

# Brymore

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## Newsletter

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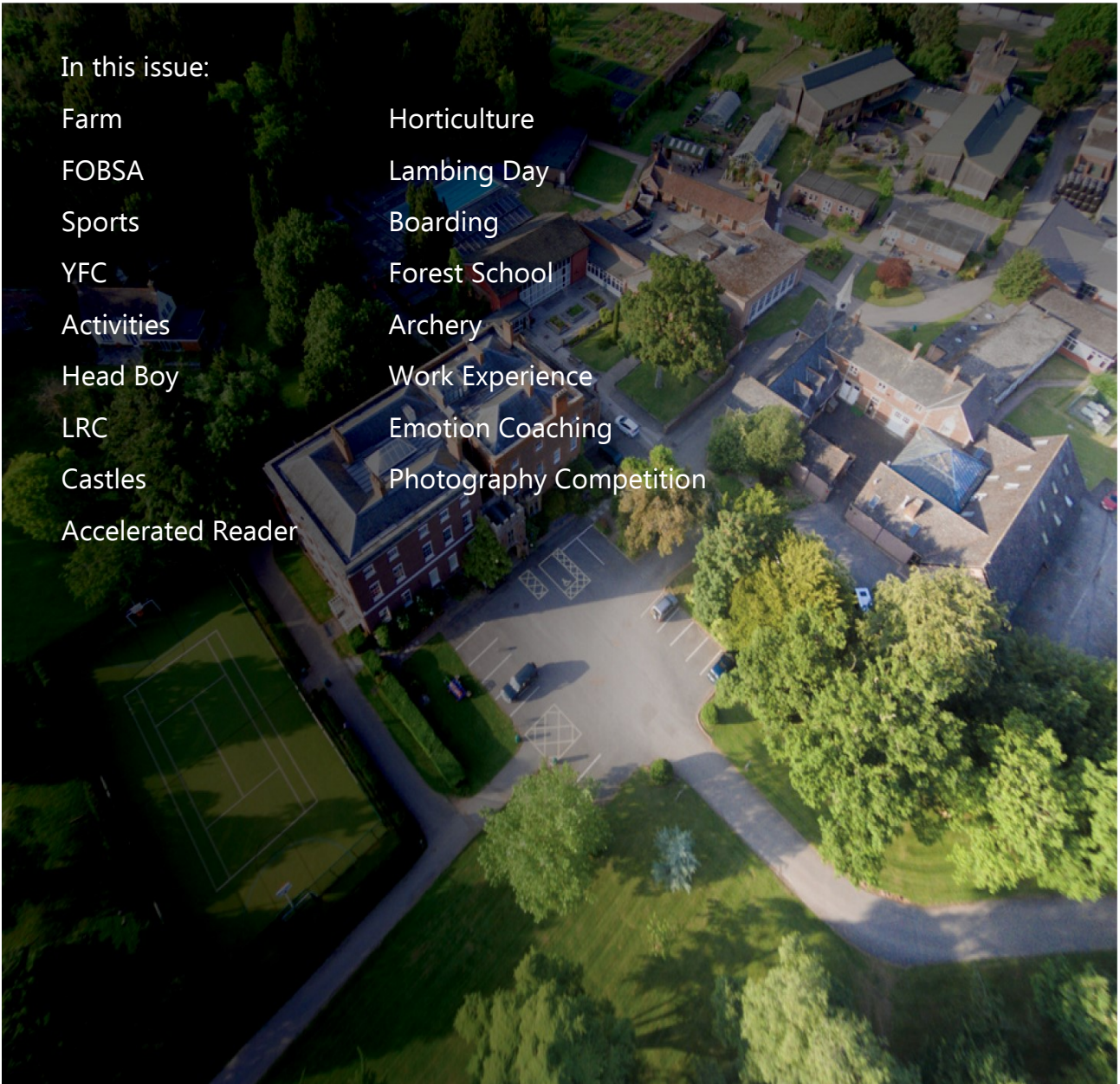
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*Diligentia et Labore*





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## Message from the Headteacher

The latest edition of 'The Spur', enclosed with this newsletter, is an annual publication produced by the Old Brymorians. I always find it a fascinating read, with articles from current staff and students as well as 'old boys' describing what life was like for them at Brymore, or what they have gone on to do since. I am always appreciative of their hard work and the role they play in making the history of Brymore real, helping instil the traditions and ensuring another crop of Brymore boys wear the badge, and the spur with pride.

