

Brymore

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Message from the Headteacher - Mark Thomas

Waking up on the first day of the long summer holidays is always pretty special for staff and students alike. The first day is always a chance to unwind and reflect and Sunday was a chance to do just that. I spent a good hour or so, wandering around Brymore with Mr Ashton and Mr Austin reflecting on a wonderful swimming gala, a busy year and discussing plans for the future. I felt the atmosphere at the swimming gala was really special and, to me, summed up everything that Brymore stands for. Firstly, competitive swimming, where it was all about gaining points for your house, no matter what your ability. Fantastic support from the boys ensured everyone had to give their best, with real sportsmanship as many competitors supported and congratulated each other. This was followed by the academic awards, where boys received cups and certificates from the Chair of Governors for their hard work throughout the year, with the reaction of the boys to the winners showing genuine acknowledgment. I am sure Mr Oliver will never forget the reception he received when accepting his full colours in recognition of the years of hard work and commitment he has shown to the boys of Brymore. Finally, the support from FOBSA and the parents was excellent, not only through a great turnout but with many waiting around for over an hour at the end so that along with their son they could seek out staff and thank them despite having long journeys home to face. That is what makes Brymore special, a small school where every boy is known and staff, boys, governors and parents all work together.

A number of parents have asked how we intend to fit all of the boys in as we expand to take Years 7 and 8 in the future. Firstly, we will not need more beds or classrooms as there is a limit in each year group of 28 boarders and 22 out-boarders. This was deliberate so that each year group has a maximum of 50 boys, keeping class sizes small, however it does mean we will soon be at our capacity. The current Year 9 and 10 are around this size already however, the additional 'problem' is caused by increasing numbers now wishing to attend Brymore. Some year groups are full and I am having to turn applicants away before they even have an interview. This means in future boys will struggle to join Brymore further up the school and will need to apply early in Year 6 to stand a chance of getting a place. There are no plans to then expand further, as a school of 250 boys with average class sizes of 16-17, remains small enough to genuinely care, but large enough to be financially viable. The boys in the current Years 9 and 10 now have a vital role to play in ensuring that the next stage of Brymore's history is successful by helping the new Year 7 and 9 students settle in next year. Staff will continue to work hard so that the teaching, support and the boarding experience is second to none and the physical environment is one the boys can be proud of. The construction of the new dining hall should have already started by the time the boys return in September, with a school wide wireless network, new machines and software in place that completes over £150,000 worth of investment in IT facilities in the last year. However, there is something more important to do first, and that is to enjoy the holidays and spend time as a family again, because as both boarders and out-boarders know, life at Brymore is always busy.

Best wishes

Mark Thomas
Headteacher

Staffing

I would like to thank three members of staff who are leaving Brymore this year. Mrs Chubb has worked incredibly hard this year in her role of Finance Manager and has overseen the conversion to academy status. It is impossible for me to overstate the amount of work this has involved, including changing the contracts of over 70 staff, over 2,500 companies/individuals and setting up new financial reporting and recording systems. Brymore simply would not have been able to function without her hard work. Mr Palin has spent two terms teaching maths to Years 10 and 11 which I know the boys have appreciated. His experience and energetic style has meant that those boys have had the best preparation possible for their exams. Finally, Mr Oliver also leaves us as he moves to Devon and a chance to spend more time with his family. Mr Oliver epitomises Brymore and will be sorely missed by staff and boys alike. He has made a real difference to the lives of many Brymore boys and is one of those members of staff boys will remember fondly in years to come. I wish all three every success in the future. I would also like to wish Ms Turner good luck as she is getting married over the summer and is our first 'customer' since Brymore has been licensed as a wedding venue. Good luck and best wishes also to Mrs Anstice who is expecting a new arrival this August before going on maternity leave.

