



# SHERBORNE BOYS



## BUILDING CHARACTER CO-CURRICULAR GUIDE

Beyond the classroom



## Building Character

What shapes a pupil during his time at school often occurs outside the classroom setting. Academic achievement is important, but the habits, virtues, and confidence that help boys grow into thoughtful, capable, and decent young men are often forged elsewhere. Character is shaped through experience, challenge, and the everyday moments that sit beyond the timetable.

We are preparing the pupils for the tests of life, not a life of tests. Life outside lessons plays a vital role in this development. Through sport, music, drama, service, and a wide range of clubs and societies, pupils find purpose and connection. It helps them look up and out at the world as well as considering the sort of person they want to become. Shared endeavour encourages teamwork, resilience, empathy, and integrity, while offering opportunities to serve others and contribute positively to the wider community.

With such breadth on offer, pupils at Sherborne Boys are encouraged to explore widely, commit fully, and take on new challenges. The Building Character programme brings together a broad mix of activities, combining those that are an expected part of school life with others that pupils choose to pursue for themselves.

To make this landscape clear and accessible, opportunities are organised within seven guiding pillars.

### ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

... where **curiosity** thrives, critical thinking blossoms and intellectual boundaries are stretched.

### PERSONAL SKILLS AND DEVELOPMENT

... Where virtues such as **empathy** are cultivated, habits are formed and life skills are developed.

### MUSIC AND THE CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

... where artistic expression builds resilience, fosters **empathy**, encourages creative risks and promotes courage.

### SPORT, HEALTH AND FITNESS

... where physical activity complements wellbeing, team spirit cultivates **respect** and a healthy body promotes a healthy mind.

### ADVENTURE AND LEADERSHIP

... where horizons are broadened, empathy is fostered, challenge builds courage and **resilience** enhances confidence.

### COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND OUTREACH

... where care, kindness and compassion foster a culture of **service** and social responsibility.

### HOUSE SPIRIT AND FUN

... where camaraderie, trust and **integrity** build bonds of friendship which are cemented for life!!

Every pupil arrives with different interests, talents, and curiosities, and our role is to help them uncover what intrinsically motivates them. When boys are encouraged to experiment, take on unfamiliar challenges, and learn through doing, they gain far more than new abilities. They develop self belief, broaden their perspective, and acquire experiences and habits that prepare them to flourish in life beyond their school years. In the process, they come to understand the values and standards that sit at the heart of Sherborne Boys.

**MR ROB LE POIDEVIN**  
ASSISTANT HEAD SAL (SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP)

# Academic Enrichment ...

*... where **curiosity** thrives, critical thinking blossoms and intellectual boundaries are stretched.*

- Academic Scholars' Groups
- Advanced Science Society
- Biology Society
- Beginners' Classical Greek
- Cecil Society
- Chemistry Olympiad
- Chemistry Symposium
- Chemistry - Cambridge Chemistry Challenge
- Classical Greek Club
- Classics Symposium
- Economics and Business Society
- Public Speaking Competition for EAL pupils
- Francophone Club
- German Club
- History Extension Group and Essay Prizes
- History of Art Society
- Japanese Language and Culture Club
- Languages Society
- Maths Challenge Club/Competitions
- Medical, Veterinary and Dentistry Group
- Music Appreciation Club
- Music Aural Club
- Music Theory Club
- Music Diploma Programme
- Music Pro Corda Competition
- Music Oxbridge Preparation Class
- Philosophy Symposium
- Physics Lecture Programme
- Physics Olympiad
- Senior Debating Society
- Thinkers
- Turing Society
- UK Linguistics Olympiad





## Personal Skills and Development ...

*... Where virtues such as empathy are cultivated,  
habits are formed and life skills are developed.*

- Art Club
- Art Workshops
- Art Scholars' Club
- Board Games Club
- Catholic Confirmation Classes
- Ceramics Club
- CofE Confirmation Classes
- Creative Writing
- The School Christian Union (Crossfire)
- Design and Technology – Workshop Extension Clubs
- First Aid Courses
- Jewellery Making
- Leiths Cookery (L6 only)
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Music Scholar Enrichment Programme
- Music Practice Clubs
- Photography and Design Club

# Music and the Creative and Performing Arts

*... where artistic expression builds resilience, fosters **empathy**, encourages creative risks and promotes courage.*

