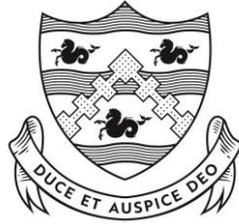


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13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As March reaches its mid-point, and we seem to be racing inexorably towards Easter, Year 11 and 13 are incredibly busy preparing themselves for final examinations and completing important coursework.

Congratulations to all of our **Year 11** who have shown great fortitude and focus during a long week of Trial Examinations. With just two days go, I hope that Year 11 make time for some fresh air and exercise in between revision this weekend.

A reminder that the deadline for ordering **Year 11 Hoodies** is Friday 20th March. Hoodies are £22 and are purchased direct from our uniform suppliers, Kitz.

Alongside numerous coursework requirements, our **Year 13 Theatre Studies** students are in the final stages of rehearsal before their A Level practical exam assessed performance on Monday. They will perform both a monologue and a group piece to a visiting examiner. Break a leg!

On Tuesday we had our School Improvement Partner, from Dorset Council, working with **Year 7 and 8** to look at learning in lessons and meeting student groups. Across a very busy day Ms Gibson and Mr Hobby were delighted to see strong behaviour and engagement across all subject areas, as well as receiving very positive feedback from the students.

It was a real pleasure to see the hall filled for our **Year 9 into 10 Curriculum Evening** on Wednesday. Meeting so many of you only reminded me how quickly the time has passed since the first Year 6 Evening, and how important it is to keep up the quality of conversations that take place. Copies of the Course Booklet and presentation shown are available on the school website and further information will be sent out over the next fortnight. Thank you all for such a positive evening.

Please find, attached, details of a performance by former staff and students of **Juliet and her Romeo**, which takes place in Bridport Town Hall on May 28th and 29th at 7pm – profits go to Samaritans.

We are all looking forward to the change in pace provided by our Key Stage 3 **Stop The Clock Day**, next Wednesday. As always, staff have worked hard to provide a rich array of experiences with Year 7 at Corfe Castle, Year 8 in Lyme Regis and Year 9 on site exploring rockets and cars, with an explosive start from Wonderstruck. Year 12 have a UCAS Fair on Monday and then their mid-year assessments, whilst lessons will continue as normal for Years 10, 11 and 13 at this crucial time of year.

After many weeks in the planning, Thursday sees the Music department welcome all our local Primary Schools for the **Primary Choral Festival** in the Hall at 6.30pm. Following visits from Mrs Edwards and our Music Ambassadors, the children from each school have been practising hard ready to come together for a shared evening of Music. We look forward to hosting them for the day and then enjoying the festival performances in the evening.

We also wish Mr Crossland and the teams well as they head off for the Regional Finals of the **Flying Start Engineering Challenge** at Yeovilton Airbase, on Thursday. Having worked with Leonardo engineers to develop their aeronautical understanding of gliders, students will be presenting their posters and designs to a panel of judges from the Royal Navy Engineers, undertaking quizzes about flight and aeroplane design, and then the grand flying competition, based in one of the naval hangars, where students' planes will be judged on the length and direction of their flight. Our very best wishes to them all after many months of preparation and planning.

Kingston Maurward are running a new family event, **Spellbound: The Great Dragon Egg Quest**, from 28th March to 28th April, with a special opening on Saturday 25th April from 10-12 specifically for children with additional needs. It's designed to be a fun, immersive experience that encourages children of all ages to get outdoors, explore nature and use their imagination. The booking link, including more information, can be found on the attached poster.

Some important housekeeping reminders: please remember to always include your **child's full name** whenever contacting the school, ensure that **all school uniform and equipment is clearly named** so we can quickly return items to their owner, and any **absences** should be called in as **early as possible** - the 24 hour Absence Line is 01308 861917. Thank you for your support.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a **School Governor** please do contact our Clerk, Tanya Harley: Tharley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

Governors are valued members of our school community who play a vital role in shaping the future of our school. You don't need to be an expert in education, an interest in education, and above all a sense of curiosity is all that is required. *Make a difference*: your voice will help shape key decisions that impact the school's direction and priorities. *Be involved*: gain insight into how the school operates and contribute to its ongoing success. Governors are drawn from all walks of life and being a Governor is extremely rewarding, so please do get in touch to find out more, and spread the word to anyone who may be interested, we'd love to hear from you!

Finally, we will be joining the rest of the country and celebrating **Red Nose Day** next Friday, which will be a non-uniform day for all students for Comic Relief, so do encourage your child to get involved.

Whether you are enjoying the Cheltenham Festival, celebrating National Mathematical Pi Day on Saturday, or saving your energy for a final day of Six Nations Rugby, I hope that you are all able to escape and recuperate this weekend.

Mr Hales
Headteacher

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