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Dear Parents and Carers

The second week of term has finally seen some extended sunshine and it has been a pleasure to watch the students playing on the field and enjoying our wonderful grounds. We are very fortunate to have such a skilled grounds team who provide this welcoming environment for our school, so my public thanks to **Julian and the Dorset Works team** for all their efforts.

After the fun of **Year 11 Photographs** on Monday, and the arrival of Hoodies in a rich palette of colours, Year 11 now have their sights set firmly on the impending written examinations, with Wednesday seeing the start of formal assessments in **GCSE French Speaking**. Staff and students have done very well to build the necessary skills for this new style of examination and should be warmly commended for their efforts. Next week sees **A2 Photography** across three days and **GCSE Art** on Wednesday and Thursday; I look forward to speaking with the students and seeing the quality of work that they are undertaking.

Thank you to the many students who have already completed Year 11 applications for the **Joint Sixth Form** for September 2026. With courses filling up, please do complete any final applications on <https://forms.office.com/e/r7eJbWSdAu> by the beginning of next week, even if you are still undecided and do get in touch with Mrs Walters if you would like to discuss things further: swalters@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

The Sixth Form enjoyed an engaging presentation delivered by Alan Bennett JP and Paul Douglas JP, two magistrates from the **Dorset Magistrates' Courts**. They offered a highly informative and thought-provoking insight into the workings of the justice system, including the role of magistrates, the process of reaching verdicts, and how sentencing decisions are made. The session also addressed important issues such as knife crime and drug-related offences.

Year 12 Geography students enjoyed a busy field trip to Studland Bay, today, exploring the coastal region to collect important data for their A2 coursework. This will be followed, next Thursday, with a comparative study in Poundbury, Dorchester.

We are looking forward to welcoming our primary schools next Thursday, for their **KS1 Multi-Skills Event**. The pupils will be undertaking a range of activities around balance, catching, jumps, throwing, racquets and dribbling and will be supported by our student leaders.

Do remember to check out this term's **Clubs and Activities list**. A copy is attached and all students should have received a hard copy to bring home this week, the list is also available on the school website. There is the usual wide selection to choose from and all students are encouraged to take part in at least one club this summer.

A reminder that, with the arrival of the summer term, students can ask staff to remove their jumpers in class and may remove them at break and lunchtime. As part of our **summer school uniform** we also allow students to wear tailored school shorts and short sleeve shirts or blouses, shirts must remain tucked in at all times.

The NHS Jurassic Coast **Social Prescribing service** (see attachment) continues to provide students with health and wellbeing advice. However, they are very busy, so please make any referrals to their service through your GP Practice, via self-referral www.jurassiccoastpcn.nhs.uk/social-prescribing or by contacting icsocialprescribing@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

Nearly 100 families have accessed the free membership and wide-ranging number of talks provided by [Face Family Advice | online parenting classes \(FACE\)](#), please see the attached programme for May. Just go to the website and click on 'parents' in the box at the top to view the 16 regular talks shown on the attachment. To access talks just choose a topic and click through the booking calendar to find a date and time that suits you. At the payment stage,

where it says add promo code, enter the code BM040425. This will reduce the price from £24 to £0. If you cannot make a live session, links to recordings of the talks are available for 48 hours after the session.

Prout Bridge's April newsletter is attached, together with details of a girls' football celebration day being run by Maiden Newton Youth Football Club.

With the weather set fair for the weekend, I hope that you are all able to get out and enjoy, and maybe even catch a glimpse of the Lyrid meteor shower!

Mr Hales
Headteacher

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