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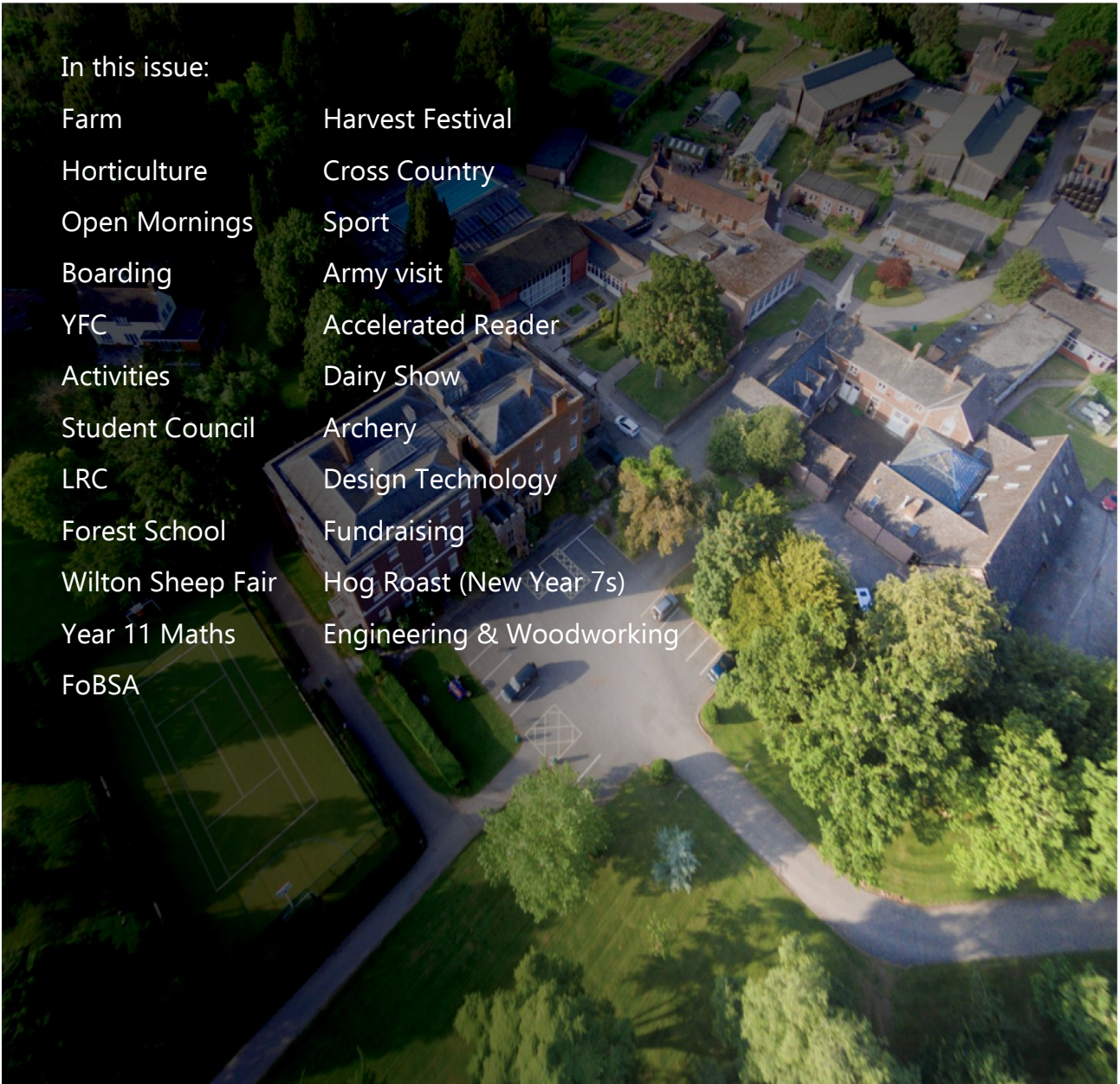
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Message from the Headteacher

Many thanks to you all who were able to attend our Harvest Festival and cross country championships at the end of this half-term. I always feel both events showcase Brymore at its best with many boys pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and both also showing boys, staff, governors and parents all working together to produce a special day. Well done in particular to Year 7 who have settled in really well as a year group.

