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Dear Parents and Carers

The **Art and Photography Exhibition** lived up to all expectations with a wonderful display of varied 6th Form work at Bridport Arts Centre. The quality, and scale, of work was so impressive and it was lovely to see the students looking so proud to have their work displayed. The exhibition remains open for public viewing until Thursday 27th June.

The exhibition is a culmination of many years of work and always coincides with the last week of the **GCSE and A-Level examinations**. A-Level Chemistry was the final one today and I do want to pass on my best wishes to all the students for maintaining momentum over the past 6 weeks; the baton has now been passed on to Year 10, who have started their first set of trial examinations. However, we look forward to seeing students in a far more relaxed environment at the 6th Form Ball and Year 11 Prom.

You may have seen one of our previous exhibitors, **Ella Squirrel**, on BBC SouthWest this week. Following a First at Falmouth, Ella has just launched a major new exhibition related to the Venice Biennale 2024. Do have a look on this look for more information: [Ella Squirrel: A Remarkable Milestone at the Venice Biennale | New Blood Art | Blog](#)

There was also much fun and excitement this morning as we had a dedicated visit from a **Royal Navy helicopter**. After several site visits and careful co-ordination, the helicopter landed on the school field and its crew were happy to spend time talking to Year 10 and 12 students about the helicopter's capabilities and all the different careers opportunities open to them in the armed forces. They also, generously, gave students (and staff) the chance to go inside the helicopter, including the cockpit, and answered lots of questions. My thanks to Mrs Carlile and Mr Donovan for organising this amazing opportunity.

Athletics success continues with Year 7 Boys becoming the **South West Dorset Champions** and the girls finishing second. We were also delighted to hear that Valentin Bala not only competed at Exeter Arena, in the South West Schools Athletics Championships, but threw an incredible distance of 41.01m to beat his own personal best and gain the silver medal.

On the Rounders front, the Year 7 team showed excellent fielding skills and consistent batting to win 12-5, against Wadham. The Year 9 team batted first and had a strong innings, but a few fielding errors meant that Wadham narrowly won 10-7.

Year 7 students have been distributing thank you cards this week for the **National Thank a Teacher Day** on the 19th June as part of our **Kindness** school value. As we approach the last few weeks of term, I know that staff have really appreciated this.

We also heard that the **Team PFA** (Peregrine Falcon Aircraft) from Beaminster School were one of the regional winners in the 2024 BLAST design and engineering competition that took place in April! They have won tickets to the Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire on Sunday 21st July, where they will join all the other regional winners to take part in a STEM competition. Congratulations to them and we hope they will enjoy a great day out!

As well as our summer **School Open Evening** on from **5–7pm on Wednesday 26th June**, next week is looking enjoyably busy. We also welcome back a large number of Year 11s who are joining **The Joint Sixth Form** and have two induction days with The Sir John Colfox Academy.

There are **Oliver! Auditions** starting next week and Year 7 have a feast of music next Friday thanks to the **Beaminster Festival** organisers. It is also the **6th Form Summer Ball** on Friday. Meanwhile, **Reading Week** is looking at word play and poetry to stimulate and soothe the mind!

Finally, the latest **cyber safety parent information** sheet, top tips about online hoaxes, is attached

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr Hales

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