

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

The first half term is always a busy one at Brymore however, it has seemed especially so this year as we have started to return to a more normal way of working. It was great to see so many parents at both Harvest Festival services and the Cross-Country Championships. I think being able to welcome parents and their families back into Brymore, so that we can work together more effectively, has been one of the most important changes for this year and something we have missed over the past 18 months.

I started the year by telling the Year 11s, and the prefects and the Senior Student Leadership team in particular, that I expected them to help lead the younger boys and model what it is like to be a Brymore boy. They have certainly done this, and I have been proud of the way that they have responded to this challenge. Whilst the bubble system was needed to try and limit the potential spread of Covid, it did mean that the younger boys did not have much contact with the older boys and therefore did not have many opportunities to learn from them. It has been a real pleasure to see this happening this term as we work hard to re-introduce the Brymore ethos and traditions.

Sadly, we were not able to hold a hog roast for the Year 7 families last year which is a chance for parents to raise any concerns at the end of the first week. We did have one this year and I hope it helped the Year 7 families and boys immediately feel part of Brymore. I have been really impressed with the number of rugby fixtures fulfilled already this year and it was fantastic to see all five year groups represented at Queens College last Saturday, with lots of parents and staff also in attendance to support the boys.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved and has been supportive of the testing and vaccination arrangements. I realise this is very much a personal decision, but it is still a huge task to organise, and in the case of vaccinations, at very short notice. Fortunately, cases at Brymore remain very low compared to other schools and we have been able to continue to run activities and fixtures as normal. The status of the school is continually reviewed and all schools in Somerset are placed in either, blue, amber, or red status. If schools move into amber status, then fixtures and whole school events will need to be cancelled. At the time of writing, we have recently come out of blue status, which means we can continue to operate as normal.

I am pleased to report the work on the swimming pool has started and it is on target to re-open after Easter. The total investment is over £300,000 and includes a new heating system. It means we will be able to end the year with the swimming gala, another key event which we have been unable to run over the past couple of years.

Finally, I am looking forward to welcoming back the Year 11 boys who left in 2020 at such short notice as we went into the first lockdown. We intend to hold their leavers service in November and preparations are well underway.

I am aware that this half term holiday is a busy time for many of you as we approach harvest time. However, I do hope you manage to spend some time together as a family and I look forward to seeing the boys back after half term.



Boarding

It has been a busy but yet enjoyable return to 'normal' boarding at Brymore, after what has been a disrupted and different boarding experience for all the boys over the past 18 months. Boys have returned from the summer holidays full of energy and spirit and got back into the swing of boarding very quickly, enjoying all the benefits of their boarding experiences which Years 8s and 7s had yet to fully have.

All three houses have been busy and full of life, none more so than Kemp and Reid who have welcomed the new Year 7s into the houses who have taken to Brymore and boarding like ducks to water. The energy (and volume) levels within the houses have certainly been turned up with the Year 7s arrival, who have been fortunate enough to experience the houses without bubbles and restrictions on activities and social spaces, which has enabled them to become fully part of the Brymore community within days of becoming Brymore boys. The two-week induction program into boarding has had a very positive impact on new boys to boarding with feedback from individuals such as 'I loved my first few weeks, everyone has helped me settle in and have been very kind' and 'I've made loads of friends and the staff are very friendly and helpful'. Boys have really thrown themselves into Brymore life with a very high uptake in extra curricular activities, which has even resulted in the house being nearly empty of boys at times after school as they are out enjoying the wide range of activities on offer to them.

All three houses have begun the year in a positive way by thinking and supporting others around them and in the wider community, with the mentoring program in place to support all younger boys in the houses, whilst each house also pressing forwards with their charity work and fund-raising efforts. Reid house have begun their support of Cancer research with a challenging task of running from Lands End to John O' Groats (874 miles) which is to be shared out to all boys within the house running 10 Chads Hill

runs each before the Christmas holidays. School house also took on a physical challenge replicating the feat of some of the boys from the house who climbed Snowdon during the half term, by ascending and descending the fire escape and internal staircase 36 times each, which replicated the meters climbed by those on Snowdon, raising over £500 in one evening's work for their charity Farmer Community Network.

