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WELCOME

This term began with a real boost as we celebrated our best ever GCSE and A level results. We were able to return to the stunning venue of Sherborne Abbey for our Prizegiving where we celebrated the academic and personal achievements of last year's Y11 and Y13. The Abbey was packed with smiling young people and their families enjoying the chance to be together, reminisce and look forward to new challenges.

Sherborne Abbey was full of young people again recently as many Gryphon students joined with other young people from across the town in the Abbey's production of "Oliver". It was a wonderful evening with some outstanding performances. We are so pleased that this iconic building is becoming a focus for the young in our community as its history builds a foundation for their future. On December 13th we will be there once again for our Carol Service which is always a special event that provides a breath-taking focus for the Christmas season – I hope that you will be able to join us.

Many other trips, visits and events have been taking place throughout this term, several of which described in this newsletter. We are now able to plan for trips abroad which we are really looking forward to. Please remember that The Gryphon Foundation is available to support families for whom finance is an issue in accessing trips and visits – details on our website. If you are able to support the Foundation with funding we would also love to hear from you!

I hope that you have a joyous Christmas and wish you a peaceful New Year.

Canon Nicki Edwards
Headteacher



Introduction from our new Chaplain:

Hi I'm Jim, and I am delighted to be the new Chaplain to the Gryphon School and to be part of the fabulous team here. Being involved in the school in this way is part of my overall role as Vicar in the Sherborne team of churches.

My wife has been a teacher for 20 years, and as a result, I am well aware of some of the joys and challenges of school life. At the heart of The Gryphon School's ethos lie the words of Jesus found in John 10:10 - 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' This what we want for all pupils at The Gryphon; that they are able to flourish in their educational setting, in life outside school and beyond. I recognise though, that life is not straight forward and that there are many curve balls, many strains and many stresses placed upon us all. In my role as Chaplain, I am here to listen, and provide support pastorally and spiritually to staff and pupils. Say hi if you see me around school, and if you need to contact me, please email chaplain@gryphon.dorset.sch.uk

In my spare time I love being out in the countryside and especially being in the mountains. I particularly enjoy outdoor sports including walking, climbing and mountain biking; you might see me whizzing between locations around town on my bike. I am also a keen cook, with a particular passion for cooking curry!

I look forward to getting to know your hopes, joys and passions too.

Blessings

Reverend Jim Edie



REMEMBRANCE

We were delighted to welcome members of the Old Fosterians back to the school to take part in our annual Remembrance Service. This year the service was led by our new Chaplain, Rev Jim Edie. The roll of honour was read by Old Fosterian Philip Dolbear and the Last Post and Reveille were played by member of staff Steve Fox. The service was attended by Year Councils as well as students and staff connected to the forces. Whilst the service was being held the rest of the school marked the two minute's silence in their lessons. "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."



Sherborne Abbey recreated in Lego!

Students have been busy for the last 5 years building Sherborne Abbey in Lego! Although it has taken a long time, the Lego Club only meets on Wednesday lunchtime and had to work around Covid – remote building just wasn't possible. The team included a core group of students Clara, Bea, Ellie and Jospheh with many other helping out occasionally. Clara recently pointed out she started the project 'in Year 6 and is now in year 11!'

The amateur builders of the club built the Abbey based on one site visit and by looking at photographs. Bea and Ellie remember the early days when 'Mr Cooke made them rebuild parts again and again until he was happy it was as close as our building skills allowed'. The project was the second the club has built, the first being a 8ft high mosaic of the school's Gryphon logo which now hangs in reception. The club is now looking for a new project and sponsors to make it a reality. Sherborne Abbey was largely funded by a grant from Sherborne County Fair.



Bishop Visit

We were delighted to welcome Rt Revd Stephen Lake to breakfast on November 24th. Bishop Stephen was visiting Sherborne Abbey School to meet primary school children from across the Archdeaconry but stopped into The Gryphon to meet a group of our students.

Bishop Stephen is determined to place the voice of young people at the heart of his ministry and he was delighted to hear the opinions of our students as to what his priorities should be. As an added bonus he was able to congratulate our Lego Club for their incredible achievement in building an amazing model of Sherborne Abbey - which has taken them 5 years!