It is not hyperbole when I say that Brymore would not be the same without the Old Brymorians. The same could be said for FOBSA and the school governors. They are all groups of people who have given up hours of their own time for the good of the school. Both FOBSA and the Old Brymorians raise significant sums of money for the school, around £10,000 a year from each organisation. Activities week could not happen without the support of FOBSA, and they have fed and watered many a parent, member of staff and boy at the various school events throughout the year. There are many examples where the Old Brymorians have supported the school, either as a group or individually. The trophy cabinets in the teaching block were made by an Old Brymorian and funded by them, the 3D printer in DT and the rugby post protectors have also been donated. There are a number of boys who simply could not have attended Brymore without their support and for them, the Old Boys really have made a life changing difference. Whilst the governors may not directly raise money for the school they give up hours of their own time to support the school. It is a thankless task, which I know they take seriously. It often involves huge amounts of worry and facing some challenging situations coupled with an enormous amount of responsibility; all carried out by volunteers.

Whilst Brymore continues to mean everything to me, the cynic could always point out that I am being paid for that to be the case. The vast amount of additional hours that staff put in, whilst not being paid, it could be argued that they are at least getting some form of job satisfaction. The Old Brymorians, FOBSA and the governors are simply generous people who are giving up hours of their time for the good of others. I am also aware many parents do the same, without formally being part of FOBSA, through helping with showing, making cakes and supporting at our key events.

Saying thank you seems totally inadequate. Suffice it to say that I am truly grateful to everyone who continues to work tirelessly to help and support the school. You make a difference, a real difference to the lives of Brymore boys, providing them with experiences and skills that will remain with them for life. If you need proof, read the spur. Hopefully in years to come it will be still going strong, with current Brymore boys looking back with fond memories and describing how they too have gone on to make a success of their life.

Best wishes



## Horticulture

This half term we have been pruning in the walled garden; the soft fruit and apple trees are looking better because of it. New rhubarb crowns have been planted in a raised bed in the walled garden for an early crop and top-dressing of potted plants continue along with tidying the beds and borders. Seed planting has begun for Britain in Bloom planters, for later in the year. We have been bringing leaf mould up from the pike, down butte ponds to be used in the walled garden and the new raised beds have been finished in the walled garden.

Year 10 boys are going to Spaxton Primary School to continue pruning the willow house and bringing it back into shape and doing a wonderful job. Our Year 8 boys have made more hypertuffa planters. Boys plots have now been reallocated to most of Year 7 plus others across the year groups. We have held our applications for new HoDs for the current Year 10 boys and have interviewed and appointed as trial HoDs for next term. Those boys are: Tom Ashford, Ed Barnacle, Sam Brake, Harry Eggleston, Zaid Elmrbati, Archie Hill, Sam Huish, Jamie Inkpen, Bertie Powell, Sam Puzey, Ben Rose, Alfie Russell, Tom Russell, Sam Tull, Archie Walker, Reuben Webb and Harry Taylor. Our grateful thanks go to those HoDs from Year 11 who continued to help through to the end of this half term.

The Friendly Spirit pub in Cannington, held a quiz night and raised funds for the Horticulture Department so our thanks go to the organisers and supporters.

Bee club members continue to prepare the area at the top of Cackle Park in readiness for the bee hives to return this spring. Bee friendly seeds have been sown and potted on.

BTEC work continues with pruning, hardwood cuttings and mulching being the main assessments and the final assignments for Unit 2 have been issued and boys are working on them. Catch up sessions continue on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday lunch times in Room 9.

Duties continue; Year 8 boys have duty in Week 1 and Year 7 boys on Week 2. Absences MUST be accounted for and made up and boys MUST wear overalls, steel toe-capped boots and have plenty of old clothes to wear underneath because it is still cold outside. Wet weather clothes should also be available. (Mr Willcocks)



## Young Farmers Club



There have been three meetings this half term, the first led by Mr Adamson with a debate on farm cruelty and how the general public can be steered in their opinion by the media. At the next meeting we watched a YFC Stock Judging DVD in preparation for showing at future county shows.

