

BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

BEAMINSTER
DORSET DT8 3EP

Tel: 01308 862633
Absence Line: 01308 861917



Ambition • Service • Kindness

HEADTEACHER
MR K HALES NPQH

DEPUTY HEADS
MR D WITHERS NPQH
MR R BARNES MEd

Email: office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

Website: www.beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the everyday life of our school it is sometimes too easy to forget what a special community and unique place Beaminster School is. However, from the Monday lunchtime when we were informed that a team of four **Ofsted Inspectors** would be arriving on Tuesday, the whole school was galvanised to show them what a great place to work and learn this is.

I cannot commend the students enough for the way that they behaved and presented themselves over the two days, engaging deeply with the many lessons visited across the school, as well as in the many different discussion groups; they were impeccable ambassadors. We also appreciated the very large number of families who responded to the parent survey and for the many kind words that you passed on – your support was much appreciated. Finally, I am so fortunate to have such a strong body of staff whose genuine enthusiasm for education and the care of children shines through every day.

After two very long and searching days, we feel that the Ofsted team gained a real understanding of Beaminster School. Ofsted are now considering all their evidence and writing their report and I look forward to sharing it with you in about a month.

Of course, despite the inspection, school goes on as normal and we very much enjoyed meeting the many families who joined us for our **Open Mornings** across Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Alongside a growing number of past pupils (which made me feel very old), we had a wide-range of visitors from 29 different primary schools. Due to the amount of interest we have organised one final Open Afternoon, on **Wednesday 11th October at 2.15pm** (poster attached), for anyone who was not able to attend previously; please do contact the school if you would like to book in.

Our **Year 11 Art students** also had a busy week with Mr Hyde taking the 3D Art students for a wonderful tour of Roche Court Sculpture Park on Tuesday, whilst the Fine Art students were in London visiting the Tate on Wednesday. Both of these trips provide a rich range of inspiration for the forthcoming coursework that they are required to undertake for their GCSEs. Many thanks to all involved.

The **Duke of Edinburgh** brings together all three of our core values of Ambition, Service and Kindness into one significant challenge. Therefore, I am delighted to let you know that Eva Murless, Flo Leather, Frank Harding, Sophie Laycock, Ruby Duckett and Ed Coleberd have all achieved their Silver Award, on top of the 37 students who passed their Bronze awards. Congratulations to them all.

Monday saw the first of the **SW Dorset Cross-Country championships** held here at Beaminster School. After a great afternoon of very fast times, the stand out performance was Year 8 **Joe Whelan** winning the Year 8 and 9 race and helping the Junior boys to first place, with the Inter Boys and Girls, and Year 7 Girls all gaining 3rd places. We look forward to hearing more as the season progresses.

We are looking forward to next week's **Senior Presentation Evening** on Thursday 5th October. Invitations have now been sent out to all our award winners so please complete the short response form on the link in the invitation as soon as possible to help with our planning, and by **Tuesday 3rd October** at the latest.

Please see the attached poster for **Yeovil College's** first open event of the year from 5pm on Tuesday 17th October. You can book your place here - <https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/events/october-open-event/>

Finally, we have staff vacancies for a **Science Technician, SEN Teacher, Supervisory Teaching Assistant** and a **Data Officer**. Full details are available on the school website and the Dorset Council website for anyone wishing to join our committed and enthusiastic team. **Taylor Shaw**, who operate our school canteen, are also seeking a catering assistant, details attached.

Enjoy a restful weekend, along with a feast of sport.

Mr Hales

This ParentMail and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. Disclosing, copying or distributing the contents is strictly prohibited without prior permission from the school. If you have received this email in error, please notify office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk