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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Spring Term Newsletter

The latest edition of @Gryphon is now available online; it includes a myriad of features on the trips, visits and events that took place last term. If you would like a hard copy they are available from main reception or please email us and we will send you a copy.

## Thank You

Many thanks to all of our staff who made all of our end of term activities so successful. As usual our Carol Service in Sherborne Abbey was very special, the collection taken during the service was well over £700 and this has been sent to support the work of Crisis at Christmas. We are very grateful to all of our parents and carers who enable and encourage our students to be part of our events.

## Key dates this half term

- 23<sup>rd</sup> January Y9 Parents' Forum - Options
- 29<sup>th</sup> January Careers and Apprenticeship Exhibition (open to parents 16:30 – 19:00)
- 30<sup>th</sup> January Y10 Parents' Evening
- 31<sup>st</sup> January Y9 Genocide Awareness Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> February – visit by author Jason Lewis (talk available to parents and public 19:00)
- 6<sup>th</sup> February Harry Potter Evening
- 6<sup>th</sup> February Y7 Parents' Forum
- 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February Y8 visit to Bristol Zoo
- 13<sup>th</sup> February Y11 Parents' Evening
- 16<sup>th</sup> February Berlin Trip departs
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February Half Term
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> March Y11 PPE exams
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – Y10 visit to Hindu Temple

## Parking

As the academic year progresses parking on the school site becomes more difficult as more 6<sup>th</sup> formers pass their driving test and would like to park on site. In turn this puts pressure on our neighbours, particularly at the end of the day when parents and carers drive to school to collect students. If you collect your child at the end of the day please could I ask you to consider doing so after 3:45? It is much safer for your child if you do this; they can make use of the LRC and even do a little homework whilst they wait! If you have to come into the area before that time please consider our neighbours and do not block entrances to their homes.

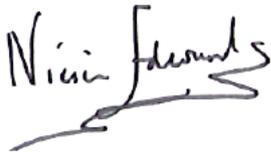
## Bad Weather

If the school has to close because of bad weather, information will be provided on the school website, via Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. We will also plan to send texts with updates. We always aim to give information as soon as possible and work in close partnership with our transport providers to ensure the safety of students and staff.

## Uniform

After a really good start in September there are a few examples of non-standard uniform coming in to school. Please support us by ensuring that your son / daughter is in the correct uniform, full details are available on the school website.

Good luck to our under 16's taking part in the round for the last 32 in the Boys Football National Cup today!



Nicki Edwards  
Headteacher

