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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over 350 years ago a local landowner, Mrs Frances Tucker, established a Trust fund for the benefit of pupils in the Beaminster and Netherbury area. The generosity of this trust fund has touched hundreds of pupils during this time, alongside supporting a number of school buildings such as the Science Block, Library and Music Suite, and has continued to this day under the auspices of the Governing Body.

However, to ensure that the Trust's legal identity is separate from that of the school, and is able to develop its activities more widely, we have been advised to amend our Charity Commission registration. This will mean that there can be a greater number of appointees from the wider community as well as some governors to ensure a smooth transition.

Importantly, **The Frances Tucker Trust** continues to welcome applications for awards from Beaminster School students and alumni, who are under 25. These are for activities that promote personal development, including sporting activities; raise challenging issues; promote service to the community and provide educational and cultural experience (outside the school curriculum).

For further information please see our school website: [Frances Tucker Trust Information | beaminsterschool](#) or e-mail [trustees@francestuckertrust.org.uk](mailto:trustees@francestuckertrust.org.uk)

The **Duke of Edinburgh** scheme is one example of where some pupils have applied for a bursary. We recently heard that former pupil, Saffron Stone, has now completed her Gold DofE after a successful final residential; many congratulations to her.

We very much appreciated seeing so many of you for the **Year 11 Consultation Evening** on Wednesday. As always, please do contact your child's Tutor if you need support or wish to follow anything up.

**Year 13 reports** have been sent out, and **Year 10 reports** have also been issued and these will be followed up by the **Year 10 Consultation Evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 4.45pm**. The **booking system will be open from 7pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** until 1pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Alongside your support with school uniform - please do read the dedicated School Uniform ParentMail that was sent out yesterday - we are keen to ensure that students arrive on site on time and are **ready to line-up by 8.45am**. There has been a little tardiness creeping in which impacts upon important Tutor time.

This half term **Year 10 Product Design** students have been working in teams to complete the Design Ventura challenge set by the Design Museum in London. The theme of 'Colour and Community' inspired the students to design sustainable products that would be suitable for retail in the museum's gift shop. The class has produced a range of outcomes, from London themed lampshade kits to graffiti inspired skateboard displays. Sadly, only one entry is permitted per school and after much deliberation of the design work we selected a travel inspired game by Lila Jukes, Alfie Holland, Issy Vane, Jake Costin and Max Easton. Their design and manufacturing of the final prototype is now ready to be sent off and we wish the group well.

The **Year 8 Engineering** teams completed their glider test flights earlier in the week, under the watchful eye of our Leonardo apprentices. There was much fun in watching the interesting flight paths that some took (!), with final assessments to be completed on the design submission and distance travelled.

The **Sixth Form trip to Rome and Naples** left very early this morning and we have just heard that they have arrived safely at their hotel in Rome, and our **Ski Trip** is making good progress on their long bus journey to Austria. We are very fortunate to have so many staff willing to run these trips and give up so much of their own time, and my thanks go out to them all. We look forward to seeing all their photos on their return!

The second set of **trial examinations** begins for Year 13 on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and for Year 11s on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Alongside a well-deserved break, please do encourage students to work through a revision timetable over the next few weeks.

After half-term, **B Sharp** are running a 6-week programme of Monday Jam sessions, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb - 25<sup>th</sup> March, for young people aged 11-18 at Bridport Arts Centre (see attached). You don't need to be a musician already, so go along and develop your skills of song writing, singing, instruments, performance or production under the tuition of friendly and professional music leaders. To register, please go to <https://bsharp.org.uk/weekly-music/bridport-jams/> or email [info@bsharp.org.uk](mailto:info@bsharp.org.uk)

Also, Host Family Services are looking for families who would be willing to look after a **Spanish student** for 4 weeks in June / July. Please see the attached information for more details.

Finally, please do take a look at the latest **cyber safety parent information** sheet, attached, about what you need to know about Amazon Alexa.

As we start to leave the dark mornings and short days behind us, I wish you all a restful half-term.

Mr Hales

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