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Dear Parents and Carers,

There was much enjoyment, and some great cross-country racing, as over 500 students headed out for the first **Inter-House Competition** on Thursday. The school Fun Run has become a key feature of the start of term, with each year group tackling the course across the day. Each student gained points for their House through participation and order of finishing, with some fantastic fancy dress!

There were also a range of long-standing records broken including Genevieve Long, Year 8 Girls, Ana Bibby, Year 10 Girls, and Joe Whelan, Year 11 Boys. After collating all the scores, Mr Wagstaff is delighted to share that **Mapperton House** are our current leaders at this early stage. There are some photos on our Facebook page.

Year 10 students who had won a recent Independent Learning Project to come up with their own political party, had the opportunity to visit the **Houses of Parliament** and take part in workshops run by the Houses of Parliament Education Team this week. Students sat in on debates in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

The exciting day ended with a Q & A session with West Dorset MP Ed Morello, and there was even time for a walking tour of London and lunch by the Thames! My thanks to Mr Langford and Mrs Stone for organising this fantastic opportunity, there are some photos of their day on the Facebook page.

Students were very helpful with **individual photographs** on Monday and parents will receive **digital notification from Tempest** (sent to the primary contact only) with details of how to view and purchase the photos. Any enquiries should be made to Tempest directly please.

Thank you to Year 10 parents and carers for your support with our **Introduction to GCSEs and Work Experience Evening**. The main Hall was filled to the gunnels as much important information was shared regarding course requirements, ways to help your child and steps to a successful Work Experience fortnight in May 2027. The Year 11 senior prefects rounded off an excellent evening with reflections on their experiences last year. All the information shared has been sent out to parents, and can also be found on our website : [Work Experience Information | beaminsterschool](#)

Our first non-uniform charity day has been a real success with Year 8 supporting the **Jeans4Genes charity**. Nearly £300 is going towards this very worthy cause.

Looking ahead to next week, we look forward to welcoming Year 6 families on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for our **Open Mornings, from 9–10am**, so that prospective pupils and parents can see the school in action. The information attached has already been widely circulated to primary schools, and is also available on our school website and social media pages. Please do feel free to share the dates and spread the word to any families who may be interested – as always, students are warmly invited to attend the mornings with their parents.

There will be a **Book Fair** running in the school Library from Wednesday 30th September – Monday 5th October (details attached) when students will have the chance to view and purchase the books on offer. "Wish lists" will be available for students to write down any books they like the look of and then take this home to discuss with their parents.

To purchase any books, parents should go to the Scholastic Book Fair website: [Find school - Scholastic Book Fairs](#) Students should then return the wish list back to school so they can collect their book(s).

The **Clubs and Activities list** for this term is attached again, and available on the school website, and all students have been issued with a hard copy to bring home. I would strongly encourage all students to get involved in at least one of these clubs, there are lots to choose from.

Finally, please do remember to **always include your child's full name** whenever you contact the school, and do make sure all of your **child's uniform and belongings are clearly named**.

I hope that you all enjoy a restful weekend.

Mr Hales
Headteacher

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