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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday we gathered together as a community for our traditional **end of year assembly**. As always, there was much to celebrate that reflected our core values of **Ambition**, **Service and Kindness** with our new Senior Prefect Team, the largest number of Duke of Edinburgh students ever, another performance by our very own Year 8 "Super Troupers" and the knowledge that this was the first time we had been able to do this since 2019 and the start of Covid!

I was hugely impressed by the conduct our students throughout, particularly for their attentiveness, sensitivity and recognition of the service provided by those staff who are leaving us. Despite the sadness of saying farewell there was a real joy and warmth in the hall that, I know, left many quite teary-eyed.

Our grateful thanks for their very **many years of service** were shared with Mrs Croft, Mr Randall, Mrs Dungate and Mr Lithgow, who are retiring, to Mrs Harris, Mrs Mackay and Miss Gibson who are moving on to new challenges, and to Mrs Rychnovsky who is taking a year out to continue her studies. Our best wishes also go to Ms Ives who is getting married this summer and will return in September as Mrs Holmes.

The experiences and fun of our unique **Activities Week** will be long-remembered by all. This is an extraordinarily complex programme, with a diverse range of experiences and challenges, and I must congratulate all the staff and students for making the week so successful, with special thanks to our admin team, Mrs Walters and Mrs Stone for putting together such a great package of activities.

After the excitement and fun of **Year 11 Prom**, we are delighted to share the lovely photos from the evening. If anyone would like to **order photos** from our Photography Department then please use this link: <u>https://paulhaighphotography.pic-time.com/BS3nDa2oVdxnV</u>

We are looking forward to welcoming the **Beamin' Family Festival** tomorrow (Saturday 22nd July) and wish you all a wonderful day. Thanks to the hard work of Craig Sorrel and the Bridport Evolution Basketball team there is an **International 3x3 Basketball** competition taking place at Beaminster School on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July.

A-Level Results Day is **Thursday August 17**th with **GCSE Results** on **Thursday August 24**th. After so much hard work, and many examinations, we look forward to seeing the students in school to collect their results any time from 9am until 12.30pm on the results days. A reminder that if students have any **revision guides or text books** that they no longer need and would like to bring in, departments would be very pleased to accept them so that future students can benefit from them.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming our **new Year 7** students on **Tuesday September 5**th and the **whole school** is back for the start of the Autumn Term on **Wednesday September 6**th.

It just leaves me to **thank you all for your ongoing support and engagement** throughout the year and to wish you all a very enjoyable summer.

Take care.

Mr Hales

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