TOP ARTIST ADEBANJI ALADE LEADS WORKSHOP FOR GRYPHON STUDENTS

The Gryphon School was recently very fortunate and honoured to host a visit from celebrity painter Adebanji Alade. Adebanji is a TV Presenter on BBC 'The One Show', Vice President of The Royal Institute of Oil Painters and a wonderful motivational speaker amongst a myriad of other accomplishments.

27 students were picked for exceptional high effort/above-and-beyond attitudes to learning in Art across all key-stages. Students spent an entire day experiencing a professional portfolio viewing; inspiring painting demonstration/workshop and one-to-one guidance on creating a portrait of their own in oil paint and mixed media.

The students gained valuable insights and skills in traditional and contemporary portraiture techniques in

oil and mixed media, whilst producing highly successful and advanced portraits.

Our students absolutely delighted in the day, commenting:

'It was a brilliant opportunity, and I would recommend this workshop to everyone' - AK

'Truly a wonderful experience! I'm so happy that I was picked for it, I feel like I've learnt many useful techniques and that this workshop will help me to become a great artist one day! I hope that one day I'll be just as successful and skilled as Adebanji Alade!' - BS

'Adebanji's workshop was really educational and inspired me to do my own oil painting' - IW.

Adebanji also commented on the Gryphon students' work and workshop, 'Thanks ever so much for hosting a wonderful workshop with your talented art students, I really enjoyed working with them'.

Art teacher Jamie Malone said "A huge thank you to The Gryphon Foundation and Headteacher Nicki Edwards for their generous support in helping to make this wonderful opportunity happen. I would also like to thank Caroline Rabbetts and Simon Evans for their support also. Well done to the exceptional-effort students who took part".

SHERBORNE'S FIRST 'CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S NETWORKING EVENT'

Students from The Gryphon, Sherborne Primary, and Sherborne Abbey Primary schools led the town's first 'Children's and Young People's Networking Event' earlier this term.

Miss Rann gave a brief introduction to the event before handing the reigns of the discussion to the students. She said "Lots of great ideas were exchanged between the young people and representatives of local organisations."

Invites to the local organisations which connect with young people were supplied by the Town Council, bringing a range of guests from tennis clubs to foodbanks. They had previously already met the young people involved in the event at a series of Diocesan Community Hub consultation events and were so impressed that they insisted the students lead the discussions. The town Mayor, Juliet Pentolfe, described it as: "A fantastic event."

The students will now choose their priority projects to take forward in the next few weeks, supported by local church and school leaders alongside the Town Council's Wellbeing Committee. A group of other local leaders also committed to supporting the young people in their next steps.

The Revd Lorna Johnson, Development Advisor of the Community Hub Project, said "In Sherborne, the local church and schools have faith that supporting and focusing on young people's ideas and passion will produce a passionate community response. This is now sparking up networks and projects with the potential to co-create changes to Sherborne for the good of everyone. Church and school leaders walking beside young people, families and the wider town, have the opportunity to share what they know about building flourishing communities and the adventure of discovering meaning, well-being and vocation by helping others."

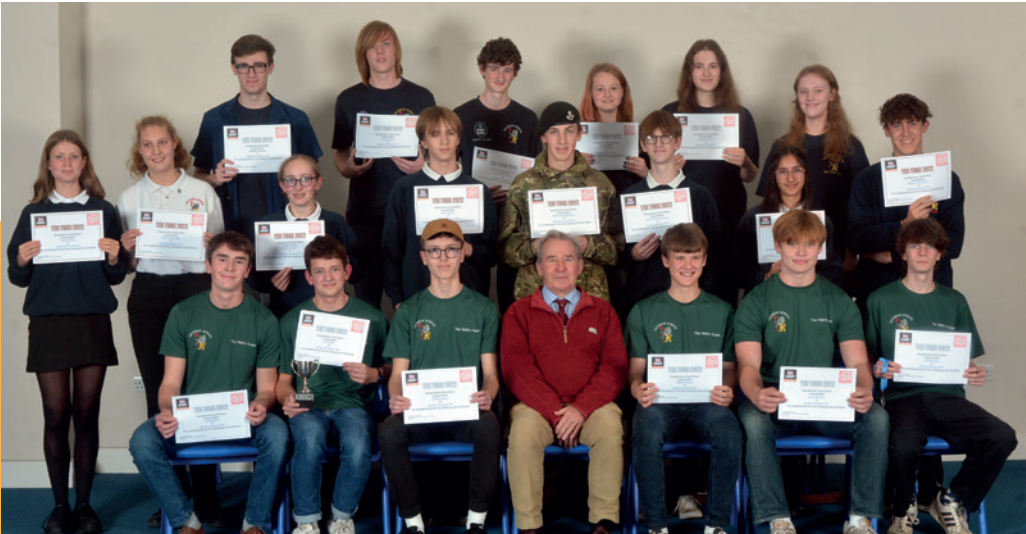
If you would like to learn more about the Community Hub or Growing Faith approach, please don't hesitate to contact Lizzie Whitbread, our Senior Youth Advisor at: lizzie.whitbread@salisbury.anglican.org.



