

Brymore

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Message from the Headteacher

At start of the academic year, in September, we always meet as a group of staff to review what has gone well, and not so well, in the previous year. We also set targets for the year ahead and this year was no exception, except that it was an unusual and, in some ways, simple target - 'Back to Brymore.' The pandemic has continued to have serious consequences for young people across the land, from a loss of learning and knowledge, an erosion of good learning habits, including resilience, resourcefulness and responsibility and serious effects on their mental health. The 'Back to Brymore' was our attempt to address these issues.

I have been proud of the way staff, boys and parents have worked together to re-establish the key events that form such a key part of the Brymore experience. Attendance at all events has been excellent and Leaver's Service and Sports Day were really special this year. The whole school back in the marquee to celebrate the achievements of the Year 11's and their time with us is so important as it shows the younger boys what to aspire to and what it means to be a Brymore Boy. The attendance of parents and the support shown to the boys on Sports Day was amazing, as was the support of the boys of each other. However, it was Open Day where I truly felt the old Brymore spirit of working together returning in earnest. In the days leading up to Open Day the boys were phenomenal in helping prepare the school for the first time in three years; even more impressive considering three quarters of the boys had not experienced an Open Day as a Brymore Boy. On the day itself, they stepped up again as we welcomed record numbers and it was good to see so many Old Boys return and to hear how well they are doing.

The lower school helped welcome the new Year 6's for their induction days and it was the first proper chance to welcome the boys and their families into the wider Brymore family. The term ended with activities week where the boys yet again, represented the school with pride as well as having some fantastic experiences culminating in our swimming gala and presentation morning. The weather did not deter us, and the atmosphere was the best I have ever witnessed at Brymore. Once all the boys had left, we always have a staff gathering to say farewell to those staff that are leaving us. I could sense the pride staff felt, and the satisfaction that we are well on the way to achieving the 'Back to Brymore' agenda. It clearly meant a lot to them, and it was great for them to sit with the boys, cheering on the competitors in the swimming gala and congratulating the prize winners in the end of year awards ceremony.

I must say a big thank you to George Jones, the outgoing Head Boy, and his Senior Student Leadership Team, you certainly played your part in ensuring the Brymore ethos remains for years to come, and I wish all the Year 11's every success in whatever they hope to achieve next year.

A special mention also to Mr Willcocks. Brymore is Brymore because of staff like Mr Willcocks and he will be sorely missed by staff and boys, and no doubt some parents as well. The impact he has had on the school and so many boys is immeasurable, and I wish him a long and happy retirement.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone connected with Brymore for all that you have done to support the boys and each other this year. Our work is never done, but I hope you will all be able to have some rest over the summer holidays, enjoy time together as a family and I look forward to seeing you all back in September, for another Brymore year!



Duke Of Edinburgh

Next year we are excited to be launching the Duke of Edinburgh bronze award to anyone in Year 9. The DofE is about helping students along the path to a productive and prosperous future. Achieving an Award will give students skills, confidence and an edge over others when applying for college, university or a job. Beyond academic achievements, universities and employers want to see evidence of so called 'soft skills' that students have developed through extra-curricular activities, such as communication, commitment, leadership and teamwork. Look out for more details in September! (Mrs Taylor-Lane)

Message from Head Boy

Here we are at Summer again, sun cream and hats are coming on with the academic year drawing to a close. It has been a fantastic year, with the return of all that Brymore stands for since the pandemic. Recently, the swimming gala was held at the newly repaired swimming pool for the first time since 2018 - for some boys, this was their first time attending one. One of the large-scale events that was held this year was Open Day on the last Saturday in June. People from all over coming together to celebrate Brymore was a true spectacle, one I hope to witness again in the coming years. I, once again, thank you all for coming - it was an honour to be your hosts.

Leading up to the end of term, students were taken to various places to participate in a broad range of activities. This included Brean Leisure Park, Crealy, Ninja Warrior, visiting Shelton Mallet Prison and a huge Quantock walk held for some of the older years. I think I speak for all the boys when I say that we are extremely thankful for the staff that helped arrange that week. Moreover, all Year 10 boys participated in their work experience week in early July, learning the dynamics of a working environment. Boys that did do this had exceptional reports back to the school, for which I am very proud of them. During the Summer term, end of year exams were given to all students in the school, in which I'm sure most, if not all, boys tried their hardest to achieve their targets and aspirational goals (Well done boys). With the conclusion of the term upon us, I can't stress enough the importance of recharging and having a well deserved rest. The next year will throw many tough obstacles our way, but we will tackle them together just like we always have. Have a great Summer break! (George McCormack)



