

# Brymore

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## Newsletter

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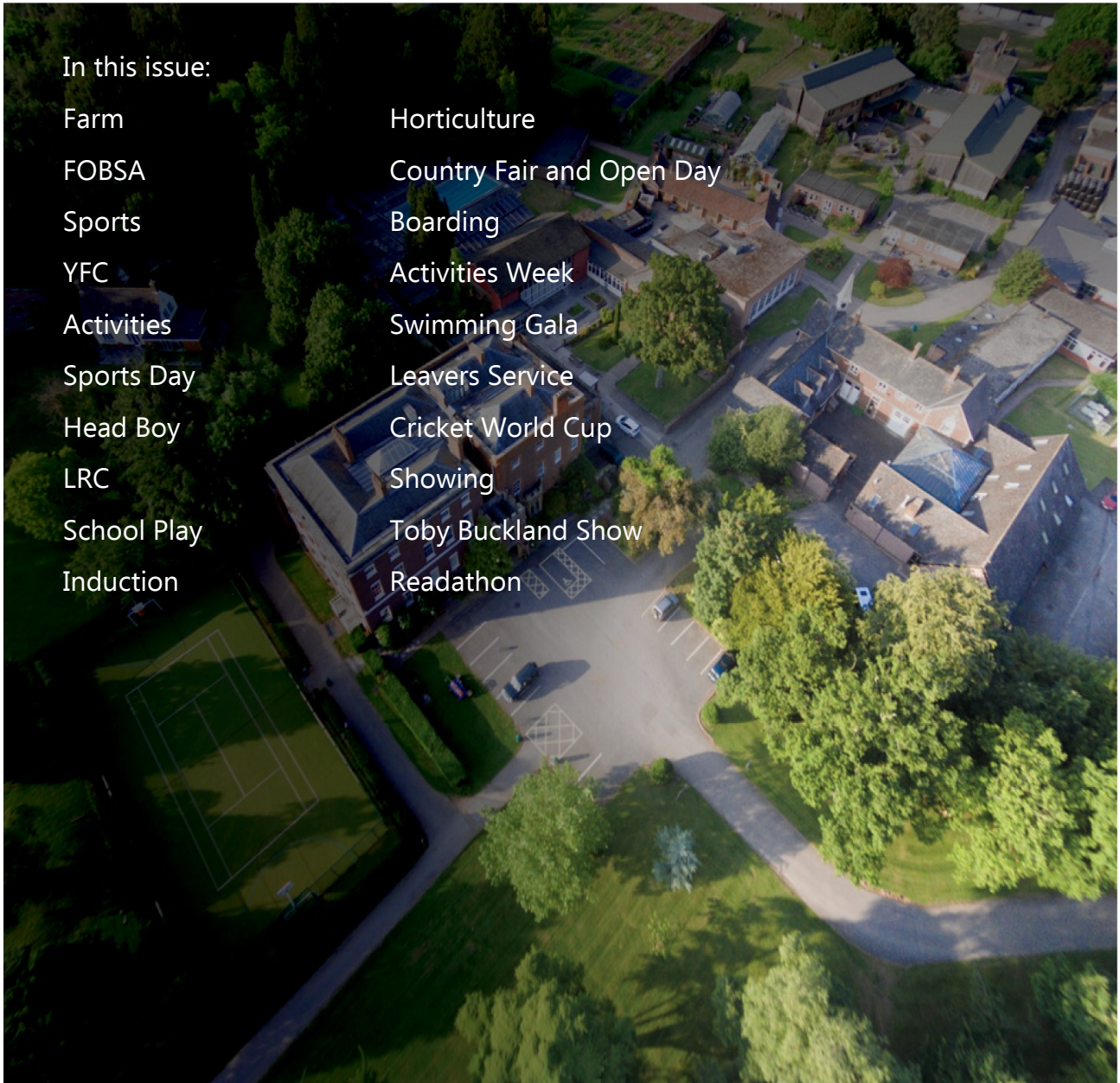
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*Diligentia et Labore*



## Message from the Headteacher

For those of us that work in education there are two occasions when we come to the end of a year. There is the end of the calendar year when like everyone else we look back at what we have achieved and look forward to the following year often setting goals and resolutions. Then there is the end of the school year which at Brymore, is also about reflection, rest and the inevitable setting of targets so that we continue to offer the best experience we can for the boys.

It is also about saying goodbye to a group of Brymore boys who this year leave having made a real difference. I said at the leavers' service that collectively they have been the best Year 11 in my time at Brymore and I meant it. A core group of the boys quickly gelled and launched themselves into everything that Brymore had to offer. They worked hard in the classroom, on the sports field, in the workshops, farm and gardens but also they showed a commitment to Brymore itself. Many went on to be prefects and part of the Senior Student Leadership Team where they set the new standard when it comes to supporting the school, especially at lunchtimes and at key events, supporting other boys and supporting each other. I am proud of those who went on to win awards and in some cases more than one. However, I am also proud of some of the individual stories, the personal battles and achievements many of the boys made as they developed their own character and grew into young men during their time with us.

