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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always very reassuring to receive positive comments about our students and this week has been particularly fulsome.

Firstly, our **School Improvement Partner** undertook 3 days of lesson visits and interviews across Years 7 to 11 and wanted to pass on how impressed he was with the school culture at Beaminster, driven by care and kindness. The vaccination team were delighted by your response to the **flu Immunisations**, with nearly 300 students going through on Thursday morning, and said what a helpful and polite group of students they were.

Thanks to the ongoing support of **Brit Valley Rotary Club** all of our Year 10s have had the opportunity to experience a formal interview and to get positive feedback on how to complete a CV and present themselves in the best way possible. We are extremely grateful for the time commitment and support of Brit Valley Rotary and also for their kind comments about our students, and for the support that our Sixth Form provided.

Finally, as part of our ongoing **safeguarding procedures**, we held a practice lockdown drill to ensure that we can provide a safe space for all students in an emergency. The students were very mature and calm in their response, enabling us to secure the site and identify a couple of issues that we can improve upon.

Our **Year 10 Sports Leaders** were busy again supporting the Primary Netball festival on Thursday, which saw Sticklands win a very competitive competition. Although the **Year 9 Rugby** team failed to score a try in their recent West Dorset tournament, they won many plaudits for their enthusiasm and endeavour. Meanwhile, the **Year 11 Hockey** team had their first full fixture against Colfox. After conceding an early goal the team grew into the game and became more confident, narrowly missing a few late chances to finish really positively.

There was much delight shared by the judges in the **BSPTA Christmas Bake Off**, with a wide selection of very impressive bakes. After some lengthy cogitation, and digestion, the following worthy winners were agreed:

Most attractive bake	Molly Dike 8L
Most scrumptious bake	Dylan Moss 7E
Most creative bake	Erin Thompson 8W.

Don't forget to grab your 'dabbers' ready for the **Bingo Night** from 6.30pm in the school hall tonight, with eyes down at 7pm. We also really appreciate your support in selling the **raffle tickets** which should have reached home this week – please do check the bottom of bags!

Next week sees **Years 7 to 9 engaging with challenging literature** through the staff led read-aloud sessions to help build a school-based reading community. Our novel is a **Monster Calls** in which Conor is dealing with far more than other boys his age. His beloved and devoted mother is ill, slowly dying of cancer, he has little in common with his imperious grandmother and his father has resettled thousands of miles away. However, Conor finds a most unlikely ally when the Monster appears at his bedroom window one night. Ancient, wild, and relentless, the Monster guides Conor on a journey of courage, faith, and truth that powerfully fuses imagination and reality.

Looking ahead, Years 7 & 8 have an interactive careers presentation from **BAe Systems** on Wednesday, and a reminder to all **Year 9 parents and carers** they have until 1pm on Wednesday to sign up for our online Parents Evening taking place that evening.

For those looking for an evening of great music and entertainment, I highly recommend that you come along to our **Christmas Concert at 6.30pm on Thursday** where you will be treated to a wonderfully eclectic mix of music and song compered by our very own Mr Smith – it is always a pleasure!

Lastly, please do find some time to look at the updated [Dorset Youth's Homepage](#), which has some very useful information and resources about a range of activities, clubs and support for students and parents across Dorset, and there is also a poster attached with details of a **free support programme for parents in conflict** (SIPCo)

Enjoy the weekend and stay warm!

Mr Hales

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