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NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM SARA JONES, HEADTEACHER

As we reach the end of another busy and productive half term, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support over the past eight weeks. It has certainly been a busy period, with so much happening across our Corfe Hills community, and I am incredibly proud of the many ways our students have embraced the opportunities available to them.

There have been numerous highlights this half term, including a range of PE fixtures and sporting successes, our Breast Cancer Awareness events, and a visit from Hope for Food, a charity supporting people experiencing homelessness. We have also seen our students take on important leadership roles through interviews and activities, while our Year 9 students benefited from an exciting careers trip, helping them to explore future opportunities and pathways.

At the end of this half term, we say goodbye and thank you to two valued members of our staff, Rachel Haddrell, our Sixth Form Pastoral Manager, and Sam Woolacott, Head of Social Science. We are grateful for their contributions to Corfe Hills and the positive impact they have had on our students and wider school community. We wish them both every success and happiness in their future endeavours. We are also looking forward to welcoming four new members of staff after half term, whom we will introduce to you in our next newsletter.

Thank you for making Corfe Hills such a special community. The support we receive from parents and carers, alongside the strong relationships we build together, plays a vital role in ensuring our students can thrive and achieve their best. Working in partnership, we can continue to provide the right balance of support, encouragement and challenge, helping every student to fulfil their potential.

Looking ahead to next half term, we have plenty to look forward to! Alongside our continued focus on embedding routines, maintaining high expectations and ensuring that students are both supported and challenged, our Year 11 students will begin their mock examinations. We will also be supporting Children in Need and a range of other charitable events, including the popular Sponge the Teacher activity. There will be opportunities to celebrate the performing arts with our school production of 9 to 5, as well as an exciting Harry Potter trip, our Christmas Carol Concert at Wimborne Minster, and lots of festive competitions and activities to bring our community together.

I am immensely proud of our students and all that they have achieved this half term. Thank you once again for your continued support and for playing such an important part in the life of our school.

I wish all our students, parents, carers and staff a restful and enjoyable half term break. I hope you have the opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy some quality time with family and friends. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be another exciting and rewarding half term.

November dates



Tuesday 3rd	Ski Trip information evening
Wednesday 4th	Year 11 mocks start
Friday 13th	Children in Need
Monday 16th	Parents book club
Wednesday 18th	Next steps day & Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 20th - Tuesday 24th	Iceland Trip
Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th	School Show

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Congratulations to our new Student leaders



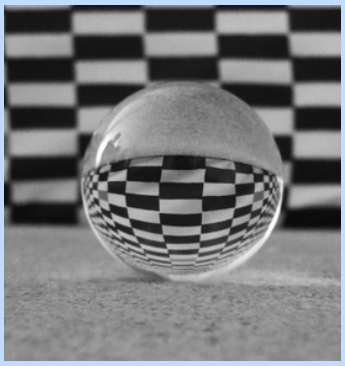


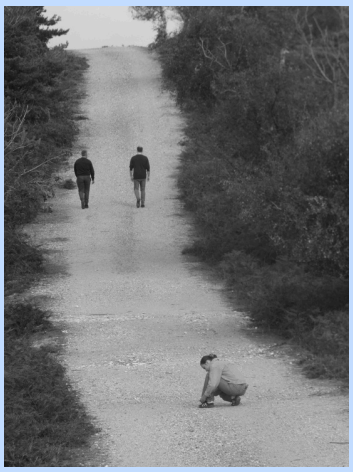
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Students have been looking at 'The Power of Black and White', bringing more intrigue and interest to sometimes mundane subject matter. images range from landscape to pets. They have edited them to add contrast as depth can be lost in the black and white image.