There will be a number of new staff joining us, and staff changes, from September:

Mrs Jones	Assistant Headteacher (Vision for Land based and Technology)
Ms Bate	Learning Support Assistant (Science)
Mrs Clark	Art
Mrs Evans	Finance Manager
Ms Lee-Joy	History
Mrs Lillywhite	Director of Boarding
Mr Manlow	Maths
Mr Matthews	Science
Mr Sawyer	Geography
Mrs Turnbull	SENCO (part time to cover Mrs Anstice)
Mrs Taylor Lane	becomes Head of English
Mr Watts	becomes Head of Boarding and joins the Senior Leadership Team
Mr Winter	becomes Acting Assistant Head (to cover Mrs Anstice)

Dining Hall

Brymore has recently made a successful bid of over £650,000 to the Educational Funding Agency to secure funds for a new dining hall, which will be started over the Summer holidays. The current dining hall is over 60 years old, and whilst it holds many happy memories, the need for a new facility was clear. The new building will go where the old teaching block currently stands and should be open before Easter 2015. Once the new dining hall is operational, the old one will be demolished and the area landscaped. Over 75% of academies applying for additional funding were unsuccessful, so we are delighted that the hard work in preparing the bid paid off and the boys will have a brand new dining hall, kitchens and outside space where they can enjoy the food prepared by our own staff. I know the boys have been pleased with the improvements in the food provision since we took the catering contract in-house and are looking forward to eating in the new space.

The lottery winners for the May draw are as follows:

£40 to Mr E Hull
£25 to C & J Selwood
£15 to Mr C Chandler

Equipment

Just a reminder that all boys need steel toe-capped boots and overalls for farm and gardens, as the practical lessons carry on whatever the weather. Also a full pencil case for other lessons is vital.

The lottery winners for the July draw are as follows:

£40 to Mr and Mrs Green
£25 to Miss M Harris
£15 to Mr and Mrs Hall

Horticulture (Mr Willcocks)

A very busy term has passed and everything is growing very fast. We have supplied salad leaves daily to the kitchen. We have a large selection of annual bedding and perennial plants for sale and are still taking orders for hanging baskets. Students went to the Tony Buckland gardening show at Powderham Castle and helped out, with much positive feedback from the organisers and visitors. Also, Year 9 pupils have visited Knighthayes Court, Tiverton and Barrington Court to look at the walled gardens. Year 10 students went to Bridgwater College Cannington Centre to a florists careers day.



Many thanks to all those who helped on Open Day, supported the Department and bought produce. The proceeds have already been used to buy equipment and provisions for Horticulture.

The Britain in Bloom judges came to look at our floral displays around school on 2 July and were very impressed. We are a part of Cannington in Bloom and our boys planted up the tubs which are displayed throughout the village.

We have had three very successful trips to a local Strawberry Farm and we want to thank Mr Winter (of Team Green Growers) for his kindness in showing us around, generosity in providing fruit to be sampled and for the way in which he shared his expertise so willingly with the boys.

We made elderflower cordial with the boys when the flowers were in bloom and we now have that for sale along with cider, a little apple juice and charcoal. We have tried to diversify as a department and are starting to see the fruits of this.

Many thanks to the kindness and generosity of Henry Phillips' family who have donated funds so that we can buy two picnic benches. These will be very useful. We are growing cut flowers for use at special events and we hope to supply them for the first wedding which takes place at Brymore in July.

Duties (Mrs Garrod & Mr Willcocks)

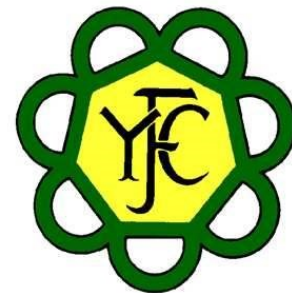
Please can all parents and boys remember that farm and garden duties take priority above any other activity, paid or not, that the boys may have signed up for. The farm and gardens cannot run themselves and the rota is there for a reason. Thank you.

Jake Bowles (Mr Thomas)

The sudden death of Jake Bowles during the half-term break left the whole school community shocked and saddened. Jake was a true Brymore boy and judging by the incredible turnout at his funeral was clearly loved by many and I wish to thank his family for allowing so many Brymore boys to attend and pay their respects. It has been a difficult time for all of us connected to Brymore, with Year 11 in particular having to deal with the loss of their friend during their exams, whilst for many living away from home. The Brymore family, past and present, showed how special the school is by supporting each other through such a difficult time and representing the school so nobly at the funeral. Jake, I am sure, would have been proud.

Young Farmers News (Miss Bradford)

We have had a quiet last few weeks, many boys represented the school at various athletic events and used the lighter evenings for extra training; those attending the LRC as usual have honed their drawing skills with games of 'Give Us a Clue' or tested their general knowledge with a quiz.



The group with Mr Mahon and myself have made three visits out this term. The boys walked the newly opened Steart Marshes walk and although accompanied all the way round by midges, reported that they enjoyed the evening and would like to do it again.