Careers Feedback

Please can parents scan this QR code to feedback on our careers programme over the past year. Information you submit can help inform us of how we can make it even better for the boys. (Mrs Taylor-Lane)



Horticulture

Not wishing to sound like a stuck record, but once again our department has been flat out. In the first half of term as we saw the days lengthening and an increase in the sun's intensity, so the plants growth became excessive. Sadly, the weeds seem to have taken advantage of this too, so the task list in this term was weeding, weeding, weeding and watering too. Hanging baskets have been filled, cut flower plants and vegetables planted out, the potatoes were ridged and in the potting shed, there was always plenty of potting on to be carried out. The barrier baskets for Cannington in Bloom were put in place throughout the village. Rhubarb, asparagus, spinach and lettuce have all been harvested. Many of the boys plots are now beginning to shape up.

Year 7 students have studied weeds, pests and disease. Year 8 students have started to study soil cultivation and have also visited Westhay Moor, near Shapwick, to look at the peat regeneration project. Whilst there we heard a cuckoo and a bittern calling. Year 9 students are looking at Plant structure and the function of each plant part.

Years 10 and 11 continued to work on assessments in practical lessons. Once again, thank you to all the HoDs and Year 8 boys who work hard on duty night. The HoD garden has now been completed. It is designed to be an area of solace where the HoDs may go at break or lunch if they so wish.

As I retire at the end of this school year a successor to myself has been appointed in the shape of Mr Naum, who is currently teaching in Minehead and runs his own horticultural business.

We finished the first half term with Leavers Service where the floral decorations were provided by ourselves. Our stall did a roaring trade at the front of school. Thank you to those boys who manned the stall and parents and friends who purchased plants and produce from us. The second summer term continued with watering and weeding, particularly as the department geared up for Open Day. We also welcomed Year 4 and 5 children from BCA and taught them how to sow seeds and they all went home, having had a tour of our department, with a pot of seeds to grow at home.

On Open Day we sold all the harvested potatoes and fruit, boys made posies of flowers for sale, the hanging baskets were all given new homes and we were kept very busy. It was wonderful to see so many old boys and their families. We had made a decision that where there were boys' plots which were growing a healthy crop of weeds (for a variety of reasons some had not managed to keep up with their weeding) that we would clear and then put down landscape fabric, to reduce that amount of weeding that will be required in the autumn. This continued to the end of term as boys cleared their plots of growing crops. Some have taken home bags of lettuce, radish, potatoes, spinach, strawberries, carrots and beetroot. It is amazing how much produce can be harvested from just one plot.

We enjoyed an evening of appreciation for the work done by the HoDs and the boys took part in archery (thank you to Mr Logan Williams for his expertise and help), swimming and a BBQ.

Mrs Franks has collated the results of the Horticultural Skills course and we are pleased that so many boys have done very well and they will leave Brymore with a record of their practical ability in Horticulture. Mention must be made of Jadan Prendergast who achieved an Award at Level 2 in Horticultural Skills.

The Britain in Bloom judges visited Cannington on 12th July and they always pay Brymore a visit to see where the plants are raised and planted into the baskets and they seemed suitably impressed by what they saw. Sadly as the boys were out on activities this year, they did not meet any of them.

We are also very grateful as a department to Mrs Kingston who has continued to oversee the plant sales from the end of the drive. We appreciate her support and care of this sales outlet for us.

As we came to the end of term there were yet more floral decorations required in the marquee for a prom (another school hired the venue) and a Retirement Cream Tea for a certain Head of Horticulture. Again, my amazing Horti support team have excelled themselves. As I look back on nearly 33 years in the department, starting as a technician and ending as Head of Department I consider myself to have been truly blessed. I have had the opportunity to work with and serve many students, some of whom have now become my work colleagues and many who have sent their sons to join the family here at Brymore. I am passionate about horticulture and long for the boys to catch the wonder of the growing world around them. We are provided with so many moments of awe and wonder and I hope that there will be times in the future when some of my former students will look at the intricate patterns of flowers or leaves, or taste the sweetness of fruit or vegetable grown in their own plot and remember days in the walled garden at Brymore. I will be grateful that we trod this path together. I am so fortunate to have had all the varied opportunities at Brymore, supported all along by Mrs Stanley and of late joined by Mrs Osborne (Technician/TA) and Mrs Franks (my TA but more like a PA actually). Together we have formed a formidable team and they have been amazing with their creativity, proactive ideas, resourcefulness and hard work.

