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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

What a great way to end another busy term. Seeing so many boys trying so hard in the House Rugby Sevens despite the very wet and muddy conditions was a real pleasure. Physically sevens is so difficult with so much running required both in attack and defence. Add into the mix heavy kit that is saturated with water and mud, the sticky and in places waterlogged pitch, not to mention playing three games with minimal rest, then I am sure many boys slept well on Saturday night. It was also good to see boys letting off steam at the end, sliding through the mud and jumping in the puddles which almost became an activity in itself. Fortunately, the pitches have two weeks to recover before they are marked out for the athletics and cricket season.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Old Brymorians 'Mini Pyms Night' with over 40 'Old boys' ranging from some of the very first boys who attended Brymore to one that had only just left last year. It is always an honour to be invited to these events and I am reminded very much of the role I play in the history of Brymore. I may be the current Headteacher, but there were five who came before me and no doubt there will be many more that come after me. There was a clear sense of pride in all of the gentlemen present that evening and they were grateful for all that the school had done for them. However, their pride went beyond that, they have all continued to keep in touch with each other, and the school, over many years and many have worked tirelessly to support the school throughout that time. As the Headteacher I feel very much that I am as accountable to all of the former and current boys, as much as I am to the Chair of Governors or the CEO of Bridgewater and Taunton College Trust. The history of the school is important, and I hope that every boy who has ever attended Brymore fully understands what it means to be a Brymore Boy.

During the evening I spoke with a former Head Boy who has only recently left us. Before he joined Brymore he was privately educated and joined us in Year 7 where he struggled with his reading. Over the five years not only did he fully immerse himself in all aspects of school life but went on to achieve an impressive set of GCSE results before returning to the private sector to complete his A-levels. He has recently been offered a place at Oxford University and he spoke passionately about how much harder he was pushed at Brymore and how the school had shaped him. He said 'it is just the ethos is so different, it means something to go to Brymore and the expectations are so much higher in everything.' Whilst I firmly believe it is not all about academic success, hard work will always make a difference in whatever you are trying to achieve in life.

Finally, well done to those parents who braved the weather and took part in Chads on the last day of term. More than one commented on the desire to see what it was like having heard so much about it from their son and whilst it is not all about times I am told one parent managed to complete it in an impressive 11 minutes.

I hope you manage to spend some time together as a family over the holiday period and I wish you all a very happy Easter.



Lambing Day

On a wet spring day we opened up the farm to many, many visitors for our Lambing Day event. The farm was awash with people cuddling lambs, looking at the chicks, admiring our cattle, riding on pedal tractors and getting their faces painted. It was a wonderful day for everyone and we have had some lovely feedback from the public about how engaging the boys that helped were. We now look ahead to our Country Fair in June when the whole school is fully open for even more people to come and see our amazing school! (Ms Warren)



Alumni - George Jones

George Jones, Head Boy in 2021/22 was awarded a scholarship to Gordonstoun for his post-16 study in their sixth form. George wrote to Mr Austin recently describing his first term at this prestigious school and we would like to share some of his musings with you. George writes 'I spent my second week here sailing off the west coast from a small harbour. Overall we spent six days at sea, honestly it was one of the best things I have experienced.'

George also continues 'Only a week later myself and five other lads were driven out to the Cairngorms where we spent three nights and four days walking and camping.' George seems to be having a wonderful experience at Gourdonston inside the classroom too as he says 'The Design Technology department is very good here and it is where I spend most of my free periods during the school day. I have been introduced to a CAD program called Fusion although if I am honest I prefer pencil and paper. I was fortunate to have been named Design Captain for next year and am considering the idea of following design into university.'

