



# CORFE HILLS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher, Sara Jones

As we reach the end of another half term, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and patience during what has been a challenging term. If you have any questions or concerns specifically relating to the ongoing industrial action, please do not hesitate to contact me via: [headspa@corfehills.net](mailto:headspa@corfehills.net).

Our students have been working hard, especially those who are in the middle of their examinations. Their level of focus and determination has been commendable. Please remember that there are subject specific revision sessions for Year 11 and 13 timetabled after half term that you have previously been emailed details about. We are looking forward to supporting them during these sessions.

Next half term sees the continuation of our exam period alongside some fun activities; these include a range of leavers' events, sports day, hills hike and transition arrangements for our prospective students who will be joining us in September. All students are due to return to school on Monday 1 June. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform and has the correct equipment. Only students who have PE are currently permitted to attend school in full PE kit. They have been reminded about this this morning – please support us with this. We would also like to wish our Year 12 students all the best for their work experience starting on Monday 1 June.

The weather is due to improve now and I am reliably informed that there is a heatwave on the way next week! Have a great half term and we are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 1 June.

Best wishes Sara Jones

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* 8 May - 19 June GCSE and A Level exams
- \* 22 May - Last day of half term
- \* 25 May - 29 May - Half Term
- \* 1 June - Back to school
- \* 1 June - 5 June - Year 12 Work Experience
- \* 5 June - 6 June - Bronze D of E expedition
- \* 15 & 16 June - Teenage Booster & HPV Immunisations Catch Up



A huge congratulations to Henry who has achieved our first Platinum Points certificate for 2025/2026.

This half term we have also given out the following certificates:

53 Gold  
75 Silver  
11 Bronze

## Parents' Book Club

CHS Book Club continues to go from strength to strength and we love the opportunity to share a cup of tea and chat about our latest favourite books, and sometimes our least favourites too! We are delighted that some of our recent shared books are now being read by our children and we've also met up recently at some of the Wimborne Literary Festival events. We're quite a sociable group!



Having explored a range of 'Quick Reads' we are now going to try the American classic novel 'East of Eden' by John Steinbeck. It's a powerful novel following the intertwined lives of two families living in the dramatic scenery of the Salinas Valley in California. Please come and join us on Monday 15 June at 6pm in the school library if you want to know more! Parents of students from all year groups are most welcome.

## Young Carers Group

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

**CORFE HILLS SCHOOL**  
Nurture & Support Group for Our Young Carers

Our young carers give so much.  
**Let's give something back.**

We are collecting donations of:

- Wool & yarn – any colours
- Knitting needles & crochet hooks
- Beads & craft supplies
- LEGO (all types)
- Painting sets & art materials
- Colouring books 12+

Every donation helps create a calm, creative space where our young carers can relax, connect, and just be themselves.

PLEASE DROP DONATIONS INTO THE RECEPTION AT CORFE HILLS SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting our amazing young carers.

## Parent Champion Sessions 23 June

We are pleased to host our next Parent Champion sessions on 23 June. These are delivered in partnership with SENDiass4BCP and Parents Carers Together.

[Book place here.](#)

**PARENT CARERS TOGETHER**  
Bournemouth Christchurch Poole

**23rd June 2026**

**Parent Champion sessions are coming to your school**

**Sessions will run at 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00**

Ever felt lost in the world of SEND and wish you had someone to talk to in confidence?  
Would you like to know more about local services in your community?  
Do you need support in finding the right place for advice and information?  
Would support understanding processes and wording be helpful?

Our Parent Champion is here to listen and find the best way to support you.

Any parent/carer can access the drop in if they have worries or concerns that their child may have an additional need that is not being met by existing resources. A diagnosis is not required.

**Training**  
All volunteers are subject to enhanced DBS checks  
Every volunteer completes an induction programme

**Supervision**  
Each volunteer receives ongoing supervision from an experienced supervisor.

Check your school's website for the next available session and book your space to talk in confidence with a Parent Champion

Congratulations to our fabulous staff for completing the Tough Mudder in Henley. Laura McDermid, Cory Nicholls, Michelle Churchill, Emma Acott and Russell Dominey.

## Tough Mudder



# Dress for Success : Our School Uniform Standards

Uniform is very important to our school and we are proud of our students looking smart. Please see the key reminders below:

- Students are expected to wear full uniform to and from school.
- The only jewellery permitted is a watch and a pair of studs (plastic nose retainers and smart watches are not allowed). Please note that during exams, watches are not to be worn.
- Nail polish of any colour, false nails and gel nails are not permitted.

For more information regarding uniform and equipment, please follow this link:

[Corfe Hills School - School Uniform and Equipment List](#)



## Welcome to New Parents

On 7 and 14 May we welcomed into school our new intake parents for September. They met key members of staff, gathered information about the school, saw uniform suppliers and shared information about their children. It was lovely to meet and greet our new parents, to talk about transition plans and to be able to answer any questions. We are currently having small group visits for students and have taster mornings planned for Year 8 in mid-June. We are really looking forward to having a new cohort of students joining us in September.