One of the key ways schools are judged has changed over the past few years with a measure called Progress 8 being used. Essentially this takes the SATS scores of all the students in the country in Year 6 and compares it with the GCSE scores the same students achieve in Year 11. So, each individual student's GCSE results are compared to those who achieved exactly the same score in Year 6. A school's Progress 8 score is therefore an amalgamation of each individual student's score. I am delighted to report that Brymore achieved the highest Progress 8 score (+0.38) of all the secondary schools in Somerset. Whilst this is great for us as a school what it really means is that the boys themselves got much higher grades than would normally be expected. This is even more remarkable when you consider they were ranked in the bottom 1% of the country when they joined us in Year 7 - meaning they collectively had made poor progress at primary school.

Behind these figures are even more successes. English placed second in Somerset and it has not been out of the top two for six years (usually first). Maths had the best Progress 8 in Somerset and Science was in the top four. Boys with SEN and high ability boys also did exceptionally well, showing Brymore really is the school of choice if you want your son to achieve academically. We also topped what is called the 'Open bucket' by a considerable margin, largely due to exceptional results in Design and Technology, Engineering, Land Based Studies and Sport - our cornerstones. So we are also the school of choice if you want your son to achieve practically.

Many individual boys made outstanding progress and most of them had something in common. They were heavily involved in some or all of the following: the rugby squad, hockey squad, regular Chad's and fitness attendees, the YFC, showing, agriculture or horticulture HoD's or were elected as prefects or the Senior Student Leadership Team. In short, those that got most involved in all aspects of Brymore life made the best progress. It seems illogical to suggest that we achieve these results despite prioritising rugby training over additional academic work after school on some nights of the week. I think it is because we concentrate on developing the character of the boys, the qualities of the three 'R's' and instil in them the value of hard work, that the boys end up achieving so well. Unlike many other schools we will continue to offer a wide range of activities and leadership opportunities as we believe these play a huge part in developing the boy as a whole, which in turn also leads to exam success. Well done the class of 2019; the first to be with us for five years and the highest achieving Year group ever.

Finally, I hope all boys are enjoying the half term and that as a family, you are able to spend some quality time together. Make the most of it, as the new half-term will be starting soon!

Best wishes



Horticulture

It's always demoralising to return to school in autumn to see the way in which the weeds have taken over in our absence but within a few days the beds and plots were already looking so much better and the compost heap had seemingly grown to twice its size. This is the season for harvesting and preparing for winter, so we have been busy collecting fruit and vegetables and preparing them for sale and also clearing out the polytunnel in preparation for the floor to be repaired. Cuttings in the greenhouse have been reported and the winter seasonal bedding prepared and is growing well ready to be planted out after half term.

The most exciting task is collecting apples and then juicing them! The juice is bottled, sterilised, labelled, sold and consumed all too quickly. The cider apples have yet to be prepared.

Assessments have continued for Years 10 and 11 as they work towards their Horticultural Skills Award and lower years have concentrated in class on Health and Safety, conservation and cell structure.

Plots have been allocated to Year 7s and work has begun to clear, prepare and plant them.

We are grateful to the site team who replaced one of the raised beds outside of the dormitories, so the students have used soil from the compost heap to begin to fill this. We will leave it unplanted initially to allow us to control any weeds which emerge.

We have been pleased to welcome Mrs Melissa Osborne as a TA to our department and have been very appreciative of all the other TAs who have stood in, often at short notice, to enable the practical lessons to continue. We also look forward to working with Mrs Jo Franks when she begins after the half-term. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Jo Meatyard has given birth to another baby boy and that mum and baby are progressing well.

