

# BRYANSTON

Student: **Aurelia Schmiegelow**  
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Tutor: Graham Scott

## Autumn 2020 A2 Report

### Activity Report: Cello

Ms Fiona Murphy

Aurelia has worked with great commitment and enthusiasm and I have been pleased with her progress. She has been learning a range of Grade 8 standard repertoire, scales and arpeggios and exercises in thumb position. Aurelia has developed her tone and can now produce a fuller and more varied sound. She is becoming more confident playing in the higher registers and this is an area of her technique we will continue to develop. Earlier in the term Aurelia made a very positive contribution in the cello ensemble.

### Activity Report: Football Girls

Mr Akshay Sanghrajka

Aurelia was a fantastic participant in football this term. She has built on all her skills from last year but has been stronger, faster and even more tenacious on the pitch. It was a tremendous shame we didn't have matches in which she would have really been able to showcase her talent. She also did not return for the second half of term. I hope she is able to continue her football in further education.

### Activity Report: Piano

Mr Graham Scott

Aurelia has been working on the 'Appassionata' Sonata of Beethoven this term: the first movement for both her showcase concert and for the Saxton Recital Competition; the third movement as a future concert piece. She has made decent progress with both, working on details and we have focused on building technical resilience - the ability to keep going under pressure and remain consistent. Much of that is associated with trying to keep relaxed and connecting into the arms and shoulders. In addition, Aurelia has done well with the Gliere too, a piece she would have performed with a horn student in the London at Bryanston concert (postponed due to illness) - the intention is that this will be performed next term. In 2021, it would be good to explore some different composers too.



## Activity Report: Accompanying

Mr Xavier Iles

Aurelia continues to work hard in our accompaniment sessions. She is always willing to listen to feedback. Most of our work has been on her Saint-Saens and Rachmaninov pieces for cello. I have been asking her to think about how she practises in order to make the time she spends focused and productive. She could also pay closer attention to the dynamics marked in her part and consider the part they play in communicating the music to her audience.

She has coped well with the return to remote sessions but I very much hope to see her back at Bryanston in person next term.

## Tutor Report

Mr Graham Scott

Aurelia has continued to work incredibly hard this term as the demands of the IB course continue, with Internal Assessments (IAs), Theory of Knowledge work, and the Extended Essay, as well as day to day classwork. Her attainment across the board remains very high and if everything falls into place, 45 points is possible. She has generally been very good at meeting deadlines, with just occasional slips. Illness later in the term hasn't helped, but I'm sure she will be back on track by the beginning of the Spring Term. There is some useful feedback and advice in the final cycle of interims on the eChart, which I encourage her to read and act upon. Beyond the academics, she has been busy with music, bouldering, and football. We have to hope that she will be able to return physically in January. Well done on another outstanding term and I hope you all have a lovely Christmas despite the current pandemic and associated restrictions.

## HsM Report

Mrs Olivia Tory

Aurelia managed to squeeze a lot into the first half of term with bouldering sessions, piano and cello lessons and performances, all of which were useful in helping her manage the stress of IB2. With the increased academic load due to internal assessments, the extended essay as well as the ToK essay she has been kept very busy. Having multiple assessments ongoing concurrently is challenging but I am sure that with her excellent time management skills she will manage the juggling act of the next term. She has been very much missed in the latter half of term but understandably the decision was taken for her to remain at home due to Covid. Whilst it's uncertain if Aurelia will return at the start of the Spring Term I am confident that she will maintain her conscientious and diligent efforts. It would be lovely if Aurelia could come back to Purbeck as she has some great ideas for House music competitions and activities as well as spending time with her peers in her final year of school. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and enjoy some quality family time together away from the books.



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## Spring 2021 A2 Report

### Tutor Report

Mr Graham Scott

Aurelia has continued to work extremely hard this term, on classwork, internal assessments, assignments, her extended essay, and Theory of Knowledge. Her results from the remote exams were excellent and she is well placed for the final term of IB work. She has remained focused and organised with her learning and I have been impressed again with how she has engaged with the Guided Learning Programme. As I write, she is putting the final touches to her Maths IA and we now await more information from IB about the shape of next term's assessment methods.

Aurelia is now thinking about the USA as a more likely destination for graduate school and with a gap year planned, she has some time to get into more detailed research on degree courses. Hopefully, she will be able to make a road trip or two as Covid restrictions are lifted. Next term, we have to hope that she will be able to come back to school to enjoy a Summer Term. Well done this term - I hope you all have a good Easter despite the ongoing restrictions.