So, it remains for me to say THANK YOU to you all for your support, kindness and interest in our department. Please continue to encourage your boys to learn about horticulture in all its aspects, to support our department by purchasing produce and plants (always such good value for money and remember that ALL the money goes straight back into the department to provide tools and seeds etc) and take time, yourselves to look at nature and be awed by what you see.

Reuben Willcocks
Head of Horticulture (Retired)

Activities Week

We had a wonderful last week of Summer term with our Activities Week returning. Boys had so much to choose from with the following trips taking place: Woodlands, Crealy, SS Great Britain, Wild Place, Ninja Warrior, Longleat, Quantock Walk, Brean, Shepton Mallet Prison, Aeospace, Wookey Hole and a private cinema screening. On the last day we organised for a selection of inflatables to be onsite, along with a slip and slide course, archery, BASC were doing some countryside options for a smaller group of boys and the swimming pool as open. For lunch the boys were all treated to a BBQ and puddings and it was a great culmination to a wonderful week. Grateful thanks to Mrs Duck, Miss Eastham and Mrs Wilkinson who took the lead in organising this great week. (Ms Warren)



New SSLT

Just after Easter we had the difficult decision in choosing the new boys to lead the school next year. All the boys who presented did a brilliant job and those who made the final interview stage offered the school everything it needed and more, which made the decision very difficult. After much deliberation George was announced as Head Boy, Toby and Rhys are Deputy Head Boys and Artie, Hadley and Jared will be Assistant Head Boys. Congratulations to these fine young men and we look forward to you helping us over the next year. (Ms Warren)



Boarding

It has been another busy term with Year 11s revising for their exams and then sitting these and saying their goodbyes during their Leavers Service. It was sad to see them go but it was great to reminisce with parents, boys, and the whole school together. We await to hear how well our Year 11 boys have done and wish them well now and into the future. Indeed, the entire school were sitting exams of some sort as we are getting our boys revision ready for future years!

A number of new staff have been settling into Brymore life and making immediate positive impressions with the boys, with Matrons Jokubaviciute and Robinson ensuring all the boys medical needs have been seen to, and Miss Johnson now having her feet under the Reid House table and making some significant improvements to the house which the boys have been very positive about.

Open Day was phenomenal. The boys stepped up after two years of no Open Day and there were many boys who had never learned by osmosis, so we are proud of how our boys did so well. It was a hugely successful day and one the boys who helped deliver, will not forget for a long time. Perhaps meeting up, like so many old boys returning themselves, one day in the future as old Brymore boys! The boarders who stayed in for the weekend did an amazing job at tidying away the school site and three hours after Open Day had finished you would not even know it had taken place.

Each boarding house has chosen a charity to support, and this year Reid supported Cancer Research, Kemp is the World Wildlife Fund and School House supported The Farmers Community Network. Different fund-raising events were held by the boys and the house staff. Reid House did a running challenge whereby boys covered the distance from Lands End to John O'Groats by running Chads. This gave the boys incentive to get plenty of Chads under their belts and in total £504.60 was raised for Cancer Research.

The Kemp boys were encouraged to find sponsors for an activity of their choice. The boys did brilliantly and were sponsored for car washing,

bike riding, walking, swimming, doing household chores and running chads. All in all, a total of £524.15 was raised and each dorm was sent a stuffed toy and regular updates as to how their particular animal is being supported for that year.

School House's Charity seeks to help the farming community with all sorts of issues which may impact farmers. This could be financial, emotional or business related. They held a Snowdon Challenge using the School House stairs and fire escapes to climb the height of Snowdon. Boys persevered going up and around, taking it in turns in order to complete the challenge. In March they also held a pudding evening where Ms Hoogenboom and the boys made pancakes and waffles together with numerous sweet toppings for both their own boys as well as boys in the other two houses. This treat went down particularly well and lots of boys were happy to support them by eating plenty... all in aid of charity!!

Following on from the success of this event Ms Hoogenboom and School House boys arranged to set up a café on Open Day operating from the back window of their kitchen and they raised a further £441.00. This was from the sale of teas, coffee, deserts and selling a number of horse shoe art that the older boys created. All in all, School House has made an outstanding contribution to their charity this year by raising £1,251.79 in total. Well done School House boys and Ms Hoogenboom!

