

## Head's Update!

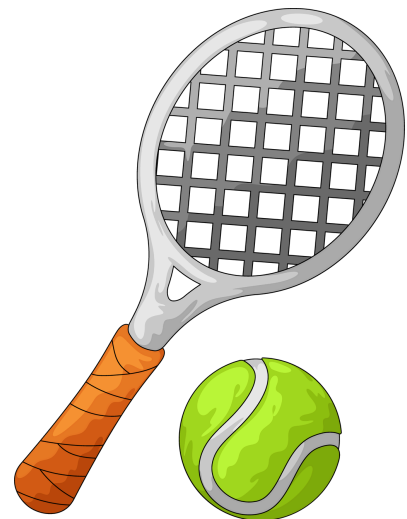
We've made it to the end of an exceptionally busy half term break. We have welcomed parents/carers in school for the Year 11 parents' evening, Year 9 core parents' evening and Year 9 options evening. Our students performed exceptionally well during Dance Live, we've had an increase in the number of PE fixtures involving many local schools and have trained our Anti – Bullying Ambassadors via The Diana Award. We've held a breakfast morning for prospective sixth form applicants and have almost finished meeting with every single student in Year 11 to ensure that they are fully supported in their next steps. We have submitted a record number of UCAS applications and this week have welcomed many employers into school as part of our Apprenticeship Week. Year 13 students have successfully completed another round of mock exams and Year 11 students are mid-way through their mocks which will finish on Friday 27 February. We had lots of fun with National Storytelling Week too.

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember that if you have any questions or queries, please contact us in the first instance. Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 23 February.

Sara Jones

Acting Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Tennis boys serve up success!



Huge congratulations to our Boys tennis team who won their regional play off and are through to the final 4 in the South West of England.

## Next Week's Diary Dates

23-27 Feb  
23 Feb  
26 Feb

Year 11 Mocks Exams  
Parents' Book Club  
Year 12 Subject Evening

## Introducing the Humanities Department



Nick Clark  
Head of History and  
Politics



Russell Noke  
Head of Geography



Mike Stone  
Head of Religious & Philosophy  
Studies



Eve Goldsack  
History and Politics  
Teacher



Cory Nicholls  
Geography Teacher

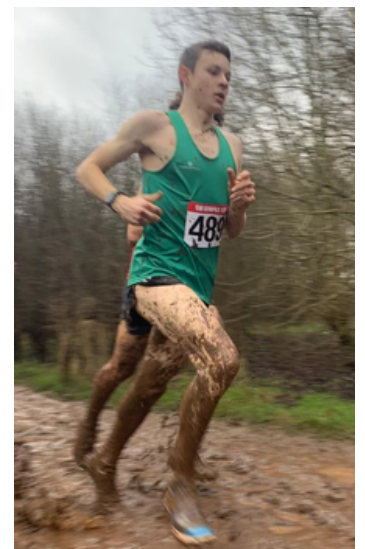


Caitlin Richardson  
History, Geography and  
Media Studies Teacher

## OPERATION ENCOMPASS

In every force. In every school. For every child.

Our school is part of Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Abuse. Operation Encompass means that the police will share information about Domestic Abuse incidents with our school soon after they have been called to a domestic incident. Our Key Adults are: Sara Jones, Laura Vincent and Vicky O'Brien. All Key Adults (DSL/DDSL) have attended an Operation Encompass local briefing as well as national online training.



## South West Cross Country Schools Championships - 7 Feb 2026

Conditions at this year's championships were extremely challenging, but that didn't stop superb performances from Charlie in Year 9 coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in Dorset and Oliver in Year 12 coming 21<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Dorset .

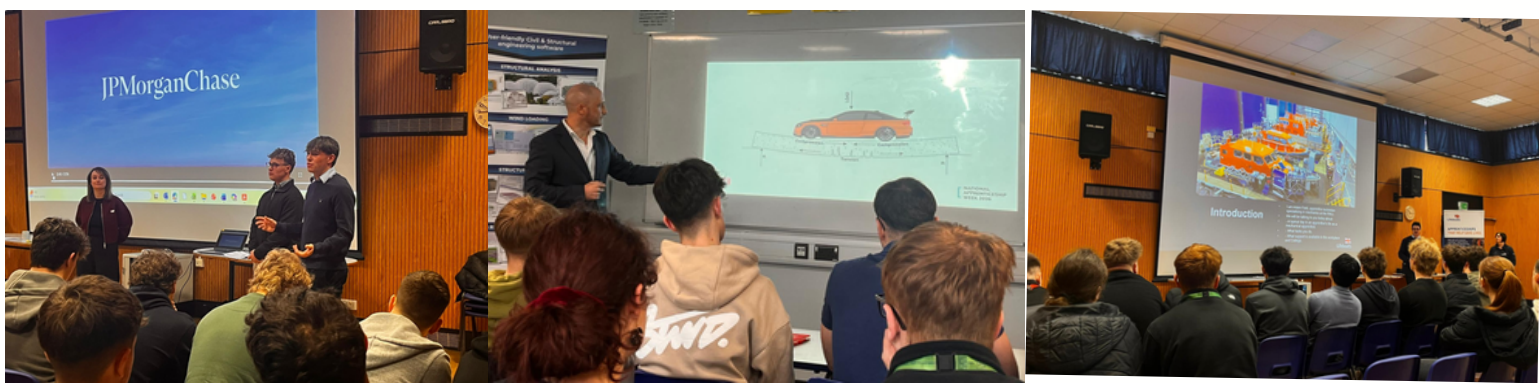
# Apprenticeship Week Brings Top Employers to School

Students in Years 12 and 13 have enjoyed an inspiring and action-packed Apprenticeship Week, with a range of organisations visiting the school to share insights into real-world careers and the wide variety of apprenticeship pathways available.

We welcomed visitors from the RNLI, NHS, Dorset Police, and CADS, and the week concluded with a visit from JP Morgan alongside our very own former Head Boy, Jacob Pratt, who is now completing a degree apprenticeship with the company. Students also had the chance to take part in a mock assessment centre, giving them valuable experience of the tasks and challenges commonly used by employers during recruitment.

Year 12 students took part in a government 'search and apply' workshop, learning how to explore apprenticeship opportunities and strengthen their applications.

A huge thank-you goes to all the companies and speakers who made Apprenticeship Week such a success, sharing valuable career pathways, real-world experiences, and the exciting opportunities that apprenticeships can offer.



## Netball News



Congratulations to the Girls' Netball team who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the County play offs.



## Gratitude Board



Our Sixth Form students have created a Gratitude Board filled with messages of thanks, celebrating kindness and the positive spirit within the school. The board has quickly filled up with thoughtful messages, creating a wonderful display.

## School Dates

### Sixth Form

Year 12 Subject Evening - 26 February  
Year 12 & 13 Financial Talk - 26 February  
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

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 DoF 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/>

**Bournemouth Bay**  
teacher training partnership

## Teacher Training Courses

Open Positions :

- Part Time
- Full Time



Scan to book onto an open event

Wimborne Minster

# Pancake Race

Around the Minster  
(inside if wet)

**11.00am**

Register from 10.15am

**Shrove Tuesday**  
**17<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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