Our annual visit to Team Green Growers Strawberry Farm was the usual success, Richard Winter giving up his time to talk to the group about growing strawberries for sale to one of the big supermarkets; you'd be surprised at what is involved in getting the strawberries to your table!

Our final visit was to Stillman's Abattoir, where we were given a most interesting and informative talk by a member of Bridgwater Young Farmers, Ed Davies who works at the abattoir. On this trip we were accompanied by Russell Windows, ex head boy and also a member of Bridgwater YFC.

Our final two meetings were a trip to Burnham on Sea for a kick around on the beach and a BBQ at Mrs Welland's farm also in Burnham, Wendy was the Leader of the school's YFC for a number of years and is still actively involved with the school group.

At this year's Open Day the group ran a Hook a Duck stand raising a very worthy £30.20 towards group funds. A big thank you to the boys who, by taking control of the event, allowed me to wear another of my hats and assist the Headteacher with interviewing prospective students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Birchall-Mann for procuring the group a number of excellent speakers over the year through her involvement with BASC.

On a note of interest, the membership fee for the Brymore YFC has been increased this year to £7.50 which is the first increase for a number of years. This will allow us to take more trips out and increase the number of speakers, who we thank with either a package from the farm and gardens or a donation to our charity, this year it was Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Mahon for giving up his Wednesday evenings to assist me. Also, thanks to Charlie Herbert, Bertie Mountford and Zak Hevness, the outgoing Chair/Vice Chairs, for all their support during the year.

Mathematics (Mr Ashton)

This last term, Year 11 have spent more time in the maths department than ever before. Small groups of students attended many intervention sessions to address areas for improvement and most of the year group attended over 10 hours of revision in the hall before both of their GCSE papers early in June. We wish them luck and look forward to receiving their results in August.

We say goodbye and thank you to Mr Palin, an A-level teacher from Bridgwater College, who has taught students in Years 10 and 11 this year, we will all miss his infectious enthusiasm and passion for maths.

We also welcome back Mr Manlow, who is re-joining the maths department in September to teach maths to students across the school.

This year students have been using Chads Hill times for data handling and taking measurements of piglets and lambs to track growth rates. 'Set Zero' have been studying the origins of trigonometry and using oscillators in the science labs to see how the waveform of AC electricity is a sine wave.

Invitations to join 'Set Zero' will be sent to parents of boys in years 9, 10 and 11 in September.

Matron

Please remember that boys should be handing in all medication to Matron, including hay fever and cold relief medication, paracetamol etc. All medication should be labelled with their name.

SASP Awards (Mrs Warren)

Throughout the first few months of the year some members of staff took part in the SASP Workplace Challenge and we have been rewarded for our hard work by being announced the winners in Somerset. Mr Williams, Ms Rundle and myself went to an awards evening at Taunton School to collect the SASP award. In addition Mr Spridgens was nominated and shortlisted for his contribution to sport in school and although he didn't win this year it was a very closely run thing and to get down to the last three was a great achievement for him.



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Farm News

Open Day Cattle Show - The boys worked very hard this year to produce the normal high quality parade of cattle, which consisted of 19 beef animals from our dairy herd, sired by Adrian and 7 Dairy heifers. This for many was the highlight of the day.



Beef - As Adrian was showing signs of his age and not performing with the same enthusiasm he did in his earlier years, the difficult decision was taken to replace him. Purchased for £1,600 five years ago, he was sold for £1,604. His replacement, Woolcombe Forrester, a 2 year old Pedigree Beef Shorthorn was bought for £1,550.

We decided to continue with the Beef Shorthorn breed as crossing with our various breeds of dairy cows has proved very successful.

Dairy Cows - Unfortunately, we lost three cows from eighteen as casualties this summer, so dairy cow numbers are depleted. In order to maintain cow numbers in the future we purchased six yearling Holstein heifers (2 grand-daughters of "Shottle") which, all being well should enter the herd in 2015/2016. We have three in calf heifers due to join the herd this autumn.

The herd is milking well and grass supply has been plentiful as we develop a judicious use of fertiliser. Subsequently, both grazing and conservation grass has so far met our requirements.

Sheep - Lambing numbers finished slightly down on last year but growth rates have been good and already we have marketed March born lambs. As previously mentioned, having used a Suffolk ram on some of our North country Mules, ewe lambs from this crossing will be retained for breeding.