Katherine Bigwood and Jock Muirhead came in for the last meeting to demonstrate sheep clipping, using school livestock, again this is in preparation for the upcoming showing season. There will be workshops and auditions, followed by training for senior boys who wish to participate at the shows this summer. Please can all members wishing to try out for the showing team let Mr Adamson know immediately. Brymore YFC has run out of badges but more have been ordered; any Year 7 who has not received one yet will get one next half term. (Miss Bradford)

## Holt's Hub

Have you seen our new hub of information for activities? Mr Holt has worked hard to get everything in one place, so if you want to know what's on or where it will take place, when your son is taking part in an activity, what time their fitness is or how much a weekend activity may cost, then head on over to Holt's Hub where you should find everything you need to know.

There is also a board showing music lessons, farm and garden duties and FOBSA will keep their board up-to-date with all events and information regarding them.



So head on over to Holt's hub and find out everything that your son is signed up to now!

## Forest School

We have had an excellent few weeks in Forest School, with the students getting involved with finishing the mallet project, building log walls and lighting fires.

The highlight for the students last week was sampling my roast potatoes finished off with some gooey marshmallows around a group fire. The other two groups yet to do fire lighting can look forward to next term with keen anticipation. (Mr Ball)



## Emotion Coaching

As part of our ongoing pastoral care at Brymore we are now able to offer a 6 week programme called 'Emotion Coaching'. It is part of the Somerset Children and Young People Health and Wellbeing in Learning Programme. The approach has had great success in other schools and is proven to raise achievement and wellbeing. Early findings show improved self-confidence and self-esteem alongside reduced internal and external exclusions.

*"Helping children and young people to understand the different emotions they experience, why they occur and how to handle them"* Dr John Gottman

I have met with boys for an hour a week in a group of four/1:1 working on a range of activities allowing them the time and space to consider both self-awareness and resiliency. This has been through discussion, written work, art, games and even the always reliable cup of tea. Every session has been a voyage of discovery both for myself and the boys as we begin to unpick why we make the choices we do.

Amongst other resources I will be using 'The Whole Brain Child' by Dan Siegel and Tina Bryson (alongside the companion workbook). This is an accessible and interesting read - I wish it had been there when my children were younger.

I am new to post as the Pastoral Manager (day) having worked at Brymore in the Learning Support Department for four years. I am excited to now share this valuable approach with staff, parents, carers and our students.

If you want any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me through reception or via email: SAustin@educ.somerset.gov.uk (Mrs Austin)

## Archery

Well done to all the boys this term. There has been great improvement in technique which has produced some excellent archery.

Particularly a mention for Raffy Powell and Joseph Fear, both showing a consistent high accuracy level. (Mr Ball)

## LRC

Most of this half term the librarian has been busy preparing a list of all fiction books held in the library for the Accelerated Reader scheme which the school hopes to have up and running very shortly; for information out of 17,208 book records 2,004 are copies of reading books.

The LRC is again full most breaks and lunch times, with each day being allocated to a year for computer usage but with year 11 having priority each day. (Miss Bradford)

## Dry Slope Skiing

The ski and snowboard lessons will start after our holiday on Wednesday 22nd February and then the other sessions will take place on Monday nights 27/02, 06/03, 13/03 and 20/03. Watch out for some photos in the next newsletter. (Mr Ball)

### BRYMORE LOTTERY

#### The results of the lottery for this half term:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£40.00	Mrs Wilson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£25.00	Mrs Aitkenhead
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£15.00	Miss Sally Turner

## Message from the Head Boy

This half term has been extremely busy, with lots going on. The tempo of revision for the Year 11s has stepped up, with lots of revision taking place. The DT projects are taking shape, with a wide variety of items being created. Lots of fixtures have been taking place, both in hockey and rugby with the Year 10s making the rugby final (with the match sadly postponed until next half term).

My time as Head Boy is nearing an end, and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. The time has flown by, as it seems like it was only recently I was given the role. I look forward to helping the new Senior Leadership Team when they take over, yet I am wanting to enjoy the time I have left helping to make the school a better place. (Henry Scott)

## Castles in History

A new annual event in the Brymore history department is the Year 7 Motte and Bailey castle project. With many more entries than last year Miss Lee-Joy was overwhelmed by the standard and invited Mr Thomas to judge a winner.

Arthur Bouskell - most creative

George Davis - most accurate

Oliver Lant and Josh Comer - best use of materials

Charlie Coombes - highly commended

Gabriel Criddle - highly commended

Joseph Fear - highly commended



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Entry**

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## **Brymore Lambing**

**Sunday February 26th // 10am - 3pm**



**Come and see our baby lambs and visit the ewes on their due dates!**

**We can't promise lambing live but the opportunity to bottle feed a lamb and cuddle one is just a step away with us at Brymore Academy.**

**Refreshments provided by Friends of Brymore Association.**

**Brymore Academy, Cannington, TA5 2NB  
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## Activities

This half term is traditionally a difficult one for schools with the weather being grey, the days being short and the boys feeling tired after an exciting Christmas break, but that never stops our activities at Brymore!

