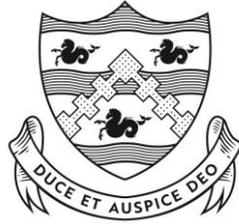


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6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

The anxious wait for Year 6 parents and carers is over. **National Offer Day** for secondary schools was on Monday 2nd March so most 11-year olds have now received their school place offer for Year 7 for September. We are delighted to be full with first choice applications once again this year. We very much look forward to visiting the twenty-five different primary schools in the coming months, and to welcoming all of our new pupils in to school for their induction days in July.

On Tuesday Mrs Gibbs took Jude Light, Eddie Burt and Kyle Brewster to Leonardo Helicopters for the first of their employer visits with the Colyton Foundation's **Your Future Story** programme. The Colyton Foundation seeks to ensure that all high achieving students from the South West have equal opportunities to access further and higher education, as well as a range of different career opportunities. They took part in STEM activities as well as having a tour of Leonardo's site, going into the wind tunnel and to the training academy. Later in the year they will be visiting their first university on this 5-year programme.

Our fourth **Reading Week** has been another enjoyable novel, **The Magician's Nephew**, the prequel to *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Thanks to the detailed background slides from Miss Rollick and staff reading aloud at the start of every lesson, students have followed this great story chronicling the birth of Narnia!

Thanks to the planning of Mrs Carlile and Mrs Dodds, **World Book Day** has grown into a week of activities that culminated yesterday. The Library was bedecked with bunting and balloons and as well as World Book Day tokens for Key Stage 3 students, there were fun activities such as guess the book, how many bookmarks in a jar, match the blurb to the book, feel an object in a box and guess the book, plus a wonderful photo compilation that required students to match baby photos of staff and their favourite childhood book. Much fun was had by all! The **Library Newsletter** for March is also attached.

After a successful day with our Year 7s before Christmas, our friends from **Explorer Dome** returned for more interactivity and fantastic facts around Neuroscience and the brain, this time with our primary partners. The pupils heard from two neuroscientists, were informed about how the brain works and why healthy eating can cut down the risk of dementia, all within a very entertaining show. The sight of so many staff and pupils all dressed for World Book Day whilst walking through Beaminster will stay with me for a long time!

Over 60 Year 11 students have been put through their paces for their **Trial French Speaking examinations** this week. This can be an anxious experience, but the work undertaken and the practice provided will ensure that the students are ready for the summer. **GCSE Drama** students performed their final pieces on Thursday afternoon and are hugely congratulated for the quality of their work. Also, our best wishes to all Year 11 who start their final set of Trial Examinations on Monday March 9th.

Unfortunately there are ongoing issues with parents dropping off/collecting students and parking inconsiderately in **Fleet Street**. This is a polite reminder that in order to keep everyone safe, **using the bus park and/or staff car parks, including Fleet Street, is not permitted from 8.25am-8.45am and 3.20pm-3.45pm**. Details of alternative drop-off/collection points are shown on the attached, which is also available on the school website. Please do help us keep everyone safe by complying with these arrangements, thank you.

Looking ahead, we have the important **Year 9 into 10 Curriculum Evening** on Wednesday 11th March at 6.30pm, when we will be explaining the Options process and all the courses and choices available as Year 9 students move into Year 10. We look forward to welcoming all Year 9 students and their parents and carers on Wednesday evening.

A reminder to **all Year 7 parents and carers** to complete the very short modern language preference form on the link that was sent out by ParentMail on Tuesday, responses are required for **all students** please by **1pm on Monday 16th March**. Many thanks to those who have already completed it.

We also have another swathe of **vaccinations** taking place on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March, this time for HPV / Catch-up Teenage Vaccinations. If your child is eligible and you wish them to have the vaccination, you have **until 9th March** to complete the online consent form.

Also attached is a list of **Easter Activities** for Dorset children who need additional support.

Finally, a reminder that we have **current staff vacancies** for a maternity cover MFL Teacher, a Humanities (A Level Psychology) Teacher, and a part time (2 days/week to July 2026) Teaching Assistant. Full details are on the website [Beaminster School Staff Vacancies](#) please do spread the word to any prospective candidates.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Hales
Headteacher

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