

Head's Update!

We've had another busy and exciting week. Dance Live students have kicked off their rehearsals – it's been great to watch them in the hall. The Corfe Hills spirit has been brilliantly represented in sports fixtures with a rugby match against QE and a football match against Ferndown Upper – well done to all involved. Year 11 and Year 13 students have been working on their revision plans to ensure they are fully prepared for mocks and other exams. Thank you to those parents who attended the book club and the attendance workshops. It's really useful for us to hear your feedback about what is working well and what could be done differently or better. We do appreciate you working with us.

Have a great weekend when we get there.

Sara Jones

Next Week's Diary Dates

- 26th Second-hand uniform sale in Sports Hall 5-6pm
- 28th Drama Trip to Shawshank Redemption
- 29th Year 9 Core Subjects Evening 3.15-6.15pm

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors attended the Diana Award Anti-Bullying Training day in Bristol last week. They have successfully completed their training and are looking forward to putting it into use. Students will have a peer that they can ask for support if they or someone they know has experienced bullying.

Attendance

Working Together to Support Attendance

Thank you to the parents who came into school on Monday or have made contact via other means to share their views on how we can improve attendance. We really appreciate you taking the time to work with us and sharing your honest feedback.

Feedback from students, staff, and parents tells us that when students are finding it difficult to attend school, they feel more confident and reassured when we are aware of this. If your child requires additional support or encouragement to attend on any morning, please complete the 'Under the weather' form [Corfe Hills School - Wellbeing](#). Wherever possible, we ask that this is completed by 8:00am to allow sufficient time for the information to be processed and shared with the appropriate staff. Please be aware that this is a new initiative for us and feedback on how it is functioning or could be improved is welcomed.

Sixth Form University Applications

55 Year 13 students have now applied to university with many receiving fantastic offers very quickly. We have already received five unconditional offers. Congratulations and good luck to all who have applied.

Teacher on the Run

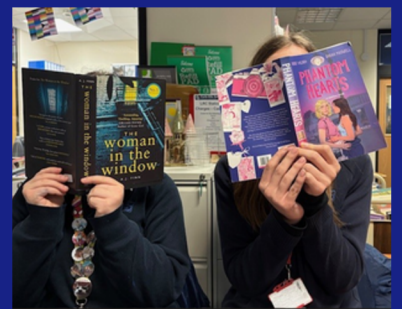
Laura McDermid, our Head of Sixth Form is running the London Marathon for Whizz-Kidz in April.

After having worked as a PE teacher for 14 years, Laura has been inspired by young people of all abilities. Two students, both impacted by cerebral palsy have stayed with her ever since so she would like to raise funds for this great cause.



CHS Book Swap

Our 'Book Swap' tables were a terrific success last week - thank you to all the students and staff who dropped books in and chose new ones. There are still some books remaining if you would like to take a free one or else come and have a look at the library shelves for something to inspire you. Make reading your hobby for 2026 and who knows where it will take you!



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/eventspace/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

Visit from Bournemouth Town Pastors

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Chris and Garry from Bournemouth Town Pastors who spoke in our assemblies about the work they and their team do in the town centre on Friday and Saturday nights.

Chris explained how they patrol from 22:00 until 02:00 and are there to help anyone who appears vulnerable or in need of support. They have various 'emergency' kits including foil blankets, flip flops and a phone charger. They have phoned taxis, ambulances and parents whilst on patrol to help people who cannot help themselves. They never leave anyone vulnerable alone, even if that means they have to sit on a cold floor for hours. There is no judgement; they just want people to get home safely.

The key message from their assemblies was to make sure you stay with your friends, make sure you have emergency money for a taxi home and to ask for help from a trusted person (police officer, door staff or Bournemouth Town Pastor team member) if you find yourself in need of support.

**Bournemouth
Town Pastors**

Introducing the Senior Leadership Team



Sara Jones
Headteacher (Acting)
Fun Fact: Played ice hockey (GB) and skydived competitively in a 4-way formation team.



Laura Andow
Deputy Headteacher (Acting)
Fun Fact: Advanced open water scuba diver. Learnt in order to take part in Global Reef Survey



Dani Walkey
Assistant Headteacher
Fun Fact: : Was a midwife and welcomed 500 babies into the world.



Matthew Hegarty
Assistant Headteacher
Fun Fact: Has worked in South Korea and India



Nic Borley
Associate Assistant Headteacher and Director of English
Fun Fact: Has walked the Inca Trail. Read 162 books in 2025



Claire Ratcliffe
Associate Assistant Headteacher - Inclusion
Fun Fact: Almost run over by a charging wild reindeer whilst visiting Norway.



