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Dear Parents and Carers,

The penultimate week of this half-term has flown by, aided by some much needed blue skies and the daily diet of examinations.

Year 11 and 13 have approached the challenge of these final examinations with real maturity, assurance and, importantly, a sense of balance. I congratulate them all for such a productive and optimistic start to this demanding period of time. Every student will have a different way to cope with the rhythm of daily examinations, but continued contact with teaching staff and friends at school, use of the targeted revision sessions and maintaining a healthy perspective are all important aspects of this. (Don't forget that the **Year 11 Prom payment deadline** is Monday 22nd May).

It was also the **final full day in school for our Year 13 students** which, after 7 years, always feels like quite a wrench. The staff side took the honours this year in the traditional last day rounders match against the Sixth Form at lunchtime, and then the students all enjoyed a well-deserved afternoon of fun and feasting. They have been a wonderful year group, doing incredibly well to navigate the tortuous waters of the past few years and we will miss them; our very best wishes go with them all.

The **athletics season** has got off to a great start with the first round of fixtures against six other secondary schools for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Alongside the very many impressive individual performances, our Year 7 Boys came in 1st overall, with Year 8 Boys and Girls both achieving 2nd place overall. We will update on Years 9 and 10 when the results are in. A reminder that Athletics Club runs every Thursday and that the new High Jump module is being enjoyed by all year groups as part of their PE lessons.

It has also been good to hear of more successes outside of school. Firstly, congratulations to **Tom Rae** (11M) who continues to impress with some very fast sprint running for Yeovil Olympiads; he finished 1st in the 100m County Club Championship at the weekend and 2nd in the 200m. **Alex Marsh** (11L) won the Wilton Hunt Clay Shoot at the weekend, whilst **Ben Keeping** (8E) swam a fantastic 50m breaststroke race to rank 18th in the whole of the south west. Congratulations to them all.

Taitum Pitfield (8M) was invited up to Leicester Square for the cast and crew screening of Disney's new live action movie of 'The Little Mermaid,' which will be released in cinemas on May 26th. Taitum was cast as an extra, a merkid, back in 2021 and had to make many trips up to Pinewood Studios, plus two weeks out in Sardinia, for the filming. She appears at the very end of the movie and also has her name on the credits; what a fantastic experience.

During **Reading Week 5** we have enjoyed "Haroun and the Sea of Stories" by Salman Rushdie. Alongside the pleasure of this adventurous story, Miss Rollick has also opened our eyes to some new vocabulary and the etymology of words. A few of my favourites were: **Kamosh**, which comes from Urdu and means silent; **Khattam-Shud** from Hindustani, meaning completely finished or over and done with; and **credulous**, having or showing too great a readiness to believe things, which comes from 'ous' (full of) and 'credo' (Latin for *I believe*).

Finally, can I remind you that students should not be picked up after school from the **Bus Park until 3.45pm** please. This enables our friends at Mountjoy School to safely ensure that their transport is released, clearing the entrance area to the bus park, and ensuring that our school buses can arrive and depart on time.

Enjoy a, warming, weekend.

Mr Hales

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