

Brymore

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Throughout my time at Brymore I have firmly believed that putting the boys first is at the heart of everything we do. I knew that by continuing to offer agriculture and horticulture in the upper school that it would affect our position in the league tables and that by offering both in the lower school, along with Friday activities, instead of a modern foreign language our Ofsted grading would be limited to good. Three years ago Ofsted graded the boarding provision at Brymore as inadequate and were critical of the paperwork and the recording systems we had in place behind the scenes. They felt the boys were happy and safe but that key records and logs were not being maintained satisfactorily. I will always be grateful for those of you who attended the meeting following that inspection and for the many words of support and encouragement at that difficult time. I made a promise then, that in order to fix the concerns raised, I would not be asking staff to retreat to offices to complete paperwork and that we would continue to offer the activities that were available to the boys. We have had a number of inspections since then with a full boarding inspection taking place a few weeks ago. Whilst I was delighted with the judgement of good across the board I was especially pleased with the verbal feedback where the range of activities available to the boys, safeguarding, the induction of new boys and the way we consult and listen to the boys were all judged to be outstanding. I was also heartened to see a report that states 'Boarders said they love boarding.' So, to me of course it was important to get the grade that we did, but it was more important to read that the boys love boarding, have an outstanding range of activities and are listened to. Please find below a summary of the recent boarding inspection and the school inspection that took place a year ago.

Ofsted - Summary of findings for Brymore Academy

Boarding Inspection 26th - 28th February 2019

Key Judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people:	Good
How well children and young people are helped and protected	Good
The effectiveness of leaders and managers	Good

Key findings

- Boarders said that they love boarding
- Staff have developed strong relationships with the boarders which are built on trust, honesty and respect
- Boarders said that they really like the staff who care for them and confirmed that there are a large number of staff members who they could talk to about any worries or concerns
- Boarders feel safe at the academy. Excellent child protection arrangements are followed effectively and safeguard children
- The accommodation is clean and tidy, well-furnished and provides boarders with a comfortable, homely environment in which to live
- The provision of activities on and off the school site is excellent and includes opportunities for boarders to attend local clubs and community events
- Behaviour is very well managed using positive reinforcement, praise and reward. As a result, they behave well and are respectful of others.
- Monitoring of the boarding provision is rigorous and effective
- Consultation with the boarders is exceptionally good. The wide range of consultation forums includes an effective school council, a prefect system and regular surveys.
- Boarders said these consultation systems are effective and they feel that their views are listened to, valued and acted on.

School Inspection - 21st March 2018

Key Judgement

Overall effectiveness	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Behaviour and safety of pupils	Good
Quality of teaching	Good
Achievement of pupils	Good

Key findings

- Improving the life chances of all your pupils is at the very centre of your work. The school is distinguished by its inclusive approach, which ensures that no pupil is left behind
- Pupils are generally well behaved around the school site. They are good-humoured and friendly, and they treat adults with respect and courtesy
- Pupils enjoy their lessons, particularly in practical subjects, and take part with enthusiasm
- Pupils are proud of their school
- There is a caring and supportive ethos
- The combination of a traditional academic curriculum, coupled with a very successful practical and vocational programme, is highly effective
- You have a highly effective leadership team and you can rely on its strong support.
- Leaders work tirelessly on behalf of the pupils in their care and they are keen to build upon the improvements you have made.
- There is now a strong focus on literacy across the curriculum and this is evident in every classroom. Pupils enjoy reading and appreciate how important it is to their success in examinations and future careers.
- You and other leaders, supported by well-trained governors, teachers and other staff, have created a strong culture of safety which permeates every aspect of school life
- There is a strong, personalised approach which parents and pupils value
- You deal with incidents of bullying quickly and effectively. Pupils are confident in the measures the school has in place to keep them safe.

Obviously the inspection three years ago has put an added pressure on staff and I want to thank all staff, governors and staff working for Bridgwater College Trust for their hard work and determination, you as parents for your continued support and the boys themselves who continue to make me proud every day. In some ways this report makes little difference to what happens next, as we will continue to work hard putting the boys first. A copy of the report is enclosed for all families and is available via the Ofsted website should you wish to view it that way.