George was an all round Brymore boy and threw himself into everything and this is a true testament to working hard and setting the bar high for yourself. (Ms Warren)

Free
Entry



Country Fair & Open Day

Saturday June 24th // 10.30am - 5pm

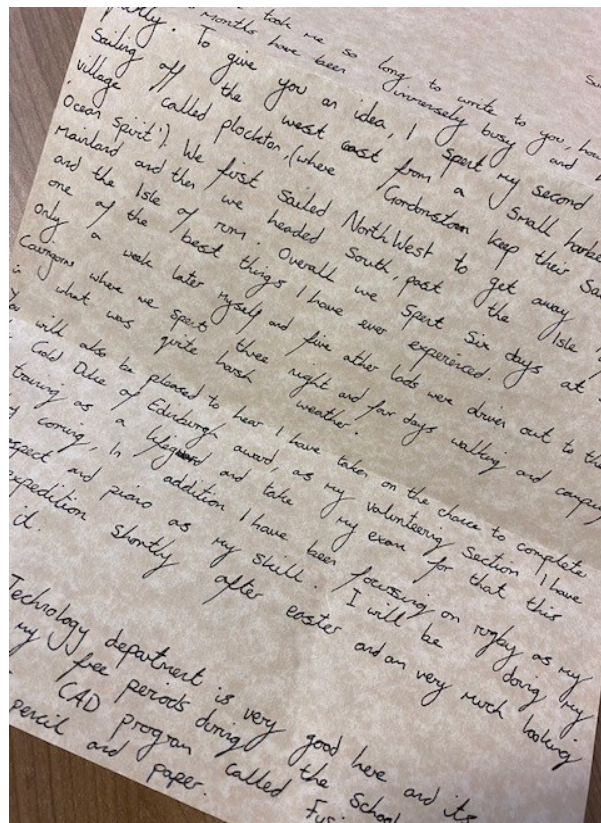



Main ring entertainment // stock showing // falconry display // Punch & Judy
live music // tractor ride // classic cars // BBQ
craft stalls // open farm // face painting
200 year old garden // school farm meat sale
stationary engines // ice creams // plant sales
open classrooms // blacksmithing demonstration
and much, much more!




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Boarding

Year 11s have been attending countless extra revision sessions and revising hard. You get out what you put in and it has always been that key triangular relationship between the boy, home and school that has ensured boys achieve success in the summer.

The boys are looking forward to the Summer Term and in particular using the swimming pool and spending endless hours in the sunshine on the athletics field every evening. The boys have enjoyed a wide range of activities in the houses during the darker evenings, with a particular focus on developing their creative and artistic side, combined with the traditional sporting and physical endeavours traditional to Brymore.

Many boys will now start thinking about and applying to be a boarding mentor for next year. The boys have to fill in an application form which the boarding team then look at before deciding who has been successful, with those boys then completing specific training and guidance on how to become the best possible mentor. Our boarding mentors are crucial for the younger boys as they help with homesickness, encourage participation in activities and ask the younger boys about their day and their week. It is a huge achievement to become a mentor and one which all boarders should aspire to.

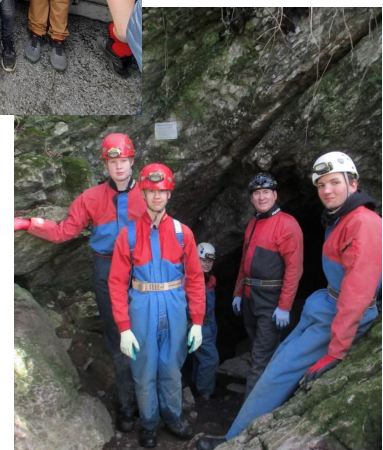
The boarding house charities have continued to raise money for their respective charities with a range of events and activities throughout the term, including Mrs Webb's sponsored Chads hill run, School House's waffle stand at Lambing Day, along with Reid House's Mother's Day hamper raffle ending a very successful term.

Sadly we have said goodbye to Miss Helps this term, which we know the boys in Reid were upset about losing such a key member of staff from the boarding team, but the boys made every effort to send her off in style with lots of lovely gift and messages of support. We have been very fortunate to have replaced Miss Helps with a familiar face which has pleased the boys - with Matron Robinson being successful in her application to become Reid's new Assistant House parent from next term.



This term has gone quickly for many of the boys and staff and it's hard to believe it will be the summer term, and before we know it key events and dates such as leavers service, open day and the last exam for Year 11 will soon be here! It's a time for Year 11s to enjoy their last few weeks as a Brymore boy, and for all the other boys it's a time to start thinking about stepping up to the next year and everything that goes with it, but that's after what I hope will be an enjoyable summer term.