So, another busy term in our department, but then there is always plenty going on for the Horti team. My thanks as ever to Mrs Stanley who bravely held the fort in my absence and to all of you who support us by purchasing produce. Don't forget that we have an extensive range of shrubs and perennials at much cheaper prices than you would find in the local Garden Centres. We can always be contacted through school and are happy to sell to your family, friends and acquaintances. The sale trolley is usually out on a Friday evening too. Please support us, as all the funds raised go straight back into the practical side of our department. (Mr Willcocks)



Young Farmers Club

Once again there has been a good number of the new Year 7s who joined the club, with returnees from other years we have a membership of 74, slightly down on last year.

Members have had talks from Mr Bagshaw, kindly stepping in at the last moment, who spoke about the role his family farm in Lincolnshire played during World War 2.

Mrs Wendy Welland, shared her enthusiasm for collecting animal skulls, which she began aged 8 and I'm sure Wendy won't mind if I say, that was a good few years ago; she explained how she acquires the skulls, cleans and preserves. Some were tiny and therefore delicate, whereas others were large, heavy and sturdy. Wendy has promised to return, this time with a fleece, showing how to card and spin wool.

Next up, Mel Bartlett and two beautiful big black Newfoundland dogs mother and daughter, they were a delight, despite being bigger than many of the members, they were calm and docile, allowing all and sundry to pet them. Mel explained about breeding these animals - eight puppies, 5 kilos at 6 weeks and £2000 each, should your son decide he wants one. Willow, the mum, was placed in two rescue harnesses and a small cart, demonstrating their versatility and daughter Bramble, in a show collar, showed how they are expected to stand and display at show, and the how they are groomed for the best results; seems not much different to showing cattle.

Due to being unable to add 6 to 10 and coming up with 17, we had two meetings the last week of term! The first meeting was a fun evening run by a previous Head Boy, Russell Windows. Russ organised all sorts of fun and games including eating an iced ring, leaving the smallest circle from a length of string without using your hands, passing balloons from one end of the library to the other and how quickly can you eat three cream crackers!

The second meeting was outgoing Chair Will Hatch, performing one of his last two duties by presenting a cheque to Debbie Birtwistle of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance for £250, this was raised by a cake sale and a previous speaker foregoing produce to allow us to put £10 into our charity box; Debbie also gave a very interesting talk on the air ambulance, which made many of the boys ask interesting questions.
(Miss Bradford)



Archery

The students taking part in archery this half term have done exceptionally well. We had some students new to archery so very well done to them. A special well done to Dan Brown who won an archery mug for coming first in the archery contest this half term. Congratulations to David Goodman for being awarded a pewter archery badge in recognition of exceptional archery skills. (Mr Ball)



Farm News

The big thing at the moment is the building of the new milking parlour and agriculture classroom is coming to a finish. It has been a long time since we were told we had the money, followed by planning and then the demolition of the old building. We are very excited for the end to be near. Now the scaffold is down we can really see it has moved on and we hope to be in there by early to mid-November.



An auto-tandem is the style of parlour with six stalls for the cows. We are also looking into fitting the cows with activity monitors to monitor health and heat cycles.

Thirty of our ewes have been synchronised to come on heat and the rams have done their job. We've used a Suffolk ram on the North Country Mules and a Charolais and Polled Dorset went with the Suffolk x Mules. We also have a Beltex ram running with the rest of the ewes naturally.



We are hoping to hold another Lambing Sunday in the spring after missing last years due to the new building works, where people will hopefully see new lambs and maybe some even being born! We will also be taking 30 store lambs through the winter.

We have just received the good news we have passed our yearly TB test and will now be selling some store cattle. The rest will stay out at grass for as long as possible. We will feed some of the second cut silage as the grass disappears.



The Year 7 boys have settled into their agriculture lessons well and are working on the rotation with horticulture and forest school. All the new boys have had the health and safety walk through on the farm so are fully briefed on expectations.

We are again rearing 20 turkeys for Christmas. They are currently enjoying apple pomace from the gardens apple juice harvest and house enrichment from plastic bags hanging around the pen.



The Year 10 boys are looking forward to the plucking process with the whole process over seen by Miss Marks.

If you are interested in purchasing a turkey for Christmas please contact the school office.

