

Head's Update!

Welcome to the first edition of our weekly newsletter. We hope that you find the information useful; please do feedback if you have any suggestions as to what you'd like to be included.

You will be aware that James Sankey has now left Corfe Hills. For the duration of this academic year, I will be acting as Headteacher until a permanent replacement is found. Although many of you know me already, I thought I'd provide you with some information about myself. I've been working at Corfe Hills since 2015 as Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher. Prior to this, I worked in senior leadership positions in Northampton and as a Head of Year and Head of English in South London, where I am from. My husband is also a teacher in a local school and I have three teenage children who are currently and have previously attended local schools. Relocating to this beautiful part of the country ten years ago was a game changer for us a family.

I qualified as a teacher 30 years ago and am passionate about ensuring that all students feel a sense of belonging in school. When they are happy, feel safe and supported, they will flourish – both in their learning and as individuals. At Corfe Hills, we are committed to getting this right for every child.

We have been extremely excited to welcome back all students to the start of the Spring Term during the past two weeks. They have made a really positive start to their studies and are enjoying being back at school. We are committed to strengthening existing relationships with you as parents/carers. Opportunities for student voices to be heard are being expanded in every year group through our personal development programme. Last term, all students completed an ImpactEd survey on attendance habits and potential barriers to attendance – this has provided us with a detailed insight into how we can work together with you and students to further improve our whole school attendance. Although we have made some improvements with this recently, there is still much to do.

It was lovely to meet many of you at our Year 11 Parents' Evening last night and thank you for your feedback. Please read the information in the upcoming dates that we will remind you about in each newsletter.

Sara Jones

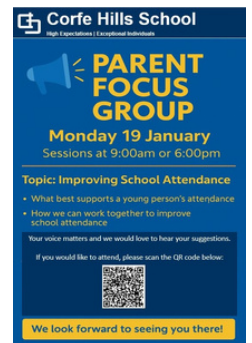
Attendance



Attendance Expectations

Thank you so much for all you are doing to ensure your child is at school for 8:30am every day, well prepared and ready to learn. We know sometimes that this can be tricky and we want to work together to improve attendance.

Please come along to our Focus group on Monday 19 January. We would love to see you there!



Reporting Absences

Reminder: If you need to report an absence, please phone 01202 006666, press 1, and leave your child's name and reason.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome four new members of staff:

Jo Waddington – Attendance Officer
Evie Allsopp – Student Support Assistant (Year 9)
Angeli Dean – Student Support Assistant (Year 11)
Stephanie Green - Science Technician

Next Week's Dates for Diary

19 Jan Parents' Focus Group - 9am or 6 pm
Parent Book Club - 6pm

26 Jan Second-hand Uniform Sale

Football Success

Well done to the year 11 boys winning their cup 5th round match 2-1 away against Ferndown in torrential rain and wind. Great spirit and attitude was demonstrated by all.



SPORTS FIXTURES



20 Jan - Year 11 Rugby & Year 9 Football

21 Jan - Year 9 Rugby

21 Jan - Year 11 Football & Year 10 Football



CHS Book Awards

The Corfe Hills Book Awards were a terrific success at the end of last term! Students from all year groups walked the red carpet and received awards for nominating their favourite books and characters across a range of categories.

Mr Sutton won the Teacher award for bringing books to life - he was a popular choice in a category that saw 22 different teachers nominated!

Sarah A and George P won our Student Reader awards and were nominated by their peers. Esther and Matilda, our 6th Form Literacy Officers were also recognised for their work promoting literacy across the school. It was a really inspiring afternoon, with lots of reading recommendations shared and we're looking forward to hosting more book events as we start 2026 - the UK's national year of reading!

National Apprenticeship Week

9 - 13 February 2026

To celebrate National Apprenticeship Week, we are encouraging students, parents, and carers to explore the opportunities available. A key event is the Virtual Apprenticeship Fair, which you can access via this link:

<https://webapp.spotme.com/login/events/pace/apprenticeship-fair>



This free event allows students to:

- Meet 30 employers in just two hours
- Explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities
- Attend live sessions on how to apply successfully
- Chat one-on-one with experts for top tips



Christmas Card Comp!

