



Corfe Hills School

High Expectations | Exceptional Individuals

Corfe Hills Newsletter

A word from Sara Jones, Headteacher

We have reached the end of a busy and exciting academic year. Much has happened this year and I wanted to take the opportunity of thanking you for your unwavering support throughout this year. Many of you have been in contact with me directly and with other key members of staff - without your positivity, support and engagement, the strong partnership we have with you would not be possible. We are always happy to listen to feedback as without this, we would not be developing or growing stronger as a community. All we ask is that you contact us directly so that we can work closely together.

This year has seen exceptional achievements from our students who have enjoyed and exploited the range of opportunities here at Corfe Hills. We recently celebrating the hard work of our Year 11 and Year 13 students at their end of year celebrations - year 11 at dean's Court and Year 13 at The Cowshed. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate their commitment and determination they showed during their exam season. We are looking forward to celebrating their results with them on Thursday 13 August (Year 13) and Thursday 20 August (GCSE). We also welcomed our new Year 9 students into school for their transition mornings and transfer days in June. We are excited about the joining us in September.

The summer term has been packed full of enriching educational trips and visits. These include our GCSE Geography field trips, theatre trips, trips to parliament and our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Recently, we have enjoyed viewing the wonderful work completed by our Design and Technology students which was exhibited in the LRC. Our creative showcase took place in the hall where our talented artists were able to proudly display their work too. Our summer concert was enjoyed by our audience and performers alike - it was amazing to listen to such a talented group of students as they performed in front of a packed audience. Yesterday, all staff and students in Years 9, 10 and 12 completed the Corfe Hills Hike. Our staff and some of our student leadership were out and about from 0445 putting up the checkpoint signs and then checking the course (by running it). Luckily, we were able to spot and report the fallen tree that was blocking the trailway. Thankfully, the council came out quickly to clear it which meant that the hike was able to ahead with just a short delay. It was wonderful to see so many students demonstrating resilience and perseverance during the walk. So far, we have managed to raise over £1000 for our chosen charities.

We are incredibly proud of our students' sporting success this term. They enjoyed a golf fixture at Milton Abbey, we were undefeated in the area tennis competition and a group of students completed a fantastic strength and conditioning club at the Mark Childs Performance Centre. Charlie was selected for the English schools and represented the South West of England, Fin and Ryan have been selected for the England Handball pathways squad and Charlie, Ella and Oli competed in the Dorset athletics squad. Congratulations and well done to all our students. We are so proud of you.

Arrangements for the start of term are as follows:

Thursday 3 September: Only Year 9 and Year 12 students in school

Friday 4 September: All year groups return to school.



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Thursday 3 September

Year 9 students should enter via main reception before 0830 and head to the sports hall for check-ins. They will be directed by staff but should turn right when they enter reception. They will be provided with information regarding check-ins, lockers and will be given a copy of their timetable. Later during the day, they will have their photographs taken.

Year 12 students should enter via the Sixth Form entrance before 0830 and head to the LRC to meet their tutors and to be registered. They will also have an assembly in the morning, be provided with key information including locker details and will be given a copy of their timetable. They will also have their photographs taken. Year 12 students will be able to leave at 1220.

Friday 5 September

All students should be on site before 0830. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 should head straight to their relevant check in areas. These are: Year 9 - rear car park, Year 10 - LRC quad and Year 11 - tennis courts. Year 12 students should go to their tutor rooms and Year 13 should go to Shades for an assembly.

School day timings

Please ensure that your child is on site before 0830 every day as this is when the external doors are locked. Students in Years 9-11 will then complete their check-ins before they attend their tutor sessions. Sixth formers should enter via the Sixth Form entrance only before making their way to tutor period for registration.

The school day will end at the following times:

- Monday- Wednesday: lessons end at 1505 for a 1510 end to the school day.
- Thursday and Friday: lessons end at 1445 for a 1450 end to the school day.

Equipment

The stationery equipment that students are expected to have is listed for you below. Students will need to carry their equipment in a 30cm clear, plastic pencil case. This means that it is easy to check that students have the correct equipment and is also preparing them for their assessments/examinations when they will require a clear pencil case. Year 9 students will be allocated a locker where their bags and mobile phones can be stored throughout the school day.

