



Corfe Hills Connection

Learning today for a better tomorrow

February 2024

A word from James Sankey, Headteacher

We have had a positive start to the spring term with students busy working towards mock examinations as well as important work on next steps. Year 13 have completed their main set of mock exams, and they are now in the process of acting on the feedback from their mocks so that they maximise their learning in the lead up to their final examinations. Our Year 12 students have settled well into their A level studies and the routines of Sixth Form life. Year 11 have been getting prepared for their second set of mocks which begin straight after February half term and Year 10 are finalising planning for work experience which happens in the final two weeks of the spring term. We enjoyed a very successful GCSE options evening for Year 9 at the beginning of this month and students are now in the process of making choices about the subjects they will pursue at GCSE. We are proud to offer such a wide range of academic and vocational subjects to enable students to pursue a pathway that fits their interests and future ambitions. Year 13 have also been busy completing their UCAS applications as well as apprenticeship applications and Year 11 have been attending interviews to provide them with the support and guidance needed as they prepare for their next steps beyond GCSE.

There is a huge amount going on outside the classroom with a particular highlight being the run up to the annual Dance Live competition which is due to take place on 7 March at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. The PE department continue to enjoy plenty of success with the Year 9 and Year 10 girls netball teams both finishing in the top 4 of Poole and East Dorset School Sports Association (PEDDSA) competition and the Year 10 team also head off to the county cup qualifier after half term. Year 9 and Year 10 boys football teams are through to the county cup semi-finals and our Year 9/10 boys handball team are through to the regional finals. Alongside our popular girls boxing club we are delighted that we have been able to launch a new boys boxing club. There is much to celebrate and plenty more to look ahead to in the second half of the spring term.

We look forward to seeing all students after the half term break on Monday 19 February 2024. In the meantime, I hope you are able to enjoy some family over the half term break.

School Holidays

February 2024						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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END OF TERM

Friday 9 February 2024

RETURN DAY

Monday 19 February 2024

Handball County Champions

Congratulations to the under 15's boys handball team on becoming County Champions. The team made up of Year 9 and Year 10 boys won all 3 of their recent matches against Poole Grammar, Poole High and Leaf Academy. Their success has meant they have been invited to compete in the Southwest of England competitions representing Dorset. Mr Dominey commented "They are a joy to take anywhere and an example of some of the real role models that we have at Corfe Hills School". We wish them every success in their next matches.



Eco Committee and Green Flag

Lucy Kitcatt our Sixth Form environmental officer has been in all



year groups assemblies recruiting lower school eco committee members, so far, we have 29 keen students.

They will complete a series of projects from bird watches, to tree planting in March. As a school, we are working towards obtaining our Green Flag status.

Year 9 to 12 Netball

Year 12 House

Ambassadors



Year 12 house ambassadors have utilised their leadership skills and have been working tirelessly this term organising sporting opportunities for the lower school. These include Interhouse netball, football, handball and badminton.

Year 9, 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to apply to become house captains last term and were elected for their organisation, communication and leadership skills. They have been organising and managing their teams this term and have done an excellent job. Well done House Captains!

Year 9 and 10 House

Captains



Christmas netball

tournament



Year 9 to 11 celebrated the end of term with a festive tournament. Team Rudolph were the winners!

WORLD
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Reading for Pleasure

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In the lead up to World Book Day next month (07.03.24) we are celebrating 'Reading for Pleasure' in many of the subject departments around the school. Reading has many proven positive mental health benefits, as well as leading to increased attainment, that we would love our students to pick up a book to read this term! So, whether you love languages, are great at geography or are passionate about physics there is a brilliant range of books available to borrow from the LRC that will tap in to your favourite subject.

The LRC is open to students from all year groups at break and lunchtime daily.



Parliament Trip



On 14 December, Year 12 and 13 A level Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court.

Upon arriving we headed towards the Supreme Court located by Parliament Square, inside we entered Court Room 1 and the permanent exhibition which discussed the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. We also visited the Houses of Parliament where we witnessed debates in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons.



We also participated in a workshop where we found out more about how laws are made in Parliament and got the chance to stage our own debate.

Sam Brassey (Year 12)



FEBRUARY HALF TERM COACHING