Congratulations to Chloe P and Ollie T for winning our Christmas card competition.

They won a £15 Amazon voucher.





Introducing the Pastoral Team

Year 9



Laura Paterson
Head of Year
Fun Fact: Skilled Pianist & played organ for 18 years in Church



Laura Vincent
Senior Student Support Manager
Fun Fact: Has run the London Marathon



Evie Allsop
Student Support Assistant
Fun Fact: Fixes & drives old cars & plays the bagpipes!

Year 10



Aaron Lindon
Head of Year
Fun Fact: Level 5 snowboarder



Vicki O'Brien
Student Support Manager
Fun Fact: Has had dinner with King Charles & Richard Gere

Year 11



James Harris
Head of Year
Fun Fact: Played rugby for South of England and scored a try at Twickenham



Angeli Dean
Student Support Assistant
Fun Fact: Is getting married this year

Sixth Form



Laura McDermid
Head of Sixth Form
Fun Fact: Running the London Marathon in April



Tania Planells
Deputy Head of Sixth Form
Fun Fact: Studied Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics at uni & learnt how to read tomb inscriptions in middle Egyptian



Claire Kelly
Student Support Manager
Fun Fact: Has served pints to a former Prime Minister



Rachel Haddrell
Student Support Manager
Fun Fact: Is a qualified hairdresser

Sixth Form Key Dates

- Year 13 Mocks - 26 - 30 January
- Year 12 Mocks - 18 May - 22 May
- Year 12 Work Experience - 1 - 5 June
- Year 13 A-Level Exams start - 11 May
- Year 13 - End of School Celebration - 24 June

Year 9 Key Dates

- Core Subject Parents evening - 29 January
- GCSE Options evening - 5 February

Year 10 Key Dates

- Year 10 Work experience - 16 - 27 March

Year 11 Key Dates

- Year 11 Mocks - 9 to 27 February
- GCSE Written Exams - Start 8 May
- Year 11 Prom - 2 July

School Events



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PARENT FOCUS GROUP

Monday 19 January

Sessions at 9:00am or 6:00pm

Topic: Improving School Attendance

- What best supports a young person's attendance
- How we can work together to improve school attendance

Your voice matters and we would love to hear your suggestions.

If you would like to attend, please scan the QR code below:



We look forward to seeing you there!

ICELAND

20-24 NOVEMBER 2026

Log in to ParentPay to reserve a space on this 4 night trip with a £330 deposit.



Total trip cost £1390 pp. includes travel, hotel, meals and all activities including The Secret Lagoon, lava show and a glacier hike, to name but a few!



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Friends of Corfe Hills – PTA Second-hand uniform to buy



Blazer	£10.00
Hoodie	£7.00
Jumper	£5.00
Trousers	£2.00
Skirt	£2.00
Sports shorts*	£5.00
Sports tops *	£5.00
Girls leggings*	£5.00
Boys tracksuit bottoms*	£5.00
White shirts	Free
Socks	Free



*Please note that only current Year 11s are permitted to wear the old PE kit.

NEXT SALE: Monday 26th January 2026 5-6pm

If you have any unwanted uniform items, please recycle them by dropping them into reception. (Please ensure they are washed and inside a carrier bag if possible)

Money raised will be put to good use by the PTA!

Sales usually take place in January and July. Unfortunately, we're not able to organise individual sales at other times.

If you're able to help out at a sale (and get first choice of the uniform), please contact the PTA: pta@corfehills.net

Local Events



CAREERS & COFFEE EVENT

Information session for Parents, Carers & Young People

It's never too early to get inspired.

Did you know there are 700 different apprenticeship pathways? With the changing economic landscape, more people are now turning to apprenticeships as their pathway to work.

Enjoy a free coffee in the informal setting of our community venues and gain vital, up-to-date information on the employment and apprenticeship landscape in Dorset. Skills expert, Joanne Small, demystifies common misconceptions and answers your questions.

Open to students in Years 10-13 exploring post school options. Students from Year 7 upwards are also welcome to attend as they begin considering their future options.

