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Dear Parents and Carers

This week has certainly provided a rich range of exciting activities, with staff and students busy across all year groups.

It was a real pleasure to welcome back a large **Year 11 cohort**, looking much rested a week after their final examinations, as they were prepared for 6<sup>th</sup> form in September with two days of induction. This was then followed, on Thursday, with Year 11s enjoying a day out to Thorpe Park with Tutors.

Our **School Open Evening** on Wednesday kept everyone on their toes as over 100 sets of parents / carers came to visit us from over 30 different schools. The opportunity to tour our attractive site at their leisure and speak to subject staff made this a very affable evening. My particular thanks to the many students who came along for the evening and were exemplary representatives.

The bespoke training at the Lyme Regis **Boat Building Academy and Furniture School** has proved to be an inspiration for over twenty of our Year 10 and Sixth Form technology students. During an intensive day, students were given an in-depth tour of the facilities, and through the educational workshops developed skills that they were then able to apply to produce some beautifully crafted wooden mallets.

Our Key Stage 3 **SustainAbleYou** team had a fantastic day at the South West Sustainable Transport Challenge at Bath University on Monday. After a very confident presentation on their design and ideas, they had a tour of the facilities and heard about the many opportunities available in the engineering and environmental sectors.

**Reading Week**, for Key Stage 3, had our students looking at morphology and the study of words. Throughout each lesson we have tried to develop a wider appreciation of how words are structured through prefixes, suffixes and the root word. Do ask if they can remember what the prefix 'con' means, as in chilli con carne!

**Year 12** were out on Thursday undertaking their Geography fieldwork in Dorchester, and Biology are out next week for an overnight stay at Leeson House to hone their practical fieldwork skills as well. I must also thank all of the joint Sixth Form team for a wonderful **Sixth Form Ball** in Symondsburry on Wednesday, where it was a real delight to see them all gathered together for one last time.

Today saw some fun whilst raising valuable funds - **£341** - for sick children through "**Wrong Trousers Day**", with thanks also to Addison Gunning for organising a charity football match at lunchtime which raised another **£78** for the "Make a Wish Foundation". We were delighted to be involved in the **Beaminster Festival** with our choir performing in the church this morning, although sadly the Serb-Roma jazz quartet, Faith I Branko, were unable to attend due to illness.

I am very aware that next week has become quite disjointed with a staff training day on Monday and industrial action then limiting the number students in school on Wednesday and Friday. However, we have worked hard to re-organise key events which are set out below:

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:</b>	Staff Training – no students on site
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:</b>	Year 7 & 8 students on site completing assessments
	Year 9 students to Weymouth College
	Year 10 students to Yeovil College or A-Level taster day

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Industrial Action (**Year 9 & 12 on site only**)  
Year 11 Prom in the evening

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** House Matches  
Summer Concert 6.30pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Industrial Action (**Years 10 and 12 on site only**).

Please do also ensure that you have **Year 8 Graduation** in your diary on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 10.15am-11.15am (approx.) and our **Sports Day** is now on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Finally, we are looking for a **School Cleaner** to join our current team. Full details are on the school website and Dorset Council website with the closing date for applications Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Enjoy the first July weekend.

Mr Hales

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