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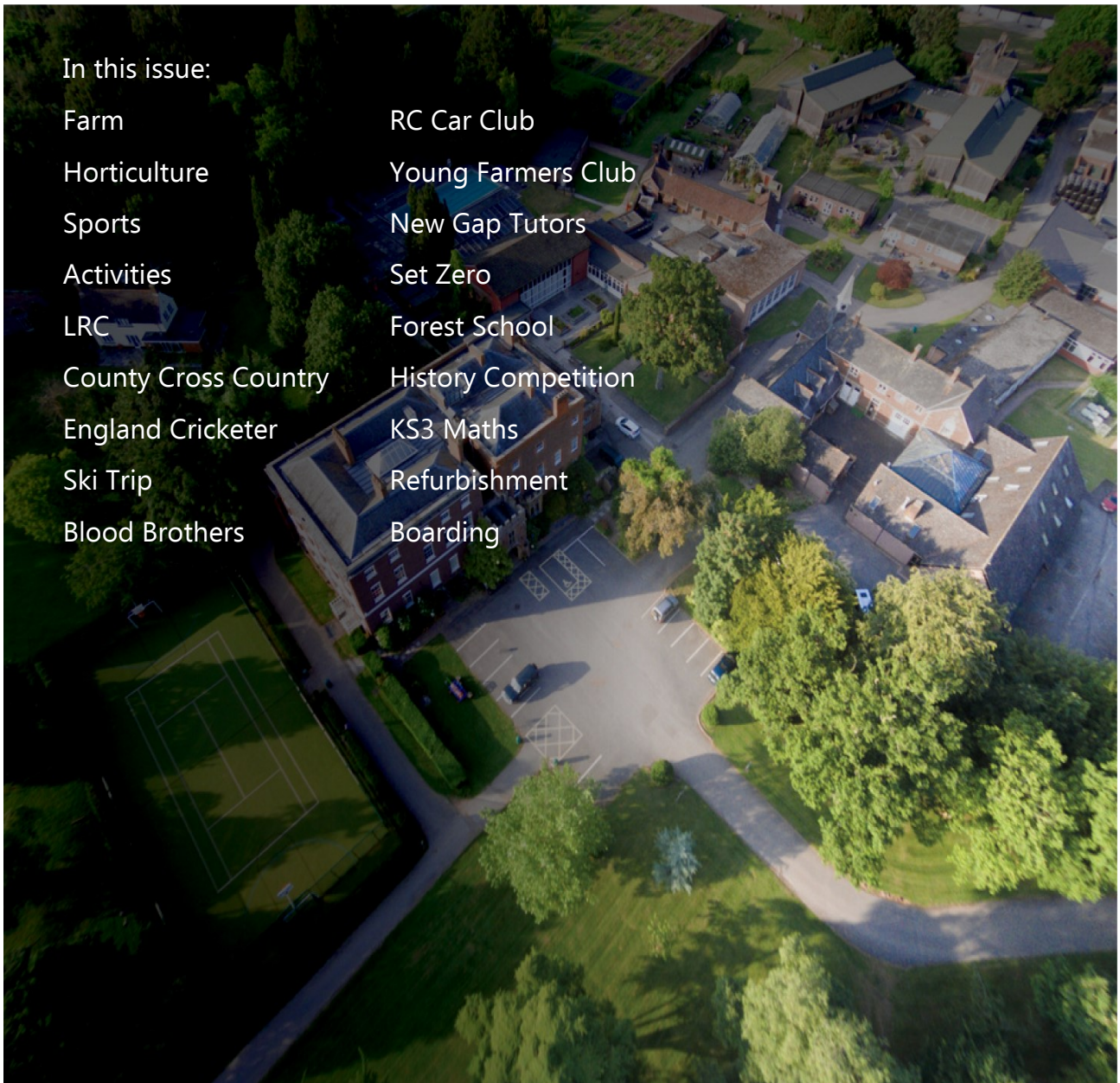
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Message from the Headteacher