Boys who have stayed in over the weekends have had the opportunity to take part in a number of onsite activities, whilst also enjoying time off-site with trips put to 10-pin bowling, banger racing championships, Timewarp Arcade, Weston Helicopter Museum, ploughing match and the cinema to watch the new James Bond movie. Feedback from boys at the end of the summer term has seen a continued investment in new equipment for activities, with boarding purchasing new BMX bike, darts board, long range walkie talkies for man hunt, range of new sporting equipment and games equipment for the house to encourage social interactions and a family / community feel.

It's been an impressive start to the academic year by all, and staff have commented on how well boys have settled back into the routines and expectations of Brymore. Well done all and keep it going into the winter months! (Mr Watts)



Farm

We have fired the parlour back up!!! We started calving on 22nd September so we have now got 10 cows back in milk, with the odd few that didn't hold to first service left to calf in the coming weeks. We are now selling our milk to Barbers so next time you buy some cheese you could be eating cheese made using milk from our own cows. We even featured in their newsletter this month. We passed the TB test for the year and purchased two new freshly calved dairy shorthorn heifers to join our herd.



This year we will have the opportunity to offer beef shorthorn beef boxes at the end of next term if there is enough interest, so please register any interest to Miss Parker.

It is that time of year again and our rams have gone back in with the ewes so that we can start lambing in March and hopefully everything permitting, we will finally be able to host our lambing day again. We have been working closely with the Devon Closewool Sheep Society and have purchased our showing starter flock of 10 ewes. We have, by very kind permission, borrowed a lovely Devon Closewool Ram for this year from an ex Brymore student from 60 years ago.

Some of you may have already had a sample taster of our pigs at the Year 7 hog roast, that we provided the pigs for this year. If you enjoyed this, then you may want to think about purchasing some of our pork produce that will be available at the end of next term.

Our chickens are still laying well and eggs, as always, are available at Brymore Lodge priced at £1 per ½ dozen. Our light Sussex and speckled Sussex chicks that we hatched ourselves are growing well and we will have free range meat chickens available to buy as an alternative to turkey this Christmas. As always we have a limited amount of turkeys available to purchase this Christmas. They will be table ready and frozen due to term times.

The Year 9s are currently weighing and recording calf weights every week, so they can calculate their daily liveweight gain in order to help them achieve their BTEC certificate by the end of the year. Their first assignment is due in on the 15th October 2021.

Back in July we entered the school farms network annual awards. The then Year 8s recorded a short video of Brymore Farm, which we won our class and received our trophy. We also came in third place for best use of a school farm during the pandemic. If you have any interest in the meat produce that might be available during next term please email beth.parker@brymoreacademy.co.uk (Miss Parker)



Cross Country and Harvest Festival

The first real opportunity to get the Brymore community together post Covid-19 was our annual Cross Country and Harvest Festival; a day in which families, staff and students all come together for the first super Saturday of the academic year. The rain held off to give us a perfect autumnal day with lots and lots of families visiting us, more than ever in fact!

Every boy in Year 7, 8 and 9 ran for their house and then the top ten runners from each house in Years 10 and 11 ran. The new Year 7s persevered with an unfamiliar course, with the older boys in Year 10 and 11 bringing home the final of the races.

In true Brymore spirit they ran their best, showing what a great bond they have as year groups, with lots of them running with the last runner home down the final straight and cheering them on. On the day the wining house was Taylor!

We also held two Harvest Services at the local church, the first time we have been back since Christmas 2019 and the Reverend Alison welcomed us back in perfect style. It was really enjoyable to see the Year 7 and 8 boys who have never sat through the service be able to participate and join in. Of course, it is particularly poignant that we could all be together again after a tough 18 months and we now look forward to Christmas with fingers crossed that we can do a similar service with just a different theme. (Ms Warren)



Work Experience

Well done to the students who have returned forms, having found a placement, taken the forms to be signed, checked that they have Public Liability and Employer's liability insurance and remembered to hand the forms to us. We need to have forms returned by the end of November please.