Happy Easter



Young Farmers Club



Since the last newsletter Brymore YFC have been quite busy, we've taken part in two quizzes, the first in Cannington village, where myself, Mr Adamson, Toby Ranson and Ollie Spence acquitted ourselves well, and secondly at the South Western Counties Shorthorn Breeders Association's annual quiz held in Podimore, where the same team plus Cameron Kinch came third.

The boys have watched a number of DVDs over these two terms, on Stock Judging, the 2001 Foot and Mouth Disease epidemic and volumes 1 & 2 of Pigeon Shooting the Whole Story, these films were made by Chris Green father of one of our regular speakers, James who speaks on behalf of BASC

The final evening was one of debate with a very Brymore theme: Tractors - Fendt or John Deere! The Somerset YFC Road Show Team came in for an evening of team building and games and have been talked into returning on a warmer evening for an outside version. Mrs Pam Wills came in at the second attempt, the first being snowed off, to speak about RABI, the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, the Charity that helps farmers and families in need.

Mr Adamson and I were joined by Joy Davenport for an evening of cake baking, for a next day sale to boys and staff to raise funds for this year's Charity the **Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance**, I am pleased to inform you that the boys raised £100.06. Joy will be helping out with the running of the club in the future as I'm sad to announce that my right hand man Mr Chris Adamson has moved on to pastures new and will be starting after Easter as Activities & Campaign's Officer for the National Sheep Association, based at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern. Thank you Chris for all your hard work with the club and showing in particular. (Miss Bradford)



LRC

I am pleased to let you know that over 100 books for the less able reader have been placed on the shelves, including a generous donation of Beast Quest books by the Long family. With an equal amount of novels for the stronger reader making their way onto the shelves, the range of books now available to boys is, I believe exceptional. So many new books have been added that more issuing bar codes have had to be ordered! A number of unwanted books have been donated to a charity in Watchet called the Watchet Harbour Community Bookshop <http://www.watchetcommunitybookshop.co.uk> and more will be forthcoming, as to get the new books on the shelves space must be made.

The last **Auction of Magazines** was held at the end of last half term and magazines will be now be offered to boys for a token donation or recycled.

The LRC will have ended this half term with the **Annual Paper Airplane Competition**, flights being launched from the top step of the LRC, a big thank you to Mrs Carter and Joe Wood for measuring and recording the flights, both safely kitted out.

Retaining his title with 62 feet 9 inches and 100 house points - William Holter-Hovind

Second place with 51 feet 7 inches and 75 house points - Basil Davis

Third place with 48 feet 5 inches and 50 house points - Matthew Neal Donald

Furthest flight sideways 30 feet 1 inch and 80 house points - Jude Ballinger

Winner of a two horse race for furthest flight by member of staff was - Mr Thomas with a distance of several feet less than the winner! (Miss Bradford)



Year 10 Rugby Final

Congratulations go to our Year 10 boys who triumphed in the Area final of the rugby cup. The squad played a strong team from Robert Blake but some great rucking and mauling saw the Brymore team bring home the trophy. (Ms Warren)



Sports Report

We had a busy term of sports kicking off with the Year 10 Area final which was a great win for the boys. Our Year 11 team made it through to the County Cup final at Weston-Super-Mare which they sadly lost but a great way to end their time playing at Brymore.

We have had a few cross country fixtures this term and boys have been very enthusiastic about this. Events at Yeovil, Lydeard Hill and Clatworthy Reservoir have all contributed to the team getting out and about and performing to their best.



We had a cricket coach in over the winter to teach boys table cricket and this culminated in them attending a big tournament at the County Ground in Taunton. The team had a great day and overall came third, which was great as it was their first time out and there were many teams competing.

Nine boys made up three teams to head to the Boccia finals in Taunton to face competition for the County final against lots of other schools. All the teams did well but one team, made up of Seb, James and Tom facing The Castle School in the final, won the whole competition and were crowned County champions!



