

Head's Update!

Although the weather hasn't improved, we've had another extremely busy week in school. In addition to the sporting fixtures and Dance Live competition, we have enjoyed National Storytelling week and the early start of Apprenticeship Week which continues next week. Again, it was great to see so many of our Year 9 parents and carers last night for our options evening. If you have a child in Year 9, please work with them to complete their choices and remember that the form is due to be submitted by 0900 on Tuesday 24 February. This means students will have all of half term to think carefully about their preferences. Already, our sixth formers have raised over £2000 for the YMCA's 'Sleep Easy' event which will see our students and staff camp out in cardboard boxes overnight next month.

During the spring term, we will be inviting parents in for coffee mornings with key staff to strengthen our important relationship with you. Further details will follow on this after half term.

Have a lovely weekend

Sara Jones

Acting Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

National Storytelling Week

Students have enjoyed some chilled out 'storytimes' in the LRC this week as we marked National Storytelling week. It was a great chance to remember the pleasure of being read to and to hear a diverse range of stories in a relaxing setting. Mrs Andow and Mrs Ratcliffe kicked off the week with readings from 'Tamed' by Alice Roberts and 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens. The photo shows Mrs Borley and Mr Powell who joined in with a read aloud, picture book classic 'Jampires' and took a sinister turn into the Big Eyes artist Margaret Keane's Fight for Justice. You never know what you're going to get in the LRC but we guarantee there's something for everyone! Thanks to everyone who gave up part of their lunch time to entertain us.



Next Week's Diary Dates

9-13

Apprenticeship Week

Feb

Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams



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Good luck to all the Year 11s who have their GCSE mocks next week!

YMCA Sleep Easy

20 March 2026

Sixth Form students are taking part in this year's YMCA Sleep Easy to raise funds and awareness of young people who, through unfortunate circumstances, find themselves sleeping rough.

So far, we have raised an amazing £2,200 with still over a month to go until the event!



Introducing the Maths Department



Jade Pollett
Head of Maths



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



Karl Baverstock
Fun Fact: Responsible for the aerodynamic design of the AW149 helicopter used by the UK coastguard.



Michael Filmer-Smith
Fun Fact: Plays drums in a band.



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



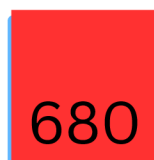
Katie Sweet
Teacher of Maths



Jake French
Teacher of Maths

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



We had an amazing evening at Portsmouth when the 20 year 9-13 students put on an incredible performance in front of a packed audience. The theme of 'Empowering Females' was brilliantly put together by Hayley, a year 13 Student.

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

Options Choices deadline 9am - 24 February

Year 10








Parents Evening - 12 March
 Year 10 Work experience - 16 - 27 March
 Written exams - 17 June - 25 June

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 Written Exams - Start 8 May
 Year 11 Prom - 2 July

School Events



	
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026	
FRI 6 TH FEB	 10-11AM (P2) MAIN HALL
MON 9 TH FEB	 10-11AM (P2) MAIN HALL
TUES 10 TH FEB	 9-10AM (P1) MAIN HALL
WED 11 TH FEB	 10-11AM (P2) ROOM 6 ENRICHMENT- MAIN HALL
THURS 12 TH FEB	 12.15-1.15 (P4) MAIN HALL
FRI 13 TH FEB	 MOCK ASSESSMENT CENTRE LAUNCH MAIN HALL 8.40AM (2 GROUPS P1 & P2)

Local Events

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



FREE YOUTH VOLUNTEER INFORMATION EVENT

Meaningful volunteering that fits around your studies and builds your CV.

Lush Green Hub, Poole
Wed 4 March
5-7pm
FREE ENTRY

Perfect for college, sixth form, university and DofE students.

LUSH FRESH HANDMADE COSMETICS



Lewis-Manning Hospice Care
Charity Registration No. 1120193

Free to attend, booking essential
<https://lewis-manning.org.uk/youth-volunteer-event/>

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



Wimborne Minster

Pancake Race

Around the Minster
(inside if wet)

11.00am
Register from 10.15am

Shrove Tuesday
17th February 2026

Bring your own pan and pancake!
Races for Adults, Under 18s, Toddlers and Wheelchairs.
All with Prizes