DofE & Ten Tors

Last year was the first normal year for DofE and Ten Tors since the pandemic. The school ran Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE Award for the first time in our normal areas including returning to the Rhinog Mountain in Snowdonia in Wales. The school entered 5 teams into the 60th Ten Tors Challenge which is the biggest contingent of any state or private school. This included the now legendary team who did 45miles wearing and using equipment from 1960s.

The year finished on a high with the return of the annual Outdoor Education Presentation evening in Quarr Hall. Guest speakers included Pete and Linda Thornton, who spoke about their son John Thornton and the charity set up in his name to support young people in Dorset, The John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation. The other guest speaker was Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) Tony Clark, Adviser to Director Ten Tors, who spoke about the benefits of the Challenge and leadership. Sadly Ken Kay, who completed the Challenge in 1963 and 1964 couldn't attend but we hope he will be back next year. The evening saw students receive their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. All five of the Ten Tors teams were present to receive their certificate, as were our First Cohort who completed the Sports Leaders – Assistant Expedition Leaders Award in their enrichment lessons, and ably supported younger students on training and expeditions throughout Year 12. The 2022 annual awards went to Ed S. for leading the 1960s Team, Elizabeth O. for persevering on the Gold Award, Olivia B. for amazing volunteering work, which she gave a short presentation about at the ceremony and Jacob H. for leading by example. Well done one and all. The final word should be a word of thanks for our amazing team of volunteers who make it all happen.



Bronze Training Day with King Arthur's School

This term saw 17 students from our fellow SAST school, King Arthur's, join in with our Bronze Training Day which was amazing.

We have, over the years, been supported by Sherborne School on the Ten Tors Challenge and have in our turn supported Stanchester Academy. We have had students join our Ten Tors teams from Gillingham and Leweston when we are short, and loaned Sturminster Newton and other teams trained students.

We have enabled students from Shaftesbury School to complete their Silver Award and loaned equipment to local guides and KA too.

We have been the beneficiary of many grants and donations over the years which has helped create a



large pool of trained leaders and 3 stores (don't tell anyone) full of tents and other equipment.

We feel blessed at The Gryphon that we have such a strong programme. It is great to see how much our students develop and gain from the opportunities DofE and Ten Tors offers.

It is a privilege to be able to share that programme with King Arthur's so their students can benefit too.

Joe Miles, Head of Year 8

TRIP TO MARWELL ZOO



Current Year 10 visited Marwell Zoo in early July and Year 9 visited in early October to learn about the importance of conservation in a world where biodiversity is threatened on a global scale. Students learnt about the vital importance of the Tropical Rainforest in the Tropical House, the work the zoo does to try to reintroduce the Oryx into the wild - where it is currently extinct - and have since written convincingly about the morality of keeping wild animals in captivity. Here are some words from our students about their day.

'The day was very educational on endangered and critically endangered species. This benefitted our understanding in school about how zoos help to conserve biodiversity.' Josh W

'The trip was interesting because I love to see how extraordinary the animals are, for example, the height of a giraffe!' Ben R

'The weaver birds were amazing, their nests are home to snakes and termites among other extraordinary species, demonstrating how interconnected ecosystems are.' Josh F



Year 8 – I Can, I am

We were lucky enough to be visited by the 'I can, I am' bus on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th November. Staff from the charity offered 65 Year 8 students the opportunity to visit the bus and take part in activities designed to improve wellbeing and self-esteem. The feedback from students was positive and it was great to see them enjoying something completely different than the usual classroom routine. After cooking their own pizza from scratch, students were encouraged to think about their personal qualities and skills, as well as making goals and challenges for the future. Students said that they 'enjoyed talking about themselves' and 'it was good to set myself a challenge!'. Thank you to all the staff from 'I can, I am' for the fantastic job they do promoting good mental health and wellbeing across schools in the Southwest. We hope to be able to invite the team back to school in the near future to work with more Year 8 students.



