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Dear Parents and Carers

Whilst the half-term provided a welcome break for many of us, staff and students involved in the **New York and Ski trips** were certainly kept busy! There is a huge amount of responsibility with taking trips abroad and I was delighted to hear that the behaviour and positive attitude of the students made these very successful events. My thanks to everyone involved – do see our Facebook page to get a sense of their enjoyment: [Beaminster School | Beaminster | Facebook](#)

An extensive album of photos from our recent fantastic production of **Beauty and the Beast** is also now available on the Facebook page, so do have a look.

Year 11 have been tempting us, all week, with wonderful 3 course meals as part of their **GCSE Food assessments**. The aromas and delicious dishes have certainly tingled our taste buds! Mrs Gibbs is rightly proud of the 40 students involved and they have been warmly congratulated for their efforts.

You will all be aware that there is the strong possibility that the **National Education Union** will be taking further industrial action on **Thursday 2nd March** due to the ongoing challenges facing our education system; a final decision will be made at the weekend and so **I will write to you again on Monday**. However, I wanted to let you know in advance that, should this be the case, we will only be able to accommodate **Years 10, 12 and 13 on the school site**. Year 11 will use the day to prepare for their forthcoming trial examinations and Years 7 to 9 will, once again, be set work to do on ClassCharts.

We have had a busy week on the **football front** with multiple games and some very close matches. Year 7 had two hard fought games, but narrowly lost 3-2 to Colfox and then 2-1 to Budmouth in the cup. Year 10 found the strength of Thomas Hardy too much, narrowly keeping the score to single figures, whilst Year 8 played well to hold Colfox to a 2-2 draw.

We were also delighted to hear that Year 10 **Lilly Potter** has been made a team rider at The Front Skatepark in Weymouth. Lilly is now sponsored by them and will represent Weymouth both in and out of the park, helping with events and coaching younger members; many congratulations and do see our Facebook page for an action shot!

Thank you to the many **Year 10 parents and carers** who joined us for this important evening on Wednesday. As Year 11 would agree, there is a real need to get into good study habits early, ensure that the material in Year 10 is learnt and that all guidance is acted upon. Should there be any concerns, parents and carers are strongly encouraged to contact their child's Tutor so that we can work with you.

Seneca Learning is a highly effective homework and revision tool used by many of our subject areas. As a Seneca school we are now able to provide parents with access to view their child's work. Your child can activate this link for you and you will then receive an email introduction from Seneca.

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March and this year's digital book token for students in Years 7-11 enables them to get one of the WBD books for free or use it to get £1 off a book or audiobook of their choice. The digital token (containing all the details) is available now on ClassCharts and is **valid until 26th March** so don't delay your purchase! Students are also being encouraged to bring in any unwanted books (for readers aged 11-16) to go into a book swap (poster attached).

Beaminster Town Council wish to make our town safer by applying to Dorset Council to extend the **20mph zones**, and would like you to have your say. You can fill in the online questionnaire about road safety in Beaminster <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YWZ6XQY> and you can also register any near misses at <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-other-highways-issue>

Today is the closing date for any parents or carers who are interested in becoming a **Parent Governor** to apply. Full details about how to apply can be found on the website: [Governor Recruitment | beaminsterschool](#)

Finally, for anyone aged between 12 and 18 and interested in **Film Making**, Bridport Arts Centre are running a seven-week course starting at the end of March. See the following link for more details: [BACSCREEN Film making workshops for 12 - 18 year olds - Bridport Arts \(bridport-arts.com\)](#)

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Hales

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