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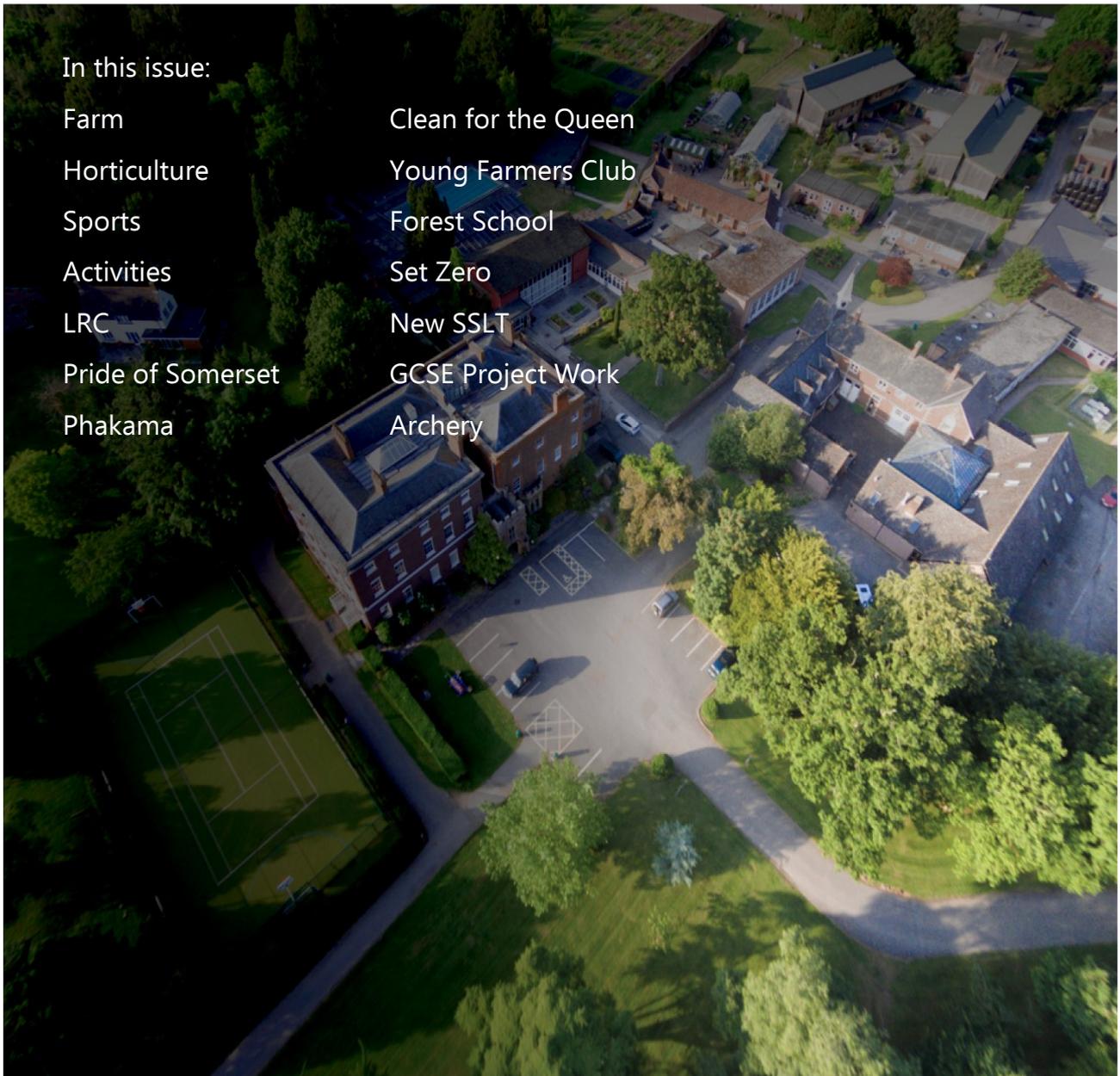
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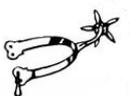
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Message from the Headteacher