Sat 15th November 25
10.30am - 11.30am

Weymouth

Weymouth Library, Great George Street, Weymouth, DT4 8NN

Sat 29th November 25
10.30am - 11.30am

Wareham

Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation, Worgret Rd, Wareham, BH20 4PH

Sat 17th January 26
10.30am - 11.30am

Bournemouth

St Swithun's Church, Gervis Road, Bournemouth, BH1 3ED

Sat 24th January 26
10.30am - 11.30am

Poole

The Spire, Poole High Street, BH15 1DF

Sat 31st January 26
10.30am - 11.30am

Wimborne

Allendale Community Centre, Hanham Road, Wimborne, BH21 1AS

Flip this flyer for more locations!



Sat 7th February 26
10.30am - 11.30am

Dorchester

Dorford Centre, Dorchester Baptist Church, Bridport Road, Dorchester, DT1 1RR

Sat 28th February 26
10.30am - 11.30am

Bridport

Bridport Youth & Community Centre, Gundry Ln, Bridport, DT6 3RL

Sat 7th March 26
10.30am - 11.30am

Sturminster Newton

The Exchange Old Market Hill, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1FH

New SEND events for 2026!

We are hosting events suitable for Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities families. Check out the location and dates below:



Sat 31st January 26
10.30am - 11.30am

Bournemouth

St Swithun's Church, Gervis Road, Bournemouth, BH1 3ED

Sat 7th February 26
10.30am - 11.30am

Poole

The Spire, High Street, Poole, BH15 1DF

Sat 7th March 26
10.30am - 11.30am

Wimborne

Allendale Community Centre, Hanham Road, Wimborne, BH21 1AS

Sat 14th March 26
10.30am - 11.30am

Dorchester

Dorford Centre, Dorchester Baptist Church, Bridport Road, Dorchester, DT1 1RR

Contact us

Visit: dorsetcareershub.co.uk

Call: 01305 228855

Email: dorsetcareershub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

REGISTER HERE >



CATCH-UP CLINICS ARE BACK!

HPV & FLU

IF YOUR CHILD HAS MISSED THEIR HPV VACCINATION (Y8 UPWARDS) OR THEIR FLU VACCINE (RECEPTION-Y11) THIS SCHOOL YEAR PLEASE BOOK ONTO ONE OF OUR UPCOMING CLINICS BELOW:



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JAN 2026

FLU CLINIC

CANFORD HEATH CLINIC
CULLIFORD CRESENT
BH17 9DW

HPV CLINIC

FAIRMILE HOUSE
TASMAN CLOSE, JUMPERS ROAD
CHRISTCHURCH
BH23 2JT

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JAN 2026

FLU + HPV CLINIC

BLANDFORD SCOUT HUT
EAGLE HOUSE GARDENS
BLANDFORD FORUM
DT11 7BS

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JAN 2026

HPV CLINIC

KINGS PARK HOSPITAL
GLOUCESTER ROAD
BOSOMBE BH7 6JF



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FEB 2026

FLU CLINIC

CANFORD HEATH CLINIC
CULLIFORD CRESENT
BH17 9DW

FLU + HPV CLINIC

DORCHESTER CRICKET CLUB
WEYMOUTH AVE
DORCHESTER
DT1 2EN

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FEB 2026

FLU + HPV CLINIC

SHAFTESBURY ROYAL
BRITISH LEGION
COPPIC STREET
SP7 8PF

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FEB 2026

HPV CLINIC

KINGS PARK HOSPITAL
GLOUCESTER ROAD
BOSOMBE BH7 6JF

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FEB 2026

HPV CLINIC

CANFORD HEATH CLINIC
CULLIFORD CRESENT
BH17 9DW

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MAR 2026

HPV CLINIC

SHERBOURNE SCOUT HUT
BLACKBERRY LANE
DT9 4DE

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS ALSO FOR ANY HOME EDUCATED CHILDREN. ALSO FOR THOSE CHILDREN ATTENDING A SEN PROVISION, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE UP UNTIL THEY ARE 25 YEARS OLD TO RECEIVE THE VACCINATIONS



TO BOOK YOUR CHILD INTO ONE OF THE ABOVE CLINICS,
PLEASE CALL: 01425891162 OR
EMAIL: DHC.IMSENQUIRES@NHS.NET