Be aware that other school students are also looking for work placements too, so the longer you leave it the less chance you may have to get one where you want to go. Think broadly, do not go for the easy option (where you have worked before or where a family member works. Use the website to give you lots of ideas but above all else, please do not forget to get the forms (which you have all received) completed and returned. (Mr Willcocks)

Snowdon

Mr Ellis, Director of Geography for the Trust, ran a reward trip for the boys in Year 11 who he felt had worked really hard during their Year 10 Geography lessons. The trip was to North Wales and an opportunity to attempt to climb Mount Snowdon. The trip was run in conjunction with BCA and a coach load of school children headed north in anticipation. The conditions were not great and, on what was arguably an excruciatingly wet and windy day, the group set off to climb. Sadly the group could not reach the very top, due to worsening conditions, but were not far off and ultimately, everyone had a wonderful experience and enjoyed their time. (Ms Warren)



Bee Club

Once again Bee Club has started and a few boys have been going to Spaxton Apiary where they have handled bees, seen the queen (bee that is!), learnt about the verroa mite and the different parts of the hive and extracted some honey too. We have now prepared the hives for winter and given them sugar syrup as a boost in food supply and we will continue after half term, every other Monday evening to learn more about Beekeeping. (Mr Willcocks)

Cannington in Bloom

Cannington won a Gold award in the South West Britain in Bloom competition this half term. Brymore works very hard alongside the village team and many of the shrubs and flowers start their life at the school as seedlings, before being planted out in Cannington. The judges mentioned Brymore and in their own words said 'the work of Brymore and the amazing things they do with their pupils in an educational process of growing things is the envy of budding horticulturalists'. (Miss Stanley)



Horticulture

Why is it that weeds grow so well and our crops struggle?

Over the summer whilst Mrs Stanley and Mrs Osborne were busy picking fruit and vegetables and providing plants for the stall at the Lodge (thank you to Mrs Kingston for overseeing that and for the support we have had from local residents), the weeds have been developing and taking over the plots and the borders, but with the return of the boys and the start of Year 8 Garden Duties we have reclaimed lost territories. The wildflower area (to be resown in the spring) has been attacked and we can now see the apple trees there. The flower borders have been cleared of bindweed and the pots in the polytunnel and sales area are now considerably tidier.

Many thanks to the HoDs who have taken groups of boys in the evenings to help keep the department tidy, and provide a fresh supply of sieved soil for the steriliser so that we can make up our own compost.

We have now begun apple juicing in lessons, an activity which generates a lot of enthusiasm. The taste testing session always goes down particularly well. We will continue after half term with the cider apples and other later varieties.

Flower arrangements have been produced for the Open Mornings and Harvest Festival, spring bedding has been potted up, as we plan for Cannington in Bloom 2022 and we have received the exciting news that once again, Cannington received a Gold Certificate for their entry this year and Brymore had a special mention in the judges comments. We produced all the plants, planted up the baskets which were seen throughout the village and also Mrs Stanley worked with the committee advising and helping.

The boys' plots have now been re-allocated so where there were vacant plots, Year 7s have now enthusiastically started the work of preparing the soil ready for planting with broad beans or onions, or leaving it with leaf mulch on the top to breakdown and provide structure and nutrition for next years' crops.

Preparation is under way for trips next term and

so any Year 7 or 8 parents who have not yet responded to the horticultural letter referring to support for those trips are kindly reminded to do so. The Year 10 and 11 students are continuing with the Horticultural Skills Award in their practical lessons and many are well on their way to achieving the Certificate (comparable to Merit status) and a few towards the Diploma (Distinction level).

The photo competition continues and so we are at present looking for entries for this month, Horticulture in Brymore in October. There are prizes for those who win and we will compile another Calendar for next year featuring the winning photographs. This will be available in time for Christmas. A good present solution for all those grandparents and Aunts and Uncles that so often cause a headache!

There is never any slow time in this department but being outside with the birds, the sunshine, the leaves turning colour (take note of the Liquid Amber trees (Liquidambar styraciflua) outside Room 8, as their leaves turn colour and the harvest is calming for the soul and refreshing for the spirit. You should all take some time outside in nature or in your own garden this half term. (Mr Willcocks)



Message from the Head Boy

After a long summer we returned to Brymore for our first half term of this academic year. Six weeks have passed already and as ever we have all achieved so much. This year I am honoured to be joined by my Deputy Head Boys, Max Buck and George Curtin and my Assistant Head Boys, Henry Elliott-Grooby, Aidan Grandfield and Dylan Carreras-Bennett. I feel that already my senior team has not only dived headfirst into duties but have also thoroughly welcomed the new Year 7s and begun to accompany them on the transition into becoming Brymore boys.