To secure a turkey a £30 deposit will be required and a rough idea of the size required. We will do our best to match the bird to your order. In total we charge £9/kg oven ready. (Mr Kingston)

Message from the Head Boy

I'm very proud to be Head Boy at Brymore and we have a new student leadership team with my Deputy Will Kent and my three Assistant Head Boys: Ethan Carr, William Holter-Hovind and Louie Liddle. They have made a huge difference to Brymore whether that's helping out with duties or helping the younger boys; they are a great asset the school .

In my opinion this Brymore year has been a huge success whether that's in our academic subjects or our showing or even our boarding. We had a great set of GCSE results making us top in Somerset for progress and our Good boarding rating from Ofsted was great news for everyone.

Here at Brymore our boys try their best every day. Many visitors, employers and parents often comment that you can recognise a Brymore boy. Certainly I observed this during our open mornings for the new intake of boys for next year. We take pride in working with and developing the person as a whole by encouraging our own three 'R's - Responsibility, Resourcefulness and Resilience. I take huge pride in my school and all our boys try their hardest in everything they do. This is a brilliant school and I am proud to be a Brymore boy and even prouder to be Head Boy. (Jack Rigby)

Army Visit

Three members of the Army visited the school to put the Year 10 boys through their paces with a series of challenges and team building tasks. The feedback from the Army was that the boys behaved impeccably - above and beyond other schools they had visited that week and they have even emailed in to say they had such a great time they would like to come back. (Ms Warren)



Student Council

Boys nominated themselves for the Student Council during their tutor time and were then voted in by their peers. It's never easy putting yourself up for a vote so well done to all of the boys who put themselves forward and congratulations to those boys voted in.

Student Council meets every two weeks and is chaired by the Head Boy. Discussions are based on things the boys bring to the meetings from their classmates, housemates and students in their year and are often based on things like fundraising, food, maintenance issues or things they'd like to change. Over the years the boys have had a greater input into changes at the school and are often consulted by Mr Thomas on important matters. (Ms Warren)



Dairy Show

Three of our rare breed Shorthorn dairy cattle went to the Dairy Show at the Bath and West Showground this term. Our Year 11 boys showed off the cows beautifully and they all did really well in the ring, including winning some young handler rosettes. We also won a first place in the calf heifer class which rounded off a good show for us.

Miss Marks, Miss Parker, Miss Bradford and myself also drove three minibuses full of some Year 9 boys to visit the show. This gave them the opportunity, during their agriculture lessons, to see lots of different dairy cattle, chat to stall holders from lots of different companies about their products and, of course, stock up on freebie pens for their lessons! Boys behaved superbly and overall a really good event for them to show at and also attend. (Ms Warren)



FOBSA

Kate Atyeo has been the Chair of FoBSA for over four years and this year took the opportunity to retire from her duties. Kate has re-vamped our parent association during that time and helped raise over £30,000 which always gets re-invested back into the school. Along with this, she has re-designed the way the committee works, has created new events for the diary and forged some really good teamwork amongst the parents. I'm sure many new friendships started via FoBSA and on behalf of all the staff and boys we have a huge amount to be thankful to Kate for. The biggest donation is always nearly £5,000 for activities week, which means that every child is subsidised and parents are paying a minimal amount towards an amazing week at the end of the school year. Once again, our thanks and appreciation to Kate for her years of hard work from the staff and students at Brymore and also from all the parents who have worked alongside her over the years.

The FoBSA Annual General Meeting was held on 19th October. The meeting started by showing appreciation and thanks to retiring Chair Kate Atyeo and also to Secretary Nicola Fairfax for their years of dedicated service and support. The following officers were then elected for the 2019/2020 period:

Joint Chair - Martin Barber and Debbie Hutter

Treasurer - Joanne Grandfield

Secretary - Vacancy to be filled

Uniform Officer (new post) - April Lee

FOBSA Events for your diary

Fri 15th Nov 2019 @ 4.00pm, FoBSA Meeting to discuss arrangements for Bingo event

Fri 29th Nov 2019 @ 6.00pm, Christmas Prize Bingo, come along enjoyment for all

Fri 31st Jan 2020 @ 4.00pm, FoBSA Meeting to discuss arrangements for School Lambing event

All help is welcome, be it the donations of cakes or raffle prizes, assisting at meetings or preparation and serving at events. If you feel you would like to support this friendly and rewarding group please make contact by emailing fobsachair@hotmail.com or popping into the school office and asking Kate Atyeo to add you to our contact list.