Year 8 Bake Sale

Year 8 council reps are working on a project whereby they make the most they possibly can out of £10 that the students have been given by the Diocese.

The students decided they needed something low cost but easy profit to start with and so decided to decorate rich tea biscuits and sell them to other students in Year 8.

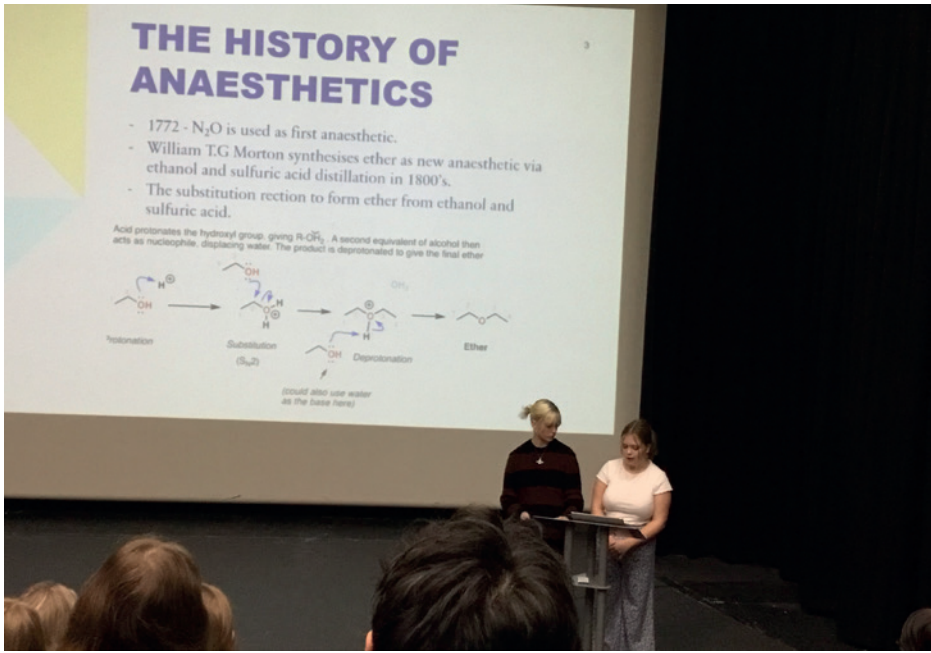
The bake sale was a huge success, and the students will now use the money they raised to fund their next event.

Keep your eyes peeled to see what they do next!

This term, our fellow SAST school, Shaftesbury School, held it's first TEDx Youth event, with the theme of 'Louder than Words'. Four Gryphon students made it through the selection stage, and we were so proud to see them on stage at Shaftesbury Arts Centre delivering their talks.

Opening the event was Year 9 student Nadia whose talk was entitled 'How silence can make the loudest noise'. Nadia spoke brilliantly about the small changes we can all make to make the world a better place. Following Nadia, Henrietta took to the stage to talk passionately about how the university admissions process in the UK is broken. Liv Bowditch was our third speaker, delivering an informed speech on the gender pay gap and how we can tackle it. Our fourth and final speaker was Archie, whose music themed talk was entitled 'Consumption and youth rebellion: the love affair'.

All four students impressed the live audience, and those watching the live stream, with how articulate and passionate they were about the subjects they had chosen to talk about. We also took a minibus of students over to support them on the day, and live streamed it into our classes at school. All the talks will be uploaded onto the TEDx website and will be available in the future to watch.



Chemistry Symposium

This term A level chemists from The Gryphon have joined students from Sherborne School, Sherborne Girls, Clayesmore, Leweston, Kings Bruton and Millfield for a half termly Chemistry Symposium, where students present on a subject of their choice based on their own reading about cutting edge research.

