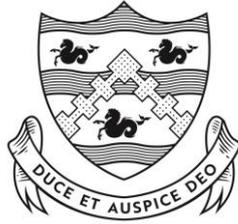


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27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half term of 2026 and the season of Lent. With the days lengthening and the Spring Equinox arriving in three weeks, I think we are all looking forward to some more daylight and, maybe, a little more of that sun!

During the break our **Barcelona Football Tour** had a fantastic trip, giving students the opportunity to train with FC Barcelona coaches by the Nou Camp and at La Masia, experience professional stadium environments, and compete in a series of challenging fixtures against local opposition. Across the tour, students showed excellent resilience and progress, recording several strong results while embracing a different footballing culture. The trip concluded with a memorable live match experience and some well-earned sightseeing, providing a valuable blend of sport, learning and personal development. My thanks to Mr Hobby, and all the staff involved, for giving up their time, you can see some photos of the trip on our Facebook page.

Brothers **Ben and Harry Keeping** have also been very busy, competing over the last few weekends for Bridport Barracudas Swimming Club at the Dorset County Championships in Bournemouth. They are both to be heartily congratulated for achieving personal bests and top 5 placings in every event, and have now qualified for the South West Regional Championships in May! We wish them both the very best of luck. We were also delighted to hear that Year 7, **Elsa Rose Hart**, has achieved her South West Development 3 Grade in gymnastics, a great result as marking is very strict. There are photos of them all on our Facebook page.

Our **Year 11 GCSE Food students** have been put through their paces this week as they prepared their final three course meals under timed conditions. Having had the privilege of taste testing the smorgasbord of sumptuous courses, I can only say how impressive the plate to palate presentation, planning and preparation has been; congratulations to them all. Year 11 have a busy few weeks ahead with mock speaking examinations in **French** and **GCSE Drama** presentations next week, and then the final set of trial examinations beginning on **Monday 9th March**.

Thank you to **Year 10 families** for supporting their Consultation Evening on Wednesday. With over 70% attendance, a lot of important discussions took place, and careful guidance and strategies were shared at this midpoint in the year. As always, please do contact your child's Tutor if you need any support or wish to follow anything up.

Looking ahead, Monday sees the first day of our next half-termly **Reading Week**, with staff reading the Chronicles of Narnia book "**The Magician's Nephew**," the prequel to *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, chronicling the birth of Narnia. When Digory and Polly are tricked by a magician uncle, they travel between worlds via magic rings, accidentally bringing an evil sorceress into a newly created land, where they witness Aslan's song creating Narnia!

It is also **World Book Day** on Thursday, with a host of activities taking place in the Library across the week; Guess The Book, Match the Cover to the Blurb, Making Quiet Critters, Guess the Name of the Book, book tokens for all of KS3 ... and a surprise staff activity!

Nearly 100 families have accessed the free membership and wide-ranging number of talks provided by facefamilyadvice.co.uk (FACE), please see the **attached programme for March**. Just go to the website and click on 'parents' in the box at the top to view the 16 regular talks shown on the attachment. To access talks just choose a topic and click through the booking calendar to find a date and time that suits you. At the payment stage, where it says add promo code, enter the code BM040425. This will reduce the price from £24 to £0. If you cannot make a live session, links to recordings of the talks are available for 48 hours after the session.

Our friends at **Prout Bridge** are looking for volunteers to join their team in various roles supporting the Prout Bridge Project, and B Sharp Music are starting a **new music group, Bridport Jams**, for young people aged 11-18, with a free taster session on Thursday 5th March at Bridport Youth and Community Centre from 5-6.30pm. Details of both are attached for those interested.

ParentMail has been carrying out some updates that unfortunately appear to have affected some iOS Apple users. Please see the information attached from ParentMail if you are experiencing any issues with their app.

A reminder that we have opportunities for two teachers to join us as we require a maternity cover **MFL teacher** from April, and full time **Humanities (Psychology)** teacher from September. Please do spread the word to anyone who may be interested in applying, full details can be found on the school website: [Beaminster School Staff Vacancies](#)

Enjoy the last weekend of February and, meteorologically, the end of winter, so I do hope that you can get out to enjoy a bit of Spring!

Mr Hales
Headteacher

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