



20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our School Production

Last Saturday evening marked the end of a four night run of our production of Wendy and Peter Pan in the Hall. It was lovely to be able to sit and watch just how brilliant the students were, both in terms of those in the two casts that performed but also with regards to those who were involved with the technical aspects and backstage. A massive thank you goes to Mrs Ayling and Miss Bainbridge from our Drama department who supported them every step of the way.

Change and Create Teams Review

A good number of the students involved in some of our 'Change and Create' teams came together in the Library recently with Mrs Shuttleworth, who has co-ordinated this programme for many years, to review their work with them. I was able to sit in on some of the conversations and it was joyous to be able to listen to the discussions that the students were having about the work in this area. We have many such teams currently working within the school covering a diverse range of areas. The concept for each though is identical with the emphasis being on students leading themselves.

Work of the Student Environment Group

The students who work in this area along with Mrs Taylor attended a recent Climate Conference at Hayesfield School. I know how passionate the students are about this issue and the day enabled them to work with other students and experts to gain further knowledge. They also spent a lunchtime having a conversation through the charity MEER with representatives in Sierra Leone around a piece of research looking at the effects of increases in heat on the body during one of their sessions which gave the students a fantastic experience.

School Visits and Trips

Students have taken opportunities recently to visit the Tate Modern in London as part of their A Level Art course, a visit to Bristol University's Chemistry Department as well as Dartmoor for Ten Tors training. Students doing Ten Tors will be back to Dartmoor next weekend along with those who are doing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition training.

When we return after Easter we will move towards our Enrichment Week in June when our young people will be taking part in a variety of activities and visits along with a good number of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions taking place throughout the summer.

Attendance

We know both from what we see on a daily basis in school and also from national evidence that consistent attendance has a strong impact on learning, wellbeing and long term outcomes. For a good number of our students their attendance is strong and they are gaining the benefit with their education.

When young people are in school regularly, they feel more secure, make stronger progress and develop the friendships and routines that make them thrive. We also however recognise that every family's circumstances are different and that supporting attendance is about relationships, communication and partnerships. We would like to continue to work alongside you in this area and if you have any concerns, whether short-term difficulties or longer challenges, then please do reach out to us as a school for a conversation.

End of Term

Can I remind everyone that we finish this term on Wednesday 1st of April at 3.20pm as Thursday 2nd April is an INSET day for staff.

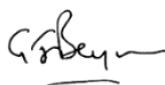
Term 5 Starting on Monday 20th April

Students return on Monday 20th April and we will as ever be taking them through our Expectation Assemblies where we will be highlighting all of the positive things that have happened recently in their learning as well as being clear on our routines. The Easter break is a good time to sort out anything that is needed with regards to uniform along with replacing any equipment needed in the classroom.

As ever I would like to draw your attention to our clear [Uniform Policy](#). With the warmer weather coming can I direct you to our area on shorts in particular. These are allowed but need to be of the style referenced; sport and PE shorts are certainly not allowed. The only time this will change is during the time when examinations are taking place and we lose our changing rooms so students will be able to attend in their PE kit.

Finally, can I wish you a good Easter whatever you are up to.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Beynon', with a horizontal line underneath.

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher