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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the extended Easter break. I do hope that you all found some time to escape the day to day and enjoy the early Spring sunshine.

Whilst the rest of the school headed into the Easter Holidays, Mr Langford, Miss Patten, Mrs Berry and a group of students were busy navigating the many sites of Berlin on a 4-day **GCSE History trip**. They enjoyed a fascinating schedule of walking tours, historical museums and fabulous sites all linked to their GCSE studies, including the Reichstag, Checkpoint Charlie and the Berlin Wall, the DDR and Stasi Museums, Potsdamer Platz and the iconic TV Tower. My thanks to all the staff for providing this great opportunity and you can see some photos of the trip on our Facebook page.

On Wednesday, with an early start at Crewkerne station, our **Year 10 Design Ventura Team** returned to the Design Museum in London as national finalists for the second day of their engrossing programme. The students were given a tour of the museum, including the Tim Burton Exhibition, and had the rare opportunity of meeting a range of designers in a whirlwind "speed dating" schedule. Deutsche Bank ensured a steady flow of enticing food and drinks and the group were able to see their 'Nature Inspired Stencils' professionally exhibited. All of the national finalists then gathered for the presentations ... and we were delighted to be awarded second place overall! This is an incredible achievement for **Bobby Ashton, Nathanael Webb, Ben Sloper, Lewis Grinter, Marley Sims** and **Alfie Bellows**, and a well-deserved glass of prosecco for Mrs Da Costa and Mrs Hyde! You can see some photos of their fantastic day on the Facebook page.

Councillor Craig Monks joined us in assemblies this week to speak with students about the **Beaminster Neighbourhood Plan** and the importance of hearing the youth voice if we are to build a resilient town for people of all ages. All students have been sent a link to complete the short survey on ClassCharts so do encourage them to complete it, and a final reminder that anyone can respond by clicking on the following:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MW93HKK>

Year 11 and Year 13 have their sights set firmly on the impending written examinations, and Thursday saw the start of formal assessments with **GCSE Art and A2 Photography** exams. It is truly an inspiring experience to drop in and see the quality of work that the students are undertaking and to hear their passion for the studies that they have done. Congratulations to them all and good luck also to GCSE students for their **French Speaking** exams next week, the **3D Artists** and the **PE day of moderation** on Wednesday.

A reminder that **Year 11 group photographs** are being taken on Monday morning. Students should arrive in school promptly, in **correct, full uniform** and must have both their **school jumper and hoodie** with them please. Year 11 Prom tickets are selling well and can be purchased via ParentMail.

Thank you for continuing to report any student absences. Please ensure calls to the **Absence Line (01308 861917)** are made as early as possible, before the start of the school day, and include the **student's full name and tutor group** and the **reason for absence**. This also applies to emails.

Looking ahead, our friends at **Prout Bridge** have their weekly summer activities programme finalised, and **Beaminster Singers** have their Spring Concert on Saturday 26th April, information attached. Details of this term's clubs and activities in school should be available next week and this week's cyber safety information sheet is about promoting physical wellbeing.

May will soon be upon us, so enjoy the last weekend of April!

Mr Hales