



April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term

I hope that you had a really good Easter Holiday. During the break Miss Peters was married and from September will use her new name Mrs Gritt. We had very successful trips to Poland and Spain as well as Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award training. Just before the Easter break our latest newsletter was issued showing the huge range of activities going on across the school. "Gryphon's Got Talent" was a real highlight of the last couple of weeks of the Easter term – congratulations to our winner Jacob Dike who clearly has the potential to be the next Ed Sheeran!

The Summer Term has been extremely busy already. GCSE and A level practical exams are already underway and the Y10 have just completed their PPEs.

The Gryphon Leisure Centre

We have been asked to share this message from the Sherborne Area School's Trust about the development of the leisure centre:-

We need your help!

The Sherborne Area School's Trust has taken over the running of The Gryphon Sports Centre from West Dorset Council.

We would like your help in creating a facility which meets your needs. The questionnaire will take a maximum of 5 minutes.

Everyone who completes it will be entered into a draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

The survey closes at midnight on Friday 27th April 2018.

Good luck and thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RFKP2YY>

Uniform Guidelines for September 2018

Just before Easter we sent out details about the standard trousers and skirts that we will be introducing for all Y7 students from September 2018 and for all students in Y7-11 from 2019. The styles from the manufacturers (Banner) can be purchased through Sporting Classics or can be found from other sources, including on-line school clothing retailers. Please do not try to source items that simply look similar to the ones chosen by the school – we really do want them to be "uniform". We hope that this will alleviate all doubt about what is acceptable and introduce the clarity that many parents have requested.

Data Breach

As you may already know the school experienced a data breach on Wednesday 18th April. A document containing information about Y13 students was mistakenly circulated to Y12 students as an attachment to an internal email. As soon as the breach was discovered our IT team worked quickly to remove all copies of the email from our system. We have written to all students involved and I have seen Y12 and Y13 students to apologise for our error. We have reported the breach to the Office of the Information Commissioner.

Rock Challenge

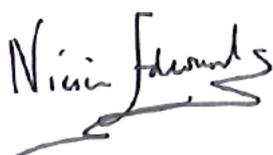
Our Rock Challenge Team are taking part in the regional finals of the competition on Thursday of this week. We wish them all the very best!

Some Key Dates This Term

30th April – Y8 Parents' Evening
28th May – 1st June – Half Term
4th and 5th June – New Parents' Evenings (Y6 into Y7 students)
6th and 7th June – Y7 visits to Sherborne Castle and Exeter
25th June – Y13 Ball
27th June – B&E Day
28th June – Sports Awards Evenings
29th June – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
30th June – 6th July 6th Form visit to Rwanda
2nd – 6th July Y12 PPEs
5th July – Y11 Ball
9th – 13th July Arts Festival Week
17th July – Y12 Progression Day
16th – 19th July Celebration Events
23rd July Sports Day
24th July Last Day of Term – students finish at 2pm.

We are looking forward to an exciting Summer Term!

Best wishes,



Nicki Edwards
Headteacher

