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Dear Parents and Carers

Today was the final full day in school for our **Year 13 students** which, after 7 years, always feels like quite a wrench. The traditional last day rounders match between the Staff and Sixth Form at lunchtime kicked off activities, and then the students all enjoyed a well-deserved afternoon of fun and feasting. They have been a wonderful year group, doing incredibly well to navigate the tortuous waters of the past few years and we will miss them; our very best wishes go with them all.

The **main examination season** is now in full swing, with the first A Level papers in Business, Geography, English Language and Literature and Psychology completed, whilst Year 11 have already had four core GCSE examinations and four option subjects. All the students have shown great composure and consideration for their compatriots, and have been making good use of our focused revision sessions in school. We recognise what a challenging time this is for our students, so please do support the continued contact with specialist teaching staff and friends at school, alongside maintaining a healthy balance of fresh air and exercise.

It was very encouraging to join the **BSPTA** for their termly meeting at The Ollerod, last night, to see some new faces and hear about all the support that they are providing for Beaminster School. Through their recent fundraising the team have agreed to provide music drape stands to be used at school concerts, a contribution of £500 towards a printing press in Art, and a bird box fitted with a camera for science, alongside the ongoing support of a reading book for every Year 7 and funding for the School Council. They are busily planning for next year and would welcome any volunteers who might be able to offer an evening, or two, per year. Please leave your details with the school office or email [treasurer.bspta@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.bspta@gmail.com) and they will get in touch.

Our **Flying Start teams** headed off to Bristol Aerospace this morning for the National Finals of the Flying Start Challenge. As the only school to get several teams through to the nationals, our students have already done incredibly well, whatever the outcome. My thanks to Mr Crossland and Mr Hobby, and to the apprentices from Leonardo's who have supported the teams so well – we look forward to hearing about their great day out!

Year 10 have come to end of their two weeks of **Work Experience** and will return to us, I am sure, much wiser on Monday. During our visits, to over 100 placements, we have had glowing feedback on how the students have matured and grown in confidence, taken on new challenges and seized opportunities, as well as securing part-time jobs and the possibility of future careers. It just leaves me to thank everyone involved for providing such support for this huge undertaking, but particularly Mr Donovan and Mrs Dodds for their excellent co-ordination.

On Tuesday, as part of their **Geography GCSE course**, **Year 10 students** will be completing the first of two fieldwork days to better understand the geographical concepts they have studied in the urban unit. They will visit Bristol Harbour, see the M Shed Museum, take a boat trip around the harbour and collect environmental quality surveys to investigate its regeneration over recent years.

Miss Rollick has another stimulating KS3 Reading Week for us with **Everything All at Once: A Fabulous Poetry Collection About Life at Secondary School**. Through 25 poems, students will hear about the highs and lows of a week in a secondary school, from a cast of characters spanning everything from hoping to make it to the end of the week, facing it, fitting in, finding friends and falling out, to loving lessons, losing it, and worrying, wearing it well and worshipping from afar. Steven Camden's poems speak to the kaleidoscope of teen experience and life at secondary school.

The final **Year 9 Options forms** have been sent out this week via ParentMail. All Year 9 students will need to complete and return a form by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** at the very latest please – and don't forget to include the **student's name and tutor group** at the top of the form.

A reminder too that the deadline for **all Year 7** to complete the short form confirming their final choice of Modern Language for next year is **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**, the link to the form can be found in the ParentMail sent out on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

We were delighted to hear that Year 12 student, **Honie Jeffery**, has won the District Final of the Rotary Young Photographer competition, with her photo based upon the theme 'Happiness in Nature'. She was presented with a certificate by Adrian Scadding from Rotary (see our Facebook page), and her photo will now go through to the National Finals which are being judged later this month. Good luck Honie!

We have a large and growing number of students participating in **Music Tuition** across the school day. To meet this increased demand, Somerset Music Academy are able to offer more capacity for instrumental lessons, so do see the attached if your child might be interested.

Still on a musical theme, we are delighted to announce that next year's school play will be the ever popular, "**The Sound of Music**." Details of the audition dates and audition pieces are attached, and will also be shared on ClassCharts.

Amidst the USPGA, FA Cup Final and final matches in the Gallagher rugby, I hope that you are all able to find something to enjoy and have a restful weekend.

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