Activities

We have had a fantastic start to the year, our weekend boarders have been taking part in several wide ranging activities, like film nights, Laserquest, arcade visits, pumpkin carving and banger racing. These activities sit alongside our packed weekend programmes of onsite activities that are led by the Boarding Team.

Recently we have purchased new Lacrosse, Unihock and Dodgeball sets for the boys to get to grips with on Saturdays and Sundays.

Each term we try to ensure that every boy on site can access activities that are varied and affordable. The boys are asked to give their input to which activities we lay on for them, to ensure we get a good uptake.

Occasionally we have to cancel and this is always disappointing. This happened three times this term but actually one of them (pumpkin carving) we ended up having much more fun on site.

After school activities are well attended and we have launched an extra club this year called CSI Brymore (who dunnit at Brymore Academy!) and with the ever popular blacksmithing and wood carving type activities still running and being fully booked, our range is varied and open to all. Should you wish your son to be booked onto one then please email me and I will see what space is available, if any, or look ahead to other upcoming terms.

If you have any ideas for activities that will be suitable and affordable for the boys to do on a weekend please contact me on:

nwestern@educ.somerset.gov.uk (Mrs Western)



LRC

The work to reorganise the reference section has started. So far we have sections for Animals, Tractors, Farm Buildings, Soil and Farm Machinery. It is a much bigger job that I thought but it will be done by Christmas.

A big thank you to the boys and their families who have donated books this half-term.

As usual, there are a number of overdue books, please ask your boys to return when read. Finally, all books need to be returned to me please, not put back on the shelves, loaned to given to another or indeed given to another member of staff. (Miss Bradford)

Hog Roast

What began some years as a hog roast for our parents and families of the new Year 7 boys ended up as a lamb roast this year! Due to our new farm building the agriculture team had no pigs for us to use but plenty of lambs - the result however, was the same and that was a welcoming into the Brymore community of our new families. It was a great way for everyone to come together and catch up after their exhausting first week and to see key staff and also meet parents via FoBSA. (Ms Warren)

Wilton Sheep Fair

Southern Counties Auctioneers were holding a big sheep sale and needed help with the selling and moving of the stock; so they called on Brymore boys to help and Brymore boys delivered! Miss Bradford and I drove across the County border into Wiltshire and the boys got to work shifting the ewes from pen to pen and up a run into the selling area. It rained and was hard work but the boys kept ploughing away without complaint and represented the school to such a high standard we have been asked to attend next time already. (Ms Warren)



Year 11 Maths

The 'Walk and Talk' maths sessions will be taking place every Thursday evening for our Year 11 boys starting with the first one on 7th November in the hall.

Every Year 11 boy is expected to attend every session from 6.15pm - 7.15pm, as this forms a huge foundation in their learning before the exams in the Summer term.

Statistically the boys that have attended every session have improved their overall result by at least half a grade - which has often proved to be the difference between boys not having to re-take at college and having to redo their maths GCSE. (Mr Ashton)

BRYMORE LOTTERY

The results of the lottery for this half-term:

- 1st £40 : Mr & Mrs Hall
- 2nd £25 : Mr Floyd
- 3rd £15 : Lady Price

Should you be interested in our lottery then information will be sent out to parents in the upcoming half-term or please talk to Mrs Wilkinson in reception or call her on 01278 652369.

Forest School

We have had a great start to this years Forest School. The weather has mostly been on our side and the boys have had a great time making shelter and dens. We have also started to rebuild a new log wall at the base camp so a good effort by all.

