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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the beginning of the school year at Beaminster! I hope that you have all found time to enjoy the warm summer and escape the world of work for a while.

It was a real pleasure to welcome **Year 7 students** to Beaminster School, yesterday. They had a very successful day spending time with Tutors, before moving to lessons in the afternoon, and then joining parents and carers for refreshments and conversation with pastoral staff after school. The students then had further lessons and took part in an exciting team building activity today to help them get to know each other, working together to solve puzzles to find out "Who's the Traitor". An amazing 18 out of 21 teams got the correct answer, and congratulations to the Beaminster Boomers team who won the most shields overall, there are some photos on our Facebook page.

Year 7 parents should all now have received their ParentMail details. ClassCharts logins, for both parents and students, will be issued next week – and please note that it is recommended that the **first time you log in to ClassCharts this is done on a laptop or computer rather than a phone** (a phone can be used following this).

A payment item for **Lockers** will be available in ParentMail next week, initially for Year 7 only, and once payment has been made Mrs Thorne on Reception will issue lockers. Thank you for your patience while our systems update to the new academic year and please do get in touch if you have any problems.

With Year 7 presenting themselves so well, can I ask parents and carers to ensure that all students are wearing full correct uniform on Monday. We want to have a positive welcome back for all our students rather than waste time on addressing uniform infringements. The **Uniform and Appearance Guidance**, which includes helpful photos, is available on the school website: School Uniform | beaminsterschool

Additionally, please do ensure that all **uniform and equipment is clearly labelled** so that we can quickly return and lost items to their owners. Due to the large number of students at Beaminster we would very much appreciate it if you could remember to always include your **child's full name and tutor group** in any communication so that we can respond as quickly as possible: your child's Tutor should always be your first point of contact for any specific queries.

I am sure that you are aware of the appalling **transport situation** that has currently left a number of our students, north of Beaminster, without bus access into school. Families were only informed at the beginning of last week and we are all struggling to get any form of communication from First Bus, let alone a resolution to the issue. Can I thank all the families involved for their patience and efforts to work together with our elected officials and Dorset Council to make this a priority on their agenda. I hope that we will have some better news next Friday!

There is a free storytelling event at **Beaminster Books** at 11am on Saturday September 5th, when Martin Maudsley is launching 'Monsterlogica', his big new book of monster mythology, which might appeal to some of our younger readers. Martin, as you may know, is a seasoned local storyteller from Bridport. He also works in the bookshop one day a week. The event will last approximately an hour, with free entry and everyone welcome.

Year 9 student **Lily Fooks** had an amazing experience when she travelled to Nottingham, last weekend, to represent the South West of England at the England Touch Rugby Junior National Championships. Playing against six other regional teams, Lily scored a try in their opening game and helped her team battle their way through to the semi-finals where they beat the North West to secure their place in the final! The games were live-streamed on YouTube, and the commentators even gave Lily a mention during the final for an excellent try-saving touch, though they did narrowly lose 1-0. You can see a photo of the team on our Facebook page.

The start of a new school year brings lots of excitement, but also some **anxiety and concerns**. A reminder that nearly 100 families have accessed the free membership and wide-ranging number of talks provided by [FACE Parenting Courses & Talks | ADHD, Behaviour & More](#) (FACE) - please see the **attached programme for September**. 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.

Our wonderful **Friends of Beaminster School (FOBS)** raise significant funds and provide great support for the school with events and evenings. There are no specific commitments and they would be delighted to hear from anyone who can offer just an evening or two across the year. Their next meeting is on **Thursday 1st October** or you can find more information about the FOBS by contacting them on friendsofbeaminsterschool@gmail.com

Prout Bridge's Games Club starts again next week, and **Yeovil Town** are looking for young players, details attached.

Finally, with our year groups very full, we are already receiving a lot of calls regarding school places for September 2027. We will be holding three short **Open Mornings** from 9-10am on 21st, 22nd and 23rd of September so that prospective pupils and parents can see the school in action. The information will be widely circulated to primary schools, and will also be available on our school website and social media pages. Please do feel free to share the dates and spread the word to any families who may be interested – as always, students are warmly invited to attend the mornings with their parents.

I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing all the students back on Monday.

Mr Hales
Headteacher

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