(Mr Watts)



Latin

The boys in Year 7 and 8 have been working incredibly hard this half term and have engaged well with the new Memrise app to help them to learn their Latin vocabulary. The challenge is set for them to spend just 10 minutes a day to learn their vocabulary which is tested weekly to support their development of English vocabulary, which will impact not only in English but across the school. By learning Latin they can deepen their communication skills, enhance critical thinking and a new way of thinking about their own language. As part of their study the English department has planned a visit to the Roman Baths in Bath in May and we are excited to be able to show the boys some of the artefacts and areas that they have learnt about in their studies; really bringing it to life for them. (Ms Rogers)

Coleridge Society

As you are aware, reading is a large part of what makes Brymore unique and we know that research shows that reading for pleasure can promote better health and wellbeing, aids in building social connections and relationships with others, and is associated with a range of factors that help increase the chances of social mobility. As a result of this and to provide a stimulating and challenging environment, the English department has recently launched 'The Coleridge Society' for a small cohort of boys across both KS3 and 4 with the aim of developing sophisticated and independent readers. The boys in question have received a written invitation and parents have received notification of the aims and expectations where they are being challenged to read texts that will stretch them to build resilience and engagement in a world bigger than our own. There will be regular meetings for these boys where they will be encouraged to engage in conversations about what they are reading, as well as working towards the coveted coloured Coleridge badges by the end of the year. We know the boys are up for the challenge and are excited to see the difference this can make to the boys. (Ms Rogers)

BTCT wins national award

Bridgwater and Taunton College Trust was victorious in the MAT Association Awards recently, coming home with the Innovation Award.

The Multi-Academy Trust Association was set up to support school trusts and allow leaders within them to engage with others and share best practice. The award was presented to the Trust at a gala dinner that took place in London and featured guest speaker, Matthew Burton from TV show Educating Yorkshire.

Bridgwater and Taunton College Trust won the Innovation Award for the work it does in providing free online lessons during the week after school with the Get Ahead programme and their provision of AV1 robots to children working outside the classroom.

The Trust has taken a unique approach to who attended the star-studded dinner and opened to headteachers to nominate staff to attend, with each school having a representative attending the awards ceremony with CEO and Co-founder Peter Elliott. The representative from Brymore was

Mrs Featherstone from our boarding team. (Ms Warren)



World Book Day

Yes, it was that time of year when students throw caution to the wind and prepared themselves for the extravaganza that was World Book Day at Brymore. The effort was totally worth it to see the engagement of the boys in reading and building the culture of reading for pleasure as we had many different literary characters parading all around the school. If you thought last year was good, this year was bigger and better with competitions such as scavenger hunts and Hungry Little Caterpillar cake sales, as well as activities both in and out of the classroom for the boys to enjoy. Many boys had been planning what they were going to wear for a long time and we encouraged them to join together to create a whole set of characters, with their friends culminating in a terror of Tyrannosaurus Rex's! The Dino race was an absolute highlight of the day.

But, it was not just about dressing up and having fun however, oh no, it was linked to the Read for Good campaign which is Readathon. The boys should set themselves a target to achieve during the 24 hours of World Book Day related to reading anything of their choice. Over half term the boys gained sponsorship and the money raised will be sent to this charity that purchases books for children who are in hospital to make their lives a little brighter. Not only this, but the school will receive 20% of the total amount raised to purchase

books for the boys, so they can extend their access to books even more. This is an amazing charity and we are delighted that as a whole we were able to raise a grand total of £1,095! A phenomenal achievement, well done boys. Special mention goes to the following students who raised the highest amounts:

Thomas B (Year 7) raised £130

Ben G (Year 7) raised £110

Ethan W (Year 8) and Toby H (Year 7) raised £60

A fantastic effort by all, every penny counted and we are delighted with the charitable ethos this created. Well done boys.