There is the boy who was permanently excluded from his previous school, who joined us late where we effectively became his last chance. Having read his notes I felt there was little hope of him being accepted at interview, but Mrs Davis felt she saw something and that he needed to be given a second chance. He not only survived but flourished, going on to be a Senior Prefect and is now in the position of leaving Brymore with an excellent reference waiting to be written. There is the boy who chose to leave his current high achieving school, and all of his friends, to board at Brymore because he knew of the opportunities that awaited him. The boy who desperately wanted to be at home, but persevered because he knew we were his best, if not only chance of achieving something academically. There was also the boy who forced himself to do activities that he knew would challenge him, including some that literally scared him due to the need to perform in public. There are countless success stories that do not necessarily lead to a trophy or an award, but lead to resilience, the development of responsibility and resourcefulness and the confidence to make a difference in the real world.

Looking back it is always difficult to pick out highlights, because there are so many to choose from. The Year 10 winning the area final is an obvious one not only because it is the first time I have seen it happen but more because many of them were convinced they were going to lose and they showed what hard work and sticking together can do. In my view, the best team performance I have witnessed in my whole twenty eight year career. Open Day was a highlight for me this year also. It is always a great day but this year stood out for me due to the help of many old boys. Those that left work or college early in the previous week to help set up, those who stood in at the last minute to help with the tractor rides, the Old Brymorsians continued presence which is always appreciated and I suppose I must also mention those that beat the staff team in the tug of war.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and that you are all able to make the most of some family time together. In particular, I want to wish Year 11 well and I hope you get the grades your hard work deserves.

Best wishes



## Horticulture

This half term the Year 7 boys have been to visit the local strawberry farm (Team Growers) and our thanks to Mr Winter for utilising his time to show boys around. The boys, and staff, enjoyed lots of lovely fruit. On the same subject fruit picking at school has carried on in earnest and the fruit has been sold or eaten by boys, staff and families. We had a great plant sale at the end of term and all the hanging baskets have now been sold along with lots of our pots filled to the brim, potatoes, peas, onions and carrots. Many of the boys have excellent plots and have worked hard this year to reap the rewards of their labour so they can take things home from their plot. Thank you to the new Year 10 HoDs who have worked very well this term and the Year 9s who stepped up to do the duty when Year 10s were on work experience. Judging for the Cannington in Bloom happens early in the holidays and barrier baskets in the village were planted by Brymore boys. Fingers crossed the judges are as last year!

Thank you for the support from all parents and friends who supported us on Open Day and especially Mrs Austin and Mr Watts who helped the department throughout the day.

We are sad to be saying farewell to Miss Nash who is moving onto pastures new after 14 years and Mrs Richards who has an internal move in roles. They have done a sterling job and alongside Mrs Stanley, who is instrumental in the running of the department, I wish to thank them.

A return to school reminder in that all boys need steel toe capped boots and overalls for their horticulture practicals and in addition wet weather gear is also ideal as we work no matter what the weather!

The photography competition has proven a great success and I'd like to thank all that have taken part. Should anyone wish to enter over the summer months then they can be emailed to me: [RWillcocks@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:RWillcocks@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

We wish everyone a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you ready for work in September.

(Mr Willcocks)



### BRYMORE LOTTERY

The results of the lottery for this term:

#### May

£40 Mr Gibbin

£25 Mr Lant

£15 Mrs Roberts

#### June

£40 Mr and Mrs Upton

£25 Mrs Wilson

£15 Mr and Mrs Mason

## Young Farmers Club



Since I last wrote for a newsletter, the club has been incredibly busy.

Mrs Warren and Mr Adamson took a number of boys to the Devon County Show and the Royal Cornwall Show, where stock was shown and the boys manned the school's information stand encouraging boys and their families to consider Brymore for the future.

Once again we have been very lucky with a range of speakers willing to give up a couple of hours to come into school and entertain and inform the group. Richard Broad of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust informed the boys of the importance of ensuring that the 'less popular' breeds of animals had a place within modern farming. The school farm is very lucky to have two rare breeds amongst their stock in a Shorthorn Beef bull, Forrester and British Lop Pigs.

John Rowlands, from the Environmental Agency explained how Somerset had been formed over the centuries by farmers draining and cultivating the land reclaimed from the sea and how this was continued by the agency. The boys responded to John's talk with many questions including some about how the pumping stations on the levels work and cope with the amount of water during the wet winters.

The Road Show Team of Somerset YFC came in and organised an evening of games and challenges which was enjoyed by all who attended.

