

Spotlight on Sherborne

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OF
2027

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It was fantastic to see so many of you at Sherborne at Work and Sherborne in Action in September!

Both days were filled with energy, enthusiasm, and some brilliant successes across the activities. The staff were especially impressed by the incredible teamwork on display – well done to everyone who took part!

We hope you enjoy a magical Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



Meet the Housemaster

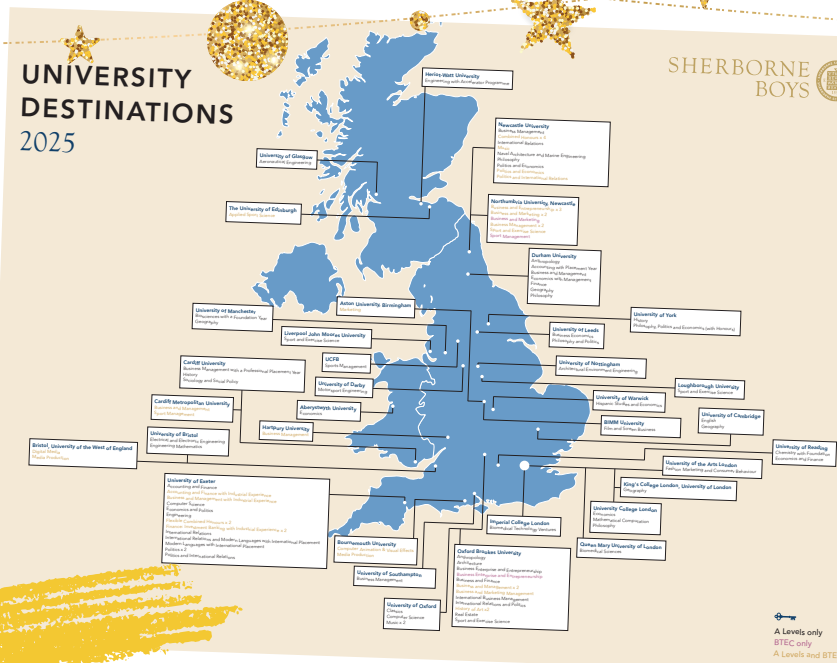
Mr Murray – Lyon

Lyon House is based on the edge of Sherborne's town centre about a five-minute walk away from the main School campus. Lyon boys are proud of the close relationships that exist across all year groups and their ability to pull together as a community and achieve great things. Mr Murray is the Housemaster of Lyon House, and he has taught at Sherborne since 2016. Here is some more information about him –

- Mr Murray began his teaching career at Lingfield College, where he was also Head of Year
- He started teaching Physics at Sherborne in 2016 and prior to taking over as Lyon's Housemaster in September 2022 was Resident Tutor of The Digby
- Outside of the classroom he coaches football and tennis and still plays competitive league football when time permits



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2025



Oxbridge Places and University Destinations – Following a great set of examination results, last year's leavers are off to a wide range of university courses, all around the world – read about where they are studying on the Class of 2027 webpage.

Academic Essay Success

Congratulations to Matthew W (U6d) and Tom M (U6c) for their outstanding achievements—Matthew as winner of the John Locke Global Essay Prize, and Tom for receiving the Best Overall Essay award at the Sidgwick Prize Awards in Cambridge.

Meet the teacher

Tom Taylor

Director of Sport

What inspired you to teach and what was your childhood dream job?

I always loved sport at school and wanted to be a professional of any sport I possibly could from a young age. I was brought up in a very sporty family and was very fortunate to have three fantastic sports teachers when I was in secondary school. In a minibus, on the way home from a football match at 14 years old, one of those teachers said I would make a good P.E. teacher and from that day, I did all I could to do that. I coached the year 7 and 8 pupils at my school, taught P.E. lessons to primary schools while in 6th form and started teaching as soon as I left university. I am very lucky to have had the experiences I have had in sport when growing up.

Surprising Fact?

I have an identical twin brother who is also a teacher, and twin sisters.



Drama Highlights:

Along with two house plays and a sell-out joint schools' production of *Les Misérables*, it has been a busy term for our Drama Department.



We also welcomed Old Shirburnian, actor and author **Hugh Bonneville**, for a wonderful Q&A session where he reminisced about his time at Sherborne and shared anecdotes and advice with the boys. The final question of the evening asked whether he still remembered the words to The Carmen (the school song), and he happily led the audience in a rousing rendition of the first verse.



From the Archives

Faces of the Second World War

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War the faces of the 242 Shirburnians who lost their lives in the conflict were projected onto the wall of the War Memorial Staircase for the Chapel Remembrance Service and Remembrance Day. For more information about the school's Roll of Honour, and the marking of Remembrance at Sherborne Boys, please visit the Class of 2027 webpage.



NOW ONLINE

We're delighted to share with you this year's Shirburnian Magazine. It's a great review of another busy year in the life of our school – and you may well spot some familiar faces as you read through it. **Download and read copies of this**, and our pupil-led magazines from the Languages, Music and Sports Departments on the Class of 2027 webpage.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Next steps along the road to Sherborne:

- **JANUARY 2026**
Assessment Day and offers of a place (Year 7 testing)
- **BY MARCH 2026**
Accept your place (Year 7 testing)
- **JUNE 2026**
Super Sunday
- **SEPTEMBER 2026**
Scholarship Applications open
- **OCTOBER 2026**
Boarding Open House
- **JANUARY 2027**
Scholarship Assessments
- **BY FEBRUARY 2027**
Return your House Preference Form
- **APRIL 2027**
House allocations announced
- **JUNE 2027**
Common Entrance and New Boys' Day
- **SUMMER 2027**
Get your uniform
- **SEPTEMBER 2027**
Become a Shirburnian