(Ms Rogers)



Lottery

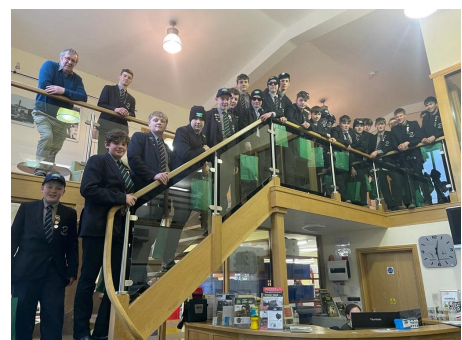
You have to be in it to win it and every penny of profit goes back to the school. So, if you are not already a member, please consider joining to support the school. For further information please email: lisa.nash@brymoreacademy.co.uk (Mrs Nash)

The winners for this half term are:

1st prize £40 : Mrs M Marchant 2nd prize £25 : Mr P Austin 3rd prize £15 : IS & G Ford

Shearwell Visit

This half term the Year 10 Land Based students took a trip on an excellent tour of the manufacturing at local organisation, Shearwell Data Ltd, who design and produce ear tags along with other farm equipment. They were given a great bag of goodies and had a good overview of the whole company which was a fantastic experience. (Miss Marks)



Forest School

The boys have been working with different tools this term. They have been making mallets, using a bow saw, axe and knife and have been rightly proud of their work. Whilst we haven't been able to light fires in small groups, we have had a fire in the base camp and the boys have enjoyed savouring toasted marshmallows. We are hoping that the weather will continue to improve, however, we do ask that boys come fully prepared for any kind of weather. (Ms Carter)



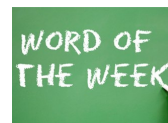
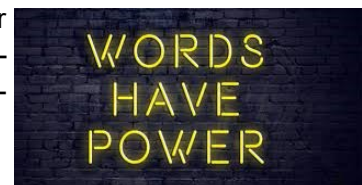
Macbeth

Recently the English department organised for a visiting group of actors to recreate the play of Macbeth for the boys. Despite a very hot hall and a tired group of students the boys enjoyed the atmospheric performance and felt that it would help them for their upcoming exams. The highlight were the witches who were very spooky indeed! (Ms Rogers)



Literacy: spotlight on vocabulary

Language is at the heart of education, and a knowledge of a wide range of vocabulary is necessary across the curriculum in order to achieve academic success. Studies have also conclusively linked vocabulary acquisition to social mobility and improving a child's economic chances. As well as this, there is also a strong correlation between breadth of vocabulary and mental health. With that in mind, we are looking at ways that as a school we can support and improve our students' vocabulary acquisition so that they can thrive in school, at home and beyond. Therefore, we have introduced a 'word of the week' explored in our assemblies and tutorials. To the right are our words of the week for the spring term - see how many your son can remember and if he can use them in a conversation with you! (Mrs Taylor-Lane)



Gregarious (*Sounds like: gruh·geuh·ree·uhs*)
adjective

<p>Definition: (of a person) <u>fond</u> of company; sociable.</p>	<p>LATIN LATIN greg → gregarius greg- → a flock → gregarius ENGLISH mid 17th century -ous →</p>	
<p>Example: 'The human being is in the most literal sense a political animal, not merely a <u>gregarious</u> animal, but an animal which can individuate itself only in the midst of society.' <i>Karl Marx</i></p>	<p>Synonyms: Outgoing Cheerful Friendly Extroverted</p>	<p>Antonyms: Antisocial Reclusive Introverted Distant</p>

- Gregarious
- Hubbub
- Indulgence
- Jocular
- Loathsome
- Manifestly
- Miser
- Myriad
- Nuance
- Obsequious
- Penchant
- Phlegmatic

Accelerated Reader

This year the English department are working hard to encourage boys in Years 7, 8 and 9 to increase their 'engaged' time when reading. They should all be aiming to read independently for at least 20 minutes a day. This is reading via our digital library Myon or their own paperback books.

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.

As we complete the half term, the boys should be 72.5% of their reading target and should return after the Easter break and be on 77% of their individual target.

Should you require any assistance or have any questions please contact Miss Webber or your son's English teacher.

Happy Reading!