We are looking forward to more projects such as mallet making, fire starting techniques and many more. (Mr Ball)



Engineering & Woodworking

It is so nice to see a new group of Year 7's attending evening activities and taking full advantage of what's on offer in the workshops.

Along with the other year groups they are making:

In Engineering and Tool Making: Bottle Openers, engineers square's, whistle's, screwdrivers and the complex pneumatic engine.

In Woodwork they are making: Tool boxes, footstools, spice racks and Yew coasters.

In Wood Carving they are carving an owl out of Bass wood.

Well done to all for the effort being put in to these projects. These courses not only introduce new skills to these boys earlier than they would in lessons but they also develop confidence and maturity in a workshop environment. (Mr Ball)

Open Mornings

We threw open our doors to potential students and their parents on two Fridays and a Saturday this half-term for the Open Mornings. Boys, as always, were enthusiastic and keen to show off their school and proudly toured families around the whole site. We had over 80 families attending over the three mornings - another indication that we are heavily oversubscribed and securing our belief that what we are offering is unique and in demand. (Ms Warren)



Christmas Turkeys

We have a limited number of Brymore 'barn reared' turkeys for sale this year. These will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

The price is £9/kg.

If you would like to order a turkey, please ring the farm office on 01278 652428 with your details and requirements. A deposit of £30 is required. (Please make cheques payable to Brymore Academy).

Sports News

We have had some good results for the rugby teams this half-term and some close fixtures across the board. Numbers at training are good but it would be great to see a few more Year 7 boys come out and try on a Wednesday evening to see if they can form part of the squad. We understand that they have spent the first half-term finding their feet so if they want to come out after half-term they would be very welcome.



Players in Years 9-11 are beginning to understand that fitness, chads and attendance to practice play a huge role in team selection and their development as a rugby player, which is great to see. There are fixtures lined up for various age groups every week up until Christmas so keep an eye on the bulletin for information on fixtures. We are hosting the area cross country during the last week of term before Christmas so are keen to see those wanting to participate hitting Chads hard, to gain valuable time during the event. This half-term I

took a group of boys to Downside School for the ESAA cross country cup. All boys ran well and it was a great introduction for the new Year 7 boys that came, plus a delight when the inter boys squad came 4th overall. Chads numbers are outstanding with over 30 running each night and some nights seeing over 60. Keep up the good work boys and thank you to those parents who encourage their boys to run it at least once a week.



Evening circuits and weights are now on the go for the senior rugby and hockey squads, so please encourage your son to attend if you know he can.

Our mixed years hockey team had a fixture at Chilton and with more to come they are progressing well and it is good that we have a small group keen to play.



For the first time Brymore boys are playing indoor tennis and badminton during PE lessons, along with running front drive-back drive and fitness testing. We also have a coach coming from the Somerset Cricket Board soon to do table cricket with some younger students and we are also going to start Boccia again. (Mr Williams)

Design Technology

Designing for a Special Event

Year 11s are busy creating designs for a special event or occasion for their major project. Progress is going well with students coming up with lots of creative solutions to their brief. Designs include showboxes, trophy stands, cake stands, water carriers and drinks tables. Some of the most interesting are aimed at special events at school. There are designs for foldaway seating for Open Day, a hammer trolley and a scoreboard for Sports Day. Collection boxes, bag stores, phone storage and leaflet holders also feature.

All of these will start production after Christmas and well done to all of those boys who have already put in lots of extra effort.

Engineers Face New Exam

This year's engineers will be the first to take the new BTEC examination and we wish them luck in November. The qualification includes both a written exam, worth 40%, and a "synoptic" project, worth 60%, that shows off their making and drawing skills. The synoptic will start in December.

The new BTEC is graded from a Level 1 pass right through to a Level 2 distinction. "This is a really strong group of boys." said Mr Austin, "I'm expecting every boy to be able to achieve a Level 2 pass with many earning Merits and Distinctions." (Mr Armstrong)

House Reading Competition

The boys have started the new school year with some really good reading practice, with a class average of just over 90% of boys logging their reading during the last month.

