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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the final day of the school year it has been wonderful to see and hear of the fun and many exciting experiences that the students have had over the past week. My thanks to all the staff who make our unique **Activities Week** happen; it will live long in the memory!

Last Friday a group of Year 10 students spent the day at Bridport Town Hall hearing the **prosecution and defence cases** in the trial of Henry Wills, a 19th century tobacco baron and alleged slave owner. During a very demanding day the students were split across three juries, working with Sixth Form and University students, and took clear direction from the judge, basing the outcome of not guilty on the lack of evidence presented. The students were highly commended for their maturity amongst much older students, and for their ability to hold a course of action, even when under pressure. Our thanks to Clive Stafford-Smith for providing this opportunity, alongside Mr Donovan and Mrs Fox for co-ordinating.

After so much hard work, and many examinations, we look forward to seeing our **Year 11 and 13 students** back in school to collect their results **from 8.30am until 11am** on their respective results days:

- Thursday August 13th A Level Results
- Thursday August 20th GCSE Results

A reminder that if students have any **revision guides or text books** that they no longer need and would like to bring in, departments will be very pleased to accept them so that future students can benefit from them, as well as any good quality school uniform items.

I know that many of you will need to update uniform supplies over the summer, and a few parents have already sought some clarification about certain aspects of our policy to ensure their child is fully compliant come the start of the new school year. Please read Mr Quigley's attached letter and visit [School Uniform | beaminsterschool](#) **uniform and appearance guidance and information** (policy is also attached).

Some important reminders about **actions parents/carers need to take** are set out again below, together with 2 other letters from Mr Quigley with information about **attendance and mobile phones**, please do take some time to read them, copies are also on the school website. A poster for the Dorset Mind Big Walk is attached.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students back on Thursday September 3rd with the whole school back on Friday September 4th for the start of the Autumn Term.

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

Take care.

Mr Hales

ACTION REQUIRED **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

We have sent this information out several times previously, and it is also available on the school website and Facebook page, but many families have not yet applied and we really don't want anyone to miss out.

Entitlement to Free School Meals this 2025-2026 academic year will **NOT AUTOMATICALLY ROLL OVER** to the new 2026-2027 academic year.

It is **your** responsibility as parents/carers to check your entitlement will continue.

All parents or carers will need to **apply or reapply** from 1 June 2026, even if their child already receives Free School Meals this school year. Click on the link below for more information, check eligibility and apply using the online checker:

[More Dorset children could qualify for free school meals - Dorset Council](#)

SCHOOL TRANSPORT - CHECK SMARTCARDS

Parents and carers are also being advised to check if their child's **school transport smartcard** is due to expire in July or at the end of the academic year, and to check whether this is correct. Please contact Dorset Travel for any help or further information.

[School transport - Dorset Council](#)

TO APPLY FOR A SURPLUS BUS SEAT

To apply for a surplus bus seat you **must email** dorsetschools@firstbus.co.uk between **Monday 3rd - Friday 14th August** with the following information:

- Student's Full Name
- Student's Home Address
- Which Bus you are applying for (B1, B2, B4, B5, B6) – to check routes please visit [Student Bus Travel | First Bus](#)

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