This term we have heard about a broad spectrum of topics, ranging from the chemistry of explosives to the latest use of nanotechnology in cancer treatments. This included a fantastic presentation from our own students Daisy and Ella about anaesthetics, their history, and the potential use of xenon as a future anaesthetic. They did an excellent job of making a complicated topic accessible, as well as fielding some tricky questions from the audience.

Eco Club

Eco Committee: Waste Audit

The Student Eco Committee took the ultimate sacrifice to continue our progress to becoming a more sustainable school: a waste audit, roughly translated as sifting through the bins! Our findings were great successes - with paper recycling with only 3% of our general waste in that category. We would now like to see improvements with plastic and aluminium. A new school-wide recycling policy was introduced in September where staff and students will be able to recycle plastic and aluminium much more widely. This will make us not just environmentally sustainable but also economically. Dorset Waste pays approximately £130 per tonne to dispose of general waste in comparison to £50 per tonne for recycling and £35 per tonne for food waste. As a society if we recycle more, we save our council money which in turn can be invested into improving our services.

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle!

I CAN Project

The I CAN Project - An International Climate Action Network is an Erasmus+ funded project. The project brings together teachers from across Europe to provide them with the skills, confidence and framework to enable



pupils to become effective critical thinking collaborators and active climate conscious citizens. This has involved online workshops and a recent face-to-face 4-day conference in Budapest, Hungary.

Mrs Cavallaro, who teaches Geography at The Gryphon School and also leads the Student Eco Committee has been sharing the benefits of collaborating with the project with her students. She was inspired by sharing stories of young people's real experiences of climate change across Europe during a summer of drought. Meeting with other teachers from Italy, Hungary, France, Greece and the UK in solidarity, brings about the sense of global unity required to overcome a global threat. This is translated into the classroom with a new teaching tool



kit, including the resources and skills to deliver UN COP conferences for Year 8 students to give them a voice on an issue they are passionate about.

Switch Off Campaign

Never has there been a better time to save energy. It is now not just environmentally sustainable to do so, but also economically. The Gryphon School Eco Committee has launched a Switch Off Campaign which proactively encourages all members of The Gryphon community to switch off lights and electronics when not in use. Join us and switch off at home too.

ANOTHER ENORMOUS THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS OF THE YEATMAN HOSPITAL

Ensuring that our young people receive not only quality teaching and learning, we pride ourselves in the work we do for those who find the world difficult to cope with, at certain times of their school life.

To help our current emotional provision within school, we are going to appoint a mental health worker who can work with some of our more vulnerable students. Due to the increased demands on school budgets and making this wish a reality, our Friends at the Yeatman have once again agreed to help us with this venture with a generous donation and we are now able to advertise and find the right person for the Gryphon students.

Our aim is to have this person in place at the start of the spring term in January 2023.

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Year 11 students at The Gryphon have been busy with their practical exams this term. Preparing a 2-course meal with accompaniments in the same time as they make a cake in Bake Off! And what spectacular results – very proud of the students results. The photos are from the practice sessions as it is a live exam.

Sally Baxter, Head of Food



Sixth Form

Gryphon Alumni Engineering Talk

We welcomed Paul Zaborowski back to the Gryphon School in October. Paul finished at The Gryphon in 2018, and has since gone on to complete a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Glasgow University. He has now started work at Agile Spray Response, a start-up firm that specialises in equipment for dealing with oil spills. Paul talked to our Sixth Formers about his route into engineering, as well as the different options that there are within engineering at university. He also spoke about how he got into his current position and future plans. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see this future pathway, and to help their potential application into this field. It is always great to welcome back former students to school, so if you would like to do come and visit us please contact the Sixth Form team.



EdClub

We have significantly expanded our enrichment opportunities in Sixth Form this year. Part of this is working with an organisation called EdClub. EdClub is an organisation that was set up by students to help support the educational opportunities for students in more disadvantaged parts of the world. We were recently visited by Alice Macaire, the co-founder, to launch this with our students. Our students will dedicate an hour a week to video calling students in Huruma, a small village of approximately 4,000 people to the north of Nairobi in Kenya. The idea is to teach the students some basic Maths and English skills and develop their navigation of the internet and self-education opportunities. The students in Nairobi have access to a small classroom, with computers and the internet to access these online sessions. We are really pleased that our Sixth Form students are getting involved in this brilliant project and taking an active role in trying to improve the quality of life for young people that have limited opportunities.