Pigs - A steady supply of weaners and store pigs have been sold this spring and Brymore pork was again popular on Open Day. Weaners will be available in September and our next batch of finished pigs will be ready for Christmas.



Poultry - Reynard has devastated our laying flock again despite high grade fencing around the hen house! This was particularly disappointing at a time when egg sales were at an all-time high and likewise income. Once fencing has been extended the flock will be increased.



Machinery - Two bright shining new blue tractors were delivered much to the excitement of every 'Brymore Boy'!! These tractors are regularly replaced on our Lease agreement, thus ensuring up to date, reliable, regularly serviced machines available for both farm and student use.



H.I.T Team (Miss Gardner)

The H.I.T team (House Improvement Team) raise money to improve the boarding houses. All the profits made on items goes back into the boarding houses.

This year so far the money we have raised has enabled us to purchase and make the following changes:

- All three houses to have their offices made a more welcoming environment with wall art.
- School House has been very bare for the last two years so we have had some canvases put up around the 1st and 2nd floor. The common room and ground floor has had flags of the different countries and counties of the boys who live in the house currently along with our gap tutors, hung from the ceilings.
- Several items have been bought across all three houses such as rugby balls, basket balls, footballs, table tennis equipment, pool cues and much more.
- Kemp has had a nice new storage trunk which has been replenished with new board games ready for the juniors in the boarding house.

Wellington boot bags, hoodies etc will be on sale during the first week back. If you would like to place an order in the meantime please email Miss Gardner: lgardner1@educ.somerset.gov.uk



Work Experience

The penultimate week of the Summer Term was Work Experience Week for the Year 10 boys and what a week they had. With boys undertaking roles everywhere from Musgrove Hospital to the National Trust and EDF to Roskilly's they were dotted around the country showing them that Brymore boys really do know what hard work is. Zak Hevness secured a much sought after placement at Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's River Cottage near Axminster and worked in the delightful gardens and small farm for the week.

Throughout the week staff called or visited the placements and the feedback was often very positive with the use of phrases such as: 'very helpful', 'works like a trooper' and 'prepared to do anything' which is always heartening to hear but not surprising from our boys. The current Year 9s now need to start thinking about where their place-



Open Day (Mrs Warren)

Brymore held it's annual Open Day and Country Fair on Saturday 28 June with a few heavy rain showers but bookended by glorious sunshine and high spirits. With over 3000 people entering the gates to see duck herding dogs, stock showing by our boys, children's entertainment and the opportunity to see teachers and the Head, it was a busy day at the school.

John Coaker was crowned Supreme Champion in the boys stock showing and Mr Kingston ably held the new bull, Forrester, on his debut outing in the main arena.



Torbay Half Marathon (Mr Coll)

As if Open Day wasn't tiring enough for the staff some of them decided to run the Torbay half marathon the next day to raise money for the Old Brymorians Association. A very hot day combined with a hilly course meant there were no record breaking times but a very rewarding day for Ms Rundle, Mrs Hill, Mr Mahon and myself as we raised over £900 for the Old Boys!



Media Coverage

Following an article in the Mole Valley magazine we recently had a journalist from The Guardian come to the school with a photographer and subsequently an article has appeared in the paper and on their website. In addition, Mr Thomas was also interviewed by Radio 4 following this article, which will air soon.

Induction Days (Mrs Warren)

We recently held our induction days for the new Year 7 and Year 9 intake for September 2014. An exciting two days and one night for each of the year groups began with a talk from the Head and CAT testing but a well eaten lunch and some orienteering around the school began to make Brymore seem more familiar. The evenings were taken up with raft building and 'getting to know you' activities with the boarding team followed by a night in the boarding houses. We always think the induction days offer boys that chance to meet up with their future friends and to feel comfortable and settled about starting a new school over the summer holidays. From the feedback we have received the boys enjoyed themselves and we are looking forward to seeing them in September when they officially start their journey as a Brymore Boy!

Senior Student Leadership Team - SSLT (Mrs Warren)

Following the last round of rigorous interviews, presentations and a voting system more complex (and arguably more important) than the European Elections we have appointed our new Head Boy, Deputy Head Boys and Senior Prefects.