James Green of BASC, was our last speaker before half term. He came in with his two year old black Labrador who is being trained as a gun dog. James also spoke about using guns safely while out and about in the countryside This included a very effective demonstration which had us all on the edge of our seats until realisation struck that left on its own a gun cannot be dangerous and doesn't become so until in the hands of an inexperienced or reckless user. Ms Carter very kindly covered for me when Mark Edwards of Natural England came in to speak. Once again the boys were attentive and asked sensible and probing questions.

We ended the term with a trip out to Curry Moor Pumping Station, where John Rowlands and a colleague, Mr Simmonds opened up the pump houses to show us the engines. Sixty three year old diesel driven engines are currently being replaced by modern electric ones. We also saw an Archimedes' screw, which had been drained while the replacement work takes place. John explained how the pumps worked and why they are so important to the wellbeing of the levels and Somerset. We were also shown the different machines used to maintain the river banks from radio controlled mowers to huge tractors with scything equipment attached. All in all an excellent end to our year of Young Farmers Meetings.



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September will start with James Tucker stepping down as Chair and Ben Trim currently Vice Chair moving up into the role. Will Hatch will become the new Vice Chair; Cameron Kinch and Charles Grossey will continue in their roles of Events and Competition Co-ordinators.

(Miss Bradford)

## Women's World Cup Cricket

I managed to secure enough complimentary tickets for the first match of the Women's Cricket World Cup in Taunton for the majority of our Year 7, 8 and 9 cricketers. It was great to be able to watch an international match locally and an opportunity that all the boys enjoyed and took full advantage of. The ground had a great atmosphere and also had lots of great activities for the boys to participate in. As always, the boys behaved impeccably and thanks go to Mr Holt and Mr Nurton for accompanying us on the trip. (Ms Warren)



## Toby Buckland Show

Attending the Toby Buckland Show at Powderham Castle has become something of an annual event now. Following on from the good conduct and hard work of the boys from previous years we were, once again, asked to attend the show with a stand and some helpful students. Boys were brilliant in helping the general public cart their horticultural goods back to cars and assisting the organisers and on the stand we spoke to lots of interested people about how great the school is. We have since received many 'thank yous' from people who attended the event and so hopefully will be back again next year. (Ms Warren)



## LRC

The fiction books have now got their Accelerated Reader stickers on the spines, so all boys who are involved with this scheme can identify the books to read and then tackle the relevant quiz; unfortunately, there are still a large number of books overdue which has reduced the books available.

I know I've been threatening for a while but the fine system will come into play at the end of the first week of the autumn term. Overdue books will be charged at 10p per day until the cost of the replacement book is met. The majority of fiction books cost £6.99 but some of the reference books are over £20. Of the 68 overdue books 50 have been renewed until 12/09/2017 when fines will commence. As the remaining 18 have been overdue for over 100 days I have assumed they are 'lost' and therefore have been deleted from the system. Should they be found they can be put back onto the list.

Any books kept out over the summer holidays can be returned to the LRC where there will be a collecting box in the lobby. Any late book returned in the first week will not be charged.

The PCs in the LRC are being updated over the summer break. This should make it easier for boys to login. I hope you all have a fantastic summer, full of reading for pleasure! (Miss Bradford)

## Message from the Head Boy

It has been a very busy term, with whole school events like Open Day, Sports Day and Year 6 induction taking place. My term began by going to represent the school and myself at the Somerset Schools Athletics event, where I competed in the hammer throw in which I was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the County. Overall the boys have done incredibly well and achieved great success through hard work and determination. The school was full of life this half-term as boys were busy preparing for open day which, much to our pleasure, turned out to be a very successful day for the school and the boys and we are all very proud.

Although we've all had an incredible term we have unfortunately had to say goodbye to the Year 11s who will now progress onto the next crucial stage in life after completing a multiple of challenging exams.

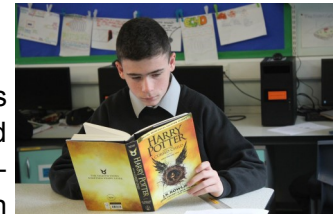
It has been absolutely wonderful as a Head Boy to see many boys stepping up and being a part of the SSLT. To be a part of this the boys have volunteered their services each break and lunch time, helping the break process to run smoothly. Overall it has been a very tiring and long term and boys and staff are looking forward to a well-deserved summer holiday. I am looking forward to seeing everybody in September coming back refreshed and ready to go. (Zaid Elmraabi)



## Readathon



Our annual Readathon for Key Stage 3 boys came after the Easter holidays and they all did very well in terms of fundraising and also reading throughout the whole day. Whether it was in science or on the farm the boys all read and ultimately enjoyed the process of spending the day in their own literary world and all the while raising over £400 for charity! (Ms Warren)



## School Play

The school play this year was Three Little Brymore Boys. Based on the classic tale boys wrote the play in their drama lessons. They were tasked with taking a traditional tale and Brymore-ing it so to speak. Thomas Lake, Shaun Edwards, Rhys Anderson and Matthew Bennett wrote it. After editing it and fleshing it out whilst addressing continuity we had a script. A very funny script which deftly enabled boys to play staff members.