There is no sincerer love than the love of food ~

George Bernard Shaw

I really do love my job so it is without complaint when I say there are many conflicting demands on Headteachers today. From raising the academic performance of the boys, balancing the various financial budgets within the school, leading staff, dealing with contractors, attending many, many meetings....the list goes on. The one area that has proved the most difficult to crack over the past six years though is none of these things. The hardest thing has been to try and change the boy's perception of food. A recent food survey revealed that boys were complaining about not having enough chips, whilst others complained we serve too many; at breakfast some want more bacon and sausages, others wanted a continental breakfast with similar conflicts proving that it would be impossible to please everyone all of the time! Where things need improving we are certainly listening and changes have been made. However, I thought it was important to look at exactly what the situation is so, on the last Wednesday before we broke up, a typical day, the following was served:

Breakfast: Porridge, *unlimited* cereals and *unlimited* toast. Sausage, beans, tomatoes and egg. *Unlimited* tea/coffee and fruit juice. Milk and *unlimited* fruit.

Lunch: Choice of Piri Piri chicken or meatballs in tomato sauce. Roast potatoes, Caesar pocket bread, tagliatelle, carrots and baked beans. A jacket potato with a choice of cheese, beans or tuna. *Unlimited* salad including salad leaves, coleslaw, beetroot, cous-cous, cucumber, tomatoes, spicy sausage and eggs. A choice of a yoghurt or a flap jack. *Unlimited* fruit.

Tea: A choice of belly pork, chicken and mushroom pie or a creamy corn bake. *Unlimited* new potatoes, mash, carrots and broccoli. *Unlimited* salad (as above) and fruit. A choice of desserts and *unlimited* tea/coffee and fruit juice.

Snacks: Access to bread and preserves, fruit, tea/coffee and fruit.

As a result of comments from boys we now allow them to serve themselves vegetables in the evening, so they can have as much as they want, they have access to unlimited fruit at all meals and salad at both lunch and tea. I am certainly confident they are given enough to eat; I cannot always guarantee they will like all the choices that are available. However, there is certainly a choice. There is now a food group established where boys get a chance to speak with Mr Ryan the chef and catering manager directly. We are continually reviewing our suppliers with a view to improving quality, whilst maintaining value for money. It is worth noting that all of the above is achieved by taking the following from the boarding fees, £1.80 for breakfast and tea and £2.30 for lunch. The evening snacks are funded from the school budget, and so are available to all boys.

So, my message is that we are listening and trying to work with the boys and I would ask parents to support us when we explain to them that they cannot have steak and chips every night, cooked to order, just as they like it. The food group will continue to meet and we will continue to review the food provision at Brymore.

I can report one success, cocoa pops are now available in the morning. We are now trying to educate the boys in the art of filling a bowl twice, rather than trying to get two bowls worth of cocoa pops in a bowl at once. I suspect, this will not be a quick fix!

Thank you for your continued support and I hope everyone has a good holiday.



Horticulture

We started back with a bang in the Horticulture department with a number of trips out, including Monkton Elm Garden Centre and Sanders Garden Centre. The staff at both establishments were very interesting and enlightening and the boys were given lots of information on plants and propagation. Our grateful thanks also go to Miss Bradford and Ms Warren who helped enable trips to happen by driving a minibus.

On one visit to Monkton Elm we were delighted to be given a number of bulging bags of bulbs to bring back and plant. They have been utilised in lessons as a learning tool and are now planted around the site ready for spring.

During lessons and duties boys have been very busy as there is lots to do. They have been pruning, trimming, preparing and potting plants and pricking out.

The Year 10 boys were offered the opportunity to apply to be HoDs (Head of Department) and after the interview process they have been appointed. It is important to recognise the boys that have stepped up and we thank them for their determination and are looking forward to working with them in their role. I would like to extend our thanks to the outgoing HoDs from Year 11 who have done a sterling job.

The Christmas carol service raised £548.39 and we sent a cheque to the RABI, who help agricultural workers past and present who find themselves in difficulty. This was a great total and more than £200 up on last year. We appreciated all the families that came and donated to this.

Can all parents and carers please ensure that boys have sufficient underclothing, outerclothing and footwear to be working outside. All land based subjects and Forest School go outside even during bad weather so it is vital that boys are warm and dry.

As always our horticulture cart is available on a Saturday afternoon for parents and families to purchase plants, or place orders, so please utilise us! (Mr Willcocks)



LRC

The LRC is being well supported during break and lunch times. The cynic in me thinks this may be due to the cold and wet weather. However, be that as it may, when in the LRC the boys are reading and sometimes they are reading books, although mostly it's phones and tablets but reading they are!