Next term we will be swapping rugby and cross country for cricket and athletics so it will be great to see lots of boys out there taking part and representing the school. It will be our toughest summer ever as most big athletics events are on Saturdays which will require commitment from the boys to stay in or to attend in order to gain County vests. (Mr Williams)

Activities

Activities during Term 2B have been varied, we always try to cater to the boy's requests for trips off site and activities that we can provide on the school site during the weekends, we are very mindful of the costs and do try to only do one over £15 activity a weekend, with others often for around £5 or less.

This half term on site we have had nerf wars, indoor cricket, pizza cooking, man hunt, dodgeball, bingo, quizzes, bike track and various competitions with prizes, just to name a few.

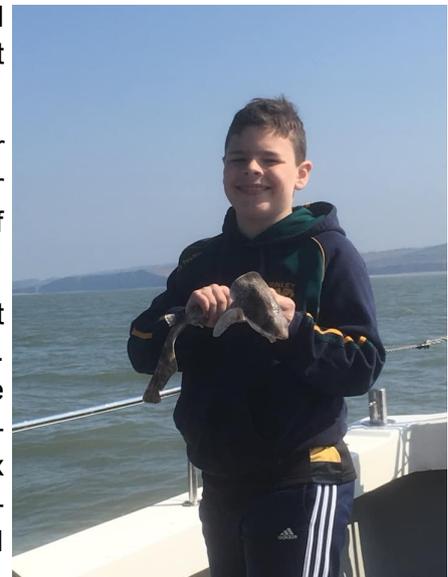
The boys who stay in at the weekend can also help on the farm or maintain their plots/gardens if that is what they like.

We also try to ensure the boys get downtime during the weekend, by just chilling in the common room playing Uno, Rummikub, cards or settling down with a big bowl of popcorn, to watch a movie on Netflix or cheering on their favourite team in the 6 Nations.

Our off site activities have been action packed this term starting off with a Gallagher Premiership Rugby game between Bristol Bears and Gloucester with a final score of 28 - 24 to the Bears, the boys and staff had a great night, but a late one.

Definitely the favourite activity this term was the Flip Out after dark in Wellington, the boys loved every minute of their two hour experience and have asked for a longer session for next half term.

We also had a group attend the Game Fair at the Bath and West Showground, where they watched country life demonstrations. We had our last weekend of the term where on Friday night, the boys joined the FoBSA team and had a couple of games of Bingo, some winning great prizes and on Saturday, a group of six boys went out Sea Fishing on the Seafire from Watchet, all managing to catch several big fish. I am sure the size of the fish will get bigger by the time the boys go home.



Well, what do we have in store for next term 3A: Clay Shooting, High Ropes, Brean Theme Park, Middlemore Splash and Mountain Biking? If you would like your son to be signed up for any of the weekend activities please ensure there is sufficient funds in their account and then they need to speak to their relevant House Parent.

Most of the offsite activities are restricted in numbers due to transport so it does have to be that full-time boarders have priority. Often you can meet us at the location and your son can then join in if the list is full.

If you know of an attraction or show that the boys might like to go to, please get in touch at nwestern@educ.somerset.gov.uk, we do need several weeks' notice to arrange activities and staffing but we are always looking for new ideas. (Mrs Western)

Open Day

Don't forget to put Saturday 29th June in your diaries because this is our annual Country Fair and Open Day. We have lots happening around the school including every subject represented in the teaching block, the workshops will be a hive of activity and out in the main ring we have stockshowing with our Brymore boys, a show by the Recycled Racehorse Falconry Team and duck racing. There will also be craft stalls, ice creams, classic cars and FoBSA will be on hand to provide refreshments.

Should you know anyone with a classic car or who would like a trade stand spot then please let them know forms are available on our website but space is limited. You can also help us by promoting via social media and particularly inviting your friends to the event via our Facebook page.