The house that reads the most words in the school year receives 500 house points towards their house end of year total. The totals so far this year:

Galsworthy	Taylor	Walker
1,816,084	3,751,218	3,350,963

The boys' favourite book this term has been *The World's Worst Teachers* by David Walliams.

Whereas we are really proud of all the boys who are pushing themselves to read more than they ever have before, we would like to give special mention to the following boys who have set in place some consistently good reading practice and are already making good progress against their annual reading target:

Harry Daykin	Feliks Poskus	Alfie Parsons	Toby Lee
Arthur Shrimpton	Alfie Skidmore	Adam Priest	Marwan Bird
Thomas Richards	Tom Barnes	Samuel Isaacs	River Munday
Tom Barnes	Samuel Issacs	Thomas Cave	

Expectations:

- To have a reading book with you at all times
- To log at least 140 minutes of reading per week on 'Reading Rewards' (20 minutes per day)
- To read a book within your ZPD
- To aim to read 2-3 books (depending on length) per half term
- To take responsibility to work hard in order to try to achieve your annual personal target
- To work as part of a team and read in order to earn rewards for my class
- To work as part of a team and read in order to earn points for my house
- To share stories you have enjoyed with your peers and recommend books you have enjoyed to others
- To respect, look after and return the books you enjoy from the LRC and Room 4

You can see how well your son is progressing towards their target by visiting:

<https://ukhosted85.renlearn.co.uk/2259563/homeconnect/> and log in in with your son's username and password. Should you require any assistance or have any questions please contact me on vmcfall@educ.somerset.gov.uk



Rewards for your class!

The class who reads the most books in a term receives a reward lesson. The first reward lesson will be during the last week, before the Christmas break.

Reward trips!

33% of target by December

72 % of target by summer term 1 to secure a place! Good luck boys! (Mrs McFall)

Fundraising

We will be holding a joint Children in Need and Anti Bullying Week event on Friday 15th November. There will be non-school uniform day with the colour blue as the theme plus other activities which will be communicated to you next half-term. (Ms Warren)

Boarding

Another year at Brymore has begun and we have welcomed many new Year 7s and a number of older boys into boarding at Brymore. An induction programme has enabled the boys to settle quickly and they have done really well and all new boys, young and old, settle better if they choose to get stuck in and take advantage of all that is on offer here at Brymore. We wish them every success and thank their mentors in particular for helping them settle into life at Brymore. Mentors help with homesickness by encouraging participation in activities and checking in with them and how they are getting on. Asking what they are looking forward to and what they have achieved that week. We have a fantastic team this year and their work has been key to helping our new arrivals settle readily.



There are a huge amount of activities on offer at Brymore both in the evening and at weekends and this is an excellent way of making friends and sharing experiences together so as to help forge strong friendships and common ground. Such a range is on offer too, to accommodate all interests.



Each house has a new Head of House and Deputy Head of House and they are an important part of boarding, as they model excellence and are an ambassador for the house and act as a conduit between boys and house staff.

Many boys have started life in a new boarding house and for them this has been exciting and all part of their journey at Brymore. Year 11s begin their important final year and are already working hard to achieve good progress and of course, this journey

started all the way back in Year 7 and our new Year 7 boys need to understand success begins now and each and every day counts.

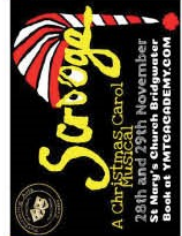
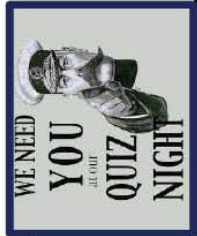
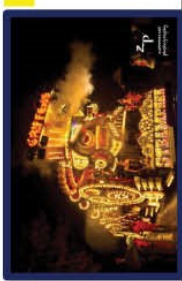
The houses have been busy planning and holding charity events for respective house charities this year. Kemp will be donating to Help for Heroes again, School House will be raising money for Dorset Air Ambulance and Reid are raising money for Somerset Trust for Arts and Recreation. Reid has held a hot dog and pop night which was successful and all houses have held a rugby world cup sweepstake for their charity. Kemp will be giving boys sponsorship forms so boys can hold a sponsored event of their choice over half-term. Thinking of others will be central to boy's thinking as we fast approach the festive period and we will again be having our annual Smiles for Christmas event where each Boarding House will build a hamper design that has a festive theme and can be linked to Brymore's four cornerstones. It is always a huge success and again we will be donating all the foodstuffs and children's gifts that boys donate to The Salvation Army. (Mr Watts)