Silas Lawson will be the next Head Boy of Brymore with Bertie Mountford and Daniel Holter-Hovind as Deputy Head Boys. The following boys will be Senior Prefects: Arthur Chandler, Jonathon Churches, John Coaker, Lewis Dunn, Charlie Herbert, Hans Kalsi, Frazier Perry, Oliver Price, Elliott Reed, William Sully, Chris Tipper, Oscar Trehane, Andrew Vickery, George Watts, Taylar Weatherby and James West.

We are currently trialling out other boys in Year 10 for the role of Prefect and based on their behaviour and capacity to fulfil this role we will be making our decision soon.



Sports Day (Mrs Warren)

Not much has stopped Brymore Sports Day over the years and this applied more than ever when the largest of rainclouds erupted over the main field for the whole of this year's event! Not to be deterred the competitors lined up at the start, threw like champions and hopped, skipped and jumped until the very end to earn points for their house. Overall winners this year were Walker House.



Leavers Service (Mr Thomas)

It was an honour to present the award winners with their trophies and to shake the hand of every Year 11 and 12 as they came to the end of their time at Brymore. As ever, it was an emotional day for the boys, parents and staff alike and the boys below thoroughly deserved their prizes.

Main winners:

- Brymore Head Boy Shield: Jack Wilkins
- Brymore English Award: Charlie Coleman
- Brymore Mathematics Award: James Nurton
- Tony Edwards Cup: Jack Foale
- Hutson Design Award: David Lukins
- Award for Creative Endeavour: Richard Rook
- Fiddington Shield: Charlie Coleman
- PTA Victor Ludorum: Richard Warwick
- Somerset NFU Agricultural Award: Tom Vining
- Old Brymorians Agricultural Award: Ben Williams
- Kino Owl Public Spirit Award: Harvey Merson
- Mark Hill Cup: Tyrone Robson
- All Blacks Jersey for Senior Rugby: Tod Purcell
- Troy Plate: Jack Wilkins
- Gary Morgan Cup: Tim Coombes
- Cavendish Cup: Henry Phillips
- Brymore Societal Award: Jack Wilkins
- Brymore Spur: William Waind
- The Windows Cup: Tim Coombes
- Headteacher's Prize: Henry Mattocks



Activities Week (Mrs Warren)

Our annual Activities Week started in great style with the Year 10 group heading off early to Thorpe Park near London, led by Mr Oliver and Mrs Taylor-Lane. The Year 9s were a little unfortunate in that although they were doing the very fun Quantock Challenge the weather was not on their side and the day was spent in waterproofs dodging the showers!

Day two started with the Year 9s heading down to Cannington Paintball Centre for a morning of paintballing - exciting because it is the only time they can 'get' the members of staff and that is always satisfying for the boys! This was followed by an afternoon in the swimming pool for the swimming gala heats and then a free swim. Year 10s were treated to a full day with BASC learning about everything to do with the countryside, including: ferreting, hide-building and wildlife. They also learnt archery skills, were taught about guns, did some target shooting and the day culminated in prize giving and all the boys went away with a BASC cap.

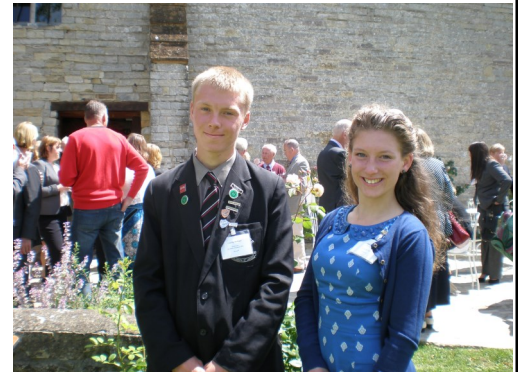
Wednesday was @Bristol day for the Year 9s, a chance to get hands on with science and see the planetarium whilst the Year 10 group did their paintballing and swimming trials.

On Thursday and Friday the Year 10s undertook their 2 day camp and hike in preparation for the real Duke of Edinburgh expedition later in the year. This involved working in teams; walking, cooking, carrying and camping as a team. Similarly Thursday and Friday saw the Year 9s undertaking team-building events at the Cannington High Ropes Centre. The whole week culminated with the annual Swimming Gala and Prize Giving.



