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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope that you all enjoyed some respite over the half-term, despite the arrival of the Autumnal weather!

Firstly, **thank you for your support** in ensuring good attendance during the wet and windy weather this week. We know that a number of you were experiencing quite treacherous conditions, across a number of days, and really appreciate your efforts to help us maintain our regular routines, even if it can be a little challenging on some days!

On Thursday, Years 10 and 11 students participated in an excellent in-person conference based around **"Your Voice – Your World"**, run by Peter Radford, founder of 'Beyond This'. During a very thought-provoking day Peter covered topics around 'Your Voice and Human Rights', 'Equality Diversity and Inclusion', 'Extremism and Online Influences.' A huge amount of material was covered and we are sure that the day provided students with some of the essential knowledge and skills needed to navigate their way in today's world.

On the sporting front, our **Year 9 Netball** team had a successful South West tournament, winning three matches, drawing one and narrowly losing two to come third overall. The first **Basketball fixture** in a number of years saw Beaminster face off against Wey Valley in an U16 friendly. The match was perfect preparation for the upcoming Dynamik Schools National competition later this month. A thrilling encounter meant the teams were neck and neck throughout the whole game. A final score of 55 – 51 to Beaminster was secured by two late lay-ups in the final moments. Highlights of the match included a stunning 26pts by Warren Dommett and 14pts by Ben Harvey.

Next week has a busy start on Monday with two further Stop the Clock Days which provide a unique opportunity for students to focus on key areas of the curriculum and explore issues in depth. The **Year 7 Cheddar Gorge** trip is linked with Geography to look at the topic of 'Adventure Landscapes' which is being studied this half-term (please see attached pdf), and **do ensure that all Year 7 planners are signed please. Year 8 will be off to the Dorchester museums** linked to their studies around 'Historical Investigation'.

As autumn progresses, we are getting an increasing number of school coats handed in with no name in. You will appreciate it is almost impossible for us to reunite lost coats with their rightful owner without a name or other means of identification. Please do ensure that **ALL school items are clearly, and indelibly marked with the student's name**, it only takes a few minutes but can make a real difference.

Thanks to the ongoing support of **Brit Valley Rotary Club**, Tuesday sees the start of the **Year 10 Rotary interviews**. Over a number of days, all of Year 10 have the opportunity to experience a formal interview and get positive feedback on how to complete a CV and present themselves in the best way possible. We are extremely grateful for the time commitment and support of Brit Valley Rotary.

**Year 10 revision guides** will be ready for collection on Monday, so please ensure that all Year 10s bring in a **large, strong bag** on Monday to carry their books home in.

On Wednesday, we will be welcoming all Year 11 Beaminster and Sir John Colfox students to The Sir John Colfox Academy site for our **Sixth Form Open Evening at 6pm**. This is a very important opportunity for students to make themselves aware of the A-Level and BTEC courses that we offer by speaking to current students and staff (poster attached).

Across the first weekend in December, **St Mary's Church, Beaminster** will be hosting a Nativity Festival for the Beaminster Team – please see attached poster. They would like to display any artwork, modelling, Nativity sets, Christmas decorations, poetry, photos, anything that is about the Nativity and would fit in with our Nativity set exhibition. Please contact [revneary@gmail.com](mailto:revneary@gmail.com) if you would like to take part and contribute something for the exhibition.

A quick reminder that we have current vacancies for TAs so please do spread the word. Full details are on the school website and Dorset Council website, **all applications are required by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to seeing you all on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, for our annual **Academic Monitoring Day**. This is a hugely positive day where you can have extended conversations with your child's Tutor and set targets for them to work towards over the coming school year. Tutors will be speaking to their Tutees over the coming week to book in appointment times, so do ask your child about this.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Hales

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