

Head's Update!

What a week of horrible weather! Thank you for doing everything that you can to support your child in attending school despite the challenging circumstances for some of you. Year 13 students have been fully committed to being successful in their mock exams – well done to all of them. We hosted a busy Year 9 core subjects parents' evening last night. It was wonderful to see so many of you and also to hear lots of positive comments regarding your children and their enthusiasm in their lessons. Good luck to our Dance Live students on Monday who are performing in Portsmouth on Monday 2 February; we wish them the best of luck!

Have a great weekend. Hopefully, the weather will improve.

Sara Jones
Acting Headteacher and Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Cyber First School Recognition



We are a Cyber First School and four of our digital leaders have received a certificate and hoodie from Cyber First for their contributions. They have helped at Computer Science events, taken part in Cyber Security competitions and also run weekly digital literacy skills workshops.

Attendance

**Working Together to Support
Attendance**



Thank you for all you are doing to support our young people to attend school - please continue to fill in our Under The Weather form to let us know if a young person needs additional support that day.

We know returning from illness can sometimes feel daunting and so will be reaching out to offer support when this is the case. This will usually be a phone call from Mrs Waddington our Attendance Officer or your child's student support manager.

Next Week's Diary Dates

5th

Year 9 Options Assembly

Year 9 Options Evening 4.30-6.30pm



Good luck to all our students taking part in Dance Live at Portsmouth Guildhall on Monday 2 February.

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.



National Storytelling Week

Don't forget in honour of National Storytelling Week, Corfe Hills staff will be sharing a story every day next week in the LRC at 1.30pm.

Do you remember how nice it was when you were little and you could listen to a story at school? Well, you're in luck because next week is National Storytelling Week and the fabulous staff here at Corfe Hills will be reading aloud a story in the LRC every lunchtime from Mon 2nd -Friday 8th February. Come along and enjoy the memories of hearing one of your childhood favourites or a great opening chapter or maybe even a story that they can tell off by heart! Who's ready to pick up the mic? All welcome – grab your lunch but be here by 1.30 so you don't miss out.

House Cup - Update

Sandbanks are currently in the lead in our House Points competition for this year with Lulworth in Second and Kimmeridge in third.



Average points

Sixth Form - Enrichment Hour



Some of our sixth formers have been knitting baby hats for the neonatal unit during their enrichment time. Many thanks to our wonderful Chair of Local School Committee, Sue Charman, for giving up her time to help our sixth formers develop new skills.



Introducing the English Department



Tony Sutton
Head of English
Fun Fact: Once wrote a pantomime about Treasure Island, which featured a parrot which was sacked for swearing.



Nic Borley
Fun Fact: Was a Goth in my youth.



Aaron Lindon
Fun Fact: Practices the chinese martial art Wing Chun.



Reece Welsh
Fun Fact: I have nearly 100 ties



Laura Paterson
Fun Fact: I was Assistant Manager at Toby Carvery for 2 years.



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



Emily Rayner
Fun Fact: Lived in a campervan in Australia for 2 years.



Year 13 Mock Exams

Well done to all the Year 13s who have completed their A-level mocks this week!

Computer Sciences Challenge
Y10 Computer Science students completed the encryption challenge. They had to solve clues using different ciphers, which were collected from different areas of the school. They used Caesar ciphers, morse code, alphabet & mobile cipher as well as some images coding.

Work Experience

Just a reminder that the year 10 work experience deadline has passed. If your child does not have a placement, please ask them to discuss this with their tutor.

Year 12 work experience has been launched. Please encourage your child to source a placement as soon as possible.

If you work for a company that is willing to take a student, please let us know by emailing workexperience@corfehills.net

School Dates

Sixth Form

Apprenticeship Week - 9 Feb - 13 Feb
 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

GCSE Options evening - 5 February

Year 10

Year 10 Work experience - 16 - 27 March

Year 11

Year 11 Mocks - 9 to 27 February
 Spanish GCSE mock - Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 March
 French GCSE mock - Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 March
 GCSE Writen Exams - Start 8 May
 Year 11 Prom - 2 July

School Events



An Introduction to Autism and Neurodiversity for Parents

Led by Kate Tuck & Joseph Liddiard
 Linwood Training, Support & Advice

This session will provide parents with a basic overview of how Autism and Neurodiversity may present in children and young people.

Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 9:30 - 11:45am at Corfe Hills School

- Information about Autism and Neurodiversity including the 3 areas of difference.
- Young person input "My experiences".

Please note that your child does not need a diagnosis to attend this session. No charge to attend. This course is open to families who live in BCP.

Please email ;

cratcliffe@corfehills.net



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

MON 9 TH FEB	
TUES 10 TH FEB	
WED 11 TH FEB	
THURS 12 TH FEB	
FRI 13 TH FEB	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

We are
DORSET CRICKET

Girls Cricket ENGAGEMENT DAY

St. Edwards School, Poole

DETAILS
Starts 13:30, ends 16:30
Dress code: sporty
Age between 8-14

All equipment provided
FREE ENTRY

➔ Thursday 19th Feb '26

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	31 JAN 2026
 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	21 FEB 2026
28 FEB 2026	HPV CLINIC CANFORD HEATH CLINIC CULLIFORD CRESCENT BH17 9DW	07 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: 01425891182 OR EMAIL: DH.C.IMMSENQUIRES@NHS.NET** 