Congratulations:

Well done to the following readers who have read the most words so far this academic year and made a fantastic start on their individual Accelerated Reader target:

Year Seven	Year Eight	Year Nine
Shaun M: 3,187,451	Ethan W: 2,715,901	Archie E: 1,718,755
Riley C: 3,187,182	Ollie S: 962,086	Ben S: 1,346,700
Christopher L: 1,006,474	Finleigh J: 948,748	Tom P: 1,260,273

Our house totals for words read are as follows:

Walker: 21,138,189

Taylor: 17,425,152

Galsworthy: 17,330,273

Readingwise

Set 3 boys from Years 7 and 8 have been pushing their reading even further by taking part in an individualised reading intervention within their English lessons. Readingwise is an online system that is personalised to each boy and what he needs to help him improve. So far both groups of boys have taken on the challenge with Brymore even hitting the national leader board in 7th place this past week. Some boys have now moved onto a different modules, Vocab and Decoding. (Ms Rogers)

7.3 Decoding	7.3 Vocab	8.3 Decoding	8.3 Vocab
1 st Rufus B	1 st Fred R	1 st Harry F	1 st Sam B
2 nd Christopher H	2 nd Harry B	2 nd Rory C	2 nd Jacob C
3 rd George A	3 rd Thomas H	3 rd Toby K	3 rd Joel C-C
4 th Thomas B	4 th Harry B	4 th Bradley B	4 th Cameron S
5 th George F		5 th Harry A	

Careers

This term we have celebrated National Careers Week. We celebrated in assemblies and tutorials with staff sharing their career journeys as well as them highlighting exciting career opportunities within their subjects. (Mrs Taylor-Lane)



Goals and Opportunities

On 8th March we held our annual Goals and Opportunities event for those in Year 9, 10 and 11. Students are invited to attend with their families to further explore their post-16 and post-18 options with representatives to talk to from FE, providers, 6th Forms, apprenticeship providers and universities. Students also had the opportunity to access a virtual careers fair with information from some of the UK's top employers. You can still access it by using the QR code below.

Upcoming BTC Open events:

26th April 5.30-7.30pm @ Cannington
14th June 6-8pm @ Taunton
15th June 6-8pm @ Bridgwater

Brymore Careers Programme evaluation 2023-2024



Have your say:

The careers team are already starting to plan events for next year: students have been surveyed about their current interests in terms of different courses and careers so we can tailor the most relevant events for them. We equally welcome feedback and suggestions from parents and carers so if you haven't already, please complete our evaluation by using the QR code.

Year 10 Mock Interviews

Last year a number of parents commented in our Careers Evaluation that they would like to see more done to help prepare students for college and job interviews. In response to this, and as part of our celebration of National Careers Week, we held a mock interview day for all of Year 10 on 7th March. We welcomed over 20 volunteers, a mixture of representatives from local businesses and alumni to put Year 10 through their paces. In preparation for their interview, Year 10 attended an assembly informing them about the process of applying for a job and tips about how to be successful in this and any interview they may secure as a result. Students then had a choice of 10 'dummy jobs' all linked to different sectors that they could apply for: they were expected to submit a formal letter of application, a CV and two references. All students received written feedback from their 'employers' to reflect upon and hopefully find useful when interviews for colleges and apprenticeships start in earnest next year. As ever, the feedback about the students was superb with many employers saying how impressed they were at how the boys presented themselves - well done to all.



CareerPilot

Just a reminder for all parents and carers that all students have access to and know how to use 'CareerPilot' <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>

This is a fantastic platform used in careers lessons for students to explore different types of post-16 options, careers, sectors of employment, local and national labour market information and much more. All of this information is also available to parents.

Future Reading Events

Reading Royalty will be taking place this year during May. Further details will be announced but the boys will be challenging themselves to be in the top 50 readers within a specified period in order to win the coveted GOAT badge. Yes they will be the Greatest of All Time - represented by the third badge in our animal series. Have you got what it takes?!