- Barbershop
- Bell-ringing
- Brass Band
- Brass Trio
- Caledonian Society
- Chamber Music Ensembles
- Chamber Choir
- Chapel Choir
- Choral Society
- Classical Music Society
- Concerts – Weekly Lunchtime Concerts, Termly, Informal Concert, Larger Concerts
- Concert Trips
- CourtsFest
- DJ Club
- Drama Productions (Junior, Senior)
- Drama Scholars Club
- Individual Instrumental Lesson Programme
- Jazz Ensemble
- Music Practice Club
- Music Scholars Club
- Radio Sherborne
- Rock Bands
- RocSoc
- Sinfonia
- Speech and Drama Lessons
- Street Dance
- String Trio
- Symphonic Strings
- Swing Band
- Symphony Orchestra
- Wind Band
- Wind Quintet





## Sport, Health and Fitness ...

... where physical activity complements wellbeing, team spirit cultivates **respect** and a healthy body promotes a healthy mind.

- Sport options:
  - Athletics
  - Badminton
  - Basketball
  - Clay Shooting
  - Climbing
  - Cricket
  - Croquet
  - Cross-Country
  - Fives
  - Football
  - Futsal
  - Golf
  - Hockey
  - Pickleball
  - Polo
  - Rugby
  - Running
  - Sailing
  - Squash
  - Swimming
  - Target/Rifle Shooting
  - Tennis
  - Water Polo
  - Volleyball
- Tennis Lessons
- High Performance Programme and Pathway Performance Programme
- Strength and Conditioning
- Gym Sessions
- Performance Training in select Sports

# Adventure and Leadership ...

*... where horizons are broadened, empathy is fostered, challenge builds courage and resilience leads to confidence.*

- CCF, which can include:
  - Archery
  - Bouldering
  - Coasteering
  - Climbing
  - Cycling
  - High Ropes
  - Kayaking
  - Orienteering
  - Parachuting
  - Sailing
  - Shooting
  - Surfing
- CCF trips:
  - Adventure training in Norway
  - UK summer camp
  - Visits to military units
  - Field day residential camps
  - Shooting air rifles
  - Shooting on live fire ranges
- Awareness/introductory talks from serving army officers
- Duke of Edinburgh's Awards:
  - Bronze
  - Silver
  - Gold
- Expeditions:
  - Brecon Beacons
  - Dartmoor
  - Exmoor
  - Jurassic Coast
  - Quantocks
  - Scottish Highlands
  - Snowdonia
- Ten Tors (35-mile, 45-mile)
- Ski racing
- Recreational ski trip
- House Trips, which can include:
  - Coasteering
  - High ropes





## Community, Environment and Outreach ...

*... where care, kindness and compassion foster a culture of service and social responsibility.*

- Charitable Fundraising
- EDCLUB
- Each House supports a chosen charity
- Environmental Action Group
- Gardening Club
- Gryphon Exchange
- International Society
- Chinese New Year Celebration
- Music Lunchtime Recitals
- Music Residential Care Home Performances
- Music Dinner and Jazz
- Music Yeatman Hospital Christmas Carols
- Music Charitable Concerts
- Volunteering:
  - Language volunteers
  - Litter picking
  - Music in the community
  - Pre-Prep and primary school helpers
  - Primary school debating workshops
  - Residential care home visits and entertainment
- Sherborne Youth Town Council

# House Spirit and Fun ...

*... where camaraderie, trust and integrity  
build bonds of friendship which are cemented for life!*

- Borne to Thrive
- Charities, outreach and fundraising
- Debating
- Inter-House Competitions:
  - o Athletics
  - o Croquet
  - o Fives
  - o Football
  - o Golf
  - o Hockey
  - o Sailing
  - o Singing
  - o Swimming
  - o Water Polo
- Karaoke
- Literary Quiz
- Rugby
- Sunday Activities:
  - o Cookery, including baking and Sushi making
  - o Countryside Rambles
  - o Escape Rooms
  - o Festive Shopping
  - o Laser Tag
  - o Clip 'n' Climb
  - o Flip Out
  - o Surfing
  - o Water Parks
- Weekend Socials:
  - o Scottish reeling
  - o Beach evenings



“Intelligence plus character.  
That is the goal of true education.”

MARTIN LUTHER KING



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