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Dear Parents/Guardians

It is not often we are blessed with an international and so before I write anything else I would like to congratulate our latest England School Boy Rugby International, Cadan Murley who made his debut for England against Italy over the Easter break. A huge achievement and we are all very proud to have him as part of our team this year and as our 1st XV Captain next season.

Other personal successes this term have seen Luke Duckett make the South West U13 Basketball squad, while Matthieu Rident has made the South U17 squad, and Jaymee Domoney placed 5th at the School Athletics National Champs after his win at South West Champs (Middle Distance Running). Finally Spencer Armstrong has qualified for the Olympic Hopes Kayak competition this summer in the 200m following his success at Nationals. Congratulations to you all.

Football

This term primarily focuses on Athletics, Tennis and Cricket, but there was some unfinished business in the football with both the U13 and U15 teams winning their Area Cups. The 1st XI meanwhile secured their 4th consecutive County Cup. Here I must thank Doug Small who has worked with the boys for some years with great success, but as of next year Mr Podger will be taking the 1st XI which I know the boys are looking forward to; we wish Doug all the best and thank him for all he has done.

Cricket

The Cricket season has probably been most affected by the rain this term, but the U15s made it through to the T20 County Final, after beating Dauntsey's in the semi and after one cancellation played Marlborough College. Despite acquitting themselves well, the boys were unable to bring the trophy home. A huge thank you to Mr Churchill who in Mr Gilmour's absence ran the team and took the fixture.

Unfortunately the Cathedral VI's tournament was cancelled due to bad weather this year and rather curtailed our cricketer involvement lower down, but with plenty of strong players throughout we hope to have another strong season with plenty of play (weather permitting) next year.

Tennis

We were lucky to get all of our tennis played early in the term before the poor weather struck. Both the Y8 and Y10 teams won their Aegon Wiltshire Division and qualify for knock out rounds in the Autumn, defeating the likes of Warminster, Dauntsey's and Marlborough College along the way.

Y8 also won the local round of school games and went to School Games finals where we won the closed competition for non-club players, the first time we have done so.



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This year's KS3 Road to Wimbledon was won by Nishant Talpallikar for the second year running, and he will go to the county final alongside Ben Travis who won the Salisbury Tennis Club Road to Wimbledon.

Athletics

Arguably this term's greatest success in terms of performance has been in athletics with the Minor, Junior, Inter and Senior boys all winning Area Sports with a large contingent going on to represent Salisbury Schools at the County Finals. From these, 6 boys were selected for South West Champs with one making it through to National Finals.

The U15 and U13 teams both made it to the Regional Finals of the English Schools Athletics Cup, both finishing second and narrowly missing out on Nationals despite the U15 team reaching our highest ever points total. A scratch Y7 team also came second at the School Games, narrowly missing out on victory.

A huge thank you to Mr Duckett for his hard work in team selection and training alongside Mr Griffey who has run after school athletics all year. He would welcome any fresh faces looking to run cross country next term. Without his unwavering support we would quite often be stuck, not just during this term, but across all three.

Angling

Mr Duckett has run two highly successful trips this year with James Crossley catching the biggest fish (I was happy to catch one!) at 9lbs and a host of other boys having a very enjoyable day at Manningford.

Outdoor and Adventure Activities

Mr Oldham has been rather busy this term taking a Y10 lacrosse team to Godolphin for an exhibition game as well as the Y13 leavers. His main role this term however has been in organising the Pencelli trip for Y9 and Great Yews for Y7, both of which have been huge successes and I am sorry to have missed out. The camaraderie and rapport built on these trips is special and I know all involved gain a huge amount, even while caving!

Sponsors

I must say a quick thank you to some of our sponsors for the forthcoming year. James Fry and Blue Frontier are kindly funding our match day rugby balls. Rick Cowley of ANME Ltd is sponsoring our 1st team basketball. Monty George and his company Furniture Box are sponsoring the 1st XI football, while the Parents' Association paid for a new U16 rugby strip and finally ABC Networking and Trethowans have both kindly donated towards the rugby tour and will feature on the boys training shirts for the trip to Hong Kong and Australia in 2017.



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If you would be interested in supporting a team or helping in other ways please do not hesitate to get in touch. Without such support along with your subs we would not be able to sustain our sporting involvement across the years and so a huge thank you to you all.

I must plug the rugby tour umbrellas that will go on sale in the autumn as well as the other events and details have been sent out via parent mail. It would be great to see as many BWS umbrellas donning the sidelines as possible as well as many faces at the events.

My plan for 2019 is to run a multi-sport tour for rugby, football and basketball which will involve the current Y8 and Y9 boys.

Finally sports day, a great success despite the weathers' best efforts. One of the best in my time as a member of staff, I must say a huge thank you to Mr Hole for organising and well done to all the boys, some fantastic performances. I hope you all have a great summer and the boys rest well with one eye on the Olympics and another on the forthcoming sporting season.

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