As I write this I am still awaiting the official outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection of the boarding provision at Brymore. When it does arrive, I am not allowed to communicate it to staff or parents until it goes through a quality assurance process and the final report is published in a few weeks' time. However I can safely predict that I am disappointed with the expected result and it will not be the judgement we had hoped for or predicted. The inspector is the same inspector who visited us in 2012 and she was incredibly positive about the improvements made in the boarding provision, especially around the care provided by staff, the quality of the accommodation, the wide range of activities and the willingness of boys to report any concerns they have, safe in the knowledge that those concerns would be acted on. She highlighted in particular the strong relationships between students and staff, along with the school's commitment, passion and drive to get the best for the boys and the tireless work ethic of boarding staff who go above and beyond their working hours.

It is clear, that in the current climate, following recent national scandals in care homes and boarding schools and with the exposure of well-known celebrities, the bar has now been raised even higher and the inspections are thorough and rigorous, as they should be. Five days were spent in school and six on the inspection itself. The boys, as ever, were superb and thanks must also go to the parents who completed the questionnaire, 99% of whom reported that their son was happy, safe and that they would recommend the school to another parent.

Unfortunately due to the school finishing on a Thursday this term I am aware that many parents were unable to attend the house matches or the raising achievement session for Year 11 parents. We will run this again at the end of the next half term, prior to leaver's service. I must urge all Year 11 parents to ensure that their son keeps revising and completes the work sent home over the holiday period. The extra week's holiday, compared to other schools, may seem like a bonus for many but it comes at the wrong time for Year 11 as it could cause them to lose momentum at a vital time. Therefore please ensure revision is given a high priority.

So, at the end of a short but intense term, I would like to wish you all a happy Easter break and I hope everyone is able to spend some time with the family, before returning to Brymore for the summer term where the pool will be open, the cricket and athletics season starts and hopefully the sun will be shining.

Best wishes



Horticulture

Our Year 10 trial HoDs have been working well with the younger boys on evening duties and showing excellence in their leadership skills. We rewarded our outgoing HoDs from Year 11 with a dinner and archery evening at Blackmore Farm at the end of term.

Seeds have been sown and young plants pricked out in preparation for the Cannington in Bloom barrier baskets to be planted next term. In addition to this, we have been working with the Cannington in Bloom committee to ensure we are doing our bit for the community and have been planting an area of land near Rose Villas. The boys who did this during their Horticulture lesson with Mrs Stanley did a wonderful job and even made the local paper.

We continue to work with Spaxton Primary School on their willow dome in lesson time and boys have shown real skill in working with this material.

Anemones planted last Autumn are now coming out into flower, potatoes are being chitted, lasagne mulch has been put down on some of the demonstration plots in the walled garden and Mr Williams has repaired a raised bed and made a picnic bench with his Year 9 group. Our Year 11 boys have been mowing for the first grass cut of the season and we are finally back in our newly refurbished potting shed which is great for the spring and Open Day!

As always our plant sale trolley is out every Saturday at 3.45 pm for anyone to purchase our growings or if you want something bespoke then please talk to one of the team.
(Mr Willcocks)



LRC

The LRC has been well used again this half term with World Book Day being responsible for a surge in borrowing and thankfully returning of books; overdues are much down on the number quoted in the last newsletter, so thank you to all who have nagged to get books returned.

There have also been a further 48 books added to the shelves, mostly high interest easy readers, as this was an area sadly lacking in range.

At the end of February the LRC was visited by a Shush of Librarians from Holyrood Academy in Chard; after admiring the number of Ferret books on the shelves (9) and 'asking how many books about tractors are there?' (55). The five ladies were shown around the school by Nicholas Winzer & Joe Wood, culminating in visiting the farm where they saw the new lambs, that had been born that day. (Miss Bradford)

