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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the final half-term of the school year, with the glorious weather continuing to lift everyone's spirits!

After much needed recuperation, the **public examinations** continue for another 2 weeks and then we start our **internal assessments** for Years 7, 8 and 10 from Monday 19th June. However, there is so much more to look forward to over the next six weeks, so it is worth putting a few dates into your diary:

- **Art and Photography Exhibition** at Bridport Arts Centre from Wednesday 21st June
- **SEN Coffee Morning** at Beaminster School Thursday 22nd June 9.30-11am
- **Year 11 into 12 6th Form Induction** on Monday June 26th & Tuesday June 27th
- **School Open Evening** on Wednesday 28th June from 5pm – 7pm (poster attached, feel free to share)
- **Year 9 College Day** and **Year 10 Post-16 Day** on Tuesday 4th July
- **Year 8 Graduation** on Wednesday 5th July in the morning
- **Summer Concert** at 6.30pm on Thursday 6th July
- **Sports Day** on Friday 7th July
- **Activities Week** from Monday 17th July.

We also look forward to welcoming all of our **new Year 6 students** in to school for their induction days on July 10th and 11th, and with their parents / carers on Wednesday 12th July at 6.30pm.

With our Year 11 **Senior Prefect team** buried in examinations, it was a real pleasure for Mr Withers to meet with the new Year 10 team who will be taking over the many duties and responsibilities so ably managed by Year 11 over the past year. Alongside co-ordinating lunch and break duties, providing additional support for students and pushing forward with school-wide initiatives, the team attend school functions, work with parents / carers and provide regular feedback to the senior team and governors about life at Beaminster School. We very much look forward to working with them.

Our new **Year 7 Bee Keeping Club**, led by Mrs Walton and parent Mrs Gaines, met for the first time this week, with much excitement and anticipation. The bees have settled in well to their hive and are making good use of the wildflower areas planted by our **SustainAble You** team. During their first session the students were talked through the Health and Safety requirements, tried on their suits and investigated the hive – do see our Facebook page for the pictures.

We are extremely fortunate to have such lovely school grounds and work hard to ensure that all students can benefit from their use, including being able to access the fields and landscaped areas at break and lunchtimes. These times provide an opportunity for our young people to sit, relax, talk or play ball games in appropriate areas. However, we have unfortunately had several incidents over the past month where this enjoyment and exuberance has spilled over and a student has been accidentally injured as a result. There is always a careful balance to navigate, but some students are taking things too far and we will continue to address any poor conduct firmly.

Our **Athletes** have been very busy with nearly 50 students participating in track and field competitions this week. The Year 7 and 8 team put in a particularly strong performance, with many first and second places, and I thank everyone involved for organising these inspiring events.

Some of you may have noticed that we are trialling a new electronic, rather than paper-based, **First Aid notification system through ClassCharts** to ensure that parents are alerted quickly when their child has accessed our First Aid team in school, so do let us have any feedback on this. (You may also have noticed that the Attendance module in ClassCharts is currently disabled until our provider has resolved some ongoing technical issues). While the pollen

count remains so high please ensure that any students who suffer from **hayfever** take any antihistamines or other similar products prior to coming to school.

Our friends at **Prout Bridge** continue to offer a wide variety of activities and support for young people, so please do see the attached information about their clubs. Also, **Rylands Farm** are offering a programme of support

Finally, very well done to Year 8 student, **Matilda Parselle**, who participated in a series of film workshops, run by Sustainable Bridport, about how young people feel about climate change. The resulting film, called 'The End is Nigh,' will be shown at Bridport Arts Centre on June 15th as part of the Great Big Green week celebrations, information attached.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Hales

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