30 cm ruler	2 black pens	Green pen
Pencil	Eraser	Pencil sharpener
Working white board pen & whiteboard	Purple pen	Scientific calculator



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Uniform

Uniform is very important and we are proud of our students for looking smart. The uniform expectations are listed for you on our website but key reminders are listed below for you:

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- Students are expected to wear full uniform to and from school.
- The only jewellery that should be worn is a watch and a pair of studs (plastic nose retainers and smart watches are not allowed).
- Nail polish of any colour is not to be worn.

Mobile phones should be switched off and placed in bags before entering the school building and placed in lockers throughout the school day for students in Years 9-11. Sixth formers are permitted to use their mobile phones in their allocated spaces but not in corridors.

Additional support during the summer holidays

There are many ways in which students can access additional support during the summer holidays if they find themselves struggling. Listed below are a range of agencies who will provide a variety of different types of support for young people and their families.

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- Kooth: online support, including counselling for young people – www.kooth.com.
- Childline: free, confidential advice and support – 0800 1111.
- Chat Health: free, confidential support and advice with health issues and body worries – 07480 635511.
- Frank: support and counselling for substance use – 0800 77 66 00/ www.talktofrank.com.
- REACH – drugs and alcohol services – 08000434656.
- Space Youth Project: LGBT+ support – 07973405280.
- PAPYRUS – Prevention of Young Suicide – 0800 068 41 41.
- Sara Jones (Designated Safeguarding Lead) – sjones@corfehills.net.
- 111 – Police (non - emergency).
- 999 – Police (emergency).

We are working really hard on our social media at the moment to increase local community engagement with all that we are doing here at Corfe Hills. Please have a look at our Facebook and Instagram pages and feel free to feed back any suggestions.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a restful summer break. We are really looking forward to welcoming your child back to school in September.

Charlie's English Schools Adventure



Charlie went to the English Schools Competition to compete in the 800m. The race was very challenging as it was a tight group so there was lots of pushing and jostling for position. Unfortunately Charlie stumbled and lost his rhythm. Despite that the whole experience was fantastic and Charlie has come away with valuable lessons and lifelong memories. Hugh congratulations to Charlie on such an amazing achievement.

Sports Personalities of the Year

Congratulations to our 2025/2026 Sports personalities of the year:

Year 9

Chloe L and Charlie H



Year 10
Noah K



Dates for your Diary

3 September – Year 9 & Year 12 in school
4 September – All students in school
8 September – School Show auditions
9 September - School Show recalls
10 September – School show rehearsals start
18 September – Lower school flu vaccinations
24 September – Open Evening
25 September - Inset Day – no students in school



CHS Literary Festival - 'Here be Monsters'

Last week, CHS descended into chaos. Monsters roamed the halls, curses rang around the library and hideous sock puppets reigned supreme. Last week, Here Be Monsters!

We were oversubscribed in the LRC but 55 students spent two days learning about the power of monsters in storytelling, discussing how monsters are formed, what they signify and how oral storytelling inspires the literary tales we read today. We explored local tales from authors who spent time in Dorset (Mary Shelley and Robert Louis Stevenson), listened to Nick Jubber, a published author wax lyrical about his tales around the world hunting monsters, were held in rapture by Mr Sutton's depiction of Frankenstein and felt tingling fear of our local surroundings inspired by Mr Lindon's encyclopaedic knowledge of local myth and legend. Drawing, writing, debates and crafts all underpinned by monster munch and suitably squishy sweets!

Our students were engaged throughout and created some magical tales. Seeing such creativity is always a joy and we cannot wait for next year's Literary Festival!



External Speakers at Corfe Hills School

2025 - 2026

This year we have been incredibly lucky to welcome a wide variety of outside speakers to Corfe Hills to support our students' Personal Development (along with our normal assemblies and Tutor Programme).

We started the year with a moving and impactful visit from Tracy Jose from Changes Are Made. This non-profit charity aims to educate young people around the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife, or being with others who do. 60% of young people surveyed said that they thought more education around the subject would improve things and make them feel more confident in dealing with such issues. Our young people asked and we delivered. Over the course of four days, Tracy spoke to each year group and shared her heartbreaking story of loss and, ultimately, hope. Her grandson, Cameron Hamilton, was killed by a knife wound in 2023 when he was just 18 years old. Tracy has spent countless hours visiting schools and youth groups in the hopes of preventing such devastation impacting any more families. We are also supporting CAM with fundraising through our Hills Hike.