Head Boy Report

The past half term has been very busy and the nice weather we have had over the past couple of weeks has kept most people's spirits up! As I write this, at the end of a week that has involved selecting the new Head Boy and deputies for the forthcoming year, I reflect on what has been a very interesting process as I can remember myself in the same shoes as the boys who stood nervously on stage and presented their ideas for why they should fill my shoes. I believe it was a good process in hearing all the boys' ideas as SLT took note and may act on them sometime in the future. I spent my Monday afternoon with the SLT interviewing all the applicants. We then spent a good hour deciding their fate, which was a very difficult process as there were a large amount who shone through with great inner qualities. After deciding, we met again with all the applicants and informed Henry Scott that he would be the new Head Boy with Jack Thompson and Olla Hawthorne as his Deputies. There are also three Assistant Head Boys, consisting of Jack Mills, Cameron Moore and Oliver Newbury-Barlow - the largest number of senior boys the school would have ever had. When I started there were only two but due to the school expanding these boys will have individual roles in different departments to make sure it is all flowing smoothly. Along with them, there were a large number of Senior Prefects and Prefects allocated to fulfil duty roles.

As I wind down this year I would like to thank my team of Jason, Cameron and Alistair for supporting me in carrying out our duties in the school. I wish Henry and his team all the best for the forthcoming year. (Joe Parkman)

Young Farmers



The meetings this half term have been well attended, Richard Mellinn, spoke about his experiences as a football referee and how these experiences can be used in everyday life.

Ben Druitt, an old boy, came in and spoke about working on the 2000 mile harvest across the United States of America and also working on the South Island of New Zealand, driving combines, tractors and trucks. The boys who attended thought all their birthdays had come at once! They loved watching a film of six huge combines working one field and another that Ben had filmed himself, of a day's driving.

We finished off with the last few boys who hadn't had a chance to make felt working with Mrs Whyte.

While all this was going on, Mr Adamson and Mr Hill, Archie's dad, were training and assessing boys who are going to prepare, show and judge at the Royal Bath and West in June, with some of them also representing Brymore YFC at the Sedgemoor Rally in May. (Miss Bradford)

Cross Country

A small group of boys went to Sherborne Castle for the Sherborne School cross country championships. Harry Taylor-Page did an outstanding job of winning out of the 41 entrants and Huw Scott came an impressive fourth; in addition the whole team came second overall. (Mr Williams)

Forest School

The weather has been good to us again this term which means we have accomplished a lot.

Activities this term have been planting saplings in the boundary of the woods and adding more bulbs to keep the wood looking beautiful, in addition we have been making log walls and the boys have done an awesome job. We have been putting wood chippings around the floor of the base camp which makes it look great. The roast potatoes have been going down a treat and the boys are now looking forward to trying roast bananas. The boys and I are having a great time so I hope you enjoy some of the pictures we have taken. (Mr Ball)



Pride of Somerset Youth Awards

We were very proud to learn that Charlie Herbert was nominated for and won a Pride of Somerset Youth Award. Charlie, who left the school after his exams in 2015, spent many months in hospital during Year 11 and when he came back to school was confined to a wheelchair for a period of time. However, Charlie continued to study, even taking his exams with his peers, and credits the school and the staff for keeping him focussed. Ultimately when GCSE results day came he opened the envelope to discover he had secured good grades that would see him onto a Level 3 course. Charlie is now studying Health and Social Care and comes back once a week to work with the Matron team as part of his work experience. Charlie epitomises our three Rs and it's heartening to see him recovered and living life to the full. (Ms Warren)



Farm News

Lambing The most important news from the farm this half term is from the lambing shed. This year, after sponging all the ewes in the Autumn for the first time, (that means each ewe had a hormone implant which synchronised the date she came on heat), the plan was to have them all lambing over two weekends (26th, 27th and 28th February and 4th, 5th and 6th March). The Year 11 students each spent a full night on lambing duty. The addition of a shepherd's caravan helped those on duty to relax and keep warm during quiet periods. This was a team building activity which gave them a chance to help with all the routine tasks from helping to lamb a ewe through to bottle feeding and ear-tagging. It provided useful work experience evidence for their BTEC qualification.