Cory Nicholls
Associate Assistant Headteacher - Behaviour
Fun Fact: Recently became engaged and has a 1 year old son.



Laura McDermid
Associate Assistant Headteacher - Head of Sixth Form
Fun Fact: Running the London Marathon in April



James Harris
Associate Assistant Headteacher
Fun Fact: Has completed the highest bungee jump in the world!

Homework Detentions



If you have any queries regarding homework detentions, please contact Mrs Andow on landow@corfehills.net

MFL Speaking Exams

Mocks

Spanish GCSE mock - Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 March

French GCSE mock - Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 March

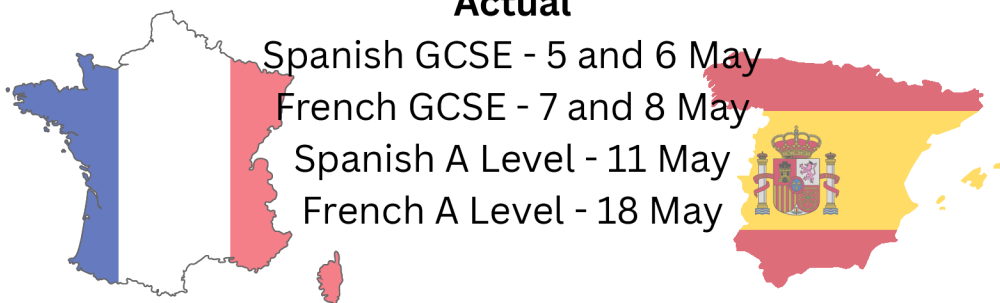
Actual

Spanish GCSE - 5 and 6 May

French GCSE - 7 and 8 May

Spanish A Level - 11 May

French A Level - 18 May



School Dates

Sixth Form

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

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

Year 10

Year 10 Work experience - 16 - 27 March

Year 11

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

School Events

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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

THE SIXTH FORM
 CORFE HILLS

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

MON 9 TH FEB	unifrog NHS Apprenticeships
TUES 10 TH FEB	CAT Marine Power
WED 11 TH FEB	CADS CELEBRATING OUR 50 TH ANNIVERSARY Apprenticeships
THURS 12 TH FEB	BR R N L I
FRI 13 TH FEB	J.P.Morgan MOCK ASSESSMENT CENTRE
NOTES	DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP VIA THE FORM 

Local Events

Taster Week: Discover your options after GCSEs

Degree Level Tasters:
Monday 16 March
Full-Time Tasters:
Tuesday 17 March -
Thursday 19 March





Book your FREE tickets:
thecollege.co.uk/taster

Bournemouth & Poole College

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:

 17 JAN 2026	FLU CLINIC CANFORD HEATH CLINIC CULLIFORD CRESCENT BH17 9DW	HPV CLINIC FAIRMILE HOUSE TASMAN CLOSE, JUMPERS ROAD CHRISTCHURCH BH23 2JT
24 JAN 2026	FLU + HPV CLINIC BLANDFORD SCOUT HUT EAGLE HOUSE GARDENS BLANDFORD FORUM DT11 7BS	HPV CLINIC KINGS PARK HOSPITAL GLOUCESTER ROAD BOSOMBE BH7 6JF
 07 FEB 2026	FLU CLINIC CANFORD HEATH CLINIC CULLIFORD CRESCENT BH17 9DW	FLU + HPV CLINIC DORCHESTER CRICKET CLUB WEYMOUTH AVE DORCHESTER DT1 2EN
14 FEB 2026	FLU + HPV CLINIC SHAFTESBURY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COPPIC STREET SP7 8PF	HPV CLINIC KINGS PARK HOSPITAL GLOUCESTER ROAD BOSOMBE BH7 6JF
28 FEB 2026	HPV CLINIC CANFORD HEATH CLINIC CULLIFORD CRESCENT BH17 9DW	HPV CLINIC SHERBOURNE SCOUT HUT BLACKBERRY LANE DT9 4DE
21 FEB 2026		
07 MAR 2026		

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: DH.C.IMMSENQUIRES@NHS.NET

Would you like to gain **virtual work experience** and discover how **Google** uses data to shape the future?

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FIRST STEP - Year Groups 7-9

NEXT STEP - Year Groups 10-13+FE

Want to be a YouTuber? Dig into the data sources that could make you go viral.

Google Joins Forces with Gen Z Creators to Launch the Pixel 10!

Wednesday 28th January - 4.30 pm

Thursday 29th January - 5.00 pm



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