

Head's Update!

This week has seen the completion of the mock exam period for our Year 11 students. They have been an absolute credit to themselves, you and the school and have conducted themselves impeccably. There will be an assembly on Monday morning to congratulate and reward all students. During the assembly, information will be provided about our upcoming Supercharge sessions which we will be running after school from Monday 9 March. These are revision sessions organised by teachers in the run up to the exams. Further information will follow on this shortly.

Our Year 13 students continue to remain focused on their exam preparation following their mock exams. Along with Year 12 students, they have enjoyed an interesting finance presentation and workshop this week (see social media and further details in this newsletter). They were extremely engaged and interested in the advice provided by one of our ex – students, Lawrence Brady, from Saltus Financial Advisors.

Thank you to those of you who attended the Year 12 parents' evening last night. It was lovely to see so many of you here supporting your child. Thank you for the positive feedback.

Well done to our Year 9 students for completing their option preferences and for meeting Tuesday's deadline. We understand that this is a challenge for some – thank you for helping them with these important decisions. Year 10 students are becoming increasingly excited about the prospect of work experience which starts on Monday 16 March. Although this seems a long way off, it will be upon us before we know it. We have plenty of activities planned for them in the next couple of weeks to ensure that they are fully prepared.

As mentioned prior to half term, we would like to offer some regular coffee/tea mornings to provide additional opportunities for you to pop in for a chat. There doesn't need to be a specific agenda but it's always helpful to continue to develop our strong relationships and also to listen to your views and opinions. With this in mind, we would like to propose the following dates and times prior to Easter:

Friday 13 March 0900 - 1000

Friday 20 March 0900 – 1000

Friday 27 March 0900 – 1000

We will review the timings of the slots and change them after Easter if they do not suit some parents. Please complete the form from the link in the email if you are interested in attending so that we can plan for the relevant numbers.

Finally, colleagues at Corfe Hills and I would like to extend our thanks for the messages of support that many of you have extended during the consultation period that is currently underway. This is extremely helpful and we appreciate your ongoing support and positivity.

Sara Jones Acting Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Next Week's Diary Dates

4th Sixth Form Careers talk - Ecology, Coastal
Engineering & Conservation
4th Year 11 Media NEA Meetings

5th World Book Day
6th Year 13 Group Photographs

Introducing the Design Tech Department



Hayley
Collins-Donworth
Head of Design
Technology



Annette Ratcliffe
Head of Art and
Photography



Leny Klajderic
Art Teacher



Tracey Smith
Food Tech -
Subject Leader



Katie Hodgson
Textiles -
Subject Leader



Jess Hayes-Gill
Teacher of Design
Technology



Paul Evans
Technician



Pat Lockyer
Technician



Loren Grace
Teaching
Assistant



Stacey Lock
Technician

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 place.



Average points



Corfe Mullen Youth Trust

Corfe Mullen Youth Trust (CMYT) is working in partnership with Corfe Hills offering support to students through regular youth work in school. Youth workers will be in school every Monday. There will be opportunities for students to access one-on-one or small group sessions focusing on key topics that affect young people today. For more information, please contact Laura Vincent, Senior Student Support Manager at lvincent@corfehills.net

Mum's marathon mission

WHILE most of Wareham sleeps, Laura McDermid is lacing up her trainers. At 4.30am, when the streets are quiet and the day is just beginning to stir, the local PE teacher can be seen running through the town, training for this year's London Marathon.

Balancing marathon training with a full-time job and family life is no small feat. Laura works as a PE teacher and is also mum to two young daughters. With busy school days, family commitments and all the usual demands of life, 4.30am has become the only time that truly belongs to her. "Early mornings are the only way I can fit it all in," she said. "It's tough, but it's also empowering. It proves to me that with determination and a bit of creativity, you can make space for your goals."

Community support has played a huge part in keeping Laura motivated. Friendly



PE teacher Laura McDermid has been getting up at 4.30am to train for the London Marathon

waves from early risers, messages of encouragement and knowing that people are following her journey have made those dark mornings brighter. "Wareham has such a strong sense of community," she said. "Even when I'm running alone, I don't feel alone."

Laura is running the London Marathon in support of Whizz-Kidz, the UK's leading wheelchair charity for young people. The charity provides essential mobility equipment and life-changing support to

children and young people, helping them to lead more independent and confident lives.

"As a teacher, I see every day how important confidence and opportunity are for young people," Laura said. "Whizz-Kidz does incredible work, and I'm proud to be fundraising for a cause that helps children reach their potential."