Meeting HRH Prince Charles (Charlie Herbert)

On Wednesday 8 July I was chosen (along with Harriet from the Bridgwater YFC) to represent Brymore and the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs at Mulchney Abbey to meet HRH Prince Charles. Somerset took the brunt of the winter flooding, many people were without homes and many farmers lost their land. We, as Young Farmers, have been going to the Somerset Levels to assist in the clear up of the devastation and this was the main reason we were chosen to go and meet the Prince. The Prince was very interested in catching up on Brymore and already knew we had converted to an academy, which came as a shock to me as I assumed he would not have heard about this, as his last visit here was a good few years ago. The Prince spoke to us about the floods and asked how we had helped and was grateful we had assisted. I will be featured in the Somerset Young Farmers yearbook, produced later this year.



Sports Report - July 2014 (Mr Spridgens)

Athletics

The athletics season started in April with the Somerset Schools combined events and race-walking championships at Millfield. Richard Warwick and Jack Wilkins finished in the top ten in the Optathlon and Harry Taylor-Page also finished in the top ten in the Junior Boys Pentathlon. The next major event on the agenda was the area trials at Castle School with good performances from everyone that attended this was then followed by the Somerset AA Championships held at Yeovil in the middle May 2014. The boys' team consisted of 19 athletes, many of whom picked up medals of a variety of colours - Gold, Silver and Bronze. The most important event of the season was the Somerset Schools Athletics where 15 Brymore boys represented Sedgemoor. Two of these boys, Elliott Reed in the pole vault and Morgan Scott in the hammer, went on to represent Somerset in the South-west Schools Championships at Yeovil. Elliott finished fourth and Morgan second. The Year 9 and 10 athletes also entered the Sedgemoor Championships for the first time in several years, both placing in the top three team wise and qualifying for the Somerset School Games. Unfortunately, the Year 10s were not able to take their place as a team due to work experience although George Watts and Aaron Hold still managed to compete. A contingent of Year 9 boys also went to the Somerset Primary Quad kids event to assist and were much appreciated by the organisers. The day after a group also entered the secondary team event. The resurgence of athletics is due to Mr Williams giving up his lunch times, with additional sessions throughout the week held in the evenings after prep.

Race-walking (the end of a long run)

Since the late 1980s Brymore boys have shown an interest in race-walking and have gone on to represent the School and County and even the Country at this particular activity. However, this year the two Year 9 boys who qualified to represent Somerset could not fulfil the training criteria and therefore the activity has come to a close. Nicholas Bretherton in Year 11 was our final race-walking champion. He gave up his time to help coach and assist the junior members of the team, during his build-up for his GCSE exams.

Cricket

There has also been resurgence in cricket. Members of staff involved in this have been, Mr Williams, Mr Bagshaw, Mr Mahon, at least two gap students and not forgetting Miss Bradford, who is the fixtures secretary. The Year 9 team and the Year 10/11 combined team managed to fulfil all their fixtures in the Sedgemoor league. Several fixtures were also played on Sunday morning against a local club, Wembdon CC. Numbers for practises continue to be on the rise.

Swimming

Once again the swimming pool has been in good use especially during the recent warm weather, where the pool temp reached 81° F for only a third time in the last 30 years. Generally, although numbers for the sports previously mentioned look good on paper it is still a battle to get boys out of their dorms to participate in school sports events. Several other staff give up their time to organise fun activities, touch rugby etc in the evenings but numbers are not as high as they could be. Does your son get actively involved in sport?

Chads

Chads is still proving a popular activity. As we go to press two boys are racing for the Chads Hill trophy for the most chads done in one year, they are Arthur Chandler and William Sully. In Year 9 Joseph Parkman has certainly set his heart on a high score, recently running his 60th chads in the academic year.

Sports Day

Even though it rained throughout the whole of the competition all competitors still got stuck in in the same Brymore way. Despite the poor weather it was good to see that the number of parents attending sports day in order to spectate was an increase from previous years. Thank you for your support it is much appreciated at end of term events.

The sports department runs on the goodwill of members of staff and at this point I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Oliver, who in the course of his time at Brymore has assisted with numerous activities in the sports department especially in junior rugby, I wish him all the best for the future.

Swimming Gala and Prize Giving

A sunny day blessed this years swimming gala; which was well attended by families and where the house rivalry escalated to new heights! Points won at this event all went towards the FOBSA shield along with the swimming gala trophy, so every boy trying to win points was doing so for his house. Immediately after the swimming gala event was our prize giving for the Year 9 and 10 students along with the presentation of the house cups.

Winner of the Swimming Gala for 2014 was Galsworthy.

