

# Spotlight on Sherborne

M I C H A E L M A S  
2025

CLASS  
OF  
2028

## A Welcome from Mrs Joanna Jackson, Head of Admissions



Hello and welcome from all of us at **Sherborne Boys!** We're delighted that you're planning to join us in September 2028 and can't wait for you to become part of our vibrant Sherborne community.

Each term, you'll receive a newsletter packed with updates and insights into life at Sherborne. You might discover a few things you didn't know about us, and we'll keep challenging you with our "28 Things to Do Before You Join Sherborne".

Don't forget to visit the Class of 2028 webpage regularly for the latest news and helpful resources.

For most of you, the next step on your journey will be our Assessment Day in January—a fantastic opportunity to meet staff and other boys joining at the same time, take part in group activities, and experience interviews. To help you prepare and feel confident, we've shared some interview tips on the Class of 2028 webpage.



Finally, we wish you a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you in the New Year!



## Sherborne at Home Challenge Boxes & Sherborne at Work

A massive thank you to everyone who completed and sent back their Sherborne at Home challenges. It was great to see so many boys take part.

It was good to see so many of those who will be taking assessments in January at our Sherborne at Work event earlier in the term. We hope you enjoyed the activities and meeting some of the boys registered to join us.





# Meet the Housemaster

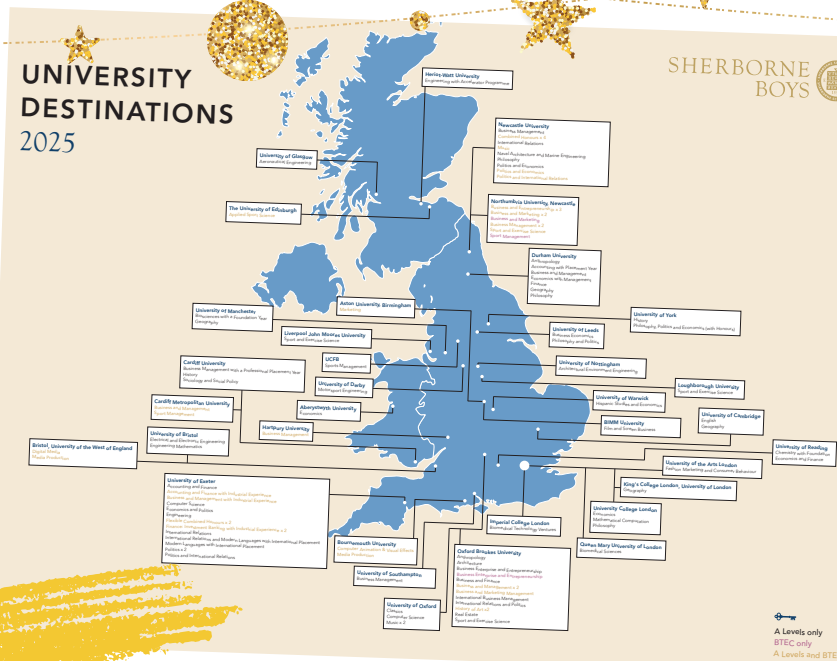
## Mr Murray – Lyon

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 2028 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.

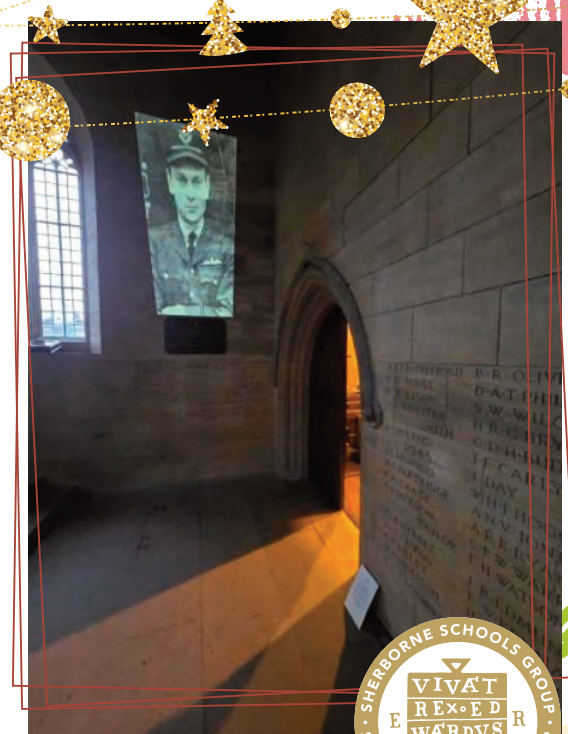




# From the Archives

## 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 2028 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 2028 webpage.

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

## Next steps along the road to Sherborne:

- **JANUARY 2026**  
Assessment Day and offers of a place (Year 6 testing)
- **BY MARCH 2026**  
Accept your place (Year 6 testing)
- **SEPTEMBER 2026**  
Sherborne In Action
- **JANUARY 2027**  
Assessment Day and offers of a place (Year 7 testing)
- **BY MARCH 2027**  
Accept your place (Year 7 testing)
- **JUNE 2027**  
Super Sunday
- **OCTOBER 2027**  
Boarding Open House
- **BY JANUARY 2028**  
Return your House Preference Form
- **APRIL 2028**  
House allocations announced
- **JUNE 2028**  
Common Entrance and New Boys' Day
- **SUMMER 2028**  
Get your uniform
- **SEPTEMBER 2028**  
Become a Shirburnian