The boys worked very hard and showed great commitment which culminated in two fantastic shows which boys, staff and parents alike all enjoyed.

Special thanks for the support from all of the boys and staff involved, especially Miss Greenhill, Mrs Truman and Mrs Lillywhite. Thank you to those parents who came and supported us also.



Take care and have a great summer. Watch out for 'Greased' next year! A slight variation from the original albeit much more funny and of course more importantly, it has been Brymore'd!

(Mr Fewtrell)



## Showing

Following on from our success in the show ring last year we have had a very good start to the show season. Our first was at the Devon County Show where we just took the Kerry Hill sheep; there was stiff competition being in the any other breed class but we came away with a second and a third. Boys also did very well in the young handlers across sheep and cattle and thanks go to exhibitors that let the boys use their sheep and cattle.

Following on from this we went to the Bath & West and again we had a very good week for the school with sheep, beef and dairy cattle all on show. The sheep, once again, did great with Henry also qualifying for the RBST National Young Handlers competition to take place in September. It was our first time showing dairy cattle and so were untested on our stock and also the skills to show these but the boys delivered and we had two first places and a third. The beef cattle were again very good and we were awarded champion native heifer and a second with Crocus.

We were involved with the team challenge at the show; a competition aimed at small groups of younger people to show off their skills. The preparation for this had been going on for months before where boys had to audition and be picked to compete. We entered four teams in beef and one in the dairy. In the beef competition one of our teams won and out of seven teams all of our teams were placed in the top five. In addition, the team that won were also awarded the overall champions when pitched next to the senior age group winners. The dairy team came 5th but Oliver, who was doing the stock-judging got the highest points out of all competitors.

The Royal Cornwall Show ended our run of the bigger shows and as we have never showed here before we focused on the sheep. Similarly to Devon we were in the 'any other pure breed' class with strong competition. Our shearlings were awarded with 3rd and 4th places and even Ms Warren got to show in the ring. So far it has been a very



good season and the boys have again raised the bar even higher. Lastly thanks go to everyone, from parents to staff and other exhibitors and sponsors, that have been very supportive of the showing.

(Mr Adamson)



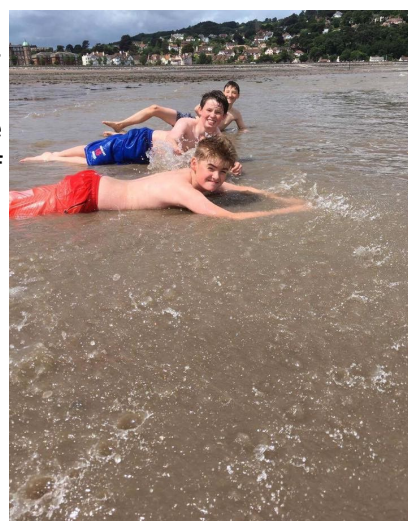
## Activities

This year has seen the start of Coppersmithing and Taekwondo after school as well as the introduction of more pastoral activities such as Lego Club and Arts and Crafts Club later in the evenings. Athletics has been well attended and the swimming pool has, as always, proven to be one of the most popular activities on offer, especially on a hot day!

Weekend activities have slowed down this half term, with half having to be cancelled due to boys not signing up to them. I'll take a look at the weekend offering in September to ensure that we are giving the boys options that they want and enjoy, but, as always, am open to all and any suggestions. That doesn't mean we didn't have fun on the ones we did go on though. On 18<sup>th</sup> June, two mini-buses took off to Watchet for chips, paddling, sun, crabbing and ice cream!

Over the holidays, I will be sending out the activity programmes for Term 1A as well as a letter to sign up your son for any of the paid after school activities, including music lessons. Please return these to me ASAP. Any slips returned by the deadline date will be guaranteed a slot for the chosen activity at some point in the academic year. Please look at all programmes to avoid clashes with other activities.

