

April 25th 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term update

I hope that you had a very Happy Easter. Our colourful @Gryphon Spring newsletter is now on our website full of our school events and activities that I hope you will find interesting. Please let us know if you would like us to send you a paper copy of the newsletter.

School Governors

We have vacancies for 2 members of our Local Governing Body. Our Governors play an important part in the life of the school, acting as “critical friends” and monitoring the day-to-day life of the school. If you might be interested in becoming a Governor please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Rachel Dean, on 01935 810101 or via email rachel.dean@gryphon.dorset.sch.uk.

Operation Future Hope

We are working in partnership with a new local charity, Operation Future Hope, and Sherborne Girls' School to look at how we might make our campuses more environmentally friendly as well as raising the awareness of our students in both our schools as to the challenges to wildlife caused by human activity. We will be holding an information evening for parents, carers and our neighbours about Operation Future Hope and “rewilding” The Gryphon School in the near future.

Summer Exams

GCSE practical exams began before Easter so we are well underway with “exam season”. This year we have decided to modify the timetables for Y11 once the written elements of GCSE's begin. Students will have a personalised timetable of revisions sessions and lessons to help them prepare for their exams. The new timetables will be in place two weeks before the May half-term and for two weeks after. The final assembly for Y11 will be during the afternoon of June 14th.

TedX

The TedX Sherborne event takes place on 9th May and we are delighted that our students are taking part as stewards, performers and artists in the interludes and associated exhibitions. Our 6th Former Josh Shortman is to be one of the speakers in the main event. Whilst tickets to the event were limited it is being live-streamed throughout the day, more information is available on the TedX Sherborne website.

Dates for the diary

23 rd April – 3 rd May	Y10 PPE Weeks
29 th April	Y8 Parents Evening
1 st May	Junior Maths Challenge

6 th May – 10 th May	Y9 PPE week
8 th May	Y10 Geography Fieldtrip to Chesil Beach
9 th May	TedX Sherborne
31 st May – 3 rd June	Y9 Spanish Trip
3 rd and 6 th June	Y7 Geography trip to Exeter
7 th June – 10 th June	French Residential
14 th June	Y11 Celebration Assembly
17 th June – 21 st June	Y8 Exam week
21 st June	Y10 Aim Higher Day
26 th June	B&E Day
26 th June	Y13 Ball
27 th June	Sports Awards Evening
27 th June	6 th Form Induction Day
28 th June	SAST INSET Day – school closed to students
2 nd July	Y11 Ball
8 th – 12 th July	Gryphon Arts' Week
8 th July	Music Summer Soiree
9 th and 10 th July	KS3 Production
11 th July	Y12 Progression Day
12 th – 18 th July	Celebrations of Achievement
22 nd July	Sports Day
23 rd July	Last Day of Term (day ends for students at 2pm)

As you can see this promises to be another busy and exciting term.