At the heart of Laura's marathon mission is a powerful message she hopes her daughters and girls everywhere will take to heart. "I want to

show that you can do anything," she said. "You don't have to fit a certain mould or wait for the 'right' time. With hard work and belief, you can achieve your goals."

Laura is hoping the people of Wareham and the wider Purbeck community will get behind her. "If you're able to spare even a small donation or sponsor one of my runs, it would mean so much," she said. "Every pound raised helps Whizz-Kidz give young wheelchair users the freedom, confidence and opportunities they deserve."

Knowing the support is there keeps her going on those early mornings and she hopes her London Marathon journey will not only inspire others but also make a lasting difference to the lives of children and families who need it most.

To support Laura, visit www.justgiving.com and search Laura McDermid.

Attendance Update

Thank you so much to the many families who have engaged with us following the attendance emails sent out at the end of last half term. We really appreciate it and look forward to working with you.

Many families requested more detail regarding their child's attendance to school - the best place to do this is via the Arbor app. Please download the app if you haven't already. As well as attendance information, the app provides an overview of your child's timetable, achievement points and lots more!



[Logging into Parent Portal and app](#)

[Attendance on Parent Pay Portal and Parent App](#)



Last half term, GCSE drama students visited Lighthouse, Poole to watch the stage adaptation of 'The Shawshank Redemption' in preparation for their written exam in May. The dirtied, grey set of a prison interior clearly communicated the sense of confinement whilst the evocative lighting design captured the isolation, drudgery and brutality experienced by the inmates. Songs by Elvis Presley, Sam Cooke and The Beatles kept the pace of the production moving whilst also enhancing the atmosphere of the action on stage for the audience. It was a captivating production providing students the rich opportunity to see stage design in action whilst also appreciating the craft of the professional actors.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Well done to all the Year 11s who have completed their GCSE mocks this week!



SPORTS FIXTURES

4 March - Year 11 Girls Football v PGS

5 March - Year 11 Football v Purbeck

5 March - Year 9 Football v Poole High



6 March - Year 10 Basketball v Poole Grammar

School Dates

Sixth Form

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 10

Parents Evening - 12 March

Year 10 Work experience - 16 - 27 March

Written exams - 17 June - 25 June

Year 11

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

Taxing questions answered!

Corfe Hills Sixth Form students were given an incredible opportunity this week when Lawrence Brady, a financial adviser from Saltus and former Corfe Hills student, returned to speak about financial matters. He covered a wide range of topics including student loans, savings, pensions, and tax. His clear guidance helped students better understand how to manage their finances both now and as they prepare to leave Sixth Form.

Lawrence also ran a further workshop offering valuable advice on careers within the financial sector, giving students a clearer picture of the pathways and possibilities available. Lawrence plans to return soon to help students set up professional LinkedIn profiles.

Saltus has also generously offered work experience placements for some of our students, providing a fantastic opportunity to gain hands-on insight into the financial industry. We are extremely grateful to Lawrence and Saltus for their help and for inspiring our students with real-world skills and experiences.



Rocking the Classroom. Author of “The Whispers of Rock” visits Corfe Hills

In the lead up to World Book Day we were delighted to welcome Dr Anjana Khatwa to the LRC to explain how she wrote her critically acclaimed book ‘The Whispers of Rock’.

‘The Whispers of Rock’ is unique in blending Anjana’s academic knowledge with the beliefs and stories of First Nation people and indigenous groups from across the globe and she seeks to actively promote how these differing views can exist harmoniously.

Students enjoyed a candid Q&A session with Anjana asking how much she got paid for writing the book, if she had any regrets and what she might be writing next. It was an inspiring session for creative writers and geographers alike. Russell Noke Head of Geography commented ‘ This was an enlightening session that allowed our students to consider and hold high aspirations for their future careers’. Nic Borley, Director of English said ‘Thank you to Anjana for giving up her time and for being so inspirational to our students. This session perfectly summed up the passion that we feel for promoting reading and accessing a diversity of texts at Corfe Hills School’.



Dr Anjana Khatwa

School & Local Events



Bournemouth Bay teacher training partnership

Teacher Training Courses

Open Positions:

- Part Time
- Full Time



Scan to book onto an open event



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/>



WORLD BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2020

BAKE SALE

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH AT
BREAK AND LUNCH

MAIN STUDENT ENTRANCE

CASH ONLY

We will be holding a cake sale for World Book Day at break and lunch on Thursday 5 March. Please bring cash for this event.



Coastland College WEYMOUTH

Open Event

Tuesday 3rd March
5.15pm & 5.45pm sessions



Coastland College KINGSTON MAURWARD

Open Event

Saturday 7th March
10am & 11am sessions