## School Contact Information

If you have any queries/concerns relating to your child, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance:

[Corfe Hills School - Tutor & Key Staff Contact Details](#)



Mini whiteboards might be small, but they make a BIG difference in our classrooms:

- ✓ Teachers can assess everyone's learning *at a glance*.
- ✓ Quick corrections and follow-up questions keep learning moving.
- ✓ Every student writes. Every student shows. Every student learns.
- ✓ Students focus on thinking and will take risks in answering, not perfect presentation.

## Year 12 Goes to Work



We wish all year 12 students taking part in their work experience from 1-5 June the best of luck. We hope they have a rewarding and enjoyable experience.



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## Introducing our Sixth Form Head Students

### Albert Jones

My name is Albert , I study English Literature, Business Studies and Politics. In my free time, I enjoy following AFC Bournemouth as well as keeping active in the gym and running! I am very excited to be part of a great student leadership team and have the chance to make a positive change within the school. I'm looking forward to representing students' opinions across all year groups, with the primary aim of making school life as positive for everyone as I have found it at Corfe Hills. I'm excited to see what we can achieve together!



### Lauren Batchelor

Hey, I'm Lauren and I'll be taking over the role of Head Girl , I am currently studying Chemistry, Biology and A level PE with the hope to study medicine at university. Outside of school, I love to spend time with my friends and have a passion for sports. I'm really excited to have the opportunity to work with our amazing leadership team to ensure all students enjoy their time at Corfe Hills. I hope to strengthen our school community by encouraging student involvement, supporting younger students, and creating opportunities for everyone to feel included and heard. I'm looking forward to having the chance to work with both students and staff to make a positive impact across the school .

## GET AHEAD FOR 2027

START YOUR UCAS APPLICATION NOW



## Year 12 - Start Your UCAS Journey

You can now start your UCAS application for Uni in 2027.

Register and begin filling in your application in your UCAS hub.

Whether you are just exploring your options or already know where you want to apply, now's the time to get started.



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# Navigating New Challenges: Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions



Over this term, both Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh participants have taken part in their practice expeditions.

Bronze participants have begun to develop their map reading and navigation skills, as well as learning how to set up camp and cook their own evening meals.

Silver participants have built on their Bronze experience, adapting to new groupings while taking on more challenging terrain and an additional night of camping. This has seen them

complete their expedition from Friday through to Sunday. Across both levels, students have risen to these challenges admirably, and we look forward to them completing their qualifying expeditions next half term.



## PEDSSA Trials Success

Over two nights of Pedssa trials, we saw 14 athletes compete across both track and field events at Canford School. We are pleased to report that six of our students qualified for the Dorset County Schools competition which will be taking place in June. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to those who have been selected.



# School & Local Events & Notices



**GRADE CAMP 2026**  
Take Your Playing to the Next Level!

**4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

**WHO CAN JOIN?**

- ✓ Aged 12-18
- ✓ Taking Lessons
- ✓ Serious About Playing
- ✓ Wanting to study for and achieve a grade

**Grade 5 and Up**

**Absolute Music**  
(in association with BAMB)

**AVAILABLE FOR:**

- ✓ Vocals • Drums • Guitar
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01202 597180  
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**AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD IN MAY HALF TERM**



POOLE  DORSET

**RNLI COLLEGE SUMMER FETE**

SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2026 • 11AM-4PM

COME VISIT US AND ENJOY A DAY OF FAMILY FUN

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY  
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT  
BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS  
LIVE MUSIC • BBQ • BAR

ASSISTANCE DOGS WELCOME, BUT SORRY WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE PETS

**LINWOOD**  
TRAINING, SUPPORT & ADVICE

**An Introduction to Autism and Neurodiversity for Parents**

Led by Kate Tuck & Joseph Liddiard  
Linwood Training, Support & Advice


This session will provide parents with a basic overview of how Autism and Neurodiversity may present in children and young people.

**Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 9:30 - 11:45am at Corfe Hills School**

- Information about Autism and Neurodiversity including the 3 areas of difference.
- Young person input "My experiences".

Please note that your child does not need a diagnosis to attend this session. No charge to attend. This course is open to families who live in BCP.

Please email:  
ltsa@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk for session details / availability.



**BEACHWISE**  
SAVING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

**IN WATER SELF RESCUE SKILLS**

3rd to 28th August **£7.50** per person  
Weekdays, Hourly 11am to 2pm  
Rossmore BCP Leisure Centre

Children and families learn life saving water safety skills and knowledge, delivered by water safety experts

To book contact BCP Rossmore Leisure Centre reception on **01202 817 777 option 1**

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