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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen another busy range of activities, particularly for Year 9, but also across the year groups with students demonstrating our core values of ambition, service and kindness.

Beaminster School was delighted to host the local **Primary Futsal Competition**, welcoming 60 Year 3 and 4 pupils from 5 local feeder primary schools. In glorious weather, the event showcased fantastic competition, teamwork and sportsmanship, and our Year 9 student leaders played a key role in supporting the event. Congratulations to Salway Ash, who won the tournament, and to Jessie who was deservedly named Player of the Tournament! Thank you to all schools for joining us and making the event such a success.

The **Year 9 football team** played a friendly against traditionally strong opponents, Budmouth. The opening stages were fiercely competitive, with both teams creating opportunities and Beaminster narrowly missing the chance to establish an early lead. However, the team found their rhythm in the second half, making excellent runs in behind and taking their chances with confidence, to eventually run out 8-4 victors. Reggie Talbot led the scoring with an impressive four goals, while Tristan Hunt's pace and energy were rewarded with two. Noah Lewis struck superbly from a corner, and captain Oscar Turner capped a determined performance with a beautifully cushioned header. A fantastic team effort provides plenty of encouragement ahead of the County Cup clash against Thomas Hardye on Monday 19th October.

Year 9 enjoyed playing in a very competitive **10 a-side South West Dorset Rugby Tournament** at Dorchester Rugby Club. After winning the opening game against Colfox 15-5, who they lost to last year in the semis, they went on to beat Budmouth and then Wey Valley 29-0. The final match was against a very strong Thomas Hardye team, with our team eventually going down 15-0. Try scorers were Tristan Hunt, Dex Martin, Zack Southgate, Luca Galliver-Williams, Guy Huxford, with a conversion drop goal scored by Oscar Turner, there is a photo of the team on our Facebook page.

Congratulations to Year 11 student, **Olly Monks**, who was selected to represent Dorset at the Cornish Pilot Gig Rowing National County Championships held in Plymouth. Olly was part of the U16 crew with 5 other rowers from across Dorset, and they won a very hard-fought silver medal, only narrowly missing out on gold by about 10 seconds!

In science, Mr Crossland has had a 'Space' filled week with Year 9 having an enriching and exciting experience learning about Newton's laws, rocket science and the Artemis space missions. This was delivered by Mr Pascoe, a representative of the **National Space Centre** in Leicester. The students especially enjoyed building and testing their own rockets, then using equations of motion to work out the maximum height their rockets were able to reach.

Following on from this we were fortunate enough to be gifted a rather **large deep space Helios telescope** by a generous local member of the public, Mr Patrick Williams from Corscombe. The students are fascinated by its presence in the science foyer and Mr Crossland will be spending his weekend trying to work out how to use it properly!

The second Year 10 Science group had their visit to **Wessex Water**, linked to their GCSE course on Thursday, to further understand water treatment processes and to learn first-hand from experts. We thank the team at Wessex Water for all their support.

The **Year 10 and 11 GCSE Musicians** visited Westlands in Yeovil for a special performance by members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO). The workshop, run by the Dorset Music Service, invited schools from all around Dorset and Somerset to gather together to be taught about contrasting styles of music which they all need to study as part of their GCSE music exams. The BSO played different sections from pieces by Beethoven, Steve Reich and Bach, and even played some exciting video game music live which they linked to action on a screen. The students have all returned to school inspired for their own performance and composition work.

Year 13 were put through their paces with a challenging week of **Trial Examinations**, and will be ready for a restful weekend! These exams provide essential experience of the formal examination environment, develop revision skills and check student understanding of key topic areas as they move into the final third of their courses.

We start next week with **Basketball and Netball House Matches** on Monday, so please do ensure that all students have their PE kit. Year 11 separate science students are off to **Hinkley Point Nuclear Power Station** on Tuesday, and Year 9 will be undertaking **CPR training** on Wednesday. Our **6th Form Art and Photography** students are then heading down to St Ives at the beginning of half-term.

The Dorset team are working hard to provide eligible children and young people with free holiday activities, with a nutritious meal included. There are also standard places available for a very reasonable charge each day. To find out about **School's Out! Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)** opportunities this October half term, please book online at: <https://www.helpandkindness.co.uk/schools-out-holiday-activity-and-food-programme-haf>

We have **current staff vacancies** for a **part-time Art Technician** and **part-time Cleaner in Charge**, details and the application form can be found on the Staff Vacancies page of the school website: [Beaminster School Staff Vacancies](#)

Our final **Open Afternoon** will be running on **Tuesday 20th October** to give families looking for Year 7 places for September 2027 a last opportunity to come and visit us before the application deadline on 31st October, details attached. Please email NChalkley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk to confirm your attendance, and please do spread the word!

Enjoy the final weekend of this first half-term!

Mr Hales
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