Bring the whole family and invite your friends because it's a great family day out. (Ms Warren)

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we celebrated World Book Day. As well as holding our annual 'Readathon,' we also, at the request of the students, held a competition for the best fancy dress costume based on a character from a book. We had some fantastic creations from the students with many being awarded commendations and certificates for their efforts. Toby Moyle in Year 7 won best overall costume having gone to the effort of constructing his very own astronaut helmet from papier-mâché! Although we are still waiting for the total figure, it looks likely that Brymore has raised around £1,500, an impressive achievement. This will be paid to 'Read for Good,' a charity which helps to fund books and story tellers for seriously ill children in hospitals across the country. Well done boys! (Mrs Taylor-Lane)



House Reading

This year reading has been classed as a 'big' Brymore event, with the house who has read the most words over the course of the academic year winning an additional 500 points for their house. Current totals are:

Galsworthy	Taylor	Walker
16,223,927	20,304,023	19,779,918

Boarding

The Spring Term has come to an end and what a fantastic term it has been for our boarders. There has been a huge amount to celebrate including academic endeavour, sporting success and a whole host of activities other than sport have given our boys enrichment aplenty. It is that time of the year where our Year 11s are looking ahead to the summer term and inevitable exam season that is just around the corner. Year 11s have been attending countless extra revision sessions and revising hard.

On the field the boys have done themselves and the school very proud. Congratulations to the Year 10 rugby squad and Mr Williams, as our boys won the Sedgemoor District Cup, and also huge congratulations to the Year 11 team who were defeated in the County cup final played in Weston-Super-Mare.

The boys are looking forward to the Summer Term. Particularly the use of the field and spending endless hours in the sunshine and making the most of the long days with the advent of the athletics training taking place every evening.

Many boys are applying to be a boarding mentor for next year. The boys have to fill in an ap-

plication form which the boarding team then look at before deciding who has been successful. Our boarding mentors are crucial for the younger boys as they help with homesickness, encourage participation in activities and ask the younger boys about their day and their week. It is a huge achievement to become a mentor and one which all boarders should aspire to.

The half term was started with a visit from Ofsted boarding inspectors who spent three days and two nights with boys and staff, covering every aspect of the boarding provision. The inspectors could not have been more glowing about their feedback of the boys and staff that work with them and we are very pleased with the outcome and report itself.

So, as the sun sets on a short but very busy and successful term we welcome the opportunity to spend quality time at home with our loved ones. Yes many of us will be working hard over the holiday period but doesn't the sunshine and longer days of spring make such days all that little bit more special. Enjoy your Easter holidays one and all. (Mr Watts)

Ten Tors

Boys are well into their Ten Tors training schedule now. With another run through before the big event in May, the two teams are looking strong and are very keen, especially after the last expedition where they wild camped, knocked ice off the tent and found conditions tough but they survived it and next month will be living it for real.

A great trip led by Mr Dickson and assisted by Mr Austin - who have put in a lot of hard work to make this happen. (Ms Warren)



Farm News

New Build

We are now milking in our temporary unit which is working reasonably well. The cows and most of the boys soon got used to it. B H White were certainly on the ball when it came to constructing it.

The milking cows are now out to grass by day and soon hopefully by night. This cold week has hampered grass growth a bit but it is slowly coming on.

Sheep

All but three of the ewes lambed on the first cycle, leaving the last three looking like they are in no hurry! Lambing has gone really well with the first 30ish lambing to the Beltex ram. They are looking very muscular in the first few weeks so hopefully we can keep them growing and gone early. Two out of the three Beltex ewes have lambed giving us two fantastic ram lambs which will go on to be used in the future.

The lambs have now all had an extra dose of Hepta-vac and a scratch of Scabivax.

Young Stock

The young stock are now slowly going out to summer grazing. They have done well over the winter. Due to last summer's dry spell silage was short so they have been eating barley straw since Christmas with sprinkle of molasses and more than normal concentrate to hopefully balance it out.

Replacement heifers

We have some nice Dairy Shorthorn in-calf heifers ready to calf over the summer with bulling heifers coming on well. We also have a nice little bunch of young calves. (Mr Kingston)



Iceland 2019

Please may I remind parents/guardians that the full cost of the trip, £1,090, needs to be settled by June . At this point I shall also be requesting Passport details as the tour company requests this well in advance, so flight tickets can be issued. At the point of travel in October, Passports **must** be valid for at least three months, in other words the date of expiry cannot be earlier than December 2019. Many thanks. (Mr Sawyer)

Horticulture

This has been an eventful term, full of planned changes and a few surprises along the way too.