The Reading Reward trip will be announced following Reading Royalty with clear guidance. We are delighted that so many are up to date with their targets and reading well. Keep up the good work boys and you might be eligible for the reading reward trip... watch this space. (Ms Rogers)

Horticulture

It's been a month where we've experienced every type of rain known to humankind from torrential cloudbursts which have swept away the gravel path and come close to bending the guttering on the shed, to Peter Kay's 'fine rain which soaks you through'. Whilst the rain might have meant we couldn't always go with plan A, thankfully with horticulture there's always a plan B,C,D,E and F - and it has been a busy half term.

In a new and exciting project, luffa seeds have been sown and will be grown in the top polytunnel with a view to producing our own luffas. The boys have been learning about these unusual plants and how, by growing them, they could help limit landfill waste by growing their own eco friendly shower sponges. A wide variety of pumpkin and squash seeds have been sown and will occupy a large strip of ground in the walled garden on the right hand side of the gate. Boys used the lawn mowers to mow the area and lay membrane, following some of the ideas of Charles Dowding's No Dig policy. Come September and October, we hope to have a wide variety of colours, shapes and textures on display. Year 9 students have begun their City and Guilds Level 1 qualification in Horticulture and have undertaken their first assessment with many being successful. Further assessments will take place after Easter and it is hoped the vast majority will end Key Stage 3 with a nationally recognised qualification. The Department has managed to secure a new plant sales stand which will take permanent residence in front of the old library. If you visited us during Lambing day, you might recognise the structure. It certainly looked very professional on Lambing day and with a lick of paint, will look even better. It will help to promote our plant sales, the proceeds of which go straight back into horticultural projects for the boys. (Mr Naum)

Head Boy

After another six weeks of hard work from the boys, we welcome a two-week Easter break. Summer is almost here, and many are greatly anticipating for the cloudless sunny days that come with it. However, there were a few occasions that came before this holiday that shaped the past weeks.

Over the last three weeks of term, Year 11 boys sat a series of mocks. Not only was it another round since November, but it was tougher, with more papers and more content to remember. The efforts for these exams were astonishing, with so many boys putting in great effort to revise to achieve the grades they aspire to receive. I feel very proud of the entire year, as the exams were challenging to all and it is commendable to get through them.

During the mock exams, and celebrating the coming Easter, the English League hosted an Easter hunt. The winners were awarded handsomely with the proceeds being donated by those participating. World Book Day was a smash hit, with dinosaurs about the school site and honourable mentions like the three musketeers (SLT) and the Mr. Men maths department. As well as this, the SSLT and myself proudly planned the recent Comic Relief 2023 event, which had boys in all sorts of shades of red with a cake sale too!

The process to build a new SSLT is currently undergoing, with the speeches taking place in the last few days of term. For one thing, it feels very strange to watch others speak as I did a year ago through this new view of having done it. I am very hopeful not only for the new SSLT, but for every boy in the school, especially for the Year 11 boys who are undoubtedly up to their knees in revision.

Although these holidays give us time to revise, be sure to take some time for yourself and family this Easter. While you may feel inclined to burn yourself out, be careful and look after yourselves boys. Have a great Easter! (George McCormack)

After School Activities

Please note for Term 3a & 3b we will be running a 6-week course over the 2 half terms, this is due to several bank holidays, Work Experience and Activity week, sessions will run on the following weeks.

Week beginning Monday: 24th April, 15th May, 22nd May, 12th June, 19th June and 26th June.

To book a place please email Brymoreactivities@brymoreacademy.co.uk (case sensitive) with **Activities April 2023** in the subject line. In the email state your son's name, year, out boarder or boarder and **1st and 2nd choice of course preferred.**

Once your son has been placed on a course you will receive a confirmation email on or before **Tuesday 18th April 2023**. Payment for the course will be taken from your son's activity account prior to the first session. Courses will start week beginning **Monday 24th April 2023**.

All course allocations are also posted at the Information hub, which is located on the side of the old dining hall, boys **must** check that their name is on the course, if their name is missing, they are to see Ms Hoogenboom in School House, as soon as possible. If for any reason a session is cancelled due to, for example staff illness, we will do our best to ensure a catch-up session is provided or a session refund.

