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Dear Parents and Carers

As March reaches its mid-point, and we seem to be racing inexorably towards Easter, Year 11 and 13 are incredibly busy preparing themselves for final examinations and completing important coursework.

Congratulations to all of our Year 11 who have shown great fortitude and focus during a long week of **Trial Examinations**. With just two days go, I hope that Year 11 make time for some fresh air and exercise in between revision this weekend.

Year 12 Maths students enjoyed a stimulating **Problem Solving Conference** in Wimborne on Thursday. They were stretched and challenged with a range of work designed to showcase where Mathematics can lead to degree level. Our **Year 13 Theatre Studies** students are in the final stages of rehearsal before their A Level practical exam assessed performance on Monday. They will perform both a monologue and a group piece to a visiting examiner. Break a leg!

As mentioned last week, our **Year 10 F1 in Schools team** were fantastic ambassadors for the school at the South West Finals. As well as finishing a very strong 6th out of 22 schools from right across the South, they won the award for fastest car. My thanks to Hardy Lancaster, Seth Rand, Charlie Vickery and Marley Sims for a brilliant day!

The **World Book Day** winners were Addison Stone and Lexi-Mae Nicholls, thank you again to Mrs Carlile for organising all the events.

It was a real pleasure to see the hall filled to the rafters for our **Year 9 into 10 Curriculum Evening** on Wednesday. Meeting so many of you only reminded me how quickly the time has passed since the first Year 6 Evening, and how important it is to keep up the quality of conversations that take place. A copy of the presentation shown is available on the school website and further information will be sent out over the next fortnight. Thank you all for such a positive evening.

Thank you to all five Primary Schools who attended the **Girls' Football Festival** today. The event supported around 100 girls in KS2 to get into football, ably supported, as ever, by our Sports Leaders. The pupils participated in many exciting activities including fancy dress Beat the Goalie, Chalk Football Fun and Aliens and Bumper Cars. Watching the girls score past a Minion was certainly a highlight, and lots of new friendships were made.

Over the past two days we have had the unenviable task of interviewing for a replacement for Mr Withers to join us from September. We were overwhelmed by the quantity and quality of applications and have had the difficult task of whittling these down to the last few candidates. I hope to let you know the outcome of this process next week. Reassuringly, all our visitors have commented on the calmness and general good behaviour around the school, and the kindness that they have experienced during their time with us.

We are also looking for **new Governors** to join our Governing Body. To find out more about this interesting and rewarding role, please contact the Clerk, Tanya Harley: THarley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

We are all looking forward to the change in pace provided by **Stop The Clock Day**, next Wednesday. As always, staff have worked hard to provide a rich array of experiences with Year 7 at Corfe Castle, Year 8 in Lyme Regis and Year 9 at Marwell Zoo. Meanwhile, Year 11 will be focusing on their many coursework elements, while Year 10 have Learning Performance in to help them develop their revision skills.

This week's cyber safety information sheet, what parents need to know about hidden photo apps, is attached, together with details of some free parent/carer sessions being run by Dorset Council on "**An Introduction to Autism.**" To book a place please use the email on the leaflet.

Finally, we will be joining the rest of the country and celebrating **Red Nose Day** next Friday, which will be a non-uniform day for all students for Comic Relief, so do encourage your child to get involved.

Whether you are enjoying the Cheltenham Festival, National Mathematical Pi Day, or saving your energy for a final day of Six Nations Rugby, I hope that you are all able to escape the day to day this weekend.

Mr Hales

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