Possibly the biggest story is the collapse of half of the North Wall of the walled garden during the stormy night of 16th March. 30m of the wall (built in 1753 and listed) fell inwards in much the same way as the other half of the wall did about 15 years ago. It will take time and energy (and some finance!) to repair this and in the meantime we lose the warming effect of the walls and our crops are now handed to the rabbits on a plot (I mean plate!). This is added to the ongoing needs of repair within the department, the raised beds outside the dorms being the most urgent. One of these beds will be removed this Easter and without an injection of finance from somewhere to rebuild the walls a little more permanently other beds will have to follow. To that end we have stripped one of the raised beds of useful plants and replanted them elsewhere.

This is our busy time of the year and so we have been sowing seeds, pricking out seedlings, taking hardwood and greenstem cuttings, potting on seedlings to ensure that their growth is not checked and this has necessitated a constant supply of compost. We make our own and so in Garden Duties boys sieve soil from the compost heaps and leaf mound and then get the soil sterilised.

In the early part of term we were pruning soft fruit and apple trees and indeed did not get as much done as we had hoped, partly because the walled garden was out of action for a week. We also cut back grasses and dogwoods, weeded borders, mulched with bark chip and also realised a number of projects which have been on the back burner for a few years.

Firstly, the old soft fruit cage in the centre of the walled garden, which was planted in 30 years ago, has been revamped. We recovered the oldest currant and gooseberry bushes and also the spent raspberry canes. We dug over the soil and have now replanted new raspberry canes and moved some of the rhubarb from the lower bed. We can now get a succession of harvest from the new raised bed to the old soft fruit cage to the rhubarb, which is in the shadow of the wall.

Secondly, we took out all the perennial plants in the perennial border on the south side of the walled garden. This bed was over-run with weeds and needs radical action before we replant it. Also along the south wall we have taken away the climbers which had become a real problem.

A project which has been bubbling for a while is the restyling of the sales area. We have taken away the herb garden, laid black landscape fabric (Mypex) on the strips of earth and covered that with chippings. Over the top we have built a pergola and already Mrs Stanley has put the watering sprinklers and pipework up. We have a solar powered fountain/water feature and we will fix shade netting across the top to give added protection. In the last week Mrs Stanley has begun to sort through stock and to reorganise the sales area.

We are also harvesting purple sprouting broccoli, rhubarb, spinach and until recently, lettuce from the top polytunnel. The salad crops have now been planted and the top polytunnel has been replanted with sweet peas and tomatoes.

The boys have been increasingly busy on their plots as we have gone through the term and besides Friday activities quite a number find time to come up after school, but they must sign in and out so that we know who is around in the department.

We are very grateful to the estates department (particularly Robin Leighton) for repairing the sales trolley. The wheels needed to be mended and the whole trolley has been carefully painted. Look out for our sales trolley on Fridays at the end of school and come to see what we have for sale, seasonal vegetables and fruit and a selection of plants too. Should you need something specific do speak to one of the staff and we will try to be of help. Our prices are considerably lower than the garden centres.

Some of the Year 10 students who applied and had interviews have been appointed as trial HoDs this term. They have begun their duties, coming to the Horticultural Department one evening each week to be in charge of a group of Year 8s to do a selection of tasks. These students are now learning man management skills, which can be tough at times. Garden duties are vital to the running of the department and help to keep us up to date and supplied with compost ingredients etc and they are also a good work experience opportunity for the Year 8s. Many of these Year 8 students have received certificates for getting 10/10 every week (gold certificate) or an average of 9/10 over the half term (silver certificate). Can I remind ALL pupils that they MUST wear old clothes (no uniform), overalls and steel toe capped boots. We have been VERY grateful to the Year 11 HoDs who have mainly stepped down although a few have stepped in to help when the Year 10s needed cover. Particularly I want to say a huge thank you to Harry Weaver who has helped me to develop a new computerised system for recording the Duty rota scores and he has spent MANY hours teaching this old dog new tricks, but still there is the occasional Harry, can you help me do this, or remind me how to do that!! Thank you to him.

Horticulture Visits

It was at the beginning of term that the third Year 7 group went to Monkton Elm Garden Centre near Taunton and were shown around, learning where the plants were grown, how plant breeders do the breeding and name the new varieties, what jobs there are available within the industry and were told that if they needed work experience Monkton Elm would be happy to provide the opportunity. We have a number of ex-students who work there presently or have worked there in the past.

