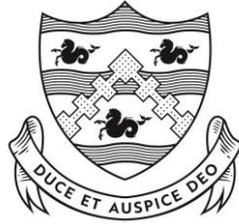


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Dear Parents and Carers

After many weeks of preparation and campaigning for the two **Dorset Youth Parliament** positions, votes from across all secondary schools in Dorset were counted, and announcements were made last night at the Dorset Council Offices by local MP Edward Morello.

I am absolutely delighted to share with you that our very own **Jago Saines**, of Year 11, has been elected to represent local youth voices, decide on key priority issues, and engage in national debates to represent Dorset. This is a great opportunity for Jago, a testament to all the hard work and endeavour that he put into the election, and we know that he will be a wonderful ambassador for the school, congratulations! You can see some photos on our Facebook page.

Continuing the good news, Mr Crossland and his **Flying Start Engineering teams** had a very successful day at Yeovilton Airbase, yesterday. As well as one of our teams winning the longest glider flight competition in the naval hanger, our teams came **first and second in these regional finals!** The students spoke confidently and with real passion during their presentation to the Royal Naval Engineers, and worked well as a team in the building a bridge competition. Many congratulations to both teams as they now move on to the National Finals in Bristol!

We also enjoyed a fabulous performance of choral music and dance, last night, as Mrs Edwards hosted the **Primary Choral Concert**. After a full day of rehearsals with nearly 200 primary pupils, the hall was packed to the rafters to see a mixture of full group and school singing. It was a real pleasure to see the six schools come together and share in the joy of music; a very special night for all involved and a really wonderful introduction to Beaminster School. My thanks to Mrs Edwards, Mr Jeffs, Mr Harris and all the schools involved.

The welcome arrival of the sun also made for a very successful Key Stage 3 **Stop The Clock Day** on Wednesday. Year 7 were following up their studies at Corfe Castle, Year 8 were investigating coasts in Lyme Regis and Year 9 enjoyed an explosive presentation from Wonderstruck, and then built their own rockets and model cars! There are some short videos of the rocket workshop on our Facebook page.

It was lovely to read a post on the 'Beaminster Banter and Ranter' Facebook page from a couple visiting Lyme while our students were there: "I would like to say how impeccably well behaved the children were. It was a pleasure to see them so engaged in their activities. They all really are a credit to their school." We always tell students they are ambassadors for our school, and this post really demonstrates this.

Year 12 have also had a very busy week. On Monday they visited the **UCAS Fair** in Exeter with 6th Form staff to start considering university courses, apprenticeships and the world of work. This was followed on Wednesday by their first set of **formal assessments**. We also wish the **Year 13 Drama students** well on Monday evening for their assessed A-Level performances in front of an examiner.

We finished the week by joining the rest of the country supporting **Red Nose Day**, with a non-uniform day for Comic Relief raising nearly £500.

As we enter the final week of this Spring term, we welcome **Reverend Baldwin** to our school assemblies on Tuesday and Wednesday to talk about the Easter message. We have **House matches** on Wednesday with football for boys and basketball for girls, and we then look forward to speaking with families at our **Year 8 Consultation Evening**.

There are important **Year 11 catch-up exam sessions** running after school from Monday to Thursday next week. ParentMails have been sent individually to all those involved, as well as an announcement on ClassCharts, and students have also been given hard copy letters with all the details of the sessions they need to attend.

On Thursday we warmly invite the community in for our **Spring Concert from 6.30pm**. This is always a great opportunity to enjoy wonderful music and singing from across our year groups with an eclectic range of styles.

Friday sees the last day of term and a very early departure for our **GCSE History Trip to the Western Front Battlefields**. They have a packed programme that will reinforce a great deal of the work covered with immersive and hands-on experiences. My thanks to Mr Langford for providing this rich opportunity.

There is some information attached about **Prout Bridge Youth Club** activities, and a supportive Music Group for interested students.

We have finally reached the Spring equinox, so I do hope that you are all able to enjoy some time in the sunshine this weekend.

Mr Hales
Headteacher

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