By the end of the first weekend 26 lambs had been born to 11 ewes including five sets of triplets (25 alive, 1 died). The total to date is 84 lambs born to 44 ewes, this is a lambing percentage this year of 191%, including two lambs weighing in at a massive 8kgs and a set of triplets weighing 18kgs together!! We have two bottle fed lambs, one of our own, a Kerry Hill x and a Kerry Hill Wether which we



have been given. We even had some very keen staff members come down to the farm to assist and view lambing this year.

On 7th March ten of last year's lambs (Hoggets) were sent for sale at Sedgemoor Auction Centre. They weighed 41 kg and sold for £77 per head.

Dairy All the breeding cows, Forrester and heifers over eight months old had their second BVD vaccination as part of our BVD control programme. They have all been blood tested and had a clear result and we are now tissue testing all calves as they are born and so far all calf lab results have returned clear.

The mobile Foot Trimming contractor visited and trimmed the whole herd and they have all been put through the foot bath to help prevent any foot diseases.

Poultry As the days get longer our hens are laying well, producing plenty of fresh free range eggs. These are for sale on the farm or down at the Lodge at the old school entrance, at £1.00 for half a dozen.

Pigs The pig trade seems to have picked up a bit and last Saturday we sent some large store pigs weighing between 75-80 kgs to market. We have some of our popular, delicious Brymore Farm traditional pork sausages and a range of pork joints (shoulder, leg, loin and chops) for sale - please call at the farm if you wish to buy any. These are prepared for us by EWJ Hill & Son, Family Butchers in Cannington. On Tuesday one of our sows, Shirley farrowed. This was her second litter, a good size of 11 piglets.



Farm News (continued)

We have a litter of weaners for sale, weight 25-30kgs. If anyone would like buy a couple to rear their own for the freezer or to order any sausages or free range eggs, please contact Mr Kingston or Mrs Whyte on 01278 652428.

Trips Year 9 visited Sedgemoor Auction Centre on 11th March for the Starlight Stock Show. This is a show for 'Show Potential Cattle'. This was a chance for the students who are keen to do their own showing to see how the professionals do it.

On 14th March Mr Williams took his Year 9 class to Sedgemoor Auction Centre to visit the 'Easter Show & Sale of Suck Lambs'.

Year 7 had a morning visiting a couple of different milking systems. First we went to Bridgewater College's Farm at Rodway, Cannington. Mr Jones, the Farm Manager, showed us the Herringbone milking parlour and dairy cows and we looked at their high tech calf rearing system as a comparison to our own. Then we went on to visit a robotic milking system and had a look at how computers have made a difference to the management of a dairy herd.

Shows The North Somerset show on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May, is the main focus for students preparing cattle and sheep for the show ring. A number of animals, including Forrester are being reminded how to behave when walking on a halter. There will be some pampering going on over the next few weeks as the boys work hard to make them look their best, especially on the return to school after the Easter holidays. There will be other shows to follow later in the summer.

HODs and Feeders We award 'HOD of the Week' and 'Feeder of the Week' to the student who impresses us the most, both in knowledge, keenness and dedication to their role.

The HOD of the Week this half term was given to Toby House, Lee Marsh, Jack Mills and Will Seward and Feeder of the Week was given to Tom Dollery, Hugh Gray and Reuben Webb.



Paper Aeroplane Competition

The fifth annual Paper Aeroplane Competition was held on Friday 18th March from the top step of the LRC; this year there was a good turn out with 59 entrants, 57 boys and 2 members of staff.

There were many variations on the theme of the standard classroom plane; the majority flew in the direction the wind and positioning of the steps decreed.

Two battled for longest flight in a sideways direction, the winner being Jamie Barter of G2.

Longest throw by a member of staff with 26' was Mrs Garrod, Head of Walker House.

In third place for 50 house points with a distance of 50' came Nick Payne, W1.

In second place for 75 house points with a distance of 57' was Rhys Baxter, T1.

The winner for 100 house points with a distance of 58'.6" was Jack Thompson, W4.

Ms Carter and Oliver Newbury-Barlow, looking resplendent in their HiViz jackets, safety glasses and hard hats, were the distance judges and I thank them both for their time. (Miss Bradford)



Leavers' Hoodies

Boys in Year 11 are now able to order their leavers' hoodies. The hoody will have the school logo on the left chest area with the word 'Leavers' and the number '16', filled with all the names of the year on the back.