Have fun, relax lots and I'll see you on the other side! (Mr Holt)



## Induction

We welcomed our new Year 7 boys for September this term with their overnight induction. We feel that it is a great way of introducing the boys to our routines, to each other and to the way of the school and helps them relax over the summer. Boys took part in lots of different activities such as rounders, orienteering, raft building and cycling on the bike track, along with integrating with older boys. From our point of view it was really positive and we are looking forward to welcoming them all back in September for the start of their Brymore experience. (Ms Warren)





## Swimming Gala and End of Year Awards

We seem to have been fairly blessed weather wise for our events this year and the last day of term with our annual Swimming Gala and Prize-giving was no different. Parents arrived to take their places to watch the boys swim and FOBSA were on hand providing tea, cake and bacon butties. As always it is always great to see so many boys take part and that the boys watching were participating by cheering their houses on. Congratulations must go to Tom Dollery and Charlie Liddle who broke swimming records, one of which stood for over 40 years, during the event. The event was closely matched and the trophy could have been won by either Taylor or Walker in the final race but the latter snatched the victory and won the overall gala. We then moved on to the prize-giving awards. It was a jam packed event full of boys being rewarded for hard work this academic year and one where Mr Thomas made no apologies if a boy won more than one prize because those boys who have tried their best in every area deserve to be rewarded for it. Alongside the swimming gala Walker also won the overall FOBSA shield for the most house points of the year. (Ms Warren)

AWARD	WINNERS			
	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Agriculture	Ethan Lane	Alec Bellringer	Toby Ranson	Samuel Brake
Art	David Goodman	William Holter-Hovind	Max Nash	Reuben Webb
Design & Technology	Charlie Coombes	Nicholas Winzer	Oliver Spence	Samuel Tull
Engineering	-	-	-	Byron Sullivan
English	George Davis	Aiden Dunn	Harvey Reading	Archie Hill
Geography	Thomas Allen	Alec Bellringer	Oliver Spence	Reece Thomas / Louis Manchip
History	Stephen Roberts	Declan Tolfree	Hector Dunstan	Samuel Puzey
Horticulture	William Ingram	Ben Rexworthy	Oliver Spence	Samuel Tull
Mathematics	Oliver Lant	Nicholas Winzer	Oliver Spence	Samuel Tull
PE	William Wescott	Farley Bruce	Nicholas Payne	Reece Thomas
Science	Oliver Lant	Mikey Willis	Oliver Spence	William Crossman

Philip Prince Cup	Dedicated effort	Samuel Tull
Growers Cup	Work on individual plot	Toby Ranson
Fiddington Shield	Progress and improvement in Senior Cricket	Louis Manchip
TE Awamutu award for junior rugby	Junior rugby	Joshua Jefferies
535 American Veterans Award	Creative Endeavour	Samuel Puzey
Martyn Knox Trophy	Chad's Hill runs	Samuel Tull

Victor Ludorum	Excellent effort in Rugby and Athletics	Tom Dollery
The Holter-Hovind Cup	Overcome significant challenge (not specifically academic)	Charles Grossey
Governors' Award	Overall contribution to Brymore	Toby Ranson

## Boarding

With ferocious storms and blazing days, Brymore has seen four seasons in one day on occasions. What a busy term we have had. We welcomed the Year 6s on our Induction Days with gusto and energy. They certainly had lots of fun and really enjoyed their taste of Brymore life. The boarding houses were full of new boys and our existing boys were tremendously welcoming. We hope the new boys have a lovely summer and really look forward to you starting properly in September. The term has been busy as alongside Induction we have also had the Year 10s out doing their work experience as well as our Year 11s finishing their exams. We wish our leaving Year 11s the very best moving forward into their chosen college pathways.

Open Day was a huge success and this was largely down to the boys representing their school with aplomb. Well done boys! You can be very proud of your efforts. FoBSA were excellent and helped to make it one of our best ever days too. Many boys have left Kemp House and moved to their new boarding houses. We hope they are settling into their new houses successfully. They have a great opportunity to spread their wings and add to the communities they will be joining.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the Swimming Gala which is a lovely way to end the year and eagerly anticipate the results of who has won the FOBSA Shield? Will it be Taylor, Galsworthy or Walker? One thing for sure is that all boys have contributed and every point will count on the day of the Swimming Gala. Every lung busting effort could make a difference when all points throughout the year are counted up at the end of the event. The summer holidays give everyone a chance to relax and enjoy time with their loved ones. Enjoy the holidays and come back full of renewed energy for another amazing year at Brymore. Who knows, it may be your best one yet!

(Mr Watts)

## FOBSA

Wow, what a great first year I have had being chair of FoBSA. We have organised a bingo, helped with Lambing Day and supplied refreshments at the end of each term, along with our biggest event Open Day. I would like to thank everyone who has helped FoBSA have a great year as without the cake donations and helping on the stalls FoBSA wouldn't be able to run such great events. The funds that we raise for the school, goes back to our boys. This year we have paid for:

- Farm equipment
- PE equipment
- £4,000 towards activities week
- Archery covers for boards.

We have raised in the region of £13,200. This is an amazing amount of money to give back to the school.

