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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope that you have all found some time to enjoy this lovely early Spring sunshine.

To mark the 80th anniversary of **VE Day** on Thursday 8th May 2025 and **VJ Day** on Friday 15 August 2025, we are running a number of events to commemorate these historic milestones.

Mr Barnes put the events into context with our KS4 assembly this week, and will do the same for KS3 next week. Importantly though, we wanted everyone to hear about the experiences and connect with the incredible stories of how our lives were shaped by the values that the sailors, soldiers and aviators fought for. For those of you interested to find out more, there are some excellent resources at: [Schools: Our Shared Story – VE Day and VJ Day 80](#)

Next week the History department is running a number of linked competitions. Firstly, they have teamed up with Beaminster Town Council for a **VE Day Quiz** with cash prizes, details are attached and forms are in Reception, and there is also a **Bunting Competition** with information and templates sent out to all students via ClassCharts.

Next Thursday Mr Withers and members of our senior team will represent the school at the **Beaminster Town Parade and Commemoration** at the Beaminster War Memorial from 6.30pm.

Every year Beaminster Town Council recognises the contribution that young people make towards their town and our community. On Tuesday, Councillor Turner kindly came in to present awards to three very deserving Year 8 students: **Ana Bibby, Sophie Mills and Ella Hewitson**. The girls have all received Governor Achievement Awards, reached the area final of the Rotary Speaking Competition and have contributed hugely Sport, Music and Year 8 activities. You can see a photo of them with their certificates on the Facebook page. Councillor Turner also heard about the inspiring link with a school in India that Year 8 are developing, with a video of a day in their life and individual letters from the students arriving this week.

Year 11 have had another busy week, ranging from the fun of year group photographs and planning for their yearbook, to the stresses and strains of GCSE French, PE Moderation and 3D Art examinations. With the first GCSE examination starting next Thursday, the next few weeks will rattle by!

Our **A Level Photography** students also completed three days of intensive work for their examinations this week, and it is the turn of A Level Art next week; our best wishes to everyone.

There has been palpable excitement, and a little anxiety, as **Year 10 Work Experience** begins next week. Mr Donovan and Mrs Dodds have done an incredible job to ensure that all students have placements for the fortnight, and we are very grateful to all the employers involved for making this possible. We look forward to visiting the students and hearing about the many experiences that make Work Experience such an important part of our curriculum.

This week's cyber safety information sheet on self-regulation is attached, together with details of the Busking Festival in Lyme Regis next weekend.

Do remember to check out this term's **Clubs and Activities** list. All students have received a hard copy to bring home and the list is also available on the school website. There is the usual wide selection to choose from and all students are encouraged to take part in at least one club this summer.

It just leaves me to wish you all an enjoyable, and hopefully dry, Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Hales