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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the last half-term of the school year and, despite the interruptions, some much needed rain!

This has been another busy week of GCSE and A Level examinations, and we are now well over the half way mark! To make good use of the break in proceedings, and to provide some welcome contact for staff and students, on Monday we had our **Year 11 Celebration Day**. This provided an opportunity for some focused revision on the forthcoming Maths and English examinations, before students were treated to lunch, served by staff, followed by the traditional signing of shirts, distribution of Yearbooks, speeches, music and farewells. It was lovely to see them all, in their finery, and to share the special time together.

There is so much to look forward to over the next six weeks, so it is worth putting a few **dates into your diary**:

- Art and Photography Exhibition at Bridport Arts Centre from Wednesday 18th June
- Start of Year 10 trial exams and KS3 assessments
- Year 11 into 12 6th Form Induction Days on Monday 23rd June and Tuesday 24th June
- Chariots of Fire Auditions week beginning Monday 23rd June (poster with audition details attached)
- 6th Form Summer Ball (Symondsburys) Wednesday 25th June
- DofE Expedition weekend Friday 27th June
- School Choir attending Beaminster Festival event Monday 30th June
- Year 12 UCAS Conference, Bournemouth
- Year 9 College Day and Year 10 Post-16 Day on Tuesday 1st July
- Year 11 Prom (Haselbury Mill) Tuesday 1st July
- **School Open Evening** on Wednesday 2nd July from 5–7pm (poster attached, feel free to share)
- Non uniform day (Wrong Trousers) Thursday 3rd July
- Staff training day Friday 4th July (no students in school)
- Summer Concert at 6.30pm on Thursday 10th July
- Sports Day on Friday 11th July
- Year 12 Work Experience or Biology Fieldwork in the week beginning 14th July
- Final House Matches on Tuesday 15th July
- Activities Week from Monday 21st July.

We also look forward to welcoming all of our new students in to school for their **Year 6 Induction Days** on Monday July 7th and Tuesday July 8th, and meeting their parents and carers at the Year 6 information meeting on Wednesday 9th July at 6.30pm.

On the sporting front, congratulations to Tristan Hunt, 7P, who is through to the U14 County finals of **Play Your Way To Wimbledon** in Poole. Having only started playing this year he should be an inspiration for us all, and a reminder of where ambition can take you - maybe even to Wimbledon!

Two teams of Year 10 students travelled to Blandford for the first **Dorset Science Competition**. They enjoyed a morning of stimulating quizzes, factual recall and creative challenges that stretched the minds of the ten teams present. Gillingham eventually won the coveted award, but Mrs Rychnovsky was very proud of our students' performance.

Our first **DofE expedition weekend** of the summer headed off earlier today with Year 9 Bronze and Year 10 Silver students navigating the bye-ways of West Dorset. Having already undertaken many hours of commitment to the three sections of Volunteering, Skills and Physical, the expedition is the final area of working as a team and demonstrating their learning over the past few months. My thanks to Mr Wagstaff for all his work in supporting nearly 50 students this year, and to the many staff who enable us to provide this most valuable programme.

Our **ClassCharts** system provides a huge amount of information for parents, carers and students, including communication about homework, support, attendance, rewards, behaviour and detentions; students are responsible for regularly checking ClassCharts and for attending lunchtime detentions. To support students with this can I ask that parents and carers also regularly check your ClassCharts and discuss any actions that need to be taken. As always, please do contact your child's Tutor if there is any concern. If you need a reminder of your parent/carer ClassCharts login details please contact the office.

Looking ahead, we are incredibly grateful to the **Lyme Regis Boat Building Academy** who are providing three days of bespoke training at their facility for our Year 10 and Sixth Form technology students next week. This is a rare opportunity for them to see and learn from highly skilled local craftsmen and women.

The closing date for our **part-time Art teacher post** is Monday 9th June so there is still time to apply, and we also have a **TA vacancy** open until 23rd June, please visit the school website ([Beaminster School Staff Vacancies](#)) for full details and application forms. Due to retirement at the end of the year, we are looking for a **peripatetic flute/piano teacher** to join our music tuition team on a private basis from September, please do spread the word or get in touch with Mrs Edwards if interested.

This week's **cyber safety information sheet** is what you need to know about Spotify.

Finally, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Hales

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