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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy week for our **GCSE students** with Year 10 receiving their mid-year reports on Thursday and Year 11 Parents' Evening on Wednesday. There has been much useful information and guidance shared and I do hope that parents and carers will find time to discuss this with their child. As always, please do contact your child's Tutor should there be anything that we can do to support.

After another excellent half-term of **House Sports competition**, it was Lewesdon who won the girls football last Friday and Eggardon who took the boys badminton. **Lewesdon** have now extended their lead over Eggardon to five points, but with much to play for in the second half of the year.

At the **Year 7 Netball** tournament at Budmouth on Tuesday the team played brilliantly, and successfully worked their way through several rounds to reach the final. After a riveting match they eventually lost 6-3. The Year 7 and 8 girls **Hockey team** then played their first competitive match against Colfox on Thursday, showing great determination and skill but sadly losing 5-2 after conceding two early goals. Well done to them all.

Continuing the sporting theme, Year 7 **Anna Wheeler** competed in her first ever Double Mini Trampoline (DMT) competition at the South West Regional Qualifier at Bath University last weekend – DMT is a mix of sprinting and trampoline! Anna was delighted with all four of her passes and finished first, winning the Gold Medal in the 13+ age group, and qualifying her for the South West Regional Final in May (some photos of Anna in action are on our Facebook page).

At the South West Regional Cross-Country Championship Finals another Year 7, **Joe Whelan**, achieved an incredible 4th place to qualify for the Nationals, and we also wish **Tom Rae** all the best in the 60m National Athletics Finals in Sheffield this weekend.

Due to continued funding, Dorset Council are still offering **FREE swimming at Bridport Leisure Centre** for under 16's; the **Forest and Farm Club** are running some sessions over half term, **host families** are required for Spanish students in the summer, and Channel 4 are looking for contestants aged 9-12 for the next series of **Junior Bake Off**, please see the attached flyers for further details on all the above.

The **Year 10 Parent Consultation** takes place on Wednesday 22nd February, just after half term, so the booking system will open to parents from **6pm on Friday 10th February**:
<https://beaminsterschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> (see attached letter).

Year 11 students have until 1st March to order a **Leavers' Hoodie** direct from Kitz, and please remember that **all students must have returned a signed consent form** giving permission for their names to be printed and displayed on the hoodie.

BWT Alpine F1 Team, with support from Motorsport UK and Girls on Track UK, have launched a new mentoring scheme and are now inviting **secondary school-aged girls in Year 9**, who aspire to work in motorsport, to apply. This amazing mentoring scheme has been designed for future motorsport professionals interested in factory, office and engineering roles. If anyone is interested then please click on this link: [Opportunity to join BWT Alpine F1 Team's Girls Mentoring Scheme - Motorsport UK](#) Our former Chair of Governors, Mr Mark Carter, is willing to help with completion of the application form should anyone be interested, just contact the office and let us know.

We are delighted to report that **Dorset Music Service**, as the lead organisation of Dorset Music Hub, is working in partnership with a new charity called [Changing Key Dorset](#) which is already providing funding to help **support young musicians** facing challenging circumstances with the cost of their musical activities (see attached information). [Applications for funding](#) are welcomed from any young musician educated across Dorset, including

the wider BCP area. The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities from both private and public providers. Funding awards are for up to £300 and last for three consecutive academic terms.

Our **Governing Body** are actively looking to recruit new Governors, including at least one to represent the voice of parents and carers. We are looking for willing volunteers who have an interest in education and who can bring their own set of skills and perspectives to the role. We would welcome an opportunity to discuss this further, so please do see [Governor Recruitment | beaminsterschool](#) for further information.

There was a very early start for the **6th Form Trip to New York** today, and the **Ski Trip** left at lunchtime on their long journey over to Austria. We wish them all a safe journey and a wonderful experience over the next week. My thanks to all the staff involved.

Finally, with the February half-term upon us, I do hope that you all get some time to enjoy time with the family and in our beautiful countryside.

Mr Hales

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