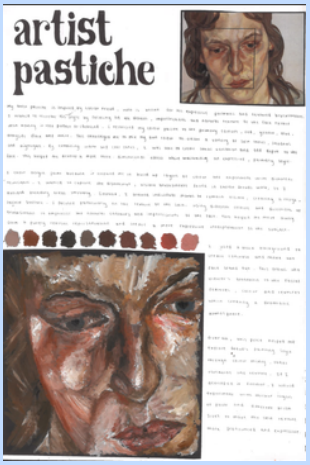
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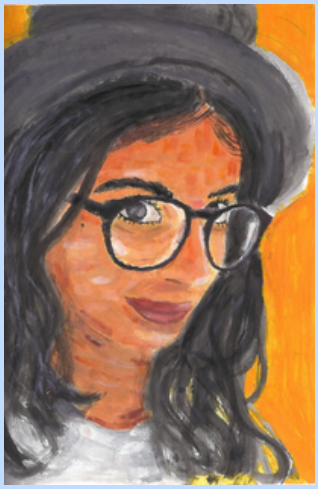








Our Year 11 GCSE Art students
have been developing their portrait projects, exploring themes of identity, time, gender, emotions and fragments.
Through studying a range of artists and experimenting with different materials and techniques, students have been creating their own interpretations of portraiture.
They have explored a variety of approaches, including painting, drawing, collage and mixed media, developing their technical skills and personal artistic styles as they work towards their final outcomes.









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News from the LRC

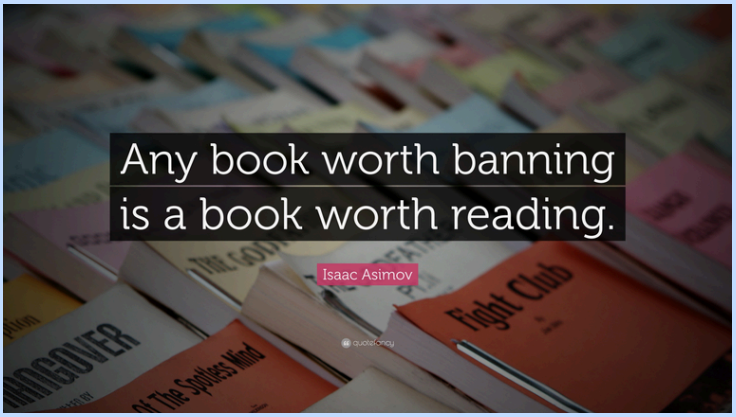
In the LRC this month we've been focusing on books that have been banned or are restricted around the World. Many of them are popular titles that we know and love from Charlotte's Web, The Fault in our Stars, The Hate U Give, To Kill a Mockingbird, and 1984.

The display outside the LRC celebrates our British Values and the fact that in a democracy we have the right to choose what we read and also to respect each other's choices.

Inside the library, students have created a display that explains the reasons why some of these books have been banned and why it's so important that we read fully and freely.

For a broader conversation about why we read the books we do and how to fully embrace our freedom to read, feel free to join our Parents and Carers Book Club which meets once a month in the LRC.





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Sporting News

- What a brilliant week for the Year 9 netball girls who took part in their first PEDSSA and County Netball competitions, with us entering two teams in the PEDSSA competitions.



- This term, Year 11 & Sixth Form netball girls competed in the PEDSSA league & tournament.





- Year 9 boys football have their first game this week after training well this term.



- Congratulations to Sixth Form boys football team.



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Sporting News

- Year 10 boys football had a comprehensive victory against Milton Abbey in their first warm up game before they start the county cup.
- In basketball year 10s and the year 11s have had three games against, Grammar, Purbeck and St Edwards, making steady progress.
- Badminton club has exploded this year with up to 50 students attending on Wednesdays.
- Congrautions to the cross country team





WELL DONE TO ALL STUDENTS!!

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Hope for food

This week, we were lucky enough to welcome Mary and Eddie from Hope For Food, a local charity who we have supported in the run-up to Christmas (and occasionally at Easter) for the last 4 years.

Mary led our assemblies each morning, sharing information about the help, support and advice they provide to local families in need. She also talked about the items they are so desperate to have donated.

The number of parcels they send out each week was very sobering and really highlighted to many of our students just how luck we really are.

Their visit also links to our House Competition which will be launched after half term - Our Christmas Donation Drive! More information on this to follow.





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Vikki Slade Visit

We were delighted to welcome Vikki Slade into our school for an exciting pop-up surgery!

Students had the fantastic opportunity to meet Vikki, ask questions, share their views and engage in meaningful conversations. It was a brilliant chance for students to have their voices heard, connect with Vikki and take an active interest in the what matters to them.



