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Dear Parents and Carers

The end of this second week of term means that students have nearly completed their first full timetable cycle and are settling well into the routines and rhythms of school life.

As part of this, our weekly **KS3 and KS4 School assemblies** provide an important opportunity to come together as a community, develop our core values and provide essential time for students to pause, reflect and consider important themes throughout the year. This week, our Directors of Learning and Achievement (DoLAs) spoke passionately about the need to see school as just one part of life's much bigger learning journey where high expectations, resilience, the development of important skills and good habits ensure that we can navigate this journey successfully.

These themes will certainly be reinforced when we welcome all Year 10 parents, carers and students for their **Introduction to GCSEs and Work Experience Evening on Wednesday 20th September starting at 6.30pm**. This is always a very positive evening where we explain the requirements of the GCSE courses, highlight progression routes and outline the steps to a successful Work Experience fortnight in May 2024.

As we move back into the usual inclement weather of September, can I remind you that we are also returning to our **full school uniform** on Monday; no shorts or short-sleeved shirts. Monday is also **individual school photos** and all students are expected to wear their school jumpers, so please ensure they have the correct uniform.

Year 7 are looking forward to their **team-building day** on Tuesday, we have the Sixth Form **Art and Photography trip** to St Ives from Wednesday, the always very enjoyable **Fun Run** for all year groups on Thursday, and Friday sees our first non-uniform charity day of the year supporting **Jeans4Genes**. In between this our **Student Council** has its first meeting on Thursday, with the group sharing feedback on the first two weeks back, reviewing their priorities for the year and electing their chair and vice-chair. Do remember that all our school **clubs and activities** are now fully under way and I would strongly encourage all students to get involved in at least one of these. All students were given a hard copy to bring home but I have attached the extensive list again and it is also available on the school website.

There is a **free course running** this month on helping children to sleep at night, a common difficulty with ASC children, along with a number of other future courses that might be of interest. Please see [Face Family Advice | online parenting classes](#)

This weekend Youth Arts and Cultural Activities have a number of inspiring films being shown as part of **Bridport International Weekend of Democracy**. The attached schedule includes a special showing of *Belonging/Becoming* on Sunday at BAC from 3.30pm which is **free for young people 15 – 25**. There is also an online **“Tech the Future”** event available on Wednesday 20th September from 5pm – 6.30pm, which is packed with keynote talks and discussion with senior leaders from PwC, Capgemini, Experian, The RAF and Bloomberg. This is completely free, you just register for the event, full details can be found in the ParentMail that was sent to senior students on Wednesday.

Please do spread the word about our **School Open Mornings** for prospective new students that are running during the week beginning September 25th (poster attached).

Finally, we have staff vacancies for a **Science Technician**, **Supervisory Teaching Assistant** and **SEN teacher** and a **Data Officer**. Full details are available on the school website and the Dorset Council website for anyone wishing to join our committed and enthusiastic team.

I wish you all a very restful weekend.

Mr Hales