

Head's Update!

2026

We have enjoyed another busy and exciting fortnight since our last newsletter. Students in Years 9 and 10 have been rewarded for their excellent progress by being invited to participate in some kite surfing on the field. Thank you to the British Kite Surfing Association for doing such a fantastic job in supporting our students to experience new things and push them outside of their comfort zones. Once again, we have seen some excellent costumes from staff and sixth formers for World book day. Our competitive streak has continued with a number of sports fixtures over the last two weeks, culminating in being placed third in the region in the LTA U19 competition.

Our Supercharge sessions have started this week to support Year 11 students with their revision – further information has been emailed out to the relevant parents/carers regarding this. Well done to all those who have attended. Beachwise has delivered assemblies to all students this week in a thought provoking and engaging manner to ensure that they understand how to keep themselves safe when in or near water. This week, Year 10 students have been off timetable to explore some important topics within our RP (Religion and Philosophy) and RHSE (Relationships, Health and Sex Education) curriculum. We also took a large number of them to the Careers and Apprenticeship Show in Bournemouth yesterday. Finally, I would like to thank those parents who popped in to meet me this morning during our first coffee morning. Remember that our next one is planned for Friday 20 March at 0900.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Sara Jones Acting Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Next Week's Diary Dates

16 Mar- UCAS Discovery Day Exeter.
16 Mar - Parents Book Club 1800.
18 Mar - Music concert 18.30.
20 Mar - The Big Sleep Easy.

Our coffee mornings started today. We have two more on Friday 20 and 27 March. Please complete the form below if you would like to attend:

[Coffee Morning Form](#)

World Book Day



On Thursday 5 March 2026, the school celebrated World Book Day with teachers and Sixth Formers dressing up as their favourite book characters. Their fantastic costumes brought lots of fun and sparked conversations about reading throughout the day. It was a wonderful day that celebrated imagination, reading and our school community.



Some of our wonderful Year 12 students who ran a Bake Sale for World Book Day today. Students enjoyed a range of sweet treats, chocolate cakes and a marvellous homemade blue caterpillar cake! Thank you to everyone who donated items and to those who came along and enjoyed the cakes. We are raising money to buy more exciting books for the LRC so if there's a book you want to read, that we haven't got in the school library please email Mrs Lynch slynch@corfehills.net

Third in the South West - tennis success!



Our amazing tennis team delivered an outstanding performance this week, securing third place in the Under 19 LTA South West England competition after a dramatic and hard-fought day of matches.

The final match could not have been closer. With everything on the line, the boys battled point for point, taking the deciding set 7-5 to clinch a well-deserved third-place finish for the school.

A huge congratulations to the team - an amazing achievement by all!

Introducing the PE Department



Russell Dominey
Head of PE



Emma Acott
PE Teacher



James Harris
PE Teacher/Head of Year 11



Laura McDermid
PE Teacher/Head of Sixth Form



Duncan McDermid
PE Teacher



Oliver Barnes
PE Teacher



Supercharge sessions for Year 11

Supercharge sessions are now up and running for year 11. For full details please see the letter sent on 5 March.

Attendance Update

Overall student attendance is improving so thank you for all your support and working with us. If you have any queries or want additional support please contact Jo Waddington at: jwaddington@corfehills.net

Cross Country County Championships

Huge congratulations to Charlie, Oli and Erin for their amazing performances at the County Cross Country event. Charlie was County Champion and Oli finished 5th with Erin in 29th in the Junior Girls. An amazing achievement by all in a tough field of strong runners.



Coastal Engineering, Marine and Ecology Talk

Steve Kershaw and Saskia Elliott from BCP Council visited Corfe Hills last week to give our sixth formers an amazing insight into careers within the coastal engineering, marine and ecology field. They discussed the South-West flooding team and how essential the roles are within the local area.





We were delighted to welcome Jonathan Kane from Beachwise into school yesterday to deliver interactive sessions to all five year groups about the dangers of open water and the importance of water safety. Issues covered were:

- the Water Safety Code – Stop & Think, Stay Together, Float, Call 999
- the importance of knowing the 'safe' beach flag colours – only swim between the red and yellow flags
- being aware of currents and rip tides
- cold water shock (especially at this time of year)
- the international signal for help – arm straight up in the air, not moving or waving
- stings
- sun safety

We all know how incredibly lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the country, with the beaches so near-by. However, the dangers of open water swimming are real and Jonathan's message was a very important one that our students needed to hear.

We are looking forward to being able to share with parents and carers some information from Beachwise about staying safe at the beach before the Easter holidays are here and people start going on day trips and holidays. We will also be sharing the bank details for Beachwise next week should you wish to make a donation to thank them for their time in educating our young people.