Weekends kicked off with an exciting Go-Karting trip where boys got to race each other (and Mr Holt) and a couple of them got to show us their skills using the school's GoPro camera. We headed out to complete a litter pick in the local area, went shopping to Clarks Village, took two trips to the cinema and went to a brand new activity at a retro arcade in Bridgwater where Mr Holt demonstrated his outstanding dance moves! And that's just the trips offsite!

Onsite, the boys had plenty of sports to enjoy, we tried our hands at photography, created our own pizzas for tea, had bacon butties and chips made by Mrs Long and then there's the weekly dodgeball tournament on Sundays. If you want to be busy then there's always something to do, but if you want to chill then the X-Box is out, there's DVD options or just relax in bed!

Next half term looks just as exciting at weekends (see attached programme) and remember, it's not just boarders who can take part in these activities, out-boarders can stay late on a Saturday to take part or come back on a Sunday, or, on some activities, could meet us there. Just pay for any meals they need and the relevant fee (taken from their activity account) and they are more than welcome to join.

Extra-curricular activities continue to deliver some amazing results. This term the boys have made axe heads and whittling knives in blacksmithing and are producing some outstanding creations in the welding, woodwork, engineering and coppersmithing. If your son would like to join one of these activities, please email me and I'll sign them up. Some activities are getting booked up now, so be quick.

After-school activities are still well attended. Please remember that your son is expected to attend their Garden Duties once per fortnight (Years 7 & 8), their feeding duties (Years 9-11), their year group's fitness session(s) and should run Chads once per week. There is a big kudos that comes with being up-to-date with all activities at Brymore so please help your son to keep on top of these.

It's been another busy half term but we're not slowing down here. Activities continue to rocket on throughout the day, evenings and weekends. If you've got any queries, questions, suggestions or comments, please don't hesitate to send me an email. (Mr Holt [eholt@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:eholt@educ.somerset.gov.uk))



**TERM 2B WEEKEND ACTIVITY SUMMARY**

**PARENTS - How to book weekend activities:**

1. Talk with your son about any things they would like to do
2. Check they have sufficient funds in their activities account before the deadline date
3. Email Mr Holt to reserve your place if you are really keen to go to an activity
4. Get your son to tell his Houseparent his choices

**BOYS - How to book weekend activities:**

1. Have a look and see which activities you fancy doing
2. Check you have enough money in your activities account before the deadline date
3. Tell your Houseparent your choices

You can provisionally book places by contacting Mr Holt over the holidays (see bottom of page) but your son will still need to confirm their place with their Houseparent on return to school

**Week 1 - 25th & 26th February**

**Saturday Evening**

**What** Build-a-Burger for tea  
**Where** Dining Hall  
**When** Tea  
**Cost** FREE



**Deadline** Create your own burger from an array of fillings

**Sunday**

**What** Airhop  
**Where** Bristol  
**When** Leave after breakfast, take packed lunch  
**Cost** £15.00



**Deadline** Wednesday 22nd February 2017

**Week 2 - 4th & 5th March**

**Saturday Evening**

**What** 36 hole Crazy Golf & optional KFC  
**Where** Bristol Cabot Circus  
**When** Leave after school with packed tea  
**Cost** £11 (from activities) plus cash for KFC



**Deadline** Wednesday 22nd February 2017

**Sunday**

**What** Paintballing  
**Where** Cannington Park  
**When** Leave 9:30, return for lunch  
**Cost** £18 for 100 paintballs (£7 per extra 100 paintballs)

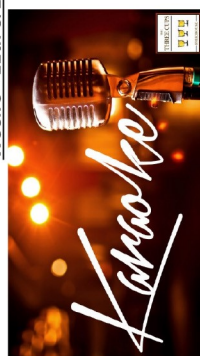


**Deadline** Wednesday 22nd February 2017

**Week 3 - 11th & 12th March**

**Saturday Evening**

**What** Karaoke Night!  
**Where** Onsite  
**When** After tea  
**Cost** FREE - compulsory



**Deadline**

**Sunday**

**What** Taunton Shopping with Chinese Buffet Lunch  
**Where** Taunton Town Centre  
**When** Leave after breakfast, return in the afternoon  
**Cost** £8.50 (includes all you can eat buffet lunch)