We have had two open mornings since the beginning of term which is not only a chance for new students and parents to get a brief experience of Brymore but also a chance for Year 7 and Year 11's to work side by side and provide a tour of our school.

Something I am extremely proud of is the reputation of our school and the constant comments that members of public can recognise a Brymore boy anywhere. This motivates myself and my team to continue to push these traits into new students so that this reputation may continue for many more years.

Everything has restarted nicely this half term with everything from reading competitions to all year groups having rugby matches once again (which I know was dearly missed), as we approach our Harvest Festival and Cross Country, I know that this year will once again fly by, so we must all make the most of it.

As my team and I begin to plan charity events for next half term I urge that all boys take a well-deserved rest so we may all come back in November with a clear mind, a good strong work ethic and most importantly a refreshed Brymore spirit. (George Jones)

Nottingham Trip

A group of Brymore Year 11 boys along with students from another of our Trust schools, BCA, embarked on a journey north to the fair city of Nottingham. Designed for the brightest Geographers in their GCSE year, based on their exam marks before the summer, the first leg of the journey took them to the University of Nottingham and offered them the opportunity to explore higher education, the options open to them for degree level qualifications and gave them a tour of the campus. Following checking into the hotel in the heart of the city, the group had an orientation tour and dinner before starting the next day bright and early. The group split into two and walked parts of Nottingham to learn about sustainable urbanisation; including walking through old and new estates with both groups meeting by the river Trent to discuss channelisation. A tram ride, detour to Phoenix Park, a stop off at the castle and time to look around, completed their final day and hopefully a trip they will remember. Many thanks go to Mr Ellis, Director of Geography for the Trust, who organised and planned the residential. (Ms Warren)



Open Mornings

It was fantastic to be able to welcome prospective families back into the school this half term during our Open Mornings and for the boys to be able to tell them about their Brymore journeys. We welcomed over 140 families to look around, they were greeted by our Senior Student Leadership Team and then our new Year 7 boys along with Year 11's toured family groups around. Mr Thomas then spoke to them in the hall giving a rousing presentation about Brymore life and everyone had the opportunity to sip a cup of tea whilst chatting to boys and staff. We always say the boys are our greatest advocates and they really never let us down during Open Mornings. (Ms Warren)



Good to Grow

The horticulture department is collecting the Morrisons Good to Grow vouchers. If you do manage to get any if you shop in there please bring them into school and give to the team or the school



LRC

The LRC always appreciates donations of pre-loved books. If anyone is planning a pre-Christmas clear out and you come across books your children no longer read, we would love to give them a new home! Anything age-appropriate and on Accelerated Reader would be particularly welcomed (you can check here www.arbookfind.co.uk). (Mrs Taylor-Lane)

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

Whilst they still have a good proportion of their Year 11 time left we are looking ahead to the hoodies that the boys can buy for when they leave. They will be able to choose the colour from a large range and also have their name printed onto it and we are hopeful that the cost will be around £25. More details will be coming out about this in due course for Year 11 but please discuss with your son whether they will be wanting one. (Ms Warren)

Brymore Lottery

Look for the letter within the school mailing giving information about joining the Brymore lottery. You have to be in it to win it and every penny of profit goes back to the school. So, if you are not already a member please consider joining to support the school. (Mrs Nash)

The winners for this half term are:

- 1st prize £40 K Stanton
- 2nd prize £25 Mr N Swain
- 3rd prize £15 Ms H Gregory

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 £10.00/kg.

