



November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn Newsletter – second half of term

The first half of the Autumn Term was, as always, very busy. The speaker at our annual Prize Giving in Sherborne Abbey was Professor Robert Sinden from Imperial College, London. Our Y6 Open Evening and 6th Form Open Evening were very well attended; as always our students were excellent ambassadors for the school as they acted as tour guides or took part in activities in department areas. Carey Camp was very wet but the students and staff made the most of the chance to get to know each other. The Y7 team were delighted at how well the students behaved and took part in all of the activities – building relationships with their new tutor group. More details about these events, and many others, will be provided in our Autumn Term @Gryphon newsletter that will be published online in December.

Remembrance 2019

Once again, we have at the front of the main entrance to school a “Silent Soldier” surrounded by memorial crosses marking the lives given by the young men of Foster’s School in the world wars. On Monday 11th November at 10:30 we will hold our annual Remembrance Service in partnership with the Old Fosterians, during which a former Gryphon student, Kitt Thomas-Peter who is now in the RAF, will talk about the importance of remembrance. Members of our year councils and School Council attend this service along with any other students or staff with connections to the armed forces who would like to attend.

Changes to LRC Opening Hours

From November 14th our LRC opening hours on a Friday will change when the LRC will close at 4pm instead of 4:30pm. Monday to Thursday the closing time remains unchanged at 5pm.

The closing times will also change for the second part of the Summer Term 2020 when they will be 4:30pm Monday to Thursday and 4pm on a Friday.

Key dates this term

- Y7 Parents’ Evening – Thursday 21st November
- PPEs for Y11 – 18th – 29th November
- Non-uniform day for Children in Need – Friday 15th November
- INSET Day (school closed to pupils) – Friday 22nd November
- Carol Service in Sherborne Abbey – Tuesday 17th December at 7pm
- Last Day of Autumn Term – Thursday 19th December – school finishes for students at 2pm.

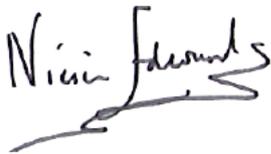
Bad Weather

If the school has to close because of bad weather, information will be provided on the school website, via Twitter and Facebook. We will also aim 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.

Sixth Form Applications

Applications to our Sixth Form are made via a link on the website. The closing date for general applications is 10th January 2020.

We are looking forward to another exciting half term, culminating in the expectation of the Christmas season! I hope to see many of you at our Carol Service on Tuesday 17th December which always provides a wonderful start to festivities.



Nicki Edwards
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