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Dear Parents and Carers

Last night a packed hall enjoyed a wonderful array of performances during our annual **Christmas Celebration Concert**. As always, it was a real delight to sit back and listen to music from across all the year groups, and to see so many of our talented students playing together with such confidence. My thanks to everyone involved, particularly Mrs Edwards for co-ordinating the evening with such style, and to the BSPTA for providing the refreshments.

The **BSPTA** tied off a very busy few weeks, after additionally supporting the Christmas Fair and Bingo Night, with their **Christmas Raffle Draw** today. Our thanks to so many of you for selling the tickets and raising much needed funds. The draw took place this morning and the fifteen lucky winners will all be contacted over the next few days!

We really appreciated such a positive attendance at the **Year 9 Consultation Evening** on Wednesday, with nearly three quarters of parents / carers speaking with subject staff and having conversations at this important point in Year 9.

My thanks to Ms Jones and the Student Support team who have collected donations and organised the **Christmas Shop** again this year. This has provided over 100 items that pupils could select as a gift to give to a family member this Christmas.

Also, our grateful thanks to local company, **Modus Furniture** and Anthony Mulligan, who have been wonderful supporters of our Technology department. They are kindly providing high quality off-cuts and fabrics for our Year 9 Furniture project and GCSE work, significantly reducing our costs and ensuring that we can maintain our extensive practical curriculum.

The deadline for **Sixth Form Applications** is today and, with a large number already received, it is important that any late ones are handed in to Reception as soon as possible; Mrs Walters will be arranging interviews after Christmas. If there are any questions then students can speak with Mrs Walters directly or parents / carers can contact Mrs Walters through the school office.

There is always much to recognise and enjoy at Beaminster School, but the termly **Celebration Assemblies** are a welcome reminder of all the fantastic work that students undertake every day. It is a real pleasure to join each of the year groups and see so many certificates being handed out, so do check your child's bag over the coming days!

Looking ahead we have the annual **6th Form Charity RAG Week** which gets underway next week with a variety of activities including a Bake Sale on Tuesday, Bingo, Tombola and a Charity Football match, the Year 7 and 8 Xmas Cinema on Thursday afternoon (tickets must be purchased via ParentMail in advance) and finishing on Friday with the Talent Show and Christmas Raffle.

Our final **House Matches** of the term take place on Tuesday with Basketball and Hockey, so please ensure that all students have their PE kit with them. We have pre-ordered Key Stage 3 **Christmas lunches** on Wednesday and Key Stage 4 on Thursday, so do be aware that other student lunches may be slightly delayed on these days. Mrs Edwards and a group of our music students will be playing at **Melbury House** on both Wednesday and Thursday and the **6th Form Christmas Party** at Bridport Rugby Club is also on Thursday evening.

Prout Bridge have asked us to share that the **Senior Youth Club is NOT running** this evening, Friday 13th December, but will be on again next week, and a final reminder to anyone who has not yet had an Academic Monitoring Day meeting that the booking system for final appointments closes at 1pm on Monday. (Please note that this evening is **only available for those who have not already had an academic monitoring day**)

appointment, and we kindly ask that you continue to contact Tutors or Heads of Year through the office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk email should other matters require their attention).

This week's **cyber safety information** sheet, supporting students dealing with upsetting content, is attached.

I wish you all a very restful weekend and, if the skies are clear, the Geminids Meteor shower reaches its peak on Saturday night.

Mr Hales

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