What seemed like way beyond the horizon at the start of the year has come and passed us by with the advent of the Year 11s leaving and Kemp boys moving to School and Reid House. They have transitioned into their new house and are enjoying getting to know their new houseparent as Kemp gets ready for induction. Induction was good fun and the new boarders for next year were in good spirits and had a good time getting to know the school, boarding and one another. The boys will be eager to return in September for the real deal when they return and begin their journey as Brymore boys!

Have a wonderful summer and we as a team are looking forward to the rest and will make sure we are refreshed to go again in September! See you then! (Mr Watts)

Tractor Pull

The Student Council devised a fundraising plan to have a Brymore Tractor Pull. The boys organised the event and even managed to get a brand new tractor from Hawkins for the event. In tutor groups boys pulled a certain distance to see who could get over the line the quickest - congratulations to W3 (Ms Rundle) who won and to the Student Council for raising over £200! (Ms Warren)



Art Trip

We took the Year 10 Art students to the Henry Moore exhibition in Bruton to sketch the sculptures and soak up the ambiance of that kind of exhibit. The boys were enthralled, as many had never experienced this kind of trip and following the gallery we stopped by Glastonbury Tor to look at perspective when drawing. A great day out. (Miss Kidd)



Induction

We welcomed our newest Brymore boys at the start of July for their two day induction period. The boys were put through their paces with a rounders tournament, some maths and English testing, an orientation tour of the school, a dip in the pool and lots of team games. After their two days the boys went home tired but with a good feel of the expectations placed upon them as a Brymore boy. (Ms Warren)



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 by emailing:

Lisa.Nash@brymoreacademy.co.uk

The winners for this half term are:

- 1st £40 H G Davies
- 2nd £25 Mr L Manchip
- 3rd £15 Mrs J M Payne

ReadingWise Challenge

This year two classes have been given the challenge with this new programme, where the boys have an individualised computer programme to follow. The gains have been phenomenal for the boys, not just in terms of reading ability but in terms of confidence and resilience; they continue to impress us with this.

Special mention however, needs to go to Charlie Hector for an outstanding effort whereby he achieved over 10,000 tokens for his efforts, significantly higher than any other student. His tenacity and commitment meant that he focused, was accurate and therefore achieved the top accolade this year. Well done Charlie, keep this up! (Ms Rogers)

Forest School

The Year 7 boys have worked well in Brymore throughout the year. They have enjoyed making dens in small groups, tidying the woods, lighting fires, and of course eating marshmallows. We have been lucky with the weather, although a couple of sessions we have had to stay inside. The highlights from the boy's view have been the hot chocolate and biscuit for brektime. (Ms Carter)



Open Day

It was so good to be able to open our door again for the annual Country Fair and Open Day and with around 5,000 people visiting us throughout the day it really was a lovely day!

Around the school visitors could sit in the walled garden, see the animals on the farm, watch black-smithing displays and soak up the ambience of our truly unique school.

In the main ring we had birds of prey and duck herding dogs along with our boys showing off the stock from the farm - congratulations to Liam who was crowned Champion by our judge, and old boy, Archie Hill. FoBSA worked their socks off to help provide refreshments for the masses and we are very grateful to them for doing this every year and raising over £7,000 which will benefit the boys.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support but an even bigger thank you to the staff and boys. (Ms Warren)



Sports News

Athletics

This year we have done well gaining numerous County vests from boys in Year 8,9,10 and 11. We have attended the Somerset Schools, South West Schools and the Nationals with boys also qualifying for the National Schools to be held in September. We have attended the Somerset Athletics Championships, Junior Schools Championships, English Schools Cup, Exeter Open and not forgetting to mention that we hosted the Sedgemoor Area Championships. Training after school and at lunch had good attendance which gradually dropped near the end of the season, but boys training after prep maintained with good numbers until the end.



After the Leavers Service we held our Sports Day, it was successful with the majority of the school competing in at least one event.

Cricket

Numbers at training started very promising especially the Year 9 and 10 groups. As more events in the school calendar started happening, like Open Day, the numbers dropped which is to be expected. The cricket teams had more matches than the recent years as more schools were re-starting fixtures. We had some entertaining matches that the boys enjoyed, although not many were won it was a enjoyable season. We held house cricket for first time in a few years complemented by good performances in the matches whilst representing their houses and Walker won in good style. We also had a couple of trips to watch cricket at the County Ground in Taunton which the boys, and staff, loved.

Chads

This year we had multiple boys getting over 100 Chads and even 200, and in one case 300 which is almost 10 a week, but overall the amount of boys running one Chads a week was disappoint-

ing. Those that did their Chads had the reward of cooling off in the pool over this summer. Please can you encourage your son to do Chads every week - I promise it will benefit them.

