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Dear Parents and Carers

The **Lyme Regis Boat Building Academy** provided an exceptional day of bespoke training for our Year 10 design technology students at their facilities this week. As well as developing their skills and use of tools to produce some beautifully carved mallets, this was also a great opportunity for students to see and learn from highly skilled local craftsmen and women, and to understand the rigour required to produce high quality work.

After five weeks of hard graft and examinations our **Year 11 and 13 students** are now on the home straight with GCSEs finishing on Monday and A-Levels on Thursday! I continue to be hugely impressed by our students' focus, motivation and ability to manage such a demanding period in their lives. They certainly deserve to enjoy the forthcoming **Sixth Form Summer Ball** at Bridport Golf Club on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June and **Year 11 Prom** at Haselbury Mill on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and we look forward to celebrating with them.

We also look forward to seeing Year 11 students back in for their **Sixth Form Induction Day** on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, when they will be joining their future peers for a day of immersion into Sixth Form life and preparation for the start of their courses in September. Year 11 students who are still undecided about their future are very welcome to attend the Induction Day, or for any further information about our Sixth Form please do feel free to contact Mrs Walters: [Swalters@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:Swalters@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk) Mr Donovan is also always willing to support students with discussions about work, apprenticeships or college applications: [KDonovan@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:KDonovan@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

You may have heard this morning that a **one-off programme of Meningitis B vaccinations** is to be offered to Year 13 students who will transition to university or other residential higher education for the first time in September. The service is funded by the NHS and will only be offered by Community Pharmacies. Students will need 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart and bookings will be via a national booking system, which is not yet live. Beaminster Pharmacy will be offering this service and will update us as soon as the national booking system is live. Students that fall outside of the above guidance can receive the vaccination privately but the cost of this around £230 for the two dose course. My thanks to Beaminster Pharmacy for this information.

We have been advised that the road in Melplash will be closed between 9.30am and 3pm on Monday and Tuesday which will affect our **6<sup>th</sup> form link bus**. Alternative arrangements have been put in place and will be ParentMailed separately to 6<sup>th</sup> Form students and added as a ClassCharts announcement, so do look out for it.

Our Year 7 and 8 Hub students were an absolute credit to the school on Monday afternoon when they were invited to watch a version of **The Tempest** at **Mountjoy School**. The Mountjoy cast, musicians and artists created a wonderful atmosphere through the scenery, costumes, use of voice and delivery of the lines, and our students even got sprayed by the "waves"! Our thanks to Mountjoy staff and students for the invitation and warm welcome.

Congratulations to our **Year 7 and 8 Cricket team** who got Colfox all out for 46 in this afternoon's game, and hit the runs off 7 overs for no loss of wicket!

Next week, on Wednesday, we celebrate our diverse community with a **Pride Picnic** outside the library at lunchtime. There will be cookies in the canteen, live music, activities and crafts, and everyone is welcome to come along with their lunch and enjoy!

We are very much looking forward to the annual **Art and Photography Exhibition at Bridport Arts Centre**. This is always an impressive showcase of the wonderful work that our students have produced. There is a **private view, with music provided by our Music department, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30-8pm**, and the exhibition will be open to the public from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. I highly recommend that you drop in if you can, details attached.

Our Year 10 students now begin their preparations for GCSE examinations with their first set of **Trial Examinations** starting on Thursday June 18th. These provide a gradual development of skills and learning, along with a chance to hone revision and exam techniques over the coming year.

We have a **vacancy for a Teaching Assistant** to join the team in our inclusion Hub, details are available on the school website and applications are required by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We are also looking for a cleaner to join the team for 3 hours on a Friday afternoon, please contact the school if interested.

Finally, a reminder of our forthcoming **Open Evening on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 5-7pm** for all prospective new families to come and visit us (poster attached), please do spread the word to anyone who may be interested. Also attached are details of new **support group for parents and carers of neurodiverse teens and young adults** and Maiden Newton are looking to recruit additional **U14 football players**.

With the start of the World Cup, and another 37 days of football, there is plenty to occupy the insomniacs, as well as hope for a warm weekend, be sure to enjoy.

Mr Hales  
Headteacher

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