If your son would like a leavers' hoody, please ensure that he has the funds to cover the cost, either in his activities account, cash or by cheque made payable to Brymore Academy. The cash or cheques can be given directly to the finance office or to Miss Bradford in the LRC. Price depends on the colour/s chosen and start at £20. Please ask your son to see Joe Parkman with his colour choice and size. (Miss Bradford)

Clean for the Queen



The school has taken part in the national 'Clean for the Queen' initiative. Clean for The Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016

Boys used the time during afternoon activities to go down to the village and do a litter pick with Mr Adamson and did a great job. The area of Cannington that they worked on was gleaming by the time it finished.

DT Projects

Boys in Year 11 have been keenly working to finish their DT projects for the GCSE practical part of the course, although this also includes a large portfolio of written and drawn pieces of work that go with their finished piece of work.

Boys have been highly imaginative, enthusiastic and are definitely thinking outside the box when it comes to their project. We have a log splitter, grass harrow, bike ramp and tables amongst many other brilliant things and they will all be available to see in our Engineering block on Open Day!

(Ms Warren)



Archery

Archery club has begun again in earnest with Mr Ball putting on a very popular after school activity. Boys have been learning about targets, the flight of the arrow and accuracy. Any boys wishing to try this out should see Mr Ball. (Ms Warren)

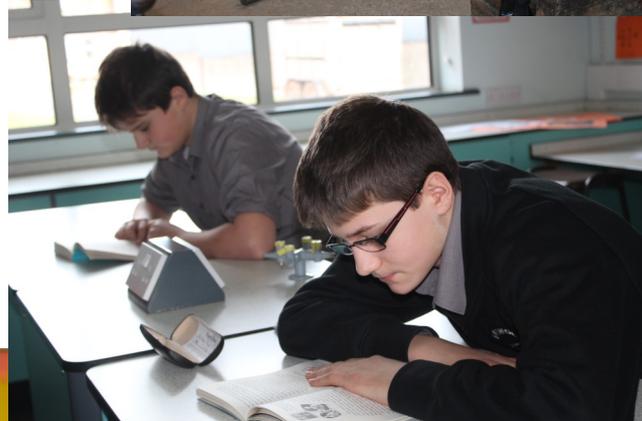


Readathon

We celebrated World Book Day with a Readathon for the boys in Key Stage 3.

Boys were asked to gain sponsorship towards them spending the day reading and finishing as many books as possible.

It was a very successful day and boys ended up reading all over the school and we have raised over £500 for a worthy cause. (Ms Warren)



Phakama Project

Boys from Year 8 were involved in a project with The Rosary Nursing Home in Bridgwater. The project was run by Phakama; a youth arts organisation that teams up schools and care homes. It brought together different generations, where they could learn about one another through their love of art, song and other expressive arts. The boys were exceptional throughout the whole day and really threw themselves into the project and the project co-ordinator, Bibi, said 'the boys were a joy to work with and a credit to the school, we were thoroughly impressed with how they worked with the residents'. (Ms Warren)



Boarding

It is with much warmth that we begin to bring term 2 to a close, which has seemed very short in terms of time spent here since the last holiday, but one that has been packed with events and goings on throughout boarding. This term there has been a noticeable increase and focus on the involvement and impact of the numerous student voice platforms and committees, suggesting and developing multiple areas of boarding and the school. The food and activities groups have been working hard and meeting with the relevant staff to discuss and manage a range of suggestions and developments put forward by the boys (boys always seem to have countless suggestions on these two particular areas!) which has led to changes in the menu during both lunch and evening meals, combined with an increase in the range and number of external trips and activities offered within boarding time. Mrs Lillywhite has continued to meet with a cross section of year groups from all houses to review and discuss what has been going well in boarding, and what areas we can continue to improve, with boys displaying a very mature and sensible approach to these types of meetings. All staff involved with the development groups have been very impressed with the maturity and thoughtfulness boys of all ages have presented when discussing these requests and thoughts from improvements.