**Deadline** Wednesday 1st March 2017

**Week 4 - 18th & 19th March**

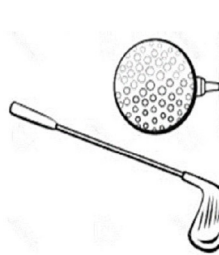
**Saturday Evening**

**What** St Patrick's Day Celebration  
**Where** Dining hall - wear green!  
**When** During tea  
**Cost** FREE - compulsory



**Sunday**

**What** Golf Driving Range  
**Where** Cannington  
**When** 11:00am - 1:00pm including lunch  
**Cost** £6 includes lunch



**Deadline** Wednesday 15th March 2017

Any questions about the activities, please speak to Mr Holt - 07765 551324 01278 655563 eholt@educ.somerset.gov.uk

## Boarding

It has been a fantastic start to the New Year with the boys having returned full of energy and enthusiasm. The boarding team have also returned to work full of excitement for the term ahead. We are very pleased to welcome into our team several new staff who have been settling into their new roles. Mrs Long has begun as Houseparent of School House and is relishing the opportunity to work closely with the boys to better their experience as boarders. Mr Barlow has joined School House, Miss Connolly has joined Reid and Mrs Webb has begun working in Kemp, all as Assistant Houseparents. They bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the houses and have had an instant positive impact across the houses. In addition, Mr Herbert joins us as Activities Tutor and has been fantastic both in his dedication and experience as a former Brymore student.

This term sees our Year 11s studying even harder for their exams and coursework, given they are approaching the end of their time here at Brymore. As we all remember, it is a demanding time at this time of year and we are pleased to be supporting the boys in their pursuit for excellence across their subjects so as to improve their chances of achieving all they wish for. The staff in boarding and across the school are putting in a great deal of time and effort to make this happen but ultimately it is down to the boys themselves to sharpen focus and deliver their true potential and more.

The Year 10 rugby team are preparing for their rugby final at North Petherton and have been training hard in readiness for what will no doubt be a thrilling final. We hope their efforts will be rewarded with success after such a successful season having accomplished a place in the final.

After careful consideration the boarding team have introduced a different structure to boarding in Kemp, the junior boarding house. After school until prep is active play time. After prep it is quiet time. This is so boys can experience a quieter environment and relax and unwind and prepare for bedtime. They can reflect and sooth themselves with a variety of quiet and calming activities. We are focusing on the importance of better mental health through better sleep in particular. In Kemp, for example, each Year 7 dorm now has access to a Tranquil Turtle to aid better sleep. The older boys in Kemp use them too after the younger boys have drifted off to blissful sleep. They have had an instant impact. They reflect gentle blue wave patterns on the ceiling and play the sound of gentle waves lapping on the shore or can play gentle spa like music with waves and faint seagulls in the background. They turn themselves off after 23 minutes by which time boys have drifted off into the deep blue.

Finally, we have just analysed the data from our safeguarding and behaviour survey. 97% of boys said they respect other boys and boarding staff. 97% said they knew what the consequences of poor behaviour were in their house. 89% felt that Houseparents and other staff dealt well with poor behaviour. 95% agreed that the boarding staff have high expectations of their behaviour. 93% said they feel safe in their boarding house. In addition to this, 97% said they knew how to keep themselves safe and understood what unsafe situations were. Lastly, 97% said they knew how to keep themselves safe on the internet. Clearly the results are very good but we will address the need to further increase those statistics and therefore continue to strive towards maintaining a safe and positive environment here at Brymore.

As the icy mornings are upon us and winter slowly ambles into spring, we wish you a lovely half term and I'm sure along with all of us here at Brymore wish all our boys a hugely successful term and 2017 beyond. (Mr Watts)

Contact details for Houseparents:

Georgina Long (School): GLong1@educ.somerset.gov.uk / 07767 869828

Justin Fewtrell (Kemp): JFewtrell@educ.somerset.gov.uk / 07733 937409

Ellis Holt (Reid): EHolt@educ.somerset.gov.uk / 07765 551324

## FOBSA

The new FOBSA committee held their first event since the AGM and what a huge success it was! The bingo night, held on Saturday 28th January, has traditionally been an event that has raised a few hundred pounds but this year was totally different.

