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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our student commitment and ongoing staff training, we are one of a number of pathfinder schools in Dorset looking at how we can improve learning environments for autistic children. During the launch of the project, **Autism in Schools**, on Tuesday, I was extremely proud to hear three of our Year 8 students speak at the conference with such maturity, honesty and clarity about what works for them and what more we can all do to celebrate difference. I am also very grateful for the support of their parents and carers in moving this forward; they were all an inspiration.

Please do also remember that we have our second **SEN coffee morning** of the year on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 9.30am to 11am, do contact us through the [office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk) email should you need any further information. Mrs Dinsmore (our SENCO) is also available for additional **SEN appointments** on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, details of how to book appointments were sent out to eligible families on Wednesday via ParentMail and the booking system will close at 1pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Dorset Council are, again, providing free activity places and hot meals over the school holidays for families of children who receive Free School Meals (**FSM**). The exciting '**Summer in Dorset**' programme (see attached) is opening for bookings next week. FSM families need to pre-register to receive a passcode via text/email either by going online at [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/summer-in-dorset](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/summer-in-dorset) or by calling 01305 252261. Many sessions do book up fast, so please book early.

After a great summer for the **athletics team**, we had further success at the County championships in Bournemouth on Saturday. The following students were all placed in the top five from across the whole of Dorset: Anna Scarborough (2<sup>nd</sup> 100m), Joe Whelan (2<sup>nd</sup> 1500m), Tom Rae (3<sup>rd</sup> 100m, 4<sup>th</sup> 200m), Zac Zidary (4<sup>th</sup> 800m), Valentin Bala (4<sup>th</sup> shot and 5<sup>th</sup> javelin). Many congratulations to them all.

Our students are now into the final week of **public examinations**, with the end clearly in sight, whilst we start our **internal assessments** for Years 7, 8 and 10 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June. As previously mentioned, we do want students to take these assessments seriously and try their best, but they only provide one measure across the whole year and are designed to gradually build experience towards to public examinations in Year 11.

We have a vacancy for a **School Cleaner** to come and join our existing team, details are available on the school website and Dorset Council website, closing date for applications is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

This year's **School Open Evening is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 5-7pm** (poster attached). Details have already been circulated to local primary schools and can also be found on our website, social media sites and in the local press. All prospective parents and students are warmly invited to come along to see our school so please do spread the word to any interested families.

A reminder to report all student absences as early as possible and ensure that the **student's full name, tutor group and the reason for the absence** is always included in any messages.

Finally, we are looking forward to our **Art and Photography Exhibition** at Bridport Arts Centre, with a private celebration viewing for the students and parents on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, after which it will be open to public.

Enjoy a, slightly, cooler weekend and even the hope of a little rain for the garden!

Mr Hales

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