We have been slowly moving towards the summer term in anticipation of those long summer evenings spent outside on the field or in the swimming pool, which has been evident in the past few weeks with boys continuing to enjoy the activities program away from the cover of winter darkness, with boys enjoying the occasional sunny evening! The lighter evenings at this time of year inevitably lead to quieter houses at times, with a pleasant mixture of boys outside continuing with activities such as football / archery / fitness / cricket and rugby, mixed with boys relaxing within the houses watching TV / playing cards / board games or just socialising with friends and staff.

Boarding events and trips this term have been well supported with very high levels of participation throughout all year groups, which have been made possible through the ideas and suggestions from the student voice groups mentioned earlier. Boys have enjoyed trips to Airhop, Haynes Motor Museum, Brean Splash swimming pool, laser tag, the cinema and bowling, whilst also having the evening away from prep supporting the Year 10 rugby team in the Sedgemoor cup final at Bridgwater RFC.

It's also been a busy half term for visitors viewing what happens within boarding, with both Mr Holt (new house parent for Reid) and Miss Tatum (Pastoral Manager) each spending a few days and nights meeting the boys and staff they will be working alongside after the Easter holidays. Our final visit towards the end of this half term was from two Ofsted inspectors reviewing the boarding provision, and as always commented on how well the boys conducted themselves throughout the inspection. Although we are very excited about the arrival of Mr Holt and what he will bring to Reid house and the boarding experience of the boys, it's also a sad end to the term with the departure of Mr Bagshaw, who is leaving Brymore after three years of running Reid house. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of the boys, staff and parents for all his efforts and time given to Brymore and the boys during his time with us, and wish him all the best for his future at a new school.



I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break and enjoy the time with your family and friends, but also a gentle reminder to all Year 11s that although the summer is just around the corner (so are your exams!), please spend your time wisely and balance social time with time for revision! (Mr Watts)

Rugby Final

On a cold March evening half the school boarded coaches to head to the final of the Year 10 rugby District Cup. If you ever want to experience an atmosphere, we can highly recommend a Brymore rugby final; to their credit our supporters did not stop cheering the team on for the whole match. The match kicked off and the team dug deep; however they weren't strong enough to stop the tries from the opposition who were relentless. In what was a truly epic battle bravely fought by our boys the final whistle blew and the cup was given to Haygrove who won 36-12. We are truly proud of the whole team as they held their heads high throughout and played with so much determination. (Ms Warren)



Set Zero

Fifteen members of Set Zero, Ms Rundle and Mr Ashton went to a Maths Inspiration Show (no seriously) at The Bath Forum on Thursday 3rd March. The three hour show consisted of entertaining lectures on weird and wonderful branches of mathematics by Hannah Fry, David Acheson and Ben Sparks, brought together by the host Matt Parker; all eminent mathematicians from radio, TV, YouTube and David is an Oxford professor!

Hannah's presentation, entitled 'A Bit Random' showed a packed theatre of nearly a thousand, how even the most powerful computers cannot generate truly random numbers; the origins of Premium Bonds and how ERNIE worked (Electronic Random Number Indicator Equipment, don't you know!). Henry Scott was chosen to go on stage to read a newspaper in an experiment to generate one number of the winning raffle ticket (no one from Brymore won).

Jake Knight was chosen to help Professor Acheson demonstrate how the sound of a guitar string could be modelled using a rope (photos on the school's Facebook feed), in a lecture entitled 'Pi, Pizza and the Electric Guitar'.

Finally we were treated to a hypnotic rendition of 'The windmills of your mind' by Ben Sparks as we were shown how hypnotic modular arithmetic, using the golden ratio, generates the patterns of nature and life all around us. And of course how everything, including so many infinite series, all boil down to π , even when there's no circle in sight. In the Q&A session at the end Jack Thompson asked the panel who would buy the book of truly random numbers for £60 - and why: scientists apparently.