Whilst being on the FoBSA committee I have met some really great people, from staff to parents, grandparents but mainly the boys. I would like to thank Benedicte Bagg, Vice-Chair, Lisa Hill, Secretary, and Justine Comer, Treasurer, for being such a great team. The boys always come and say hello, do you need any help when I'm emptying my car of goods for Brymore. They will shout from a distance 'hello Mrs Atyeo' or 'alright Kate!!!' so being part of the Brymore life has become a big part of my life. Brymore, you are my Hobby!!!

We will be holding our AGM after the Cross Country and Harvest Festival Services on Saturday 21st October, in the pavilion. Please come along and join our team. We would love to see more new faces; we don't expect you to commit to everything as our busy lives don't allow it but any help is always gratefully received. If you would like to be part of FoBSA please email [fobsachair@hotmail.com](mailto:fobsachair@hotmail.com)

Happy holidays everyone.

Kate Atyeo (Chair of FoBSA)

## Leavers Service

It is always emotional saying 'goodbye' to the Year 11 boys at their Leaver Service and this year was equally as tear jerking. The Year 11 boys leaving this year have been outstanding in many ways and they will be missed. (Ms Warren)



AWARDS	RECIPIENT
Headteacher's Prize	Jack Mills
Brymore Spur	Cameron Moore
Tony Edwards' Cup	Toby House
Hutson Design Award	Brooks Carey
Award for Creative Endeavour	Lewis Sutor
Outstanding effort in English	Jack Mills
Outstanding effort in Maths	Jack Mills
PTA Victor Ludorum	Jack Mills
Somerset NFU Agriculture Award	Henry Scott
Old Brymorians Agriculture Award	Lee Marsh
Kino Owl Public Spirit Award	Olla Hawthorne
Mark Hill Cup	Luke Berry
All Blacks jersey for senior rugby	Daniel Fry
Troy Plate	Ryu Perry
Gary Morgan Cup	Luke Berry
Engineering Award	Corey Druitt
Cavendish Cup	Cameron Moore
BSA Brymore Boarding Cup Societal Cup	Cameron Moore
Beekeepers Cup	Cameron Moore
Head Boy Award Shield	Herbert Elliott
The Windows Cup	Henry Scott
The Ray Culliford Cup	Jack Thompson
Most Chads	Ryu Perry



The following boys were also awarded Commendation Certificates for their three years at Brymore:

Luke Berry, Dominic Bridges, Kye Brown, George Clay, Haydon Curteis-Lateo, Olla Hawthorne, Henry Howlett, Jacob Knight, Kyle Payton, Harvey Pearce, Finn Reeson, Henry Scott, Will Seward, Dylan Waugh, Reece Waugh, Tom Williams and Charlie Wilson.

# Country Fair and Open Day

With the week building up to our annual event being a scorcher it was unsurprising that we had a little rain on the big day but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits nor prevent a huge crowd from attending.

With over 4,000 people through the doors taking part in all the activities, seeing the workshops and interactive classrooms, watching the stock showing and the duck racing, perusing the various local craft stalls and riding the free tractor rides Brymore is proud to have put on another great show.

In the main ring Bath and West Show organiser, Mr Alan Lyons, judged the stock showing and was brilliant at giving the boys feedback on their skills and offering tips on how to improve even more. Mr Lyons chose Arthur Butt as overall champion cattle handler and Harrison Scott was awarded the sheep championship.

Freddie Parker kept the crowds entertained with her unique duck racing and her duck herding col- lies and the tug-of-war rounded off a great day in the main ring with current and old boys stepping up to see who were crowned champions.

FOBSA were a great support to us in the organisation by ensuring visitors were fed and watered (with three different stations) along with organising a tombola and second hand uniform sale. It is always important to have parental support and on a day like this the families that helped were an integral part of the success and we cannot thank them enough for this.

