keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in joining our team of **Exam Invigilators** for the forthcoming exam season. No experience is necessary as full training will be given, and the role involves supervising students taking both internal and external examinations. These are paid posts, appointed on a casual basis, and postholders will be DBS checked for the role by the school. If you think you can help, or would like to find out more, then please contact our Exams Manager, Mrs Emmett as soon as possible on HEmmett@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr Hales

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