A truly great day was had by all and not a GCSE question in sight! Thanks to Ms Rundle and all the boys who were a credit to Brymore. (Mr Ashton)

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:**

31 October 2016	Years 7	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
	Year 11	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
		House parents, Heads of House and Registration Group Tutors 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

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

Sports Update

Rugby

As previously mentioned in this report the year 10 rugby team played but lost the area final. The good thing about the evening was the fantastic support given by all the boys and those friends/parents of the school who turned up to watch. A most enjoyable evening.

House Competitions

It is always great to see a lot of parental support for house competitions such as the Cross Country in October. However, this term we have had three house competitions; two rugby and the house rugby 7s. All these events were held on a Saturday afternoon to enable parents to come and watch their boys, however, they were not as well supported as in previous years.

Fitness

Attendance at fitness continues to be very high indeed especially amongst the boarders. When fitness re-commences in September it will be possible for out-boarders to attend on other evenings and after school if they have transport problems getting to their own year groups fitness session.

The new Chads Run

This much shorter version of the old Chads run has proved very popular with the boys especially with those who struggled on the old run. Commendations and certificates are awarded for attempting the run; they are not awarded for times, unless you break a full school record. At the time of writing this report all but five boys have done the new run and two of those are on long term injury and therefore off games.

Cross Country

Mr Williams has organised lots of cross country fixtures over the past couple of half terms and spent many hours taking boys to these, alongside Miss Bradford as our other minibus driver, and boys have been achieving a high standard - which is great to see. Harry Taylor-Page did the school proud by gaining qualification through to the English Schools Cross Country finals in Nottingham where he performed well and got into the top 350.

Summer Term

With summer term fast approaching may I remind you that the swimming pool, weather permitting, will be open. Please can you make sure boys have at least two towels for swimming purposes and a pair of swimming shorts. Also next term athletics and cricket teams will be running. We hope to run a combined year 7/ 8 cricket practice on a Tuesday and a combined year 9/10 on a Friday. Both of these activities will be from 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm, depending on other duties they may have which take precedence.

Racewalking

On a final note I'd like to mention that one of our old boys, Alex Wright, has achieved Olympic qualification for Ireland in the men's racewalking and is off to Rio this summer for the games. An indicator for all boys that if they put their minds to it they can achieve anything.

(Mr Spridgens)

New SSLT

The new Senior Student Leadership Team has been chosen. After a rigorous selection process, including presenting to the whole school and sitting a panel interview, we have chosen the most senior of all the boys to head up the team for a year. Henry Scott is Head Boy, Jack Thompson and Olla Hawthorne are Deputy Head Boys and Cameron Moore, Jack Mills and Oliver Newbury-Barlow are Assistant Head Boys. Once this selection process was over, these boys interviewed for prefects, alongside Mr Winter, Mrs Davis and Mrs Jones. They then met to discuss Prefect and Senior Prefect selection and the following are now a part of the new SSLT:

Senior Prefects: Brooks Carey, Billy Davies, Corey Druitt, Herb Elliott, Henry Howlett, Michael Langton, Finn Reeson and Tom Williams.

Prefects: Jordan Baker, Jamie Barter, Dominic Bridges, George Clay, Stuart Clothier, Haydon Curteis-Lateo, Morgan Evans, Glyn Hooper, Toby House, Jake Knight, Ed Loder, Lee Marsh, Harvey Pearce, Ryu Perry, Jacob Peters, Lewis Phillips, Will Seward and Charlie Wilson.



Boys were taken by Mr Winter and Mr Coll to Wimbleball Lake for a teambuilding day before the Easter break to ensure they were working as a cohesive unit. The day was full of fun, laughter and will hold memories for them to last a lifetime. Boys in the lower school are already talking about their Head Boy presentation which bodes very well for the future. (Ms Warren)

FA Day

A number of boys were taken to Street for an FA football awareness and disability day recently. It was an opportunity for the boys to learn new footballing skills and to also show off their own footballing talents. (Mrs Jones)



Upcoming Important Dates & Events

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	10.00 am 11.30 am 1.30 pm 3.45 pm (approx.)	Year 11 Raising Achievement Session 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 Mr A Bargery

2nd £25.00 Mr L Bagg

3rd £15.00 Mr E Tucker

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