We were overwhelmed with donations for this bingo night, from both parents and local businesses, meaning the prizes were better than ever and the raffle full of great things to win (including a Butlins ticket, vouchers for Pyne's Butcher and entry to the Walled Gardens in Cannington). Early indications that it was going to be a busy night began with the queue of people waiting to get in well before the doors opened at 6pm! Extra tables and chairs were bought in as the dining room filled with eager bingo players and with over 150 people in there it's fair to say it started to feel like the best bingo night in a very long time.

Parent Governor, Nick Hill, took on the role as bingo caller and by the end was accustomed to being wolf whistled when he shouted 'legs eleven' and the whole committee and lots of volunteers aided the evening by selling bingo books, raffle tickets and refreshments along with clearing up at the end.

FOBSA raised over £1,000 and it is a great credit to their clear organisation and the help from parents and staff on the evening and by donating and coming along that has contributed to this.

The next event will be helping with the refreshments and tombola during the Brymore Lambing event on Saturday 26th February. We will be requesting donations of cake (we need lots!) to sell to the visitors, along with any tombola prizes families can give and also any help to man the stand on the day. If you feel you could assist in any way then please can you contact Chair of FOBSA, Kate Atyeo, via the email: [FOBSACHAIR@hotmail.com](mailto:FOBSACHAIR@hotmail.com)

Donations for the tombola can be brought in any time up to the start of the event and donations of cakes can be left in Reception on the day before the lambing event (Saturday), on the day itself or delivered to the farm. All the money raised is utilised around the school and helps reduce the cost families pay for activities week in the summer by a huge amount.

If anyone has any fundraising ideas, or looking ahead can assist with refreshments for FOBSA stand at our Country Fair in June then please contact Kate on the above email address.

(Ms Warren)



## Careers / Work Experience

### Work Placements for Year 10 (26 - 30 June 2017)

Thank you to all who have sent in the EBP Work Placement Form, those outstanding I would appreciate if you could get them in to me in the LRC as soon as is possible.

### Goals and Opportunities Evening

This event will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May starting at 6.15 pm - 6.45 pm for Year 9; 6.45 pm - 7.30 pm for Year 10 and 7.30 pm - 8.00 pm for Year 11. Last year's exhibitors were Bridgwater & Taunton College, Kingston Mauward College, Richard Huish College, Bicton College Weston College, Royal Navy & Royal Marines, Royal Airforce and the Army and Somerset Skills & Learning.

The event will be held in the main hall; all parents/guardians are welcome to attend and a letter will be sent out to all before Easter.

### College Applications

Many of the current Year 11s have applied for college, please could you remind your son to let me know when they are going to attend an interview, where the interview is being held and what course they are applying for as the school has to keep an accurate record.

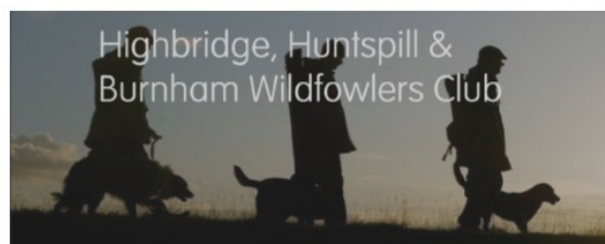
## Sports Report

We will be producing a full round up of all sport in the next newsletter as it has been such a short half term. We were disappointed that the rugby final for Year 10 was postponed (the weather has been hampering matches all over the county) but are looking forward to it taking place, hopefully during the next half term, at North Petherton Rugby Club.

Cross Country has been a great success for us. In January, we took two minibuses full of boys to Aldon Hill in Yeovil to compete in the Somerset Schools final and all boys competed really well to show the school in its best light.

Will Jarman performed brilliantly to be placed 10th in his section and qualify for the South West Championships, which will be held over half term in Truro; Jack Thompson was placed 12th and was put on the reserve list for this event. Congratulations to all boys who made the cut from regional to county finalists, as this is no mean feat, and we look forward to many good years ahead with the progression of the boys. (Mr Williams)





**BRIDGWATER BAY  
WILDFOWLERS ASSOCIATION**

## **YOUNG SHOTS WILDFOWLING DAY**

**SAT 18TH FEBRUARY 2016**

**NORTH SOMERSET**

Bridgwater Bay & Highbridge Huntspill wildfowling clubs are coming together with BASC to offer a Young Shots Wildfowling day.

The day will include an interactive presentation on wildfowling, lunch and a supervised flight with experienced mentors.