If you need any further assistance contact:

Ms Tasha Hoogenboom on 07384 467788 / 01278 655593 or Brymoreactivities@brymoreacademy.co.uk

Engineering/Toolmaking with Mr Weldon 3.45 to 5pm Monday. There are 6 places @ £48 for 6 sessions

Woodwork with Mr Armstrong 4 to 5pm Monday. There are 6 places on this course @ £48 for 6 sessions

Engineering/Toolmaking with Mr Weldon 6 to 7.15pm Monday. There are 6 places @ £48 for 6 sessions

Welding with Mr Weldon 3.45 to 5pm Tuesday. There are 6 places @ £60 for 6 sessions

Welding with Mr Weldon 6 to 7.15pm Tuesday. There are 6 places @ £60 for 6 sessions

Blacksmithing with Mr Weldon 4 to 5.30pm Wednesday. There are 4 spaces @ £72 for 6 sessions

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Young Farmers with a member of the Farm team Bi-weekly 4 to 5.30pm Wednesday, with Miss Marks, Unlimited places, once signed on there is no need to rebook for further terms. £15 subscription for the year.

Blacksmithing with Mr Weldon 7.30 to 9pm Wednesday. There are 4 spaces @ £72 for 6 sessions

Woodwork with Mr Armstrong 4 to 5pm Thursday. There are 6 places @ £48 for 6 sessions

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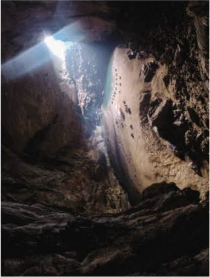












Blacksmithing with Mr Weldon 6 to 7.30pm Thursday. There are 4 spaces @ £72 for 6 sessions

All clubs must be 75% subscribed (Not Young Farmers) to go ahead as they incur extra staffing costs. If a course is not filled to 75% your son will be offered the next available course.

Music lessons: Only Guitar lessons will be available during Terms 3a & 3b

Please book using the activities email Brymoreactivities@brymoreacademy.co.uk with **Music Lessons** in the subject line, I will also need the name and year of your son, and preferred type of lesson.

Guitar (Electric, Bass and Acoustic) or Ukulele - After school on a Wednesday, 4.50 pm onwards, £15 per 30 minutes individual, £11 per 20 minutes individual or 30 minutes in a shared lesson (2) for £7.50.

<p>Friday 21st April Posca Custom Mugs Reid House 5:30pm to 6:30pm £4.50 a mug Mrs Robinson</p>		<p>Saturday 22nd April Leather Keyring Making Reid House Common Room 10am to 12pm £0 Miss Johnson</p>		<p>Sunday 23rd April Costal Scrambling /Sea Caves 12.30pm – 6pm 8 Spaces £2 Mr Webber</p>	
<p>Friday 28th April</p>		<p>Saturday 29th April</p>		<p>Sunday 30th April</p>	
<p>Friday 5th May Darts Competition 6:30pm to 8pm £0 Reid House Mr Chandler</p>		<p>Saturday 6th May Cream Tea Afternoon For Kings Coronation 3pm – 4:30pm £0 Mr Watts & Weekend Staff</p>		<p>Sunday 7th May Boarding closed from Time TBC Mr Watts</p>	
<p>Friday 12th May Glastonbury Tor Evening Walk Glastonbury 5:30pm to 8:30pm 16 Spaces £2 Mr Chandler</p>		<p>Saturday 13th May RC Cars Main Hall 2pm to 4pm £0 Mr Simmonds</p>		<p>Sunday 14th May Mr Webber Dartmoor Scrambling Dartmoor 9:30am – 5:30pm 8 Spaces £2 Mr Webber & Mrs Robinson</p>	
<p>Friday 19th May Scott's Cinema Bridgwater Film TBC Cost TBC 6 spaces Mrs Robinson</p>		<p>Saturday 20th May Devon County Show Westpoint 8:15am to 4:30pm £14 6 Spaces Miss Johnson</p>		<p>Sunday 21st May Kayaking or Canoeing Taster Session Brymore Swimming Pool £0 Mr Webber</p>	