Swimming

This year we had our re-opening of the pool kindly done by our old Brymorian Olympian Alex Wright. Whilst he was visiting he helped some of keen race walkers and also did a race walk lap of Chads in eleven minutes. The boys in PE and games lessons were swimming regularly building up the skills of the people who haven't swum in possibly three years. We also had a non-swimmers afternoon to help those who struggle in the pool. On the last day we had our swimming Gala back this year for the first time since 2018 and the boys raced for their houses giving it their all in every event. We had all the staff and boys sat poolside, closer than ever, creating an amazing atmosphere.

Sports Leaders

Year 9 and 10 Sport Studies students completed a tennis coaching course and helped run the area primary school quad kids and primary school athletics tournament.

Rugby

Rugby starts in early September with many the fixtures of Taunton School held on Saturdays. The Year 10 boys have a national cup fixture also in early September. With multiple schools re-starting fixtures this year we should have more matches with local schools, some we haven't played against for two years. As ever, rugby will be limited to those who are keen to play and do there fitness and Chads once a week with the upper school completing circuits once a week and Year 8 and up expected to complete fitness once a week. This all leads to getting your rugby badges in Year 8 to 10 and the junior and senior rugby ties, with Year 11 looking to get their prestigious rugby colours.

For the second year running we will be holding an afternoon pre-season during the second inset day before starting school. Those boys who have shown commitment to rugby and have completed 25 Chads will receive an invite. (Mr Williams)



Careers

SSLT Training and Army Visit

Our newly appointed Senior Student Leadership Team, Senior Prefects and Prefects had a full day of leadership training with Mrs Taylor-Lane and Mr Thomas. Students learnt about Jungian psychology, Golman's leadership styles and Belbin team roles and how self-awareness about their own personalities can help them become better leaders. Our new student leaders then had the opportunity to put this newly acquired theoretical knowledge into practice by working with the Army to lead the rest of their year group in completing an array of challenges.



Bridgwater and Taunton College Taster Day

All of Year 10 had the opportunity to visit Bridgwater and Taunton College to explore the different pathways available to them after Brymore. They were each allowed to choose a specific course to experience with interests ranging from the Land Based sector to IT; from Criminology and Sociology to Mechanical Engineering and lots more in between! Students also gained valuable insight into the differences of a post-16 learning environment, as well as the impressive selection of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities that will be available to them.

Work Experience

Congratulations to all of Year 10 in completing an entire week of work experience; every single student managed to secure a placement. This is such an important and valuable opportunity for students not only to experience the world of work, but also to reflect on their own ambitions and aspirations for the future. Congratulations are especially deserved by Toby Moyle for securing his work experience independently with MCN engineering, and Fraser Phillips who secured an additional week of Work Experience on the very highly contested Leonardo Helicopters programme. Leonardo are the leading innovators in helicopter technology at their new design and test centre near Yeovil.



Work Place Visit

With so many of our students considering a career in engineering, we arranged an opportunity for all of Year 9 to visit local engineering company, Trelleborg. Trelleborg is a world leader in engineered polymer solutions that seal, damp and protect critical applications in demanding environments. Students got to observe the design and manufacturing process, speak to a test engineer whilst observing the product being put through its paces, and talk to two recently qualified engineers about their different pathways into the industry: apprenticeship verses degree. We also bumped into Year 10 Anthony Hill on work experience, looking every inch the professional, thoroughly engaged in his task and a clear engineer in the making!

Careers Champions

At Brymore our careers programme strives to equip our students with the skills, knowledge and confidence to be independent in taking responsibility for their own futures. Consequently, it is important to recognise and celebrate when our students do just that and therefore, the careers team have created the Careers Champion Award to celebrate this. This term two individuals have stood out for striving to enhance their own potential and engaging in career-related opportunities. Congratulations Toby Moyle and Fraser Phillips!

Compass Evaluation

Three times a year schools are obliged to undertake a 'Compass' evaluation of their careers provision with the Careers and Enterprise Company. Every school must show that they are making progress towards all eight Gatsby Benchmarks implemented by the Government, to ensure that all young people have high quality careers information advice and guidance. The careers team are delighted to share with you that we are now 100% in 7 out of 8 benchmarks.