Sixth Form Open Evening

On the 2nd November we were able to host our Sixth Form Open Evening without any covid restrictions for the first time in a couple of years. Despite some horrendous weather, we had a fantastic turnout, from our own Year 11 Gryphon students and over 100 students from different local schools. It was a lovely evening with presentations for parents and students to learn about the Sixth Form as a whole, tours around the site, and the opportunity to go and learn about all the A level and BTEC courses that we offer. One parent said that she had never met such an enthusiastic and positive staff body, and equally impressive were our Sixth Form students that volunteered to help on the evening and who were fantastic ambassadors for the school. Applications for Sixth Form are now open, with the closing date on the 13th January. Students can complete their applications online at www.gryphon.dorset.sch.uk/sixth-form

IVY HOUSE

Twenty of our Sixth form students are taking part in a leadership programme with Ivy House. The organisation works extensively with companies, helping to develop leadership skills in the business world, but they have also recently started working with school students. Each week our students take part in online activities before meeting as a group to feedback and discuss honestly what they have discovered about the programme and themselves. Poppy, one of our students involved said:

"The Ivy House Award has been an insightful tool for me to develop my leadership skills as well as communication skills for different environments and situations. Ivy House has also helped me to mature personally and learn new aspects of my personality and how I react and deal with problems, which has been extensively beneficial. I recommend it to anyone who is willing to explore these professional and personal facades and learn new things about leadership, communication, and yourself along the way".



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

On Tuesday 12th November a small group of Year 12 Gryphon students visited Sherborne School to kickstart their university applications. 7 universities from around the world presented a range of courses all taught in English giving a fabulous opportunity to experience another culture whilst studying abroad. On a cold, wet November evening southern Spain and LA were particularly inviting and the courses were interesting and varied. All were campus universities with fabulous sports and leisure facilities and lots of space. Informative, enthusiastic speakers really created a buzz in the room and the girls came away with lots of ideas for global study. Thank you Sherborne School for inviting us to such an informative event.

The universities represented were:
Les Roches and Glion, Hotel School The Hague, Hult International Business School, IE University (Spain), Loyola Marymount (Los Angeles, California), Stony Brook (New York) and Queen's University in Ontario, Canada.

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Stand out achievements:

Lily N – GB Modern Pentathlon
Lily represented Team GB in Madeira over the half term break. They were 36 in her age group and Lily came 15th in the world is an incredible achievement and we are all so proud of her here at the Gryphon!

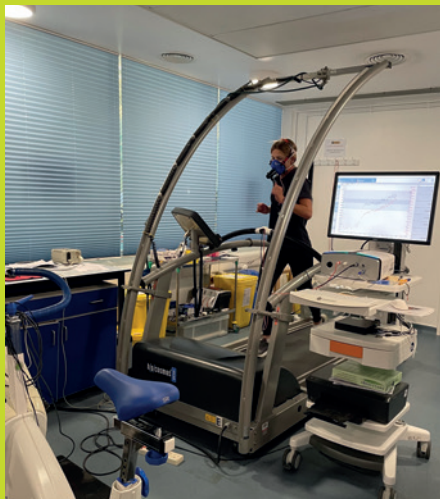


Focus on Clubs - Sport for All:

Sport for All club has been running every Tuesday afterschool until 4:05pm. This club provides an inclusive space for all years and abilities to try their hand at a wide variety of sports and activities. So far our pupils have been taking part in activities such as Dodgeball, Astro Football, Fitness, Benchball, Just Dance, Handball, Badminton, Spinning and Capture the Flag. Sport for All will be continuing every Tuesday with activities changing each half-term.

Year 10 BTEC Sport Trip:

With a brand new course that was started in September, Year 10 pupils across all four classes got to experience a day at the University of Bath. This was organised to complement the work the pupils have been doing in lessons surrounding the use of technology in Sport. Bath University is one of the leading Universities in the country for sport, and The Gryphon students got to see first-hand what it is like to train as an elite athlete. The trip involved a tour of the amazing facilities, a lecture from one of the Exercise Physiologists, and a series of fitness tests using state of the art light gates, pressure mats and fitness testing equipment. Pupils were also put through their paces performing the VO2max test and Wingate test in the laboratory. It was a fantastic



experience for all the staff and pupils and we hope this will become an annual trip, giving pupils the opportunity to see what it takes to be at the elite level.