Weekend Activities Term 3a 2023

Sports Report

It has been another half term packed with rugby. The house rugby matches have been taking place for what feels like, weeks and there have been some amazing matches to watch with some very close scorelines. On the last day of term we also held our House Rugby 7s tournament for all year groups and it was great to see some families in attendance. In terms of participation in Year 7 this year 32 boys have represented the school at rugby, in Year 8 we had 30 boys and in Year 9 we also had 30 boys turn out for their team; a tremendous effort and well done to all those who have turned up and thrown themselves into it. Some of our Year 10 sports leaders helped with a primary schools rugby tournament recently and impressed the organiser with their leadership and management qualities on the pitch. We still have a couple of fixtures left to be played after Easter but aside from that we move into a summer of athletics and many, many cricket matches! I hope to see boys out at cricket practice and trying athletics, even if they haven't before, because the more we have the more fixtures we can do and a new skill is never a bad thing.

In Cross Country this half term we came home with the King's Cup once again, a terrific testament to the boys who ran. Hopefully we will see some of these athletes in county vests again during the summer tournaments.

The swimming pool is now fully open and lots of boys have been in during their PE lessons. As we go further into the summer it will be used a lot more so please make sure your son has his swimming kit with him every day.

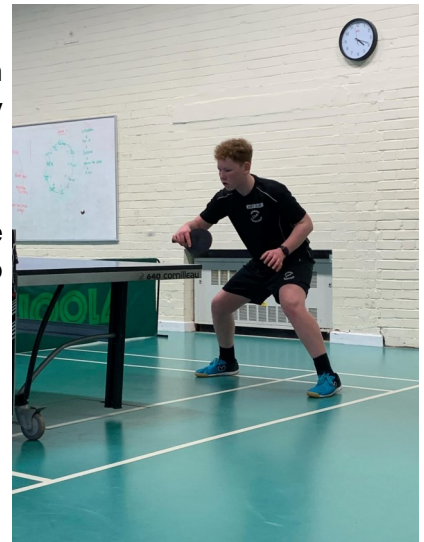
We have had a cricket coach from the Somerset Cricket Foundation come into school every Friday this term doing indoor cricket with Key Stage 3 - it has been great to watch these boys improve their skills and we are grateful to the SCF for sorting this out for us.

Harry T from Year 10 was recently runner up in the Somerset Table Tennis tournament. A great achievement and I know he is keen to go again to become County Champion next year. (Mr Williams)

Red Nose Day



Our Senior Student Leadership Team organised a non-uniform day and a cake sale at break time to raise money for Comic Relief. Boys and staff were asked to also wear something red, as a nod to the Red Nose Day theme, and we have raised over £417 for the charity! (Ms Warren)



Upcoming Important Dates - Summer Term

Monday 17th April (INSET DAY)

3.00 pm - 8.00 pm Year 9 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud
6.00 pm - 9.00 pm All boarders return

Tuesday 18th April

8.30 am All out-boarders return
3.00 pm - 8.00 pm Year 9 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud

Monday 24th April & Tuesday 25th April

3.00 pm - 8.00 pm Year 7 Parent Consultation via SchoolCloud

Friday 28th April

4.00 pm All students depart for May Day Bank Holiday weekend

Tuesday 2nd May

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm All boarders return

Wednesday 3rd May

8.30 am All out-boarders return

Friday 5th May

7.00 pm All boarders to leave site (inc full-time if possible please)

Sunday 7th May

11.00 am All full-time boarders to have left site

Monday 8th May

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm **Bank Holiday following King's Coronation**

All boarders return

Tuesday 9th May

8.30 am All out-boarders return

Saturday 27th May

8.30 am All out-boarders arrive as normal
11.30 am Year 11 Leavers Service
1.30 pm Sports Day
3.45 pm Students depart for summer half-term

Sunday 4th June

6.00 pm - 9.00 pm All boarders return

Monday 5th June

8.30 am All out-boarders return

Saturday 24th June

10.30 am - 5.00 pm Open Day and Country Fair

3rd - 7th July

Work Experience Week (Year 10)

10th - 14th July

Activities Week

Saturday 15th July

8.30 am All out-boarders arrive as normal
10.30 am Swimming Gala (Years 7-10)
12.00 pm All students depart for summer holidays

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023 (INSET DAYS)**CONTACT**

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