Main winners of trophies were as follows:

Victor Ludorum - George Watts

Governors Award - Huw Scott

Philip Prince Cup - Dickson Lo

Growers Cup - Alistair Rook / Matthew Edwards

Martyn Knox Trophy - William Sully

TE Awamatu Award - William Sully

Apatu Shield - Year 9 Cricket Team

535 American Veterans Award - Jason James-Goddard

Academic Awards to Years 9 & 10:

Agriculture Joseph Parkman / Billy Taylor

Design & Technology Elliott Milne

English Silas Lawson / Christopher Tipper

History Christopher Tipper

Horticulture Arthur Chandler / Taylor Weatherby

IT Christopher Birchall-Mann

Mathematics Arthur Chandler

PE George Watts

Religious Education Matthew Ranson

Science Arthur Chandler

Commendation Certificates were presented to:

Agriculture - Academic & Practical Charlie Herbert / Daniel Holter-Hovind / Silas Lawson

Highly Commended Plot Matthew Ranson / Elliott Reed / Archie Rich / Harry Robinson

Commended Work on Plot Silas Lawson / Joseph Parkman

This year the FOBSA shield was awarded to Walker who were almost 1,000 points ahead of Taylor & Galsworthy houses.

House Cups Competitions 2014 (previously presented)

Hockey - Taylor

Rugby Senior - Walker

Rugby Senior 7s - Walker

Rugby Junior 7s - Galsworthy

Cricket - Walker

Cross Country - Walker

Athletics - Walker

Junior Rugby - Galsworthy

Tug of War - Walker

Chads Hill - Walker

Triathlon - Galsworthy

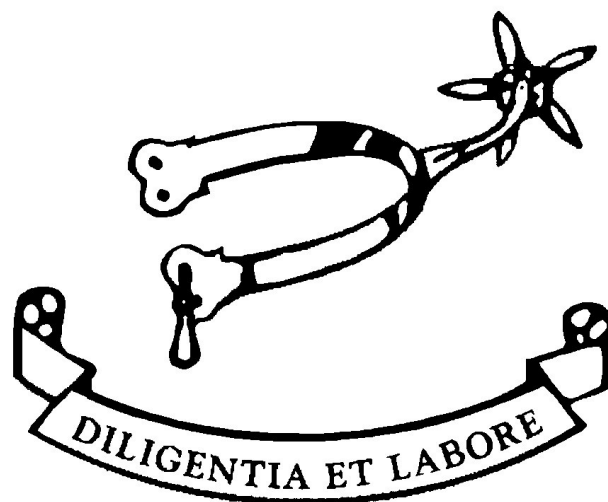
IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014/15**AUTUMN TERM**

Monday 1 September	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Years 12 & 13 return
Monday 8 September	4.00 pm	New intake arrive (Years 7 & 9 Boarders/Out-boarders)
INSET DAY	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Years 10 & 11 boarders return
Tuesday 9 September	8.30 am	All out-boarders return
Saturday 13 September	4.30 pm	BBQ for Year 7 students and parents
	5.45 pm	BBQ for Year 9 students and parents
Wednesday 24 September	9.15 am	Individual School Photographs (Years 7 & 9)
Saturday 18 October	10.00 am	Harvest Festival
	11.30 am	Cross Country
	12.30 pm	Years 7, 9, 10 & 11 depart for Autumn half-term
	2.00 pm	FOBSA AGM
Friday 24 October		Years 12 & 13 depart for Autumn half-term
Monday 3 November	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm	Years 7 & 9 Parent Consultation with Houseparents and Tutors
INSET DAY		Year 11 Academic Progress with SLT (selected students only)
	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 boarders return
Tuesday 4 November	8.30 am	All out-boarders return
Saturday 22 November (tbc)	6.00 pm	FOBSA Bingo
Saturday 13 December	10.30 am	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church, Cannington
	12.00 pm (approx.)	Years 7, 9, 10 & 11 depart for Christmas Holidays
15 - 21 December		Ski Trip to Italy
Thursday 18 December		Years 12 & 13 depart for Christmas Holidays