We also took the three Year 9 groups to the National Trust property, Knightshayes Court near Tiverton. We were given an excellent guided tour of the walled garden which is much larger than ours. We were told the history of the walled garden, its present restoration project and what plants are grown and how they are managed. Again there was talk of work experience opportunities and the type of jobs available within the National Trust. There are SO many opportunities within the Horticultural industry awaiting our young people these days. The industry is facing a desperate lack of workers as 50% of the present day workforce will reach retirement age within the next five years.

The bowls of daffodils have flowered well, although a little too early for Mother's Day (such are the vagaries of the weather!).

We chitted potatoes earlier in the term and those potatoes are now planted. The broad bean rows have been filled up where some plants had perished over winter and pea seeds planted and hung from 'sky hooks' in the polytunnel in an attempt to protect them from the mice. Slugs are already having an effect upon young seedlings in the greenhouse and we have introduced Encarsia Formosa a tiny fly, into the greenhouse to control whitefly by biological means.

New raised beds have been constructed in the walled gardens and as ever, space is at a premium in the greenhouse and polytunnel as we shuffle plants to protect them and keep them growing at the fantastic rate which they do at this time of the year.

Monkton Elm Garden Centre kindly gave us some of their spare plants and so these are gradually being planted out.

Our links with Cannington in Bloom remain as strong as ever and once again we are raising their plants and will plant up the barrier baskets which will be displayed through the village during the summer months.

Our staff (Mrs Stanley and Mrs Meatyard) work tirelessly with the boys helping and advising and we are grateful for a number of TAs who help out in practical lessons and Monday duties too. We have also been very thankful to have Elaine Foster, a supply teacher, helping in the department on several occasions and she, along with a couple of other regular supplies, have an interest and enthusiasm for the subject which they are happy to share.

It is, however, with great sadness that we record the death of Mrs Williams who was appointed to help as a TA in our department. However, as she became more ill she was unable to continue to work outside as she had done previously and so moved across to more classroom based help. She had a wealth of knowledge as her father ran Wibble Farm nurseries near Williton and she was a garden designer in her earlier years. Her quiet but determined and totally empathetic work manner is already greatly missed. We shall be planting a flowering cherry tree near the teaching block in her memory. Her son Tom is an ex student of Brymore.

That just about rounds up a busy term for us. (Mr Willcocks)



Accelerated Reader Reward Trip

On Friday 1st March we took those students who have been working hard to reach their personalised Accelerated Reader target, on a reward trip to Flip Out and then McDonalds. The boys, as ever, were a credit to the school and they all had a brilliant time. For boys to be on track to meet their annual target, they should be at approximately 66% of this when they return from the Easter break. Boys who continue to make excellent progress towards their target will be invited on a final reward trip at the end of the year. (Mrs Taylor-Lane)

Young Shakespeare Company

This year we were lucky enough to secure a booking with the coveted 'Young Shakespeare Company' who provided an interactive workshop for the students as well as an abridged performance of 'Macbeth.' Some students even got a chance to put their acting skills to the test and were invited onto the stage to perform with the cast. With final exams only weeks away, many students commented on what a valuable revision tool it was. We hope to secure a booking with them again next year.



Head Boy

Towards the end of the half term we started the process of searching for our new Head Boy. Year 10 boys completed applications, which then went to the staff for shortlisting, the boys remaining in the process were all offered the opportunity to present to the whole school on stage and all 11 candidates did their best in a challenging arena. This was then cut down based on votes from the staff and students and our Senior Leadership Team along with Cameron and Oliver (joint current Head Boys), who then made the final decision. Jack Rigby was announced as the new Head Boy with Will Kent as Deputy Head Boy. Ethan Carr, Will Holter-Hovind and Louie Liddle will be Assistant Head Boys. All boys putting themselves forward for this process should be really proud of themselves as it is no easy feat to do all of this and as a staff team we look forward to working with Jack and his new SSLT. (Ms Warren)



Forest School

Some great results in Forest School with the boys completing tasks to a good standard. The boys made mallets, whistles and continued improving the base camp with withy fencing and log walls. (Mr Ball)



BRYMORE LOTTERY

The results of the lottery for this half-term:

- £40 - Miss R Edwards
- £25 - Miss L Collins
- £15 - Mrs Warton-Brown

Should you be interested in our lottery then please talk to Mrs Wilkinson in reception or call her on 01278 652369. All recent applications have been processed and are now in the draw every half term.

