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Dear Parents and Carers **Update from the Head, Friday 25th June**

The opening of the **Sixth Form Art and Photography exhibition** at Bridport Arts Centre was a very congenial evening and welcome tonic that certainly stimulated the senses. The space is overflowing with a rich range of impressive work, made even more imposing by the knowledge that students have missed over half of their time in school due to the pandemic. The exhibition runs until Wednesday 30th June and is well worth a visit, many thanks to all our contributors.

It was a real pleasure to see so many Year 11 Beaminster and Sir John Colfox students at our enhanced **6th Form Induction** event this week. The speakers and team-building activities got the students well integrated on Monday, and was followed by two days of introductory lessons, bridging tasks to prepare them for September, time with their tutors and a proper exploration of both sites. We wish them all a well-deserved rest and enjoyable summer.

Students in Years 7 and 8 completed a very successful series of **summer assessments** this week and deserve congratulations for their attitude and endeavour. Year 10 assessments start on Tuesday 29th June, following the **final staff training day on Monday 28th** (so **no students will be in school on Monday**), and I hope that they use the extended weekend to prepare themselves for this busy week.

As ever, our **non-uniform day** for all students in aid of "Wrong Trousers Day" and the Prout Bridge Project caused much fun, with Year 9 leading the event this year, thank you for your support.

Weymouth College is running a virtual open day on Saturday 26th June, places can be booked online at <https://www.weymouth.ac.uk/>, and details are attached for B Sharp's **Busking Festival** which takes place on 3rd July for any students who may be interested.

I am delighted to hear that all **Year 8 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh** students have now been met and shown how to log in to the system, which means they can start filling in and submitting their programme planners and get going. We have 38 students doing Bronze this year, and 10 doing Silver. If any students would like to find out more about the DofE scheme they should speak to Mrs Randall.

Finally, applications to become a **Parent Governor** are due in today so there is still time to apply, and the closing date for our **Fixed Term TA post** in the SRP is Monday 28th June.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Hales

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