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Dear Parents and Carers

Last night a packed hall had their spirits lifted and enjoyed a wonderful array of performances during our annual **Christmas Celebration Concert**. As always, it was a real delight to sit back and listen to music from across all the year groups, and to see so many of our talented students playing together with such confidence. My thanks to everyone involved, particularly Mrs Edwards and Mr Jeffs for co-ordinating the evening with such style, and to the BSPTA for providing the refreshments.

One of the performers, **Sophie Mills**, needs an extra congratulation for recently achieving a Merit in her Grade 7 Saxophone; an incredible achievement for her age.

The BSPTA tied off a very busy few weeks with their **Christmas Raffle Draw** during the concert. Our thanks to so many of you for selling the tickets and raising much needed funds. The BSPTA will contact the ten lucky winners over the next few days!

We really appreciated such a positive attendance at the **Year 9 Consultation Evening** on Wednesday, with nearly three quarters of parents / carers speaking with subject staff and having conversations at this important point in Year 9.

Our thanks to Year 7 parent, Charlie Goldsmith, of **Pickled Ink Illustration Agency**, who has very kindly agreed to sponsor a year's subscription to the comic, "The Phoenix," for the Library, which will be starting next week. Our thanks, also, to **David Fickling Publications** who have donated some of their recent books to the Library, along with bookmarks, which are proving very popular with the students. If anyone else would like to sponsor a subscription for a magazine or comic for the Library please do get in touch, we really want all our students to have a wide range of reading material to give them a love of reading!

The **Year 10/11 Hockey team** hosted a fixture against Wadham School on Wednesday. Although a little apprehensive against new opposition, they combined quickly to settle into the game with Grace Papworth slotting a fine first goal within the first 5 minutes of the start. This settled any remaining nerves and the team grew in confidence, with the forwards being given some wonderful passes from our strong defence and midfield units, and finishing the attacking play with confident strikes at goal to win impressively 11-1.

Basketball and Hockey House Matches take place on Tuesday 16th and after school Hockey sessions will continue after Christmas for Years 7-11.

On Thursday, our **Year 7 Girls Football team** produced a really assured and proficient performance against Wey Valley to win 5-1. With two goals from Bella Calvert-Lee, and a hat-trick by Naomi Knight, the girls can go confidently into the second round after Christmas. Thanks, also, to our own Leon Francis whose refereeing was outstanding.

Yeovil Town have an open session with coaching, training and a discussion forum for any Year 11 students interested in joining their education and football programme, on Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm. The sign up link is below and flyer is attached:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/W1tAZgSWra><<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/W1tAZgSWra>>

Coastland College have events in early 2026 for those interested in a range of vocational areas, skills and learning environments, links below:

Saturday 17th January, 10am – 1pm at Kingston Maurward Campus

Please pre-register here - https://ols.kmc.ac.uk/WCFWebSite/KMC_OnlineServices/events.aspx

Tuesday 20th January, 5pm – 7pm at Weymouth Campus

More details here – www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1977021730215

We have had several emails regarding inconsiderate use, and parking, in **Monmouth Gardens**, as well as use of the Bus Park during very busy times. Our neighbours are very tolerant, but it is unacceptable to be blocking private driveways and the flow of traffic. Additionally, please note that pick-up in the Bus Park should **only be after 3.45pm**, with very little wait time for students, or there are readily available spaces to wait safely highlighted on our website: [Transport | beaminsterschool](https://www.beaminsterschool.com/transport)

Our rich and varied programme for **Activities Week 2026** went live this week, so I do hope that you have had a chance to peruse the booklet. There is still plenty of time for consideration over the Christmas break, with returns due back for all students in Years 7-10 by **Wednesday 7th January 2026**.

Christmas Jumper day raised a fantastic **£234** for charity yesterday, and our **Year 9 Food Tech** students have also been getting into the festive spirit by making "Colin the Caterpillar" cakes this week, do enjoy the photos of some of them on our Facebook page!

There is another busy week of events ahead, starting with the departure of the **Year 8 and 9 Opal Coast** residential trip to France, and an exciting interactive science presentation for Year 7 from **Explorer Dome** on Monday.

The **6th Form RAG team** have worked hard to provide a rich range of fun activities throughout the week, including the ever-popular staff football and Bake Sale on Wednesday (students will need to bring in some money to buy the goodies), RAG Film for Years 7 & 8 on Thursday, and much merriment on Friday afternoon with Beaminster's Got Talent, after the whole school gathers for our **Christmas service** period 1.

On Wednesday, Years 7 and 8 have their **Christmas lunches** with the turn of Years 9 to 11 on Thursday. Due to Christmas lunches, we would recommend that those not participating purchase their lunch at break time as it is likely to take some time to serve everyone.

Mrs Edwards, and the school choir, continue their Christmas activities with **Carols at Frome St. Quentin** and I am sure that the **6th Form Christmas Party** will be much enjoyed on Thursday evening at Bridport Rugby Club.

A couple of important reminders: please carefully check, clearly update, and return any **Data Check Sheets** to school as soon as possible, remembering to sign and date them at the bottom! Also, the deadline for the online consent for **HPV vaccinations** is **2nd January 2026**. A ParentMail was sent to all eligible students on 4th December with all the details and including the link to the online consent form.

Finally, we are very aware that there is a rising number of **flu cases** that is adding to the tiredness of a long term – for students and staff! You are always best placed to decide if your child is not well enough to come to school, but please ensure that you contact the school as early as possible, including the student's **FULL NAME** and **TUTOR GROUP**, so that we can ensure that all of our students are safe and maintain accurate student attendance.

With all that to look forward to, I wish you a restorative weekend!

Mr Hales

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