We then welcomed Mary and Geoff from Hope for Food who, again, visited each year group to highlight the continued and, unfortunately, increasing need for families to have access to food parcels and common necessities. Their assemblies were quite shocking with the number of food parcels they hand out each week and the situations some families find themselves in. These visits then led to our Donation Drive leading up to Christmas, where students brought in long-life foods, spare warm clothing and some special treats for children to have at Christmas. Our Head students were kind enough to deliver the donations to Mary and Geoff on the last day of the Autumn Term.

Safer Schools visited our Year 10 cohort during Operation Sceptre to explain about the law surrounding carrying bladed articles or being caught with dangerous weapons. The (blunt!) machete they brought in was a key talking point amongst students after the session.

In March, we were lucky enough to be visited by Jonny from Beachwise who delivered some interactive, inspirational talks about how to stay safe at open bodies of water. He gave our students simple, potentially life-saving tips for how to raise the alarm and 'float to live'. His anecdotes and real-life stories really hit home with many of our students and it was lovely to see how many of them waited behind to ask about lifeguarding qualifications.

We are so grateful to all of our visiting speakers who gave up their time and energy to share such important messages with our students.

An Evening of Outstanding Music: Summer Concert Success!

On Thursday, 9 July, the Main Hall came alive for our annual Summer Music Concert. Despite the very warm evening, our students delivered an evening of truly outstanding performances, showcasing the incredible abundance of young musical talent we have here at Corfe Hills School.

The audience was treated to a fantastic variety of genres and instruments, ranging from powerful vocal musical theatre pieces to high-energy heavy rock drum solos. Providing our students with the experience of live performance is incredibly valuable for building their confidence and developing their skills as young musicians, and every performer rose to the occasion brilliantly.

An event like this requires a huge team effort. A big thank you, once again, to Mark and Oliver Grigsby for their invaluable help with the sound engineering and for providing the evening's refreshments. I would also like to thank Laura McDermid and our fantastic 6th Form team for their hard work assisting on the night.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along to support our students—we hope you thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment. The event raised over £150.00, which will go directly toward funding our school production in the autumn term.

Mrs Inskip

Head of Music



Great British Summer Savings scheme

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Year 12 – Half Marathon!

A huge thank you to Crocker Cladding for their generosity in supporting our Jurassic Coast Half Marathon. Money raised will be used to upgrade the school gym.
In total we raised a massive £3,500!



Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Early July saw 9 students complete their silver qualifying expedition and 2 students completed their gold practice expedition. They were faced with hot temperatures, but it certainly did not dampen their spirits across the weekend. Congratulations to everyone involved and we wish the 2 students completing their gold over the summer the best of luck.



End of Year Exhibition

Our End of Year Exhibition was on display for two days (6-8 July) ending with a fabulous private view on Wednesday night. We had work from our current year 11 and 13 art, photography, textiles, media, and some work from Broadstone middle schools.

There was a wealth of talent on display, and we are grateful to our visitors who came to support and be inspired.



Making a splash: Local teacher strikes Gold



This weekend Jenn Penny (Science teacher) swam at the Dorset masters event in Dorchester, where she placed first for in her age group all 3 races she competed in. She also placed in all races for all age groups. Also a massive well done to her for achieving a National time in 200 fly so will be heading to nationals soon!

Hills Hike

A huge congratulations to all of our students and staff who took part in this year's Corfe Hills Hike! On the penultimate day of term, hundreds of students completed our 9-kilometre charity walk, enjoying the beautiful local countryside while raising an incredible £1,200 for our two chosen charities: Changes are Made (C.A.M.) and Whizz Kidz.

We are immensely proud of every student - not only for completing the challenge on the day, but also for the fantastic fundraising efforts shown in the weeks leading up to the event. Their enthusiasm, compassion, integrity and adaptability shone throughout the day, particularly when they embraced last-minute changes to the route following the fallen tree on the Castleman Trail. Their positive attitude ensured the day remained a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

It was wonderful to see such a strong sense of community spirit across the school, with students encouraging one another, supporting their peers and appreciating the incredible outdoor spaces right on 12

If you would like to make a donation, our JustGiving pages remain open

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/corfe-hills-school-cam>

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/corfe-hills-school-whizzkidz>



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FREE PARENT & CARER WEBINARS



LOOKING FOR PRACTICAL TIPS AND SUPPORT TO HELP YOUR CHILD THRIVE?