Rugby:

The boys Year 11 rugby team have worked really well as a team this season, and battled hard in closely contested games vs Sherborne Boys, Gillingham and Huish, where in each they were just on the wrong side of the scoreboard. However, for their final match of the season they were excellent in all departments against Blandford, and came away convincing winners. The team were led well by Luke H, with standout performances from Oscar, Will W and Fin really setting the tone for others to follow.

The Year 10 Rugby team have had a superb season and have developed hugely over the years. With every player in the squad training both at school and at Sherborne RFC, this shows how well links between local sports clubs and schools can work. The players in the team have gelled superbly and I have never seen a team work so hard together and back each other in every game. Their success has seen them beat three independent schools including Leweston, Clayesmore and Sherborne School which is a huge achievement. They also fought courageously in the third round of the National Cup but just fell short against a very strong Thomas Hardy side. I am sure these boys will continue to play together as much as they can and keep improving year on year!

The Year 9 rugby boys are undefeated! Cracking wins against Sherborne Boys, Gill, Huish and then a nail biting 20-20 draw against Westfield, the team have showed great spirit and skill level.

Our Year 8 rugby boys have finished an unbeaten season with strong wins over

Gillingham, Huish Episcopi, Westfield and Blandford. From the 4 games, our boys recorded a total of over 30 tries while conceding only 3, which is a testament to this group's commitment and work-ethic. The boys' physicality was unmatched by any opponent, with consistent standout performances from Bill S, often running in length of the field tries, and Uriel T being a menace at the breakdown.

Girls Rugby:

The first of many girls Rugby games for the year was played this half term, with the U16 Girls taking to the pitch for an afternoon of match play. We took two teams to the county rugby tournament, and came an amazing 2nd and 3rd place! We are lucky enough to have a coach from Sherborne in on Wednesday afternoons to work with our girls Rugby players from 3 – 4.15pm. If you would like to come along and have a go, please come and chat to us in the PE office.

Hockey:

The Year 7 hockey team have showed great eagerness to get involved in hockey since joining in September. During lots of competitive fixtures against Sexeys, Buckler's Mead, King Arthur's and Sherborne Girls, the girls have showed fantastic progress and resilience.

Year 8 have had a rollercoaster of a hockey season, with lots of games getting cancelled due to the weather, and then playing their socks off in the games that have been on. Their resilience to practice and work together as a team have given them a place within the finals.

Year 9's have again had a great season on the hockey pitch, with over 15 different students playing in the team in their debut 11-a-side season. They have shown great determination and resilience in the step up from Year 8, and although the results haven't gone in their favour, they have played fantastic hockey.

The Year 10 and 11 hockey teams have continued in their winning ways and have both found themselves in the finals with no losses so far. All of the players have shown control, tactical understanding and confidence to put in to matches what they have learnt this year, which has been the biggest difference against other schools. In Sixth Form mixed hockey, the inaugural fixture against Sexey's School took place on Thursday 24th November in which a team travelled to play at Bruton.

The game was played in an excellent spirit and despite some treacherous conditions under foot that saw players struggling to keep on their feet at times, we managed to play some decent hockey. Emma G led the team, ably supported by Will P and George H. The score, a footnote on this occasion was 4-0 to the home side but most importantly it was great to play some competitive hockey. The group meet regularly on Thursday evenings 3.10 - 4.15pm after school and we would love to have new members join the club

Football:

The Year 10 football team are a real talent and have a solid group of players who all play both inside and outside of school on a regular basis. Although we are outside of the football season, the school enters the County Cup competitions each year and the Year 10 team started superbly. With a dominating 10-1 win over Magna Academy in round 1 of the competition, this team clearly have what it takes to go far in the competition



RUBY TAKES GOLD AT THE EUROPEAN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP!

A huge congratulations to Gryphon student Ruby W, who triumphed at the Junior European Boxing Championship in Italy earlier this term.

Ruby, who is in Year 11 and currently studying for her GCSEs, as well as training with England Boxing, beat Narmin Alizada from Afghanistan to claim gold in the Under 48kg category!