The issuing of books continues to rise which is great to see. I do, however, wish to ask parents to have a look in bags, bedrooms and around the home to see if your son has mislaid one of our books as we have a high number that have not been returned. Ultimately this means that we do not have the funds to replace them and currently we have in the region of £1,310 book values unreturned. Once again I ask that you check any Brymore books so that others may enjoy them, Thank you! (Miss Bradford)



Young Farmers



This half term we have had a DVD showing Somerset YFC Stock Judging hints and tips.

Katherine Bigwood, a very proactive member of Somerset YFC, brought in a selection of animal feeds for the boys to identify coupled with a PowerPoint presentation on who is fed what. There were some really interesting combinations and feeds. Who knew crushed biscuits were a valuable source of carbohydrates for cattle? Then Katherine and Jock, who had accompanied her, very kindly gave the boys a demonstration of what to say and an explanation of why you say it when showing or judging stock, using two of the animals from the LRC, Shaun the Sheep and Oxo the cow!

We finished the half term this week with a presentation of a cheque to Musgrove Park Hospital Children's Ward. They were our Charity of choice last year. Joining us for the presentation, made on behalf of Brymore YFC, were Charlie Herbert and his mother. Charlie, now a Level 3 Health and Social Care student at Bridgwater College was a stalwart of the group becoming Chair of the group in Year 10; unfortunately he became very ill in Year 11 and spent a long time on the Children's Ward, prompting our decision to support them. Following on from the presentation the boys went to the farm where Mr Adamson and Mr Hill showed them what would be expected of them if they were to stock judge at the Bath and West Show. (Miss Bradford)

Cross Country

Mr Williams took a large group of more than 20 boys to Yeovil on a cold Saturday in January to compete in the Somerset Cross Country Finals. They all did well against a tough field with Louis Liddle and Will Jarman being placed high enough to be the non-travelling reserves. However, Harry Taylor-Page performed out of his skin to qualify for the South West championships as part of the Somerset team. Harry will travel to this meeting over the half term break and we wish him lots of luck! (Ms Warren)



Activities

The boys have loved going to Air Hop Trampoline Park in Bristol so much so that we have gone twice this half term, with boys showing their gymnastic skills, along with some interesting landing techniques! There has been the usual Ten Pin Bowling and Paintball trips which always creates friendly rivalry between the boys.....and staff, along with a cinema visit to see Ride Along 2 for those who enjoy a more relaxing activity.

More time seems to have been spent relaxing in the houses this term, probably due to the varying weather conditions, but board games and the X-Box have been proving popular along with the introduction of a new Scalextric Club. Indoor Cricket has started with an eye on the summer and it looks like we will have some talented Year 9s to watch out for.

When we return from the half term break there are further trips planned to Air Hop, Laser Tag and two Go Karting Trips, one of which is combined with a trip to The Haynes Motor Museum at Sparkford. There is also an early season trip to Brean Leisure Park Splash Zone. (Mr Bagshaw)



Farm News

Dairy - We have had two calves born this half-term, both Beef Shorthorn cross. Ulrika, cow No 54 (Swedish Red) had a bull calf and Faithful, heifer No 1 (Holstein Friesian) had a heifer calf which some boys assisted with. Forrester once again showing the benefit of having a bull on the farm to spot when our dairy cows are on heat when AI (Artificial Insemination) has failed.

Our milk contract has recently been transferred to Muller Wiseman and our milk is now collected daily.

Beef - Last Saturday, following an all clear pre-movement TB test last week, we sent five finished beef cattle to Sedgemoor Auction Centre for sale.

Sheep - Our Kerry Hill ram, Maverick and two Kerry Hill Ewe lambs were sheared to prepare them for showing in May so that a new fleece will have a chance to grow in order to look their best. The Young Farmers are Stock Judging with Mr Adamson and Miss Bradford, aiming to show at the Young Farmers Rally and at the Bath & West Show at Shepton Mallet in June. These three sheep along with some beef cattle will be shown by students.

