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Dear Parents and Carers

This week, after an extensive application process, we had the great pleasure of interviewing our **Year 10 students** for senior roles within the school. Mr Quigley, Mr See and Ms Smith were hugely impressed by the standard of presentation, maturity and eloquence across the interviews, making for some very difficult decisions. After very careful consideration and cogitation, I am delighted to share that the following students have been appointed, along with a strong leadership team to support them, congratulations to them all.

Head Boy	Sidney Easton	Deputy Head Boy	Joseph Whelan
Head Girl	Erin Thompson	Deputy Head Girl	Bea Bibby

Year 11 have had another busy week with two days of **GCSE Art Examinations** on Wednesday and Thursday. It is always such a rewarding opportunity to see the creativity and personal responses that the students produce, as well as to speak with them about their wonderful work. 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.

A reminder that all payments for **Year 11 Prom tickets** must be made by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at the very latest, and Year 11 students should return any **locker keys** to Mrs Thorne at Reception please.

Our **Year 8 and 9 Sports Leaders** delivered a fantastic Multi-Skills event for over 100 Key Stage 1 pupils from five of our feeder primary schools on Thursday afternoon. Following just one hour of training led by Mr Hobby, the leaders demonstrated outstanding organisation, enthusiasm, and teamwork as they led eight engaging activities designed to develop fundamental movement skills. These included balloon volleyball, basketball relays, rock-paper-scissors hoops, balance and partner challenges, and more! The younger pupils were fully engaged throughout, and the event created a fun, inclusive, and highly successful experience for all involved. All the schools wanted to pass on their gratitude for the wonderful work of our student ambassadors.

Please do take a few minutes to read the attached **monthly update from our Library**. Thanks to the generosity of The John Thornton Foundation and investment from the school, we have been able to purchase new tables, chairs, beanbags and a new carpet for our Library. We look forward to welcoming John Thornton in to school to see our lovely library space for himself very soon.

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.

Also, next week, our **Duke of Edinburgh** teams begin final preparations for their forthcoming expeditions. We are delighted that over 40 students will be undertaking the Bronze Award and 20 are on the Silver Award. Having nearly completed the other demanding sections of Volunteering, Skills and Physical, the Bronze students will be completing a very valuable First Aid Day, whilst finalising map skills and route planning. My thanks to Mr Wagstaff and the team for this thorough preparation.

You will also have seen that our fabulous **BSPTA** are looking for new members, ready for next year. These volunteers provide a valuable service to the school, that makes a real difference for our students, and I would ask anyone who can offer just an evening or two per year, to get in touch. We also have a forthcoming meeting to which you are all warmly welcomed on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in the Ollerod in Beaminster**.

Details of an opportunity to **host Spanish students** in the summer (25<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> July) are attached for interested families, £800 per stay.

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

Mr Hales  
Headteacher

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