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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term and I do hope that you all enjoyed a restful Easter break.

On the last day of Spring term our Year 8 **Flying Start Challenge** teams were competing at the Royal Naval Air Station in Yeovilton. After a superb day, with ten schools and almost forty teams, all four of our teams finished in the top ten so all will now go forward to the national finals in Bristol at the end of this half-term! Congratulations to them all.

Whilst Year 12 expel a huge sigh of relief after completing their examination week, we have now moved into the start of formal examinations season. Tuesday saw a very busy day of **GCSE PE moderation** with an external examiner analysing students' skills, techniques and performances in Football, Netball and Badminton. This is followed by **A Level Photography** and **GCSE Art** exams next week and then **French Orals** the following week.

Also, on Tuesday, the **Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh** (DofE) students continued their expedition training with a very hands-on, practical, First Aid course, followed by Health and Safety. There are four demanding sections to DofE that involve helping the community / environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, and planning and training for completing an expedition. The skills, knowledge and experiences that they gain are so important in helping to develop their independence and confidence as they move into Key Stage 4. We wish them well in their final expedition next weekend.

It was a real pleasure to join Beaminster Town Council, Prout Bridge and our local community, last night, for the **Beaminster Youth Awards**. This was an opportunity to celebrate the many young people who are engaged in various projects and activities and who are dedicating their time to support others and make Beaminster a better place. Congratulations to Year 7s Dylan Moss, Alexander Barnes and Harry Keeping who have been energetic and inspirational leaders here at Beaminster School, living out our school ethos of Ambition, Service and Kindness. Prout Bridge awards were also presented to Harry Sharp, Ava Stanton, Lola Kehoe, Sophie Dinsmore, Megan Mason, Harry Huxford, Ryan Collins, Summer Diment.

On the sporting front we were treated to two great games of football last night. Firstly, the **Year 9 team** stepped up and produced a magnificent performance against Atlantic to win 8-0 in front of a very impressed Mr Prendergast. The crowning glory was a 30-yard strike from Marley Simpson, which caused rapturous applause from all present, and four goals from Henry Guppy. Meanwhile, the **Year 7 team** took on Woodroffe, kindly supported by our Year 10 referee Danny Stoodley. Ollie Smith put in a stand-out performance with a goal and an assist, whilst Oz Harwood's incredible save in the second half ensured that Beaminster came out deserved 4-1 winners.

Although the PE Department endeavour to keep track of all our **new school football jerseys** there are still a few currently missing. Please could you check if you may have one at home or at the bottom of a PE bag, and return any shirts as soon as possible, thank you.

Also on the sporting front, siblings Year 7, Jack, and Year 9, Molly Potton, travelled up to Wrexham in North Wales for their Taekwondo Black Belt grading exam. The students were tested both mentally and physically to see if they were ready to receive their Black Belt, and this was the culmination of over 5 years of hard work and discipline, working their way through 10 levels of the martial art (so far). They both passed with flying colours - many congratulations! (Photo on our Facebook page).

Looking ahead, we have two days of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) to look forward to. The **Royal Navy** will be working with groups of Year 7 on Tuesday whilst **Wessex Water** are doing the same with Year 9 on Thursday. On Friday the **GCSE History** students have a visiting company to review Medicine through time.

Advance notice that our wonderful **BSPTA** will be holding their next meeting on **Thursday April 25th starting at 6pm** in the 6th form block. All are welcome and would be lovely to see some new faces.

During the summer term, with the hope of warmer weather, we do allow students take off their jumpers and wear tailored short-sleeved shirts (students should not roll their shirts up). However, students are still required to tuck in their shirts, wear their ties and must still ensure that the appropriate skirt length is maintained. Please see the **attached reminder**, from Mr Withers, which has been shared with all students.

All students will be coming home with a copy of this term's **Clubs and Activities** once finalised, which will also be 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.

We are still seeking a couple of dedicated part-time cleaners to join our team keeping the school spic and span. Details and an application form are available on the school website, please do spread the word.

Finally, the latest **cyber safety parent information** sheet, what you need to know about fake news, is attached.

Mr Hales

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