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YEAR 9 NEWSLETTER

For many of us **Easter** is significant for the ultimate sacrifice made, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his holy resurrection. Sometimes this significant religious event gets drowned out by easter eggs, chocolate, and the latest block buster movie release. Christians use this time to reflect the ultimate sacrifice given and the message that is similar in many religions of care, thought and respect to all.

Alongside Easter, is the coincidence of the month of **Ramadan**. It is a holy Islamic event whereby Muslims fast every day between sunset and sunrise. This will take place at the start of April. Throughout the month Muslims dedicate their time and themselves to God - giving to charity, praying, and fasting. For many, it is also a time of personal reflection.

It is certainly a time of significance and common belief.

On another note, time certainly goes by quickly and another term will be successfully completed on **Friday 1 April (at 3.15pm)**.

The school will re-open on **Wednesday 20 April**, with two weeks until the formal examinations begin for Years 11-13.

I wish to thank you for your support over the last term and I hope that you all have some family time together.

Mr Erwin
Principal



Year 9 has had another busy term.

We have had the opportunity for some students to get involved in various activities including **App design for a crisis** or **designing a new car**, a visit to **college for construction** and **10 hours of Sport**.

We have been really pleased with the behaviour of our students and the companies have been impressed by their creativity and enthusiasm.

Year 9 can be quite a challenging time. Year 9 have all really sunk their teeth into the **Pathway** choices and are showing great promise. We encourage them to discuss and share with home what they are doing within school. We have seen so much creativity in dance producing choreography, routines in trampolining and vaulting in gymnastics.

As we approach the summer term, we are very excited to welcome the warmer weather and sunshine on our faces. The last term brings some more exciting opportunities for Year 9 to embrace. Some of these include **Tall Ships**, **Blue Skies**, **Marshall Aerospace project** and of course activities day, not to forget the **Malcom Whales Foundation Dorset Walk**.

We are constantly encouraging Year 9 to maintain the high standards expected of all our students. Thank you for your support with this.

Miss J Sothmann
Head of Year 9.



Year 9 pick each other up and give them a lift when down!

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10 HOURS OF SPORT 10 HOURS OF SUPPORT

10 Hours of Sport is, of course, more than just 10 Hours of Sport. **The Malcolm Whales Foundation 10 Hours of Sport** is many things: 10 hours of fun; 10 hours of fitness; 10 hours of fund raising; 10 hours of friendship; 10 hours of doing something different; 10 hours of feeling good about yourself and those around you. In every sense of the word, it is more like 10 hours of support. The 10 hours of sport at Ken Stimpson Community School happened to coincide with the loveliest day of the year so far. The doors of the sports hall were wide open, the sky was azure blue, and the bright sun lifted the mood of the 200 students taking part on the day. Netball, basketball, football, table tennis, trampolining, badminton, dodgeball: each area inside and out buzzed with enthusiasm and enjoyment. For hundreds of students, I don't think there's anywhere else they would rather have been on that day. And for some of them, I wouldn't mind betting that they'd get up the next day and do it all over again! What a great advert for the **TMWF Dorset Walk** taking place in July! A chance for younger students who can't go this year to look forward to the next. Members of staff and older students who popped into the sports hall were wearing an assortment of TMWF t-shirts from previous years which helped to promote a sense of shared purpose and group identity - the mainstay of any charitable organisation. It's wonderful that so many young people can aspire to a pursuit that is essentially so selfless and yet so self-helping. School can mean lots of different things for lots of different students at the same time. One way of looking at the 10 hours of sport is simply this: that for one day in the year, it can unify so many people in such a harmonious and joyful way. I for one certainly went home on Friday feeling uplifted and, if I'm honest, a little overwhelmed with happiness.

Mr Billson, English Faculty.



Our Non-Uniform Day raised

£756.57

for charity!

Thank you for your contribution!



Happy Easter!



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