



CORFE HILLS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher, Sara Jones

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and were able to spend some valuable time with family and friends. As we return, we move straight into the examination season for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. This is an important and demanding period, and we are committed to supporting every student through it. There will be a range of focused revision sessions, alongside ongoing guidance and pastoral support, to help ensure everyone can perform to the very best of their ability. There is plenty happening across the school this term, and you will find lots more information and updates in this newsletter. Happy reading and thank you for your ongoing support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * 30 April - Trip to Matilda at The Mayflower
- * 4 May - Bank Holiday - no students in school
- * 5 May - GCSE Spanish speaking exams
- * 7 May - New Year 9 Intake Meeting 6pm
- * 8 May - Year 13 Leavers Assembly.
- * 8 May - Silver Dof E Expedition
- * 11 May - Year 13 Study Leave starts

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.





Oxford College Visit Supports Students Progression!

Year 12 students, alongside a selected group from Year 11, recently welcomed a representative from Merton College, University of Oxford, for an informative skills session on university applications.

The workshops ran for 2 hours and covered personal statement writing, offering advice on how to present academic interests and achievements effectively. Students also learned about the importance of super-curricular activities in demonstrating subject passion beyond the classroom. The session concluded with practical guidance on interview techniques, helping students approach academic interviews with confidence.

The visit provided valuable insight into the Oxbridge application process and inspired students as they prepare for their future studies.



Temporary Timings of School Day

From Tuesday 5 May until Friday 19 June 2026

Monday to Wednesday			
Students arrive in school before 0830			
	Start	Finish	Duration
Tutor Time	0835	0902	27
Period 1	0906	1001	55
Period 2	1005	1100	55
Break	1100	1120	20
Period 3	1120	1216	56
Lunch	1216	1250	39
Registration	1250	1306	16
Period 4	1310	1406	56
Period 5	1410	1505	55

Thursday and Friday			
Students arrive in school before 0830			
	Start	Finish	Duration
Tutor Time	0835	0902	27
Period 1	0906	1001	55
Period 2	1005	1100	55
Break	1100	1120	20
Period 3	1120	1216	56
Lunch	1216	1250	39
Period 4	12:50	13:46	56
Period 5	13:50	14:45	55



Year 13

Deadline for ordering year group photos from Fraser Portraits is Sunday 26 April. Please see emails sent for more details.



Our Sixth Form Sports afternoon was a great success. It was fantastic to see students taking part, supporting one another and really enjoying the afternoon. Well done to everyone involved and to Sandbanks who won overall.



District Handball Winners!



A huge well done to these talented handball players (plus Harley and Harrison) who have won the County Handball tournament, unbeaten, with one draw and four wins. The final match was an eliminator winning 7-6.

They have trained hard as a group, and this perseverance has paid off!

GB Handball Star inspires our players



Also, Alex Trent (ex Corfe Hills student) popped in to speak to the boys. He plays handball for Team GB full time in the Faroe Islands. Alex is stood next to his England Jersey in reception.

CHS Parents' Book Club

This week we celebrated the first 6 months of our successful CHS Book Club with pizzas and conversation about our favourite book so far 'My Friends' by Fredrik Backman. We've enjoyed books across a broad range of genres and themes and have also discussed a lot of other books along the way. We're particularly proud that Book Club continues to grow and it's a truly flexible approach to boosting your reading, if you can fit us in once a month we would love to meet more parents and chat about how we can make reading more accessible to everyone.

Did you know 1 in 5 young people surveyed said they would read more if their friends or family talked about books.

1 in 6 young people said that seeing someone they look up to read or talk about reading would make them want to read.

(National Literacy Trust 2023)



Next month we'll be meeting on Monday 18 May at 6pm in the school library. Bring a friend or come along and help us create a community of readers!

Giving Back - Staff Step up for Charity



Good luck to Mrs McDermid running the London Marathon this weekend.



Mrs Smith is taking part in a sponsored abseil down the Spinnaker Tower on 5 July raising funds for Royal Marine and Royal Navy Charities.



Ski Trip - La Thuile



Over the Easter Holiday we took 35 students to La Thuile, Italy, skiing. The students represented Corfe Hills School exceptionally and were a credit to our school community. The week began with several different ability levels embarking on the nursery slopes and the mountain range itself. By the end of the week the students had made so much progress in their skiing that all the groups were up the mountain having a phenomenal time. Outside of the skiing, the students experienced Italian culture; from visiting Courmayeur, eating Italian food (in vast quantities), and interacting with Italian staff in the hotel. We were really lucky to have had good conditions on the slope this year. Fresh snow. Clear blue skies. Incredible views. We're missing the mountains already and can't wait to go back next year.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leading Together. Inspiring Everyone.

— ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27 —



HEAD STUDENT

- Albert Jones
- Lauren Batchellor



DEPT HEAD STUDENT

- Freddie Kimber
- Nuala Canning



HEAD OF HOUSE

- Ed Preece
- Pearl Collins



ECO LEADERSHIP

HEAD OF ECO

- Isla Wallin

DEPT ECO

- Blake Redrup
- Sophie Spratt

HOUSE AMBASSADORS



KIMMERIDGE

- Tom Harris
- Molly Farmer
- Liv Protopsaltis



LULWORTH

- Bill Penfold
- Phoebe Burt



SANDBANKS

- Molly McCall
- Fin Murray
- Portia Valentine



LITERACY OFFICER (NEWSLETTER)

- Alex King
- Phoebe Burt



DIGITAL LEADERS

- Isabel Green
- Ed Preece
- Javin Choy
- Finlay Russell



PALS OFFICER (PEER ASSISTED LEARNING)

- Sophie McComish



YOUNG CARER REPRESENTATIVES

- Tea Law
- Bismah Khan



MED SOC

- Lauren Batchellor



EDI OFFICER

- Scarlett Cromwell



CHARITIES

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- Isabel Green
- Isabel Fleurie

CHARITY COMMITTEE

- Ella Radley
- Charlotte Martin
- Sophie Noble
- Ben Lynch



PREFECTS

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| • Theo Perkins | • Hayley Phipp | • Sammy Webber |
| • Libby Tindall | • Nevie Collins | • Willow Pickford Rowland |
| • Craig Levin | • Javin Choy | • Finlay Russell |

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STUDENT LEADERS FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE.



Head Students



School & Local Events & Notices



Forvis Mazars are holding a Poole Office insight evening on 9 June from 5.30-7pm. Click on the link below if you would like to attend.

<https://careers-uk.forvismazars.com/jobs/event/poole-office-summer-insight-evening/58/detail/0/>

Next session Tuesday 12 May 2026
4pm - 5.30pm

Beautiful dresses that don't cost the earth

Tuesday 12 May 2026
4pm - 5.30pm

Fair Ground Shop
Cornmarket
Wimborne

Come along and try on a dress for your prom

With sizes from 2 - 20 there are dresses in a wide range of colours and styles for you to try. Dresses are available to rent for £5 plus a £15 returnable deposit

Special Offer - Buy 9 get 1 free

Don't forget your loyalty card when purchasing a hot meal! Pick one up from the canteen.

Have your 10th meal absolutely free