Gatsby Benchmark	Brymore	% of schools meeting this benchmark nationally	% of schools meeting this benchmark in the South West
1. A stable careers programme	100%	27%	18%
2. Learning from careers and labour information	100%	52%	54%
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil	100%	25%	21%
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers	100%	45%	41%
5. Encounters with employers and employees	100%	58%	53%
6. Experiences of workplaces	100%	52%	61%
7. Encounters with further and higher education	95%	30%	20%
8. Personal guidance	100%	61%	57%

Career Pilot

A reminder that all students can log into 'Career Pilot' to explore future career pathways. There is also a 'parent zone' that offers a wealth of supportive information. (Mrs Taylor-Lane)

Open Day

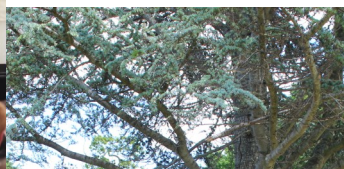
Thank you to anyone who visited us on Open Day. Our aims were to collect as many alumni stories to share with current students as we could and also details of any willing volunteers who could contribute to our careers programme. If you would be willing to be involved in any way whether that's speaking in assembly, talking to a small group of students or helping us stage mock job interviews, please contact us!



Leavers Service

Every year we find it hard to say farewell to the Year 11 boys at their Leavers Service, but with the pandemic the past two groups of Year 11 boys have had a very different experience, so it was especially poignant that we could go back to 'normal' and do this properly in our marquee with everyone watching. We've loved having them and watching them grow from small 11 years olds to strapping young men and getting to know all of the families that become part of our community forever. We wish every single one of them good luck for the future and hope they come back to see us. (Ms Warren)

AWARDS	RECIPIENT
Head Boy Award	Aidan Grandfield
The Elmrabti Award	James Eastaugh
Outstanding effort in English	Brandon Perkins
Outstanding effort in Maths	Brandon Perkins
Tony Edwards' Cup	Charley Bennett
Hutson Design Award	Henry Elliott-Grooby
Award for Creative Endeavour	James Eastaugh
Most Chads	Aidan Grandfield
PTA Victor Ludorum	Aidan Grandfield
Somerset NFU Agriculture Award	Jamie Lander
Old Brymorian Agriculture Award	Peter Hockley
Kino Owl Public Spirit Award	George Jones
Mark Hill Cup	Jadan Prendergast
All Blacks jersey for senior rugby	Jacob Foord
Troy Plate	Alex Jennings
Gary Morgan Cup	Elliot Brick
Engineering Award	Jack Bacon
Cavendish Cup	Dylan Carreras-Bennett
BSA Brymore Boarding Cup Societal Cup	Archie Collins
Adamson Award	Adam Priest
Brymore YFC Special Award	Harry Hardwill
The Ray Culliford Cup	Henry Elliott-Grooby
The Windows Cup	Brandon Perkins
Brymore Spur	Aidan Grandfield
Headteacher's Prize	Alfie Bush



Swimming Gala and End of Year Celebrations


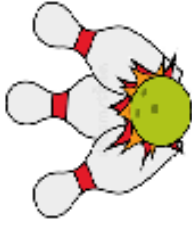
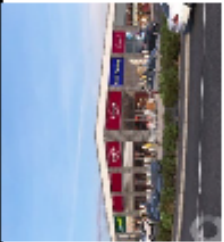







Our last day of the academic year we celebrated with the return of the Swimming Gala, which was followed with End of Year awards, presented by our Chair of Governors, Mr Jason Gunningham and assisted by Mr Willcocks, attending his final Brymore event. Congratulations to Taylor house who won the FoBSA Shield for most house points over the year.

Philip Prince Cup	Dedicated effort	Leandro Evans
Growers Cup	Work on individual plot	Max A'Court / Charlie Hector
Fiddington Shield	Progress and improvement in Senior Cricket	Artie Shrimpton
TE Awamutu award for junior rugby	Junior rugby	Josh Miller
535 American Veterans Award	Creative Endeavour	Samuel Chedgey
Martyn Knox Trophy	Chads Hill runs	Leandro Evans
Apatu Shield	Team award	Athletics Team
Victor Ludorum	Excellent effort in Rugby and Athletics	Aaron Adotevi
Jon Ball Award	A good all round hard working Brymore boy	Callum Havard
The Holter-Hovind Cup	Overcome significant challenge (not specifically academic)	Rhys Carr
Governors' Award	Overall contribution to Brymore	Max Jefferies
Carreras-Bennett Award	Awarded to a member of staff	Mr Willcocks