Scholars Programme

We're so excited to launch the Corfe Hills Scholars Programme 2026 for our Year 12 students.

It is designed to support ambitious students with strong academic potential through additional challenge, enrichment and opportunities beyond the classroom.



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Breast Cancer Awareness Day!

THINK PINK – PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE!





A HUGE well done to our incredible Sixth Form students who braved the weather to take part in our Think Pink Charity Mixed Netball Tournament, raising a fantastic **£106** for breast cancer charity!

It was wonderful to see so much teamwork, determination, laughter and Sixth Form spirit, all coming together to support such an important cause.

A special thank you to the inspirational Mrs Churchill, who joined us to present the trophy to our winning team! 🏆💗

Together, we can make a difference.







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Reminders

Shoes should be black. Fashion boots, trainers, skate/leisure shoes, mules or flip flops are not allowed. Please refer to our website for a full list of uniform.

Any uncertainties should be clarified by contacting the school.





PE

Wear appropriate boots (moulded or plastic boots, no astros or metal studs)

All students must wear a gumshield during rugby.

PE kit - Wednesday 4 to Tuesday 17 November

All students who have PE timetabled for the day can arrive in full PE kit. The changing rooms will be closed due to Year 11 mock exams. **Only new kit is permitted.**



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Next Steps Day

On 18th November, Year 11 students will take part in our dedicated Next Steps Day, experiencing a selection of subjects and exploring different academic and vocational pathways to help them make confident, well-informed decisions about their future.

💙 Our message to every Year 11 student is simple:

Your future is full of possibilities. Be curious, be ambitious and never underestimate what you can achieve.
At Corfe Hills, we're proud to be supporting every student, every step of the way.
Aspiration. Opportunity. Ambition. Your future starts here.



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Competitions

Submit your best autumn-themed photographs for our seasonal competition. Think pumpkins, fireworks, sparklers, golden leaves etc

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Simply upload your JPEG file to the form sent by Mrs A Ratcliffe. Please check your email.



Competition closes Friday 20 November 2026 at 4pm



GOOD LUCK!

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Events





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School Show

Get ready for a show full of fantastic music, laugh-out-loud moments and plenty of Dolly Parton magic! Our talented students are working hard to bring 9 to 5 The Musical to the stage, promising an evening of brilliant performances, big personalities and feel-good entertainment. We can't wait to share all their hard work and enthusiasm with you!

To book your tickets please use the below QR code or visit the TicketSource website:
www.ticketsource.com/corfe-hills-school



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Winter Illness

Nationally, illness is the largest cause of school absence, with more than 50 million school days lost in 2025/26 - almost half of all absence



Useful Links:

- Is my child too ill for school?
- animation

Winter readiness webinar

Please register here:
Tickets to attend our DfE and **UKHSA winter readiness webinar** on 9 November (1600-1730), where you will hear from experts how you can keep your school community healthy and well as we enter the colder months.

Advice about reducing seasonal illness:

Education Hub blog

The RISE Attendance and Behaviour Hubs programme brings schools together to share effective practice, tackle attendance and behaviour challenges, and support sustainable improvement through peer learning.

Registration is now open for the January 2027 cohort, with applications closing on 6 November 2026. Register using the link below if your trust's schools would benefit. ***Expression of Interest Form.***

NHS

flu: 5 reasons
to have the vaccine

1. **Protect yourself**
   The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. **Protect your family and friends**
   Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. **No injection needed**
   The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
4. **It's better than having flu**
   The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record
5. **Avoid lost opportunities**
   If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy



For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu immunisation
Helping to protect you against flu

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Essential Emergency Contacts & Support Services

While school staff will not be available over the break, confidential advice and support are always accessible through these national and local services:

Childline: Free, confidential support for children and young people. Visit Childline or call 0800 1111.

NSPCC: Dedicated support and advice for adults who are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child. Visit NSPCC Learning.

YoungMinds: Expert advice and mental health support for both young people and parents navigating emotional well-being. Visit YoungMinds.

Urgent Concerns & Safety (MASH / Police): For urgent child protection concerns, please contact your local social care services (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub - MASH), call the police on 101 for non-emergencies, or dial 999 in an emergency.

We wish all of our students and families a safe, peaceful, and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the new term.