Thank you to all the families, friends and public that came along to this day

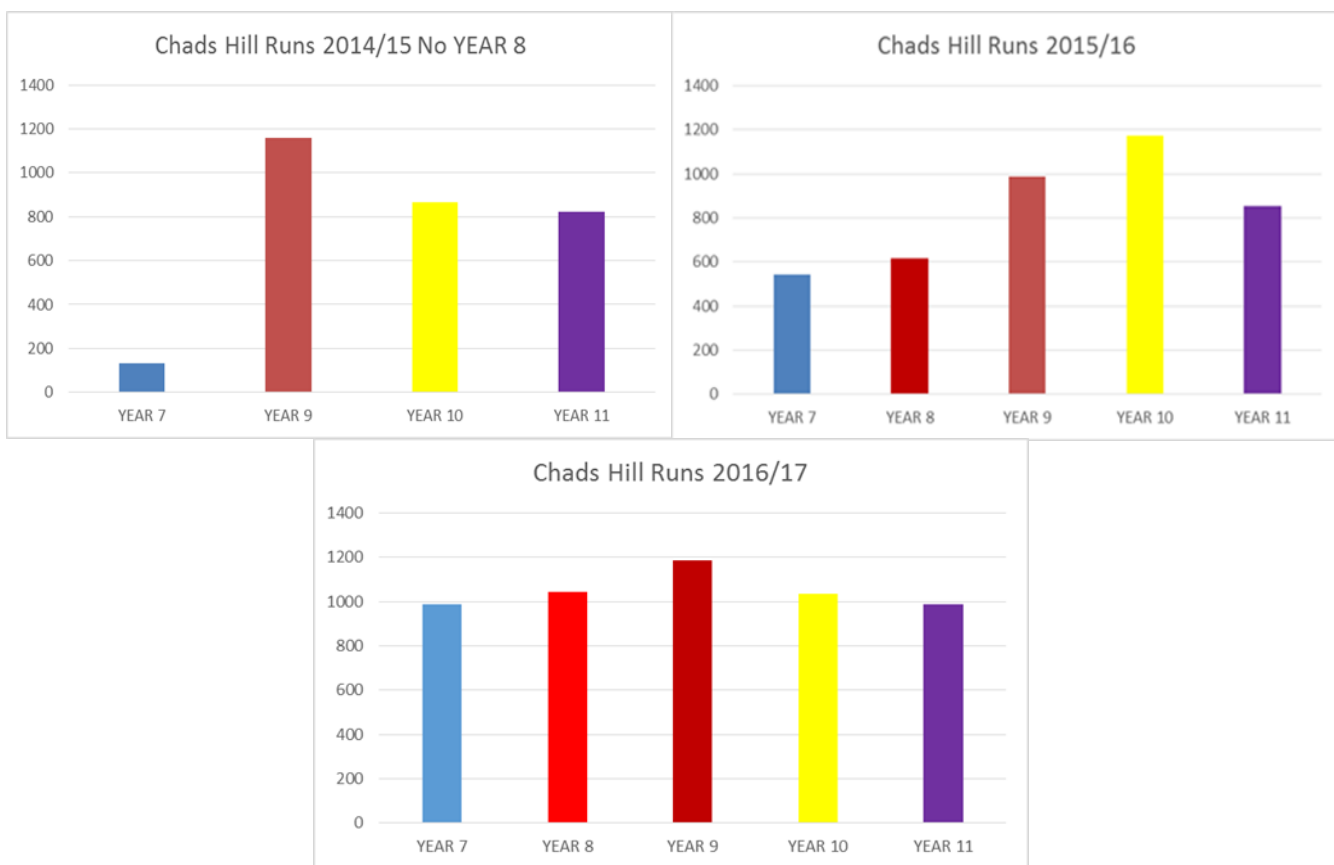


# Sports Report

For the first time in over 10 years there have been two boys who have completed 100+ Chads Hill runs. Followed by five boys who have run between 50 & 71 and fifty three have run over 30. 251 boys have recorded at least one Personal Best this academic year.

## By year groups:

**Year 7** have done very well with every boy running with six boys running over 30 and one running over 60. In total 989 runs. **Year 8** have also had every boy run, twelve over 30, one on 51 and one on 71. In total 1,042. **Year 9** have all run with 49 being the most run by a year 9. In total 1,189. **Year 10** have both boys with over 100, 101 & 116 respectively & twelve over 30. In total 1,040. **Year 11** had all but one boy run and even with the pressures of GCSEs eleven boys ran over 30, with one reaching a credible 54. In total 986. Overall the average number of runs completed by 294 boys is 17.8. Walker House can claim the most runs with 2,029.



We have attended a number of athletics competitions over this term with a good number of boys becoming County champions. Cricket training has been well attended, particularly in Years 7 and 8 with Ms Warren, and the boys have shown improvements in all of their matches this season.

(Mr Spridgens)



## Farm News

This term we have had one calf born, a Beef Shorthorn cross from a dairy cow No.41 Milly, sired by our Beef Shorthorn bull Forrester. The weather has been kind to us this term, so we have managed to make more hay than usual. We have also managed to make our silage bales for the forthcoming winter season. Hopefully over the summer holidays we will make a second cut of hay and silage. Our new Dairy Shorthorn cow 'Dainty' and 'Danny' the Jersey have been taken out of the milking parlour for their dry 'rest' period before calving in September, when the boys return to school.

The ewes, rams and shearlings have been shorn this term. This was assisted by a selection of boys throughout Years 8, 9 & 10. Boys were able to roll the fleece, shear and handle the sheep safely.

We were lucky enough to be awarded a grant earlier in the year to implement a 'Reed Bed System' on the farm. Through this the boys have assisted with planting the ditches and then fencing them off. The reed beds will be used mainly in the winter when we have an excess supply of rainwater in the yards and from the rooves. The water will now avoid the slurry store saving storing water, as the water goes through a series of natural filtration ponds.