Archery

Congratulations to the competition winners, Anthony Vessier and Will Dare both receiving a Brymore archery mug. Good progress was made by all the boys taking part. (Mr Ball)



Engineering

Engineering and Tool Making

Well Done to all who participated. A special well done to Zander Smith for completing a working pneumatic engine, great effort and commitment Zander. We also had bottle openers, engineer squares and whistles made.

Woodwork and Wood Carving

Plenty of projects made over the last 12 weeks, with attention to detail shining through. Products such as Country boxes, spice racks and side tables all produced to a good standard. We'll done also to the wood carvers who produced a great pack of hounds. (Mr Ball)



FoBSA

We had a great fundraising event at the end of this term with another bingo night where we raised over £750 and I'd like to offer my thanks to all the volunteers that helped, parents and staff that donated prizes and the people for coming.

This year is my last as Chair of FoBSA as I will be stepping down at the next AGM (October). Someone else will be required to fulfil the role and I am happy to help with a handover.

The Open Day and Country Fair (June 29th) is our biggest event of the year and we need lots of helpers. Please consider if you can donate an hour or two or more, or even a day before to help us set up. It really is fun and a time to start getting to know other parents in a better way too. Please let me know or call in the office and see me so I can add your name to the list of helpers.

This year for Open Day we'd like to have another auction of promises in order to help top up our fundraising. Donations in the past have been a country cottage holiday (Dunstan family) a microflight (Mr Sindrey), 50 sheep sheered (Grossey family) and pony rides (Mrs Dascombe). If any one can help me write to companies or if you have any contacts of organisations that could offer donations, then please see or email me.

Our next meeting is Friday 26th April at 4.00 pm and everyone is welcome.

Kate Atyeo (KAtyeo@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

Geography Trip

Year 11 boys recently took part in their Geography trip to Lyme Regis in Dorset. Their purpose was to investigate the town's sea defences and to assess their effectiveness. Boys were organised into groups and given a number tasks to complete. On the beach boys measured longshore drift in two ways: the height of the beach on either side of a groyne and, rate of longshore drift by throwing oranges into the sea and measuring how far along the coast they travelled in a given amount of time. Other tasks on the beach included field sketches and observations assessing the state of the current sea defences, completed in 2015. In the town, visitor surveys were carried out to gain a local perspective on the impact of sea defences and their importance to the local economy.

At the end of the trip, boys were given some down time to explore... and in true Brymore style, it didn't take



them long to find the ice-creams... and in some cases, ice-cream tubs!!

The boys were great and hopefully this trip will help to consolidate their learning and stand them in good stead for their up-coming exams! Well done boys and thank you to all staff and parents/guardians for supporting this trip. (Mr Sawyer)



2019 Upcoming Important Dates

Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd April

INSET DAY

- 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm Year 9 Parent Consultation
- 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm Year 7, 8, 10 & 11 boarders return

Wednesday 24th April

- 8.30 am All out-boarders return

Friday 3rd May

- 12.00 pm Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 depart for Bank Holiday weekend
- 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Year 7 Parent Consultation

Monday 6th May (May Day Bank Holiday)

- 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm All boarders return

Tuesday 7th May

- 8.30 am All out-boarders return

Saturday 25th May

- 11.30 am Year 11 Leavers Service
- 1.30 pm Sports Day
- 3.45 pm Students depart for summer half-term

Sunday 2nd June

- 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm All boarders return

Monday 3rd June

- 8.30 am All out-boarders return

Saturday 29th June

- 10.30 am - 5.00 pm Open Day and Country Fair

1st - 5th July

Work Experience Week (Year 10)

8th - 12th July

Activities Week

Saturday 13th July

- 8.30 am All out-boarders arrive as normal
- TBC 10.30 am Swimming Gala
- 12.00 pm All students depart for summer holidays

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