Weekend Activities

Weekend Activities Term 1a 2022

<p>Friday 9th Sept Scavenger Hunt School Site Free 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm Mr Chandler</p>		<p>Saturday 10th Sept On Site Activities Duty Staff</p>	<p>Sunday 11th Sept Bowling Taunton 10.00 am to 1.00 pm £14.50 Ms Warren</p>	
<p>Friday 16th Sept Tuck Shopping Bridgwater £1 + Spending 6.15 pm to 8.00 pm Mr Chandler</p>		<p>Saturday 17th Sept On-Site Activities Duty Staff</p>	<p>Sunday 18th Sept Caged Weekender Mendip Raceway 12.00 pm to 8.00 pm £10 Mrs Mexson</p>	
<p>Friday 23rd Sept Quiz Night Reid House Free 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm Mr Chandler</p>		<p>Saturday 24th Sept On Site Activities Duty Staff</p>	<p>Sunday 25th Sept Timewarp Arcade Bridgwater £8:50 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm Mrs Mexson</p>	
<p>Friday 30th Sept Star gazing & Hot chocolate School Field 8.30 pm to 9.15 pm Mr Chandler</p>		<p>Saturday 1st Oct On Site Activities Duty Staff</p>	<p>Sunday 2nd Oct Kilve Walk 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm £1 Mrs Mexson</p>	
<p>Friday 7th Oct TBC Scott Cinema ?? TBC TBC Miss Helps</p>		<p>Saturday 8th Oct On Site Activities Pumpkin Carving £2 Miss Helps</p>	<p>Sunday 9th Oct Indoor Carting Exeter 9.15 am to 1.30 pm £40 Miss Hoogenboom</p>	

Extra Curricular Activities

Extra-Curricular Activity Programme Term 1a September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-House Activities from 3.45 pm	In-House Activities from 3.45 pm	In-House Activities from 3.45 pm	In-House Activities from 3.45 pm	In-House Activities from 3.45 pm
3.45 to 5.00 pm Engineering/Toolmaking	3.45 to 5 pm Welding	4 to 5.30 pm Blacksmithing	4 to 4.30 pm Hockey	4 to 5 pm Social Football
3.45 to 4.30 pm	3.45 to 4.30 pm	3.45 to 4.30 pm	4 to 5 pm	MUGA
Social Football Year 7	Social Football Year 9	Social Football Year 7	Rugby Practice	Year 10/11
4 pm	4 pm Chads Run	4 pm Chads Run	4 pm Chads Run	4 pm
4 to 5 pm	4 to 5 pm	4 to 5 pm	4 to 5.30 pm	4 to 5 pm
Woodwork	Rugby Practice	Rugby Practice	Blacksmithing	Leadership Team
Farm Duty	Farm Duty	Farm Duty	Farm Duty	Farm Duty
Garden Duty	Garden Duty	Garden Duty	Garden Duty	Garden Duty
4 to 5 pm	4 to 5 pm	4 to 5 pm	4 to 5 pm	4 to 5 pm
Taekwondo	Main Hall	Drama Club	Cooking Club	
4.15 to 5 pm	4.15 to 5 pm	4.15 to 5 pm	4.30 to 5 pm	
Bike Track	Bike Track	Bike Track	Social Football Year 9	MUGA
4.30 to 5 pm	4.30 to 5 pm	5 to 5.30 pm		
Rugby Fitness	Rugby Fitness	Social Football Year 10		
5 to 6.10 pm	5 to 6.10 pm	5 to 6.10 pm	5 to 6.10 pm	5.30 to 6.20 pm
Evening Meal	Evening Meal	Evening Meal	Evening Meal	Evening Meal
5.30 to 6 pm	5.30 to 6 pm	5.30 to 6 pm	5.30 to 6 pm	Weekend activities are displayed
Ironman Training	Ironman Training	Ironman Training	Ironman Training	on the Bulletin, and on the notice
6.15 to 7.15 pm	6.15 to 7.15 pm	6.15 to 7.15 pm	6.15 to 7.15 pm	boards in Reid House and side of
Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep	the old dining hall, speak to your
				House parent to sign up
6 to 7.15 pm	6 to 7.15 pm	6 to 7.30 pm	6 to 7.30 pm	
Engineering/Toolmaking	Welding	Blacksmithing	Blacksmithing	
7.15 to 8.15 pm	7.15 to 8.15 pm	7.15 to 8.15 pm	7.30 to 8.15 pm	
Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	
7.30 to 8 pm	7.30 to 8 pm	7.30 to 9 pm	7.30 to 9 pm	
Rugby Fitness Year 8/9	Rugby Fitness Year 10/11	Blacksmithing	Circuits by invite	BPS
8 to 8.30 pm	8 to 8.30 pm	7.30 to 9 pm	8 to 8.30 pm	
Social Football Year 10/11	Social Football Year 8	Young Farmers	Football Year 8	MUGA
MUGA	MUGA	Farm Classroom		
Pre-booked paid activities	Duties on a rota	Boarding Activities - Just turn up	PE dept Team sport activities	Just turn up