If you would like to order a turkey, please ring the farm office on 01278 652428 or email:

beth.parker@brymoreacademy.co.uk

Forest School

My name is Dawn Carter and I am the new Forest School leader within Brymore, but have been a member of staff here for eight years. I am supported by Jon Watts, Tracey Harris and Alastair Weldon during our Forest School sessions. We have only had two groups so far on the carousel and are looking forward to welcoming the third group to enjoy this at Brymore. We have been building dens this half term and will be moving onto fire lighting when we return in November. The boys have been great and really got stuck in with the sessions and we have been very lucky so far with the weather (which I am hoping it will continue) but we do recommend that all students come equipped with waterproof clothing. (Miss Carter)



Young Farmers



Meetings are finally back together in person in the farm classroom. The boys need to register online with Somerset County YFC this year and then the cards will get sent straight to me and issued out at a YFC meeting. These forms will need to be completed by a parent/guardian due to the boys being under 18 - parental consent is required, so apologies for the inconvenience. We have, this term, had Ben Golding the Somerset County Chairman join us to explain how YFC works and what other opportunities there are within YFC, followed by some team games. A select few boys attended the annual harvest supper and thanksgiving at Wells Cathedral, which included participating in the service. When we arrived back at the farm it was all hands on deck and the boys and myself had to help calve a cow that would not have calved on her own. We have arranged our first trip for a long while and are visiting a local farm at Steart Marsh. We have also kindly had a donation of 100 pumpkins which we are hoping to sell at the end of term to raise some money, to allow us to go on more trips etc. We are hoping to design some hoodies and polo tops for Brymore YFC this year so we are looking for sponsors and, as always, looking for anyone willing to allow us to visit or come in and do a talk. If you might be interested in any of these things, please email Miss Parker on: beth.parker@brymoreacademy.co.uk

Sports News

Rugby started this term with a pre-season afternoon in September for Years 8-11 and was well attended. It offered the boys the opportunity to remind themselves of the skills and also a chance to run Chads too! Every age group has a good squad and we have managed to ensure they have all had a fixture too, including two Saturday fixtures at local independent schools along with the after school games. Despite having large squads we would always encourage anyone who wants to come along to training and join in. Year 10 and 11 will be taking part in the Somerset Rugby Cup after half terms and we have had a number of our Year 11 squad offered the opportunity to apply for Taunton School scholarships for sixth form based on their performances. A reminder that boys who want to be considered for their Colours ties need to ensure they are up to date with Chads, fitness, circuits and have attended rugby practices, and also similarly for the Junior Players ties which are given out at assemblies on special occasions.

During the last week of term we attended the English Schools Cross Country at Downside School and had two teams of six boys made up of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.


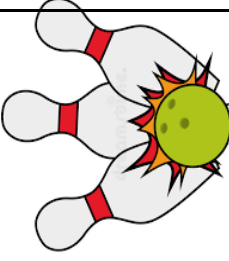



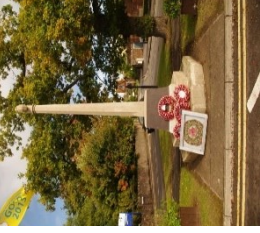




On a Thursday after school Mr Miller (Bridgwater 1st team player and Farm Technician) is running the hockey practice sessions and we are hopeful of having a fixture against another school soon.

Chads is well attended and we are pleased with numbers. As a reminder, all boys should be running at least once a week after school (or on a weekend at 3pm). Boys must remember to log their numbers after their run on the clipboard, as staff are having to chase this the next day and it is proving hard to match up their run times.

All boys have information on rugby fixtures and cross country races so if parents wish to see this then please ask your son to take a photo of this on the PE noticeboard. (Mr Williams)



Weekend Activities

				
Sunday 7th Nov Older Shopping Trip Taunton Town Centre £2 plus spending 1:30pm to 5pm Mrs Webb	Sunday 14th Nov Hollywood Bowl Taunton 1:30pm £14.50 Mr Ashton	Sunday 21st Nov Campus Pool Skate-park Bishopsworth £14 12:45pm to 5pm Miss Helps	Sunday 28th Nov Apex Park Burnham on Sea £2 9:30am to 12:30pm Ms Warren	Sunday 5th Dec Christmas Shopping Clarks Village £2 plus spending 9:15 to 1pm Ms Moore
				
	Sunday 14th Nov Remembrance Day Cannington Smart Uniform 10:30am to 12pm Mrs Rushbrooke			
				
Friday 5th Nov <u>Bridgwater & Albion II - v- North Petherton II</u> £TBC 6:45pm to 9pm Ms Greenhill	Friday 12th Nov Cinema TBC £7.50 6pm to 9pm Ms Greenhill	Friday 19th Nov Quiz Night Reid House 7pm £0 Ms Greenhill	Friday 26th Nov Timewarp Arcade Bridgewater £7:50 6:15pm to 9pm Ms Greenhill	Friday 3rd Dec Bingo Reid House £2 7pm Miss Helps