Lambing - Our ewes should start lambing in less than a month. The lambing should take place over three days and nights on two consecutive weekends, 26th, 27th and 28th February and 4th, 5th and 6th March. The Year 11s are all going to be able to experience their own 'lambing live' when they do a night time duty in the lambing shed. The experience they have and the skills they learn will all be used as evidence for their BTEC qualification. There are also several other staff that are keen to come and help with these lambing weekends. Hopefully there will be many photos and a few videos.

Poultry - Thank you for the amazing response to the plea for egg boxes! Please keep them coming. Our hens have started

laying again after their 'moult' and we are collecting up to 60 eggs a day. We are taking delivery of 40 Point of Lay Pullets (young hens who will start to lay eggs soon) later this week to ensure a good supply of eggs throughout this Spring and Summer. The boys have helped expand our breeding area too.

The Year 7s have been learning about incubation and hatching of eggs this half term and have been able to watch newly hatching chicks which will be reared for future egg laying.

Pigs - The market price for pigs is very poor at present. We will have some 12 - 15 kilo weaners for sale soon so if you like the idea of having some of our piglets to rear please contact the farm office for details. We had some of our Brymore pork made into Tasty Traditional sausages by Butcher Hill in Cannington a few weeks ago, so have frozen sausages for sale at between £3.00 and £3.50 per pack according to weight. We have had very positive feedback from customers who think they are delicious. (Mrs Whyte)



Sports Update

The Chads Hill Run

The first ever running of the new Chads Hill course took place on 4th January 2016. The first record set was 16 minutes 12 seconds. Since then over 220 Brymore boys have recorded a time. The record now stands at 10 minutes 47 seconds held jointly by Huw Scott and Harry Taylor-Page. Many staff have also run the course with the ladies record standing at 14 minutes 46 seconds by Mrs S Austin. Many of the boys have recorded two, three or more personal best times. Certificates are still rewarded under the old system of how many you do. The run takes place every week day including Saturday at 4.00 pm and on Sunday at 3.00 pm. Ask your son for his personal best time to see if he has run the course and if he has improved.

Rugby

The Year 10 rugby team have made the area final and they will be playing a very strong Haygrove team at Bridgwater Albion Rugby Club on Monday 7th March, kick off at 6.00 pm. The school hope to take two coaches full of supporters. Numbers attending practice in the upper school remain excellent however numbers for Year 7 rugby practice are low at the moment so the boys really need to put some work in on that front.

Parental/Guardian Support

Commitment to Brymore comes from both sides of the equation. The boys opt to come to Brymore and therefore should be opting in. Parents and guardians of boys need to understand that for the boys to participate in all the activities on offer their support is needed 100%. Out-boarders who have transport difficulties attending the after prep fitness sessions are allowed, by arrangement, to attend the junior group sessions at 4.30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays. Attendance generally at fitness still stands in the high 90% in all year groups. (Mr Spridgens)

RC Car Club

Our trucks started the term looking cool in their new race liveries! Support from online store Wheelspin Models has meant some serious upgrades over the Christmas break which made the trucks more durable and easier to run.

Wheelspin Models are also offering free carriage on all orders over £35 to students at Brymore and their families, so take a look at their website if you are looking for a new toy, or spares for your current one, www.wheelspinmodels.co.uk and use the code 'BRYMORE'.

It has been another excellent half term of racing. Liam Hillier returned determined to win again after his championship win from last term and Tim Cook came back to mount a strong challenge to try and stop him. These two have dominated the racing so far, but new racers Harry Weaver and Sam Sarachi are starting to find their form and have steadily improved other the last five meetings. With the competition between Tim and Liam being so fierce it was inevitable that it would, once again, come down to the last meeting to decide the winner.

With both of the top drivers determined to win the last round, competition was close but Liam just couldn't match Tim's pace despite being so close all meeting. Eventually Tim just edged Liam out for the fastest time, securing himself the win and taking the championship by just one point. In their own private battle Harry and Sam continue to trade fastest times but in the end Harry came out on top to take third place. (Mr Simmons)



England Star Visits School

Alex Tudor, ex England and Surrey cricketer, was an inspiration to the boys on his recent visit.

Alex worked with the Year 9 and 10 cricketers on a sunny day to help them with their technical skill; including catching, throwing, bowling and batting. This was followed by a Question and Answer session where boys learnt that his inspirations were players like Curtly Ambrose and Sir Vivian Richards and that the best player on the opposition in any game he played was Shane Warne. Hopefully resonating with the boys was his advice that they 'can control what happens here, in the classroom, and that it should come first'.

