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Dear Parents and Carers

After five weeks of hard graft and examinations, it was lovely to see Year 11 indulging in some welcome relief for their **Celebration Day**. The students looked resplendent as they gathered in the hall to share memories and music from the past 5 years, lots of stories, words of wisdom and much fun was had by all. Lunch was served by staff before the signing of spare shirts, and all-important Yearbooks were distributed, followed by final farewells. The year group have done incredibly well to stay composed and focused, with just Music, D&T and Food exams to go next week.

Alongside Val Bala winning the Javelin, and securing a place in the South West Finals, the following students did fantastically in the **County Athletics Championships** last weekend: Ollie Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m and Long Jump, Joe Whelan 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1500m, Henry Guppy 6<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m, Harlee Shaw 6<sup>th</sup> in the Shot Put and Harry Kemp 6<sup>th</sup> in the Triple Jump.

Our Year 9&10 cricketers christened the **new artificial wicket** against Milton Abbey on Tuesday. After a slow start, Beaminster scored 113 runs for 4 wickets with Ed House getting 38 and Rudi Franklin-Whybrow 29. Milton Abbey got off to a flying start and, despite some penetrating bowling and 5 wickets, they steadied to get 114 with 2 overs to spare. A fantastic first performance from the team and more games in the pipeline.

Year 9, led wonderfully by Sophie Synakova, organised a charity event on Tuesday to raise much needed funds for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. Alongside the cake and drink sale, Year 9 had challenged staff to a rounders match. Despite a confident start from the students, the staff team came into their own and Mr Prendergast was able to lead them to a comfortable victory. Well done to everyone involved.

The **Lyme Regis Boat Building Academy** has provided three exceptional days of bespoke training for our Year 10 and Sixth Form technology students at their facilities this week. This provided them with a rare opportunity to see and learn from highly skilled local craftsmen and women, and to understand the rigour required to produce high quality work.

Thank you to the many of you who have already made time to complete our **Kirkland Rowell Parent Questionnaire**. Your answers really do help inform how we spend our time and resources to make our school the very best that it can be for your children, and is your chance to let us know what you think. The questionnaire will **remain open until Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** so if you are able to find a few minutes to complete it we would very much value your feedback:

<https://survey.gi-assessment.co.uk/s/HSE7X4/>

The password is BS1478Pa and is case sensitive.

We are very much looking forward to the **Art and Photography Exhibition** at Bridport Arts Centre next week. The opening night is always a real joy, with students able to see their work displayed and appreciated, and public viewing available from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June until Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The work on display includes personal investigations from Year 13 students and Year 12 pieces includes portraiture, landscapes, figure studies and other mixed media work.

The following week we have our summer **School Open Evening from 5 – 7pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** (poster attached, feel free to share). This provides an excellent opportunity for prospective families to come and see what we stand for and the quality of work that we do. There will be an open tour of our facilities and plenty of time to speak with staff and students, as well as a short presentation about the school.

The latest **cyber safety parent information** sheet, how to set up parental controls (for both iPhone and android), is attached.

Having picked out Scotland in the staff Euros sweepstake, I'll be joining the Tartan Army and singing "Yes Sir, I Can Boogie" tonight so, whatever you do, enjoy the weekend!

Mr Hales

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