Extra-Curricular Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:45 to 5pm In House Activities	3:45 to 5pm In House Activities	3:45 to 5pm In House Activities	3:45 to 5pm In House Activities	3:45 to 5pm House Activities
3:45 to 5pm Engineering/Toolmaking	3:45 to 5pm Welding	4 to 5:30pm Blacksmithing	4 to 5pm Hockey MUGA	
3:45 to 4:30pm Social Football	3:45 to 4:30pm Social Football MUGA	3:45 to 4:30pm & 9 Social Football MUGA	4 to 5pm Rugby Practice Year 10/11	
4pm Chads Run	4pm Chads Run	4pm Chads Run	4pm Chads Run	4:05pm Chads Run
4 to 5pm Woodwork	4 to 5pm Rugby Practice Year 9	4 to 5pm Rugby Practice Year 7 & 8	4 to 5:30pm Blacksmithing	4 to 5pm Leadership Team Prep
4 to 5pm Farm Duty	4 to 5pm Farm Duty	4 to 5pm Farm Duty	4 to 5pm Farm Duty	4 to 5pm Farm Duty
4 to 5pm Garden Duty	4 to 5pm Garden Duty	4 to 5pm Garden Duty	4 to 5pm Garden Duty	4 to 5pm Garden Duty
4:30 to 5pm Out-boarders Rugby Fitness Year 8/9	4:30 to 5pm Out-boarders Rugby Fitness Year 10/11	4:30 to 5pm Social Football MUGA	4 to 5pm Taekwondo	
5 to 6:10pm Year 8/9 Social Football MUGA	5 to 6:10pm Year 7 Social Football MUGA	5 to 5:30pm Year 10 & 11 Social Football MUGA	5 to 6:10pm Year 7 & 8 Social Football MUGA	
5 to 6:10pm Evening Meal	5 to 6:10pm Evening Meal	5 to 6:10pm Evening Meal	5 to 6:10pm Evening Meal	5 to 6:10pm Evening Meal
6:15 to 7:15pm Prep	6:15 to 7:15pm Prep	6:15 to 7:15pm Prep	6:15 to 7:15pm Prep	
6 to 7:15pm Engineering/Toolmaking	6 to 7:15pm Welding	6 to 7:30pm Blacksmithing	6 to 7:30pm Blacksmithing	
7:15 to 9pm In House activities	7:15 to 9pm In House activities	7:15 to 9pm In House activities	7:15 to 9pm In House activities	
7:30 to 8pm Boarders Rugby Fitness Year 8/9	7:30 to 8pm Boarders Rugby Fitness Year 10/11	7:30 to 9pm Blacksmithing	7 to 9pm Circuits by invite	
8 to 9pm Year 10/11 Social Lacross MUGA	8 to 9pm Year 8 & 9 Social Football MUGA	7:30 to 9pm Young Farmers (Main Hall)	7:30 to 9pm Year 9, 10 & 11 Social Football MUGA	
Pre booked and paid activities	Duties	Boarding Activities - Just turn up	Team sport activities	Sport activities - Just turn up

Weekend activities are displayed on the Bulletin, and on the notice boards in Reid House and side of the old dining hall, speak to your House parent to sign up

Careers

Our careers programme at Brymore aims to provide pupils with the knowledge and skills necessary to make successful transitions to the next stage of their life.

Brymore's classroom activities and extra-curricular programme provide multiple opportunities for pupils to learn about the world of work and develop their entrepreneurial skills. Throughout the academic year we provide additional careers events and activities for boys across all age groups that will give them a clearer idea of the routes to further education, training and jobs that they will find engaging and rewarding.

Our Careers programme is regularly updated and informed by the boy's requests and needs, and includes:

- * Careers conventions (goals and aspirations day)
- * HE and FE insight events and taster days
- * Business and employer talks (Careers Breakfasts)
- * Employability workshops (CV building, personal; presentation skills etc)
- * Mock interviews
- * Drop in Career Clinics
- * Assemblies from employers, colleges and training providers
- * Networking opportunities with alumni
- * Apprenticeship information

Our inaugural Careers Breakfast was held early this term with a Wessex Water Apprentice. Over 20 boys chose to attend to learn more about this training option and ask questions...aided by the lure of juice and croissants! Every Year 11 boy has had the opportunity to have an individual 1-1 careers interview with a specialist from outside the school, a great thing for them and hopefully insightful too.