Mr Bagshaw and a few boys toured Alex around the school, showing him highlights such as the farm (he loved the school boar!) and gardens to which he was most impressed and mentioned he 'had never seen a school like it'. (Ms Warren)



BSA Competition

The boarding team, led by Mr Orr, entered a Boarding Schools Association competition. The aim of it was based on the assumption that in general boys boarding houses are not as welcoming or homely as girls.

We had to make a video outlining what the

boys here would do with the prize money and why we should win - we didn't win but we did come third out of a high number of entries and won a £50 John Lewis voucher to be spent on something in boarding. Well done Mr Orr and well done boys! (Ms Warren)

Ski Trip

The ski trip this year was a great success especially after the decision to change country at the eleventh hour in the search for snow. The boys had a great time and the improvement of skills over the week was exceptional. Well done to Tyrone Pickersgill who picked up the 'Expert Skier' of the week trophy, very well deserved. The ski instructors were also impressed by the level of skill the Brymore students displayed and how far they progressed over the week.

I have to say a big thank you to the staff that accompanied me and Mrs Ball and I. They worked tirelessly to ensure a memorable holiday for the boys.

Thank you to all that attended this years trip and we look forward to the next trip in Easter 2017; the plans are already made. I can't wait! (Mr Ball)



Gap Tutors

We sadly said farewell to last year's Gap Tutors (Mr Chellew, Mr Whittaker and Mr Wood) at Christmas as they flew back to the Southern Hemisphere. We have, however, been joined this year by four more brave young men who have left their homes for a year working at the school.

Travelling from Australia we have Mr Sedgwick, Mr Florence and Mr Olsen and from South Africa we have Mr Neate. All have settled in very well and are working hard within the boarding houses and expanding the boys minds by telling them about the differences compared to where they come from. (Ms Warren)





**YOUNG SHOTS
DEER OPPORTUNITY DAY
19th February 2016
Near Launceston, Cornwall**

Interested in deer management?

This educational day will be based around gralloching and inspecting a deer carcass, looking at what should and shouldn't be there.

We will also be able to walk in the deer park, see otters, owls and Scottish wildcats.

£20 per child (members) £25 per non member

Min age 12.

8 spaces available

Booking essential, email southwest@basc.org.uk





**YOUNG SHOTS
OUTDOOR FIRST AID
2nd April 2016
Near Langport, Somerset**

For active, outdoor youngsters and based around country sports, this course will cover:

- The unconscious casualty
- Resuscitation and using an AED (defibrillator)
 - Drowning
- Major wounds and injuries
 - Gunshot wounds
 - Fish-hooks
 - Knives
- Fractures & dislocations
- Hypothermia

£35 for BASC YS members £40 non-members
to book:- robin@somersetadventures.co.uk
or call 07981 826919



Boarding

I always believe that the first half of the Spring term is probably one of the more challenging terms both for staff and students, with the dark mornings and evenings combined with the post-Christmas blues and all determined to lose the extra pounds gained over the festive period! With that said, this half term has gone in a flash and has been very busy with students and staff returning to school with increased vigour and relish for school life following the Christmas holiday. January always brings new staff into boarding with the arrival of four new Gap Tutors from Australia and South Africa, and the Brymore boys have certainly made Mr Neate, Mr Olson, Mr Sedgwick and Mr Florance all very welcome whilst they acclimatise themselves the lovely English weather!

We have had a number of external visitors to the boarding houses this term, visiting Brymore for various reasons, with boys always taking the time to introduce themselves and speak positively about their experiences during their time within boarding. It never ceases to amaze me how glowingly visitors speak of their experiences whilst here, which this term I believe is largely down to the wonderful atmosphere that has been created in all the houses by both staff and boys. It is never easy to pinpoint what creates such a healthy atmosphere, but I think it is mostly due to the good nature of the boys we have and the pride they show for their boarding house and the people within them. The new boys are to be commended for the way in which they have settled into Brymore life, while the returning boys have as always been friendly and welcoming. The mentor teams led by the Head of House deserve a special mention for their efficient work in keeping the houses running smoothly, there is a healthy level of respect between boys of all ages and as such the houses are growing from strength to strength.

