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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had two very successful Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) days this week. Firstly, on Tuesday, a trainer from the **Royal Navy** worked with small groups of Year 7 to encourage their self-belief and raising of aspirations through a number of fun activities. This was followed on Thursday where **Wessex Water** got teams to investigate and model how a sustainable water system can be provided for everyone, on budget. As well as learning about the infrastructure, and enjoying seeing whether or not their systems leaked, the students heard about the vast range of apprenticeships that are available. We are now looking forward to welcoming the **Royal Air Force**, next week, who will be working with some students across Years 7 to 9.

Our **GCSE History** students had an inspiring visit from Frontline Living History today to reinforce their knowledge and understanding about WW1 battlefield medicine. During the two hour workshops students were able to handle genuine artefacts, look at WW1 clothing and resources, and focus in detail on the many aspects of battlefield medicine that they need to cover, there are some photos on our Facebook page.

Alongside these experiences I must pass on my congratulations to all the **A-Level Photography** and **GCSE Art students** who have been working with real intensity and drive to complete the final coursework elements for their examinations this week. The quality of work and breadth of material produced has been outstanding. Good luck also to Year 11 for their **French speaking examinations** taking place next week.

Our **Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh** (DofE) students set forth across the fields of West Dorset on their expeditions today. We wish them all well and thank the many staff involved who are enabling such a worthwhile experience.

There was another fantastic afternoon of sport with our **Primary Beaminster Pyramid** taking part in a Handball competition, supported by our excellent Sports Leaders. Congratulations to Dexter Martin from Sticklands for winning the Player of the Tournament award, and Sticklands also won the overall tournament. The next event is the KS1 Multi-Skills Festival on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Many congratulations to Year 9, **Hardy Lancaster**, who received two awards at Crewkerne Rugby Club – the U14 Players' Player of the Year, and Junior Club Player of the Year (photo on our Facebook page).

Looking ahead, we very much look forward to speaking to parents and carers at our **Year 7 online consultation evening** on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do contact us should you have any problems navigating the system.

Following our focus on **lateness and punctuality** to lessons, there has been a really noticeable improvement, with very few students now not arriving on time; thank you for your support with this. Also, we have been asked by some families to clarify the expectations regarding **equipment**. Students should have the following with them at all times please: black pen, green pen, highlighter, reading book (KS3), ruler, protractor, pair of compasses, pencil and calculator.

The latest **cyber safety parent information** sheet, what you need to know about AI virtual friends, is attached

Finally, a reminder that we seek a **Cleaner and Cleaner in Charge** to join our team. Details and application form are on our website, applications are required by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Mr Hales

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