We aim to keep parents and carers informed of our careers provision via parent bulletins and our dedicated Careers web page that signposts pupils and parents to further information and external links.

Every boy also has the opportunity for a career guidance session with myself, a Level 6 qualified careers adviser, and Bridgwater and Taunton College Trust Careers Leader. These sessions are bespoke to the student's needs and can be arranged via parent, tutor or self-referral. My email address is clare.lewis@btc-trust.org

Army Day

During the last week of term the Army Engineering Corps came into school to work with the Year 10 boys. Throughout the sessions, where boys split into houses, they were put through their paces with lots of teamworking tasks and also mental agility. The boys needed to remember a series of questions within their teams and also had to work out a way of transporting the shell of a missile and then build it with the equipment available. Members of the Army who were visiting really enjoyed the boys enthusiasm and mentioned what a lovely group of boys they were too.
(Ms Warren)



House Reading Competition

Galsworthy	Taylor	Walker
1,480,074	2,089,862	4,715,052

As you can see, Walker have taken an early lead - well done boys!

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:

Year 7: 1st Alfie Edwards, 2nd Carlos Machadinha, 3rd Maxime Louis-Andre

Year 8: 1st Ben Sawyer, 2nd Silas Pudge, 3rd Kenzie Lock

Year 9: 1st Alex Warton-Browne, 2nd Ronan Marshall, 3rd Alex King

We already have our first word millionaire of the year, well done to Eric Pickering who has read 1,226,340 words.

The top performing class across key stage 3 is 8.1, who have taken 159 quizzes and passed 131.

Expectations:

To have a reading book with you at all times.

To read a book within your ZPD.

To aim to read 2-3 books (depending on length) per half term.

To take responsibility and 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 using your son's username and password. If you have any concerns or questions about reading, then please contact your son's reading teacher or myself, who oversees the running of Accelerated Reader.

7:1, 7:2, 8:1, 8:2, 9:2, 9:3 - Miss Webber Alice.webber@brymoreacademy.co.uk

7:3 and 9:1 - Ms Rogers victoria.rogers@brymoreacademy.co.uk

8:3 - Mrs Hartley kimberley.hartley@brymoreacademy.co.uk

General enquiries clare.popham@brymoreacademy.co.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!

Reward trips are back! For those students who reach 33% of their target by the end of the Autumn Term, a reward trip will be taking place in the Spring Term. Should you have any questions then please email me: clare.popham@brymoreacademy.co.uk (Mrs Popham)

2021/22 Upcoming Important Dates

Autumn & Spring Term

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 (INSET DAY)

POSTPONED

3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Year 7 Parent Consultation with Registration Group Tutors

Academic Progress with Senior Leadership Team (Selected Year 11 students only)

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Year 7, 8, 9 10 & 11 boarders return

Wednesday 3rd November 2021

8.30 am

All out-boarders return

Friday 10th December 2021

4.00 pm

Lower School² Christmas Service, St Mary's Church, Cannington, TA5 2HP

5.30 pm (approx.)

Lower School² depart for Christmas holidays

Saturday 11th December 2021

10.30 am

Upper School¹ Christmas Service, St Mary's Church, Cannington, TA5 2HP

12.00 pm (approx.)

Upper School¹ depart for Christmas holidays

¹ Upper School (Years 9, 10 & 11)

² Lower School (Years 7 & 8)

Tuesday 4th January 2022 (INSET DAY)

3.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Year 11 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

All boarders return

Wednesday 5th January 2022

8.30 am

All out-boarders return

5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Year 11 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud

Thursday 17th February 2022

5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Year 8 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud

Friday 18th February 2022

12.00 pm

All students to depart for Spring half-term

1.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Year 8 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud

Tuesday 1st March 2022 (INSET DAY)

3.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Year 10 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

All boarders return

Wednesday 2nd March 2022

8.30 am

All out-boarders return

5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Year 10 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud

Friday 8th April 2022

3.45 pm

Students depart for Easter holidays

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