RHSE & RP Day

The school was pleased to welcome Peter Radford to run some Religion & Philosophy workshops with Year 10 and Year 12. During the morning, Year 10 had two sessions, both stemming from an examination of the way in which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is applied in the world today. The first session examined the issue of wealth and poverty alongside Article 25 of the UDHR and the second issues relating to sex and gender equality and misogyny alongside Article 1. In the afternoon, Year 12 were introduced to different approaches to moral decision making, through normative ethical theories such as Natural Law and Utilitarianism. These theories were then applied to current wars in Ukraine, Gaza and Iran, along with the Just War Theory.

Our students also had sessions with their teachers, learning the facts around Drugs and alcohol and county lines, helping our students to keep themselves safe and knowing where to seek help should they need it. A wonderful day!

Positive Progress Takes Off



We are delighted to celebrate the success of a number of our students who achieved excellent results in their recent Positive Progress Checks. As a recognition of their efforts, nearly 300 students were invited to take part in a kite surfing experience. The sessions were held from Monday 2 to Wednesday 5 March and were delivered by the British Kite Surfing Association on the school field.



We're delighted to share that 23 of our aspiring medical and dentistry students have signed up to take part in the prestigious King's College London Lecture Series. This exciting opportunity will give them valuable insights into the world of medicine and dentistry, deepen their subject knowledge, and support their preparation for future university applications. We're incredibly proud of their ambition and dedication!

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

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

SPORTS FIXTURES

19 March

Year 9 Football vs Blandford (away)

&

Girls County Handball (home)



Year 11

French GCSE mock - Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 March
GCSE Written Exams - Start 8 May
Year 11 Prom - 2 July

Young Carer's Support Programme



I am delighted to share with you the launch of a new support programme specifically for young carers within our school community.



What is a Young Carer?

A young carer is a child or young person who provides ongoing care, practical help, or emotional support to a family member who may have a physical disability, mental health need, long-term illness, or issues with substance misuse.

Our Young Carers Support Programme

We are incredibly proud that this initiative will be led by some of our wonderful sixth form students who are themselves young carers.



The programme aims to:

- provide a safe and understanding space for young carers to meet,
- offer additional pastoral and academic support where needed,
- connect students with external opportunities and resources,
- and help ensure that no young person carrying extra responsibilities feels alone.

Working in Partnership with MYTIME Young Carers

We are also pleased to be working closely with MYTIME, a charity dedicated to supporting young carers across our region. Their expertise and resources will further strengthen the support we can offer here in school.



How You Can Help

To ensure that we identify and support every young carer within our community, we kindly ask parents and carers to complete the attached form if you believe your child is a young carer or may be eligible for this programme. Even if you are unsure, we encourage you to share as much information as you can, our pastoral team is here to help and follow up sensitively where needed.

[Young Carers Programme Form](#)

Your openness allows us to offer the right support at the right time, helping your child feel confident and well-supported throughout their journey at Corfe Hills School.

School & Local Events

Small changes,
big differences.



Group Teen Triple P Takes the guesswork out of parenting teenagers!

New positive parenting course starts soon....

To book a place please contact
BCP Council Early Help Access Point:
Email
EHaccesspoint@bcpcouncil.gov.uk
Or call
01202 126668

DATES: Every Wednesday from 14th April- 10th June (except 6th May and 27th May)
TIME: 10am- midday
VENUE: Turlin Moor Family Hub, Turlin Rd, Poole
PRESENTER: Tracy Brazier

www.triple-parenting.net

Lockyers Middle Need Your Help!



Lockyers Middle are looking for any pupil helpers who would be willing to volunteer to help them put their float together for the Corfe Mullen Carnival.

They will be running an after school club every Tuesday from 14 April, from 3.15pm-4.15pm. If you would be willing to help, please contact Lockyers Middle School direct.

Bournemouth
& Poole College

Taster Week:

Discover
your options
after GCSEs

Tuesday 17 March -
Thursday 19 March



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

UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS 2026

For anyone who is new ... Welcome! We have been supplying Uniform to local schools since 1989 and in Summer 2020, we started taking Appointment Fittings over the Summer Holidays. Booking an appointment allows us to be ready to welcome our lovely customers & offer a less chaotic environment to shop in.

You can also order online via our website, www.bartletts.wimborne.co.uk Customers can select the option to collect in store or select home delivery.

At your appointment, you will be able to buy and take home (subject to stock availability) your uniform. We recommend earlier visits rather than later ... the ideal time being between end of July and Mid August.

Myth Buster Your child will probably not grow a foot during the last 2 weeks in August so whilst we appreciate many would rather wait until the beginning of September to buy, please be aware this comes with a risk that the popular sizes may (or may not) be unavailable.

For those children who perhaps require a quieter environment when visiting our store, please message us before booking. We will try to ensure the shop is less busy for your visit.

We know how exciting starting school is so if this is your first Uniform experience, or if you already know us well, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. You can email us, Facebook us, or pop in and say Hi!

To book an appointment
please scan this QR Code



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