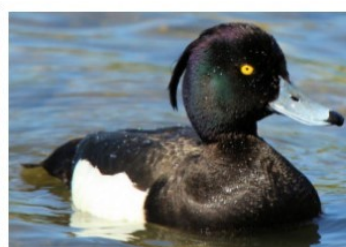
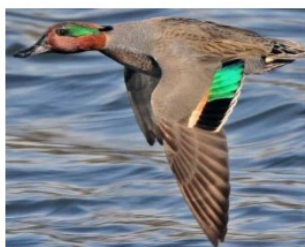
£15 per member, £20/non-member

Please email [southwest@basc.org.uk](mailto:southwest@basc.org.uk) for booking or info.

Prior early booking essential

SGC holders preferred, non-SGC holders considered if suitable previous experience can be evidenced.

If you are bringing your own shotgun it must be proofed for steel shot and either 12b or 20b



## Farm News

### Dairy

There are exciting times ahead as we have decided to make the move on swapping (overtime) our dairy herd for the Dairy Shorthorn breed. We are looking for cows but for a start, we are working with the Rare Breed Survival Trust (RBST) and they have kindly supplied us with two Dairy SH heifers. Along with this they have also donated ten DSHH semen straws. We will be using some of these on the heifers as they would like a couple of heifer calves back at some point. We have also started to 'trade up' by inseminating some of our own herd.

It has been a busy January with four calves pushing the milk volume up nicely.

### Sheep

We are busy at the moment getting ready for lambing which is due to start at the end of February, I do hope it is a dry time. The lambing shed is having some new electricity installed, hoping to shed some light on the proceedings.

We still have some hoggets from last year but they are going steadily.

The YFC have had a training evening clipping show lambs as the showing season will soon be upon us.

### Pigs

New Year's Day gave us a litter of nine piglets which are growing really well and may be for sale on open day.

We have just had an interesting lesson using the ultra sound kit checking the other sows for pregnancy.

### Poultry

Thankfully the old pig unit is still standing, as all Poultry had to be housed at the start of December. Currently they will be housed until the end of February. We are trying to keep them occupied by feeding them waste greens and apples from the walled garden and providing them with wood chip to scratch around in. (Mr Kingston)

## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT.....

# BRYMORE LAUNCHES ACCELERATED READER!

The screenshot shows the Accelerated Reader website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Renaissance Accelerated Reader logo and two buttons: 'Build a Quotation' and 'Book Online Demo'. Below this is a blue banner with the title 'Significant improvement'. On the left, a bar chart compares 'Expected progress' (22 weeks), 'Students using AR' (+3 months), and 'Low-income students using AR' (+5 months). To the right of the chart, there is a quote from an independent study by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and Durham University, stating that the program increased reading age by three months in 22 weeks, with a five-month gain for low-income students. A 'Read more research' button is located at the bottom of the banner.

Category	Improvement
Expected progress	22 weeks
Students using AR	+3 months
Low-income students using AR	+5 months

**Significant improvement**

Accelerated Reader produces "particularly positive effects" according to an independent study by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and Durham University.

*"The internet-based programme increased the reading age of pupils by three additional months in just 22 weeks. The effect on low-income pupils was even greater, with their reading age improving by five additional months in the same amount of time."*

[Read more research](#)

On the 4th February, Ms Taylor-Lane invited Year 7 and 8 parents to join her in the hall for a demonstration of 'Accelerated Reader'. She explained how crucial being able to read fluently is for any boy to succeed in the new GCSE framework - let alone improving his life chances. Those who read for pleasure are more likely to succeed. All boys will be expected to achieve at least a grade 5 in English and maths to get onto their chosen college course. If not, they will be expected to retake these exams until they achieve them. The new English GCSE expects boys to read extracts from Victorian novels, unseen and to understand them. It is more crucial than ever that we support our boys in becoming fluent readers. Accelerated Reader is one of the most successful reading programmes with the greatest impact used across schools globally. It should have a significant impact on boys at Brymore, provided parents and families are able to support their son, alongside the boarding team, who will be making sure that each boy reads for 20 minutes a day.