This term has also seen the appointment of two new members of staff who will be joining the boarding team after the Easter holidays, and we as a school are very excited and pleased with the new appointments made and what they can bring to boarding at Brymore. With Mr Bagshaw leaving Mr Holt will take over as House Parent in Reid House, where the boys will gain hugely from Mr Holt's knowledge and enthusiasm for outdoor education and five years' experience as a teacher. We have also taken the opportunity to add an additional member of staff to the boarding team with the appointment of Miss Tatum as the new Boarding Pastoral Manager, who will work across all the houses supporting boys and staff to develop boarding.

Huge efforts by the boys has continued to be put into the development of boarding, by individuals, groups and all three houses as a community. There are individuals who work tirelessly to support their house parent and their boarding brothers ranging from helping individuals with prep, assisting others in organising their dorms to supporting friends through some tough moments such as homesickness. It is important that there are plenty of opportunities to celebrate success and reward those who have put the extra effort in. It's great to see on a weekly basis when visiting the houses the number of occasions I see staff rewarding boys efforts, ranging from DVD nights, boarder of the week, best made bed, special food treats to extra privileges or even just sitting down and staff making the boys a cup of tea! The end of every half term allows the boarding team to publically reward many of our boys efforts through such events as boarder of the week prize draw for six boys to go to McDonalds, the mentor house meal (cheese and biscuits this term), dorm of the term pizza night, prep reward activity night (for those who have achieved high effort grades) along with small individual prizes from house staff to boys who have developed over the term. (Mr Watts)



Forest School

Forest School has progressed well this year, with the weather being on our side for the Forest School sessions.

January has seen us complete the mallet making task with success. We then moved on to den building and what a great time the students had. I have been really impressed with the teamwork and imagination of the students, something that we really promote as a success criteria in Forest School.



Then finally we have now started to enjoy lovely baked potatoes on the fire to go along with our hot chocolate at break time, it doesn't get much better than that! (Mr Ball)



Set Zero

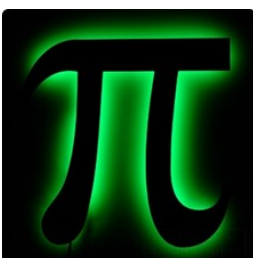
Maths Set Zero numbers have been given a real boost this year by a large group of enthusiastic Year 10s to be aiming for an A or A* in maths (Grades 7, 8 and 9 as it will be for them), not forgetting the regular Year 11s and most recently, a few eager boys joining from set two.

Set Zero 'colours' in the form of a silver π (pi) badge were presented by Mr Thomas to eight boys in assembly at the beginning of January, in recognition of dedication to Set Zero: attendance over at least two terms, being up to date in all aspects of maths prep, enthusiasm in class and supporting their colleagues in lessons. Congratulations to George Clay, Daniel Fry, Jack Mills, Cameron Moore, Finn Reeson, Henry Scott, Jack Thompson and Tom Williams, all well deserved.

Topics covered this year have included a brief history of Number Theory, including irrational and imaginary numbers; surds - why the square root of two was considered heretical, trigonometry - including the sine and cosine waves and how we depend upon them for all of our technology.

In March, Set Zero will visit a 'Maths Inspiration' show at the The Bath Forum where some of the most engaging maths speakers are delivering presentations on "Adventures in the Fourth Dimension" and "Codes and Combinations" amongst others.

Soon after Easter we shall sadly say goodbye to our regular Year 11s but welcome Year 9 students who believe they have what it takes to handle the demands of Set Zero! (Mr Ashton)



KS3 Maths Challenge

Key Stage 3 students (Years 7, 8 and 9) are working towards their Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum times table challenge awards.