By the time you all return to school we are hoping to see the footings for the new multi-purpose building on the farm. Within this building we are hoping to have livestock accommodation, a 'dirty' classroom and a forage store. The boys will no doubt keep you abreast of all the changes on the farm.

As always, there was a very busy build up to Open Day this year. All year group classes were involved with helping, this included giving the main farmyard buildings; Classroom, Office, Shop, Dairy and calf shed, a fresh coat of white paint with black base line. Cattle and sheep were washed and groomed ready for showing and everything was left clean and tidy.

On the day itself, a drizzly start to the day was slightly worrying but the sun came out and visitors followed the yellow footprints to the farm to

see the boys working hard to win points for their respective houses.

The stock showing (cattle and sheep) was as successful as ever. With Arthur Butt taking the championship for the cattle and Harrison Scott taking the championship for the sheep. As you may have seen when visiting the farm, the showing was split into inter-house teams. The boys took it very seriously, making their stalls tidy and producing informative displays boards. They also gained points throughout the day for the places they were awarded in each class. The house that won overall was Galsworthy and Walker taking the best displayed stall. Thanks go to Alan Lyons for giving up his time to judge on the day.

This year we were supported by Mole Valley Farmers, the Rare Breed Survival Trust (RBST), the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society, the Somerset Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers, FoBSA, British Charollais Sheep Society, Meadow Quality and Harper's Feeds who all had stands on the farm.

Our 'Farm Shop' was selling Brymore's home produced fresh pork and lamb roasting joints and sausages which were prepared for us by Croft Family Butchers (EWJ Hill) our local butcher in Cannington. This year FoBSA had an additional BBQ in the farmyard selling our own Brymore Banger Hot Dogs.

Available to order will be whole (£150) or half lamb (£75) for the freezer and we will be taking orders for boxes of beef. Please contact the farm office on 01278 652428 or email: [brymorefarm@brymore.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:brymorefarm@brymore.somerset.sch.uk)

### School Farms Network Conference

On Friday 30th June, Mr Williams, Miss Marks and Mr Willcocks attended the School Farms Network Conference at The Royal Agriculture College, Cirencester. The conference was an opportunity to network with various school farms both similar to our own and inner city farms and delivered a range of workshops, giving us lots of ideas to put in place at our own farm to relate to the new Land Based course which will be running from September. (Mrs Whyte and Mr Kingston)

## Sports Day

The sun shone on our annual sports day as boys took part in everything from triple jump to the relay race. Scores of students, staff and parents shouted their house representatives home during races and clapped from the side-lines during the field events. Another great Brymore event was done for another year when Walker house lifted the coveted trophy and thanks go to Mr Williams and Mr Spridgens for organising the afternoon. (Ms Warren)



## Activities Week

Boys in all year groups spent the last week of term enjoying Activities Week. Various trips offsite were run, including a much enjoyed trip to Air-hop, high ropes at Vivary Park, activities at Mendip Ski Centre and every year got to do team building and watersports at the new COACH centre in Taunton with Channel Training. Alongside this, we ran some very popular onsite activities like countryside adventures with BASC (where boys got to learn about rabbit skinning, gun dogs and even had a go at shooting) and sporting games with Pro-Coaching. The Year 10 boys also got to undertake the annual camping expedition where they orienteer around the Quantocks and camp together before working their way back to school; always an adventure and a great memory made for those boys. The variety on offer to the boys was great and it could not happen without the assistance of FoBSA who, with their fund-raising, help subsidise the whole week to ensure it is affordable. (Ms Warren)

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## 2017/18 Upcoming Important Dates

### AUTUMN TERM

#### Monday 11 September

##### INSET DAY

4.00 pm New Year 7 Boarders return

6.00 pm All boarders return

#### Tuesday 12 September

8.30 am All out-boarders return

#### Saturday 16 September

Time tbc Hog Roast for new Year 7 and their parents

#### Saturday 23 September and 7 October

9.45 am - 12.30 pm Open Mornings for future prospective students

#### Saturday 21 October

10.00 am Upper School Harvest Festival (Years 9, 10 & 11)

11.30 am Whole School Cross Country

1.30 pm Year 9, 10 & 11 students departs

2.15 pm Lower School Harvest Festival (Years 7 & 8)

3.30 pm Year 7 and 8 students depart

3.30 pm FoBSA AGM (Pavilion)

#### Tuesday 7 November

##### INSET DAY

3.30 pm Year 7 Parent Consultation with Houseparents, Heads of House & Registration Group Tutors  
Academic Progress with Senior Leadership Team (Selected Year 11 students only)

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm Year 8, 9 10 & 11 boarders return

#### Wednesday 8 November

8.30 am All out-boarders return

#### Friday 15 December

4.00 pm Lower School Christmas Service

#### Saturday 16 December

10.30 am Upper School Christmas Service

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