THE MHST OFFERS A RANGE OF FREE PRE-RECORDED WEBINARS FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND ANYONE SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.



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ALL EPISODES - AVAILABLE FREE ON SPOTIFY



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PARENT/CARER Summer newsletter



Dorset HealthCare
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NHS Foundation Trust



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) provides early intervention and prevention support for children and young people experiencing challenges such as low mood or anxiety. We work closely with schools, families, and communities to promote emotional wellbeing and ensure young people get help as early as possible.

Listen to our Meet the Team podcasts – hear directly from us about the services we offer and how we can support you and the young people in your care.



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Support over the summer

We know the summer holidays can bring both fun and challenges for families, especially when balancing work, childcare and family life. Following feedback from local families at our Supporters Forum, the MHST has created a Summer Support Leaflet packed with practical tips, activity ideas, and links to local and national support services. Whether you're looking for wellbeing advice, parenting support or useful resources, this leaflet includes recommendations from local families to help you feel more supported over the summer.



<https://bit.ly/4fgyZEm>

Free Parent/Carer pre-recorded webinars

The MHST has a range of free pre-recorded webinars available for parents, carers and supporters of children and young people.

Topics include sleep, emotional regulation, school attendance, autism, parenting support and transition to secondary school. Access your chosen webinar by completing the online form here:

Webinar access form: bit.ly/4wAQCxo

Free resources:

linktr.ee/dorsetmhst



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Stay Safe: Important Water Safety Guidance

Please find below important information from the RNLI and British Red Cross on how to stay safe in and around water. As the warmer weather encourages more time outdoors, it is essential that everyone is aware of potential risks and takes simple precautions to help prevent accidents and keep themselves and others safe.



Lifeboats

Heading to the beach?

Here's what you need to know

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If you're in trouble in the water, relax and try to breathe normally. Tilt your head back and submerge your ears. It's okay if your legs sink – we all float differently.

Struggling in the water?



FLOAT TO LIVE

Beach safety tips

- ✓ Choose a lifeguarded beach
- ✓ Swim between the red and yellow flags
- ✓ If you find yourself in trouble in the water #FloatToLive
- ✓ If you see someone in trouble, call 999 and ask for the coastguard



BritishRedCross

Please click on the link below to read about heatwave water safety from the British Red Cross

[Water Safety and Drowning First Aid from British Red Cross](#)

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Did you know?

It's **ILLEGAL** to ride a privately owned electric scooter in public.

- **£300 Fine**
- **6 Points**
- **Seized**

You can only use an e-scooter on private land with the landowner's permission.

If you are caught riding an e-scooter on pavements, roads or public spaces, your scooter may be seized and you may be liable to pay a fine and/or receive penalty points on your licence.



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DorsetPoliceHQ

MISSING CAT TOM

PLEASE HELP US FIND TOM



TOM

- Black and white tuxedo pattern
- White face with black markings
- Pink nose
- Green eyes
- Neutered male
- Microchipped

LAST CONFIRMED
SIGHTING
FRIDAY 3RD JULY
AT 9:38PM

Seen on CCTV in
WIDWORTHY DRIVE
heading towards the
woodland behind
the houses.

PLEASE CHECK SHEDS, GARAGES, GREENHOUSES & OUTBUILDINGS

SHEDS GARAGES GREENHOUSES OUTBUILDINGS



IF YOU SEE TOM, PLEASE
CALL OR TEXT
07845 066315

Any sightings, no matter how small,
please call immediately.

PLEASE DON'T CHASE HIM

If you see Tom:
Note the EXACT location and time
and call us immediately.

Thank you so much ❤️

EVERY CHECK, SHARE AND CALL COULD HELP TOM GET HOME

Thank you 🙏

SUMMER HOLIDAY NETBALL CAMPS!



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12TH AUGUST

THURSDAY
27TH AUGUST

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Summer Holiday Netball Camp!

Tuesday 11th August

Corfe Hills School, Broadstone

Minis - Year 2 to Year 6

9.30am - 12.30pm

£20 per person

Click the link to book!

Coachingfuturestarsdorset@gmail.com