TERM 1B WEEKEND ACTIVITY SUMMARY November 2019

Full-time boarders will take priority where weekend events are limited by numbers

		Week 1 -		Week 2 -		Week 3 -		Week 4 -		Week 5 -																							
Friday 8th November	Quiz Night Reid House 7pm £1.00 Ms Eastham	Saturday 9th November	Tuck shopping Bridgwater Retail Park 9:30 to 12:30pm 1 (max 6 boys) Matron Trebble	Saturday 9th November	Weston Fireworks at Sea Weston-S-M Pier 4:30 to 10pm £18.00 Ms Greenhill & Matron Phillips	Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Parade Cannington 9:30 to 11:30am Free Mr Bagshaw	Friday 15th November	TimeWarp Arcade Bridgwater 6pm to 9pm £8.00 Mr Bagshaw	Saturday 16th November	Carnival (Year 9,10 &11) Glastonbury 4:00pm to 9:30pm 4 (max 6 boys) Mr Blake	Sunday 17th November	Shopping (Year 10 & 11) Taunton 1:30 to 4:30pm 2 (Max 6 boys) Mr Blake	Friday 22nd November	North Petherton v Bridgwater North Petherton 6:30pm to 9:45pm TBC (Max 6 boys) Mr Blake	Saturday 23rd November	Apex Park Burnham 9:30 to 12:15pm 2 (Max 6 boys) Matron Heath	Sunday 24th November	Blackmore by Candlelight Blackmore Farm 2 to 4pm £3 Ms Eastham	Friday 29th November	Scrooge St Mary's, Bridgwater 6:45 to 9:30pm £10.00 Ms Greenhill	Saturday 30th November	Exeter v Wasps Sandy Park, Exeter 13:30 to 19:30 £20.00 Mr Simmons	Sunday 1st December	Paintball Cannington Paintball park 1:30 to 5pm £10.00 Mr Blake	Friday 6th December	Christmas Card Making Kemp Common Room 7 to 8pm £2.50 Ms Eastham	Saturday 7th December	Christmas Card Making Kemp Common Room 9 to 11 £2.50 Matron Heath	Saturday 7th December	Ten Pin Bowling Hollywood Bowl Taunton 9 to 1pm £14 Ms Greenhill	Sunday 8th December	Christmas Shopping Street 9:30 to 13:00 £3.00 Ms Warren



2019/20 Upcoming Important Dates

Autumn & Spring Term

Monday 4th November

INSET DAY

3.30 pm - 5.30 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

Tuesday 5th November

8.30 am All out-boarders return

Friday 13th December

4.00 pm Lower School Christmas Service, St Mary's Church, Cannington, TA5 2HP
(parents/family welcome to attend)

5.00 pm Years 7 & 8 can depart for Christmas Holidays

Saturday 14th December

10.30 am Upper School Christmas Service, St Mary's Church, Cannington, TA5 2HP
(parents/family welcome to attend)

11.30 am Years 9, 10 & 11 can depart for Christmas Holidays

SPRING TERM: Monday 6th January 2020

INSET DAY

3.30 pm - 5.30 pm Year 11 Parent Consultation

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 boarders return

Tuesday 7th January

8.30 am All out-boarders return

Friday 14th February

12.00 pm Years 7, 9, 10 & 11 depart for Spring half-term

1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Year 8 Parent Consultation

Monday 24th February

INSET DAY

3.30 pm - 5.30 pm Year 10 Parent Consultation

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm Years 7, 8, 9 & 11 boarders return

Friday 3rd April

10.00 am Raising Achievement Session 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

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