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Dear Parents and Carers,

After the Year 11 celebration day last week, today we said our fond **farewells to Year 13** as they prepare themselves for the start of the A-level and BTEC examinations next week. The steady flow of pizza, kindly donated Baboo Gelato ice-cream and the annual rounders match, alongside a bouncy castle, all added to the fun to offer some much-needed respite. They have all done incredibly well to navigate their way through the tortuous waters of the past two years; our very best wishes go with them.

We have also been delighted by the positive start that Year 11 have made to their GCSE examinations this week. Every student will have a different way to cope with the **rhythm of daily examinations**, but continued contact with teaching staff and friends at school, use of the targeted revision sessions and maintaining a healthy perspective are all important aspects of this. Our friends at MIND have also passed this on this helpful reference:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/exam-stress/>

A couple of important reminders for Year 11: tickets for the **Year 11 Prom**, which takes place on Thursday 30th June, must be purchased via ParentMail +Pay by **Friday 27th May**. Students will need to see Mrs Channing in the office to confirm their menu choices and table seating. Year 11 should also **return all books, scripts and any other resources** to the school as soon as possible once they have finished their exams in each subject please.

Away from examinations we wish our **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver teams** well as they head into the West Dorset countryside! This expedition is the fourth part of a challenging award which builds a range of skills and attributes such as self-esteem, resilience, problem-solving, team-building and communication, along with a lot of fun. The students have already completed a community / environment aspect, a physical challenge and the development of a new skill. I am also extremely grateful to all the staff who give up their time to provide this wonderful opportunity at Beaminster School.

We are still enjoying the many stories and exploits that our **Year 10** students have brought back from **Work Experience**. We do try and visit as many of the students as possible at their placements (with apologies to those we didn't manage to see), and you can see a selection of photographs and short videos on our website [Work Experience Information | beaminsterschool](#) and Facebook page. Our thanks to all the employers and businesses who give us such fantastic support with this huge undertaking.

Congratulations to **James Connolly** who also completed the **Exeter University Year 10 Scholars programme** and has graduated successfully onto the next stage in Year 11.

It is always lovely to find out what adventures our ex-students go on to, so I was delighted to hear about **Molly Hyde** who now works for the **Scottish Premier League**. Last weekend she had the great privilege of being on the pitch handing out medals to the winning Celtic team! Do visit our Facebook page for a few pictures that capture the wonderful occasion.

Finally, **Bridport Youth Football Club** are keen to recruit boys and girls in Years 7 and 8 (from September) for their mixed football team. The train on Tuesday evenings with matches on Sunday afternoon. All players are welcome regardless of ability. Coaches are DBS checked and FA qualified. For more information please contact Leo Davies 07717 682979 or Richard Kirlaw 07713 184621.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Hales

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