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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to Mr Donovan, who secured significant funding to reduce the transport costs, Year 10 students were able to visit the **Dorset Council Careers Fair** on Monday. This, along with our own Careers Fair in October, information about our own Sixth Form and the forthcoming Stop The Clock Day, where students will be visiting either Bournemouth University or Bridgwater College, aims to ensure that all our students have a broad understanding of their future options before they head out on Work Experience in May.

It has been another busy week of **Netball** with all of Years 7 to 10 playing matches against Colfox. Years 7 and 8 both won their games, 7–5 and 8–4 respectively, whilst Year 9 lost a closely fought match against the Colfox Year 10 team, 5–2. It was then down to our own Year 10 team to redress that result with an 18–11 win.

Our best wishes also go with **Joe Whelan**, who is travelling to Pontefract today to compete in the National Schools Cross Country finals competition over the weekend!

One of the many pleasures of my role is to see the rich range of teaching and learning that takes place in school every day. Therefore, I was delighted when Mr Hyde shared recordings of his Year 7 Drama performances, which focused on the style of Panto! There were lots of excellent performances (... Oh yes there were!) and some really clever slapstick that made it all great fun!

There was also lots of fun to be had with **Red Nose Day.** Year 10 took on the responsibility for the day by organising several extra events including a charity Football match and 'Slam Dunk', all raising extra money for very good causes, the total at the time of writing is over £500!

A final reminder was sent out this morning that today is the last day for ordering a **Year 11 Leaver's Hoodie** from Kitz, and Year 7 parents should receive their child's Full Report today.

Looking ahead, we have **HPV Vaccinations** on Monday for those who completed the consent form. In addition to the Year 10 trips on **Stop The Clock Day**, we also have Year 7 off to Corfe Castle and Year 8 to Lyme Regis. Year 9 have a Technology Day in school, looking at solving problems for homeless people, and our Year 11s are working on coursework and their revision programme.

Students then have **House Matches** to look forward to on Thursday, and our Year 10 and 11 students are off for their first expedition weekend of Bronze and Silver **Duke of Edinburgh** next Friday.

If you are looking for an evening of wit and comedy then Oscar Wilde's classic, '**The Importance of Being Earnest**' is being staged by Valerie Goodwin and a number of our former students at The Bull Hotel in Bridport on April 4th, 5th and 6th. Tickets are £12, available from the Bull, with funds being raised for The Samaritans.

We have an immediate vacancy for a **part-time Cleaner in Charge** (15 hours per week), and also for a full time **English teacher** from September. Details of both posts are available on the school website and will also be on the Dorset Council website shortly, please do spread the word.

Finally, details of a Netball Youth Camp and the latest **cyber safety parent information** sheet, what you need to know about Netflix, are attached.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr Hales

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