## At its heart, Accelerated Reader is simple

A student reads a book, takes an online quiz, and gets immediate feedback. Students respond to regular feedback and are motivated to make progress with their reading skills

**It is, however CRUCIAL that they read for 20 minutes each day, for the programme to work.**

**We are so grateful to all parents and carers who came along to the session we ran because your support in making this happen is invaluable. Together, we can make a difference.**

**For more information or to watch the video go to: <http://www.renlearn.co.uk/accelerated-reader/>. Alternatively, speak to Ms Taylor-Lane or Miss Bradford.**



# Photography Competition

The Horticulture department started running a photography competition last year and it has proved very successful amongst staff and students. The current winners photos are as shown and they were:

Will Hatch

William Holter-Hovind

Reece Sutherland

Mrs Porter

We will be running another competition next half term so please look out for the signs around the Horticulture block and classroom.

(Mrs Stanley)



## Upcoming Important Dates

# 2016/17 BRYMORE'S UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday 20 February

INSET DAY

3.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Year 10 Parent Consultation

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Years 7, 8, 9 & 11 boarders return

### Tuesday 21 February

8.30 am

All out-boarders return

### Saturday 25 March

10.00 am

Raising Achievement Sessions for Parents

11.30 am

Parents Chads Run/Walk

2.00 pm

Rugby & Hockey House Finals

4.00 pm

All students depart for Easter Holidays

### SUMMER TERM

### Tuesday 18 April

INSET DAY

3.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Year 9 Parent Consultation

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Years 7, 8, 10 & 11 boarders return

### Wednesday 19 April

8.30 am

All out-boarders return

### Saturday 29 April

12.00 pm

Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 depart for  
Easter Bank Holiday weekend

1.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Year 7 Parent Consultation

### Monday 1 May

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

All boarders return

### Tuesday 2 May

8.30 am

All out-boarders return

### Saturday 27 May

11.30 am

Year 11 Leavers Service

1.30 pm

Sports Day

3.45 pm

Students depart for summer half-term

### Sunday 4 June

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

All boarders return

### Monday 5 June

8.30 am

All out-boarders return

### Saturday 24 June

10.30 am - 5.00 pm

Open Day and Country Fair

### 26-30 June

Work Experience Week (Year 10)

### 3-8 July

Activities Week

### Saturday 8 July

10.30 am

Swimming Gala

12.00 pm

All students depart for summer holidays

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# BRYMORE ACADEMY

## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS - 2016/17 ACADEMIC YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2016					OCTOBER 2016					NOVEMBER 2016								
S		4	11	18	25	S		2	9	16	23	30	S		6	13	20	27
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31*	M		7	14	21	28
T		6	13	20	27	T		4	11	18	25	T	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	
T	1	8	15	22	29	T		6	13	20	27	T	3	10	17	24		
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25		
S	3	10	17	24		S	1	8	15	22	29	S	5	12	19	26		
DECEMBER 2016					JANUARY 2017					FEBRUARY 2017								
S		4	11	18	25	S	1	8	15	22	29	S		5	12	19	26	
M		5	12	19	<del>26</del>	M	<del>2</del>	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20*	27	
T		6	13	20	<del>27</del>	T	3*	10	17	24	31	T		7	14	21	28	
W		7	14	21	28	W	4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22		
T	1	8	15	22	29	T	5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23		
F	2	9	16	23	30	F	6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		
S	3	10	17	24	31	S	7	14	21	28		S	4*	11	18	25		
MARCH 2017					APRIL 2017					MAY 2017								
S		5	12	19	26	S		2	9	16	23	30	S		7	14	21	28
M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	<del>17</del>	24	M	<del>1</del>	8	15	22	<del>29</del>	
T		7	14	21	28	T		4	11	18*	25	T	2	9	16	23	30	
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	W	3	10	17	24	31	
T	2	9	16	23	30	T		6	13	20	27	T	4	11	18	25		
F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	<del>14</del>	21	28	F	5	12	19	26		
S	4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29*	S	6	13	20	27		
JUNE 2017					JULY 2017					AUGUST 2017								
S		4	11	18	25	S		2	9	16	23	30	S		6	13	20	27
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	<del>28</del>
T		6	13	20	27	T		4	11	18	25	T	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	
T	1	8	15	22	29	T		6	13	20	27	T	3	10	17	24	31	
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25		
S	3	10	17	24		S	1	8	15	22	29	S	5	12	19	26		

### 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:

<b>31 October 2016</b>	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)
<b>3 January 2017</b>	Year 11	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
<b>4 February 2017</b>	Year 8	1.00 pm - 3.30 pm (12.00 pm departure for Years 7, 9, 10 & 11)
<b>20 February 2017</b>	Year 10	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
<b>18 April 2017</b>	Year 9	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
<b>29 April 2017</b>	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