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Dear Parents/Guardians

The summer term is supposed to be a little slower paced, more time to get things done as exam groups move on. However, we seem to be very good at filling this time with even more things as seen on our [Instagram](#) page – I guess if you want something doing, give it to someone busy.

We hosted two brilliant fund-raising events this term in aid of both the Pitch In campaign and to support our BWS Community, which this year is Miss Paxton as we support her return to work. Many people worked behind the scenes to make the events happen, but particular thanks to Mrs Popham, our former sports assistant and OW Lily Harfey, Mr Hole for preparing the ground, the catering staff and the BWSPA, along with Mr Griffey who offered a morning and stayed the whole day for BWS Touch Rugby.

Both events were a huge success raising thousands of pounds whilst hundreds enjoyed themselves. Congrats to the Y10 Goblins who won the cricket and Y13 Swing Low side who won the touch. Next year we have plans for combining the two events and maybe adding an OW tennis competition on the end having found an old trophy from 1935 – like I say, we like to keep busy!

Part of the money raised will go to the Pitch In campaign, something we have worked on for 3 or 4 years now and has morphed and changed as time has gone on but continues to focus on developing our facilities to enhance our delivery. The two events and everyone's generous support brings us a little closer to this goal.

Staff Success

Mr Duckett was absent at both ends of this term to play basketball with the GB O50 side attending two global events in Croatia and then Switzerland. During his time away he top scored for GB and they registered a couple of historic wins along the way.

Athletics

Our Y7 boys won the Wiltshire Super 8 competition, with a glut of personal bests, whilst nearly forty athletes qualified for the County athletics trials following victory in all three age groups at area sports. Subsequently eight were selected to represent Wiltshire at the Southwest regional finals and following this, three boys have gone to the National Finals in mid-July; J Earle, T Froud and T Padwick. J Earle has also qualified for the multi-event National Finals in the Autumn having won the South West regional event.

The Schools' Cup teams both qualified for the regional finals at Millfield following a dominant display at our initial round in Bristol. Both the Junior and Inter teams then qualified with mammoth scores for the National Finals in Cheltenham, both teams finishing top 10 in the country. It was clear at these events how hard our boys work, whatever their level, together with the quality of athlete we have.

This standard was displayed over 3 days of Sports Days which showed all good things Bishop's with nearly every boy in Y7-10 competing along with a host of Y12. Next year we hope to bring the whole school back together again for one bumper day of athletics.

Cricket

With reduced staff and flexibility to be out of school, along with the weather, cricket has been a tough ask this term to deliver, however every year group has had a game or two and the U15s are to play in the County T20 Final on the final Thursday of this term, a great return for a brilliant group of students.

We also hosted Knox Grammar School from Australia in two scintillating T20s for the U15 and 1XI. It is always a pleasure to hosts schools from other countries and this was no exception. I think it is a special thing for our students to meet their like-minded peers from abroad. A special mention to G Williams who not only kept brilliantly but top scored with the bat for the U15 and 1XI.

Thank you to Mrs Sharman for all her hard work in the nets this season and on the logistics to source financial support for the Knox match.

Football

The 1st XI played in their delayed county cup final and despite an end to end match unfortunately came off second best to a strong Marlborough side. The U16 should also have been in a final, but the competition ran over and we subsequently lost them to exams.

We continue to review our football provision and how we can grow the game. As a result we have entered U14-U18 in the national competitions starting this side of Christmas; an exciting development which we hope will provide greater opportunities for those wishing to compete.

Tennis

Congratulations to H Herbert who won our Play Your Way to Wimbledon competition this year and qualified for the county round, where he won and will now compete at Wimbledon later this summer.

We also played friendly matches with Bryanston, Dauntsey's and Warminster this term with great success as well as hosting our own local schools tournament for Y7/8.

The Y9 boys made the semi final of the School Sports Magazine National Competition as well as qualifying along with the Y7/8 boys for the regional knock out of their LTA National Competition to be played in the Autumn with a shot at regional finals.

10 students were lucky enough to attend Wimbledon as well on a school trip seeing the likes of Raducanu and Corrie live. It was a great day out that no one wanted to end.

Refereeing and Pathways

Six of our Y12 rugby players volunteered to referee at the RFU T1 Regional Touch Finals and did such an excellent job they were selected to referee at the national finals. This process represents a pathway I hope to grow as we provide students not just with playing opportunities but also coaching and refereeing. A number have since gone on to complete the Introduction to Referee course and will be assisting us next season.

Similar to our referee pathway, a number of students are working as Tennis Leaders at the local tennis clubs. We are working with Rory Smith at Salisbury Tennis Club to formalise a coaching pathway allowing our students to further develop their interpersonal skills as well as earn some money along the way. Watch this space!

Both of these pathways compliment and co-exist with our Higher Sports Leader qualification and nine students have passed the course this year having hosted numerous local primary and SEND events as well as assisting at our own sports days and area sports.

Beyond BWS

The biggest headline is Cadan Murley back in an England shirt and scoring tries again in Argentina, a place he toured 10 years ago whilst at the school. His former teammate Fin Lloyd-Gilmour made his Great Britain 7s debut having been in camp all season, taking his form on to the international stage. Another player from this crop has just resigned for Richmond in the Championship, Jared Cardew joins Paddy Case and Xav Hastings to complete a BWS laden team looking for success next year. Closer to home F Wilson made his Elite 7s debut in July as he takes his first steps into the world of senior 7s following success at age grade.

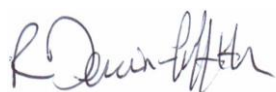
E Crusiaux continues to impress with his Judo, not only in the South West, but also in the London region. In another combat sport, A Brown also in Y7 continues to make strides in his boxing. M Stahl's fencing after an impressive year took him to the British Youth Champs in Sheffield and T Parker-Minty has qualified for the long course national swimming competition also in Sheffield this summer. In a different form of swimming, A Duignan won the short course Dozen Dips challenge in the Cotwolds, wild swimming ½ a mile on the hour every hour for 12 hours, an amazing feat of endurance.

Finally, current Y12 P Walker featured on Sky and the BBC as a spin sensation with Glamorgan in the women's T20 during the opening rounds of the competition taking four wickets.

As we wind down for the summer and a well earned break, pre-season for both the senior boys and girls rugby is well under way and fixtures for a plethora of sports are already in the diary which can be found on both the school [calendar](#) and our designated [web page](#).

Have a brilliant break and enjoy an active, but restful summer.

Yours sincerely



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