Boys have to pass four consecutive tests, passing each level in order to move up to the next one. We are encouraging all the boys to practise at home to enhance their learning and to help move them up a level - therefore parents input is vital in helping achieve this. (Mr Hildred)



Refurbishment

After Christmas the contractor for our Horticulture block refurbishment sadly went into administration. Despite the setback we are working hard with a number of construction experts to ensure that the project is completed. We are on track to have the whole project finished by the end of the half term holiday. (Mr Coll)



History

To encourage enthusiasm in the mediaeval topic we decided we would run an optional 'Make a Castle' competition for the Year 7s. Nathanael exceeded all expectations to come up with this replica Motte-and-Bailey entry, complete with Trebuchet, to win the crown! (Miss Lee-Joy)

Blood Brothers

'Tell me it's not true'... on Saturday 30th January Brymore English department took the whole of Year 10 to Richmond Theatre to watch a production of Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers'. What promised to be an exciting evening of entertainment did not fail to deliver, leaving students thrilled with what was, for most boys, their first live theatre experience. Oliver Newbury-Barlow said 'it was absolutely amazing and seeing it live will really help me answer questions on it in the exam.' Another happy student, Michael Langton, said 'I loved the whole experience of the theatre and watching the actors bring these characters to life.' Blood Brothers is a key text in the new English GCSE and with its mix of humour, drama and songs, is proving very popular with students. With one successful trip, more are now being planned for the future. (Mrs Craig)

BRYMORE ACADEMY
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS - 2016/17 ACADEMIC YEAR

| SEPTEMBER 2016 | | | | | OCTOBER 2016 | | | | | | NOVEMBER 2016 | | | | | | | |
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KEY:

Term time Bank Holiday School Holiday

Staff Inset Days:

5 September, 31 October, 3 January, 20 February & 18 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:**

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| 31 October 2016 | Years 7 | 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm |
| | | House parents, Heads of House and Registration Group Tutors Only |
| | Year 11 | 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm |
| | | Academic Progress with Senior Leadership Team (Selected students only) |
| 3 January 2017 | Year 11 | 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm |
| 4 February 2017 | Year 8 | 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm (12.00 pm departure for Years 7, 9, 10 & 11) |
| 20 February 2017 | Year 10 | 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm |
| 18 April 2017 | Year 9 | 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm |
| 29 April 2017 | Year 7 | 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm (12.00 pm departure for Years 8, 9, 10 & 11) |

Bank and public holidays 2016/17

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| Boxing Day | 26 December 2016 | Easter Monday | 17 April 2017 |
| Christmas Day Bank Holiday | 27 December 2016 | May Day Holiday | 1 May 2017 |
| New Year's Day Bank Holiday | 2 January 2017 | Spring Bank Holiday | 29 May 2017 |
| Good Friday | 14 April 2017 | Summer Bank Holiday | 28 August 2017 |

Upcoming Important Dates & Events

| SPRING TERM | | |
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| Sunday 21 February | | Year 12 return |
| Monday 22 February | 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm | Year 10 Parent Consultation Years 7, 8, 9 & 11 boarders return |
| Tuesday 23 February | 8.30 am | All out-boarders return |
| Thursday 24 March | 10.00 am 11.30 am 2.00 pm 4.00 pm | Raising Achievement Sessions for Parents Parents School Run/Walk Rugby & Hockey House Finals All students depart for Easter Holidays Year 12 depart |
| SUMMER TERM | | |
| Sunday 10 April | | Year 12 return |
| Monday 18 April | 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm | Year 9 Parent Consultation Years 7, 8, 10 & 11 boarders return |
| Tuesday 19 April | 8.30 am | All out-boarders return |
| Saturday 30 April | 12.00 pm 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm | Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 depart for Bank Holiday weekend Year 7 Parent Consultation |
| Monday 2 May | 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm | All boarders return |
| Tuesday 3 May | 8.30 am | All out-boarders return |
| Saturday 28 May | 11.30 am 1.30 pm 3.45 pm (approx.) | Year 11 & 12 Leavers Service Sports Day Students depart for Summer half-term |
| Sunday 5 June | 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm | All boarders return |
| Monday 6 June | 8.30 am | All out-boarders return |
| Saturday 25 June | 10.30 am - 5.00 pm | Open Day and Country Fair |
| 27 June - 2 July | | Work Experience Week (Year 10) |
| 4 - 9 July | | Activities Week |
| Saturday 9 July | 10.30 am 12.00 pm | Swimming Gala All students depart for Summer holidays |
| Wednesday 20 July | | Year 12 depart |

BRYMORE LOTTERY

The results of the lottery for this half-term

1st £40.00 Mrs Hawthorne
 2nd £25.00 Mr and Mrs Green
 3rd £15.00 Mrs Ranson

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