Evening swimming will only be available until the end of September due to the fading light

Please email if you have any questions about the activities available to

Brymoreactivities@brymoreacademy.co.uk

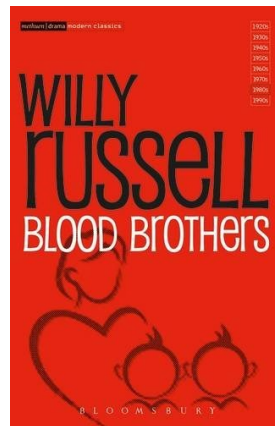
Accelerated Reader Trip

In July 94 boys had earned the right to take part in a rewards trip for achieving 100% of their reading target, that is a spectacular 40% of all boys in Key Stage 3. The trip was to Quay West in Paignton where the boys had an amazing time on the water rides. Another reading challenge has been set for boys in Year 7 and 8 where prizes or a potential trip is up for grabs if they continue to read well into the summer. Deadline for this competition is the first day back in September, so get reading boys, it could be your turn! (Ms Rogers)



Blood Brothers

In November 2022 we will be taking our Year 10 boys to see the fantastic musical, Blood Brothers. This is to support their study of their GCSE's but also simply because it's an amazing show! It helps them with their contextual knowledge as well as character development and plot. It never fails to entertain and we always have a positive reaction. Get ready boys because we're going to Cardiff! (Ms Rogers)



Sports Day

We enjoyed a sunny afternoon for our annual Sports Day. Parents and families joined us in large numbers and enjoyed the atmosphere of the races, along with the throwing and jumping events. FoBSA did what they do best and fed and watered the crowds and we were treated to a Taylor house trophy win! (Ms Warren)



House Reading Competition

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

Galsworthy	Taylor	Walker
21,306,816	27,325,867	30,847,058

Congratulations to Walker, this is an outstanding number of words!!

Incredibly, there were 91 boys across Year 7, 8 and 9 who have earned their reading badges this academic year. To achieve these prestigious badges, boys need to have reached 90% of their reading target in order to earn their bronze badge and 100% of their reading target in order to earn their silver badge.

To reach their gold badge, boys not only need to reach 100% of their reading target but also need to have read over 1 million words throughout the year, the following boys have achieved their gold badges this year:

Thomas Endicott	Ben Sawyer
Tristan Hoy	Ollie Scott
Henry Hutchings	Kieran Stott
Finley Kidner	Elijah Thomas
Carlos Machadinha	Harry Thorn
Charlie May	Ryan Walls
Eric Pickering	Joe Williams
Feliks Poskus	

A special mention also needs to go to those boys who have achieved their platinum reading badges this year. To achieve this special badge, boys are required to have reached 100% of their reading target, reached word millionaire status and completed a challenge grid which consists of 12 reading challenges. The following boys have achieved their platinum badges this year:

Alfie Parsons who read an average of 27 minutes per day and

Ethan Wright who has read an outstanding 6,130,832 words.

The top performing class this year has been 7.3 who have taken 2924 quizzes, passed 2,486 quizzes and read an average of 27 minutes per day. A special mention needs to go to Rory Campbell of 7.3, who has passed an incredible 506 quizzes throughout the year.

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 email me: 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!

33% of target by December

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

2022/23 Upcoming Important Dates

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September

INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th September

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5.00 pm New Year 7 Boarders arrive
6.00 pm Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 boarders return

Wednesday 7th September

8.30 am All out-boarders return

Friday 9th September

4.30 pm Hog Roast for new Year 7 and their parents

Friday 16th September and Friday 7th October

9.30 am - 12.00 pm Open Mornings for future prospective students

Saturday 15th October

10.00 am Upper School¹ Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church, Cannington, TA5 2HP
11.30 am Whole School Cross Country
1.30 pm **TBC** FoBSA AGM (Meeting Room)
1.30 pm Upper School¹ depart for half-term
2.15 pm Lower School² Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church, Cannington, TA5 2HP
3.15 pm (approx.) Lower School² depart for half-term

Monday 31st October

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

Tuesday 1st November

8.30 am All out-boarders return

Friday 9th December

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 10th December

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)

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