



CORFE HILLS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wishing all students and parents a relaxing Easter break.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * 13 April- INSET Day
- * 14 April - Students return to school
- * 15 April - Drama trip to Blood Brothers
- * 17-18 April - Bronze Dof E Expedition

GCSE Year 11 Exams

- * 14 - 17 April GCSE Art Exams
- * 20-21 April GCSE Textiles exam
- * 22-23 April GCSE Photography Exam

Message from the Headteacher, Sara Jones

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, I would like to thank you for your ongoing and continued support of our amazing school. It's been a challenging term for several reasons but our staff have appreciated your commitment and positivity.

Hopefully, you will have noticed our efforts to proactively engage more members of our school and wider community via social media. We have now linked our sixth form Instagram page to our main school Instagram and Facebook pages to provide all of you with a flavour of the great work completed by our sixth formers. If you are not yet on our social media platforms, please do check them out. You will notice that a team of our post 16 students, along with Mrs McDermid, Mr Nicholls and Miss Goldsack, completed the YMCA's Sleep Easy event last week which meant they slept out overnight in Maths Street in cardboard boxes. They have successfully raised almost £6,000 by doing this so that others don't have to. Well done to everyone involved.

As ever, please do take a look in this newsletter at some of the great things that have been happening over the past fortnight. We are extremely proud of the positive relationships that are enjoyed between our students and staff. From all the staff at Corfe Hills, we wish you a Happy Easter and look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Tuesday 14 April. Monday 13 April is a staff INSET day. We'd also like to wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 students good luck with their revision activities in preparation for the exam season when we return.

Cyber Explorers Club

Last week we had 24 year 9 students taking part in the Cyber Explorers Cup. Cyber Explorers is a fun, free and interactive cyber security learning platform for 11-14 year olds. The students worked in teams to complete a series of online challenges. This is a national competition and we are awaiting the results.





Government's Education White Paper



The government has recently published its Education White Paper, Every Child Achieving and Thriving. It's important that anyone who may be affected by these proposals or who has an interest in education and SEND, can find clear information and have an opportunity to share their views.

With this in mind, the Department for Education has produced a series of easy read documents explaining these proposed changes. You can find those here:

[Every child achieving and thriving and SEND consultation support information - GOV.UK](#)

Parents and families can respond to the consultation and share their thoughts on the white paper online, by clicking on the link below.

[SEND Reform Link](#)

or by emailing SENDreform.CONULTATION@education.gov.uk

Multi Sports Event, Blandford



On Tuesday 24 March, 30 sixth form students took part in the Blandford school multi sports event. The results were as follows:

- Girls football team won
- Second in mixed Netball.
- Third in Boys' Rugby & Football
- Fourth in Girls' Netball



Reimagining Teenage Reading



As part of our ongoing commitment to the National Year of Reading, Nic Borley Director of English and Sarah Lynch LRC Manager attended a Teenage Reading conference in Plymouth last week. Organised by the National Literacy Trust, it was a full day of guest speakers, academic research and practical workshops to give insight into teenage reading habits and motivations. Nic Borley said 'We particularly enjoyed Dr Darren Chetty's exploration of the pleasure and pain of teenage reading and his reminder that we should be meeting our students' reading expectations where they are and not hold them to impossible standards. Sarah Lynch commented 'Personally I also loved Hannah Berry's deep dive into comics and graphic novels as it's one of the areas where teenage reading is soaring – we'll definitely be promoting this in the school library during the coming months. The conference gave us the chance to meet authors whose books we use in our Reading Mentors sessions, it was great to be able to share feedback with them about some of the activities we are already implementing at Corfe Hills.



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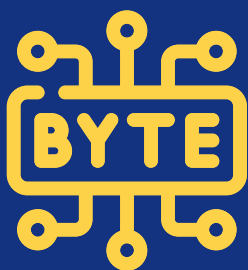


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Bytes and Bites: Easter Treats for Our Computer Science Stars



This week, in Computer Science lesson, students have been completing an Easter Challenge (designed by Mr Robinson). Students worked in pairs to complete Computer Science related tasks and the winner from each class were given Easter Eggs.



Social Media Algorithms: A Guide for Parents

Young people are growing up in a digital world that can inspire, connect, and educate – but it can also overwhelm them with harmful content at alarming speed. The attached article from Yipiyap explores how algorithms work, why boys are often targeted with violent material, and what parents can do to protect and empower the young people in their care.

[Click here to read](#)



Building Healthy Relationships - Year 11 Learn Key Skills for Life

On Thursday, our Year 11 students enjoyed important sessions on establishing boundaries in relationships and the myths that online depictions of relationships can create. Our students were mature and thoughtful during these sessions, engaging with sensitive and difficult topics well. We are so proud of their attitudes towards others and their understanding of healthy relationships - it bodes well for the future!



Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10 students completed a very successful two-week work experience placement. Students represented the school extremely well and we were delighted to receive a great deal of positive feedback from employers about their attitude, punctuality and willingness to get involved. It was fantastic to see so many students making the most of this opportunity and embracing new challenges.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for their support in helping students to organise their placements and for encouraging them throughout the process.

After the Easter holidays, students will spend time reflecting on their placements and reviewing what they have learned from the experience, helping them to build on the skills they developed during their time with employers.



Superior Seals Apprenticeships | YMCA Sleep Easy

Superior Seals Apprenticeship applications are now open for their September 2026 intake.

This year they are particularly interested in applicants who have an interest in material science and are keen to study for a chemistry degree or are looking to pursue a career in commercial, customer service, logistics or quality.

There are apprenticeships available for both post GCSE and A-Level students. Click on the link below for more information.



[Superior Seals Apprenticeships](#)

50 Sixth Form students slept on Maths street on Friday night in aid of YMCA Sleep Easy fundraising to help support the homeless. In total, to include Gift Aid, they fundraised a staggering £6,071. This is an incredible achievement.



Our Sixth formers were incredible ambassadors for our school and sixth form and behaved really well. Please congratulate them when you see them. Enjoy a few photos from the evening.



Zayn – Year 9

Draw for your hospital!

We would love to invite you and your pupils to take part in University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity's competition to design a fish or sea creature. The winning designs will feature in artworks for the new Children's Unit, opening in 2026 at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

Art in hospitals is so important as it can help children, parents and carers feel more relaxed during what can be a very stressful time. It can also help provide a distraction for children who are undergoing treatment or have been admitted to a ward.

YOUR PUPILS COULD HAVE THEIR DESIGNS FEATURED IN MURALS CREATED BY PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS!



Amilia - Year 9

Hospital Artwork Competition



Florence - Year 9



Eva - Year 11



Leo - Year 9

Flying High This Easter

Year 12 and 13 students took part in a fun inter-house paper plane competition in the Sports Hall today. After some impressive flights, the results were:

- Year 13 Winner: Kimmeridge
- Year 12 Winner: Sandbanks

Well done to everyone who took part and made the event such an enjoyable pre-Easter challenge!



Graduated Approach to Inclusion Platform

BCP are launching their brand-new Graduated Approach to Inclusion platform in April, a space built in collaboration to celebrate, support, and strengthen the journey of every child and young person across BCP Council.

This isn't just a new website. It's a fresh, dynamic hub designed to bring the Belonging, Collaboration, and Impact of inclusion work to life.

They are inviting families to attend an upcoming launch events, in which you'll be among the first to:

See the platform live in action

Hear the vision behind this transformed digital space

Explore how it will support universal, targeted, and specialist pathways

Experience how it makes information clearer, quicker, and accessible

Ask questions, share reflections, and shape how we use it together



From the fundamentals of the Graduated Approach to the clarity of "You don't need a diagnosis to get support," thanks to the great work of school leaders in collaboration with BCP Council, this platform brings our core messages to life; beautifully, interactively, and with the child at the heart.

Graduated Approach Platform Phase 1 Launch

Families

ONLINE

Monday 20th April 2026

12.00pm- 12.45pm



[Microsoft Teams meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 354 795 338 353 08

Passcode: cS3T6rj2

Graduated Approach Platform Phase 1 Launch

Families

FACE to FACE

Thursday 23rd April 2026

Venue: Citygate Church, 138A Holdenhurst Road,
Bournemouth, BH8 8AS

Full Event Hosted by: Parent Carers Together

School & Local Events

Bournemouth & Poole College

Open Event!

7 May

Explore our campuses.
Talk to our expert tutors.
Plan your next steps.




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

See our new Bournemouth Compass Building



FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth

FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents - Live Talks page



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OUR YOUTH ATHLETE CAMPS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP ATHLETES AGED 11-17 DEVELOP REAL PERFORMANCE SKILLS IN A FUN, STRUCTURED AND AGE-APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT.

- Gym & pitch sessions built around Acceleration, Max Speed, Change of Direction & Agility
- Coach-led sessions by our S&C Team.
- 3x sessions per week to book onto w/c 30th March - 10th April
- Train inside the same facility as elite athletes.

SCAN HERE TO FIND OUT MORE INFO



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www.mcperformance.co.uk

Saturday 28th March



POOLE PARK OPEN DAY

All hire is FREE
Open 10am-4pm



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