SPRING TERM

Monday 5 January	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm	Year 11 Parent Consultation
INSET DAY	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Years 7, 9, 10, 12 & 13 boarders return
Tuesday 6 January	8.30 am	All out-boarders return
Saturday 7 February	4.00 pm	Years 7, 9, 10 & 11 depart for Spring half-term
Friday 13 February		Years 12 & 13 depart for Spring half-term
Monday 23 February	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm	Year 10 Parent Consultation
INSET DAY	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Years 7, 9, 11, 12 & 13 boarders return
Tuesday 24 February	8.30 am	All out-boarders return
Saturday 28 March	10.00 am	Year 11 Raising Achievement Sessions for Parents
	11.30 am	Parents Chads Hill Run/Walk
	2.00 pm	Rugby & Hockey House Finals
	4.00 pm	All students depart for Easter Holidays

SUMMER TERM		
Monday 13 April		Years 12 & 13 return
Monday 20 April	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm	Year 9 Parent Consultation
INSET DAY	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Years 7, 10 & 11 boarders return
Tuesday 21 April	8.30 am	All out-boarders return
Friday 1 May	12.30 pm	Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 depart for Bank Holiday weekend
	1.00 pm - 3.30 pm	Year 7 Parent Consultation
Tuesday 5 May	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	All boarders return
Wednesday 6 May	8.30 am	All out-boarders return
Saturday 23 May	11.30 am	Years 11, 12/13 Leavers Service
	1.30 pm	Sports Day
	3.45 pm (approx.)	All students depart for Summer half-term
Sunday 31 May	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	All boarders return
Monday 1 June	8.30 am	All out-boarders return
Saturday 27 June	10.30 am - 5.00 pm	Open Day and Country Fair
29 June - 3 July		Work Experience Week (Year 10)
6-10 July		Activities Week
Saturday 11 July	10.30 am	Swimming Gala
	12.00 pm	All students depart for Summer holidays



BRYMORE ACADEMY
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS - 2014/15 ACADEMIC YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2014						OCTOBER 2014					NOVEMBER 2014							
S		7	14	21	28	S		5	12	19	26	S		2	9	16	23	30
M	1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27	M		3*	10	17	24	
T	2	9	16	23	30	T		7	14	21	28	T		4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24		W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	
T	4	11	18	25		T	2	9	16	23	30	T		6	13	20	27	
F	5	12	19	25		F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	
S	6	13	20	27		S	4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29	
DECEMBER 2014						JANUARY 2015					FEBRUARY 2015							
S		7	14	21	28	S		4	11	18	25	S	1	8	15	22		
M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5*	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23*		
T	2	9	16	23	30	T		6	13	20	27	T	3	10	17	24		
W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28	W	4	11	18	25		
T	4	11	18	25		T	1	8	15	22	29	T	5	12	19	26		
F	5	12	19	26		F	2	9	16	23	30	F	6	13	20	27		
S	6	13	20	27		S	3	10	17	24	31	S	7	14	21	28		
MARCH 2015						APRIL 2015					MAY 2015							
S	1	8	15	22	29	S		5	12	19	26	S		3	10	17	24	31
M	2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20*	27	M		4	11	18	25	
T	3	10	17	24	31	T		7	14	21	28	T		5	12	19	26	
W	4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	
T	5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	30	T		7	14	21	28	
F	6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		F	1*	8	15	22	29	
S	7	14	21	28		S	4	11	18	25		S	2	9	16	23	30	
JUNE 2015						JULY 2015					AUGUST 2015							
S		7	14	21	28	S		5	12	19	26	S		2	9	16	23	30
M	1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	31
T	2	9	16	23	30	T		7	14	21	28	T		4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24		W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	
T	4	11	18	25		T	2	9	16	23	30	T		6	13	20	27	
F	5	12	19	26		F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	
S	6	13	20	27		S	4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29	

KEY:

Term time Bank Holiday School Holiday

Staff Inset Days:

8 September, 3 November, 5 January, 23 February & 20 April

Ideally, boarders should return between 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm on these dates

However, if returning earlier, tea MUST be booked with the School Office by the preceding Friday please

* **Parent Consultations (3.30 pm - 5.00 pm):**

3 November 2014 Years 7 & 9 House parents and Tutors

Year 11 Academic Progress with Senior Leadership Team
(Selected students only)

5 January 2015 Year 11

23 February 2015 Year 10

20 April 2015 Year 9

1 May 2015 Year 7 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm

(12.30 pm departure for Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13)

Bank and public holidays 2014/15

Christmas Day	25 December 2014	Easter Monday	6 April 2015
Boxing Day	26 December 2014	May Day Holiday	4 May 2015
New Year's Day	1 January 2015	Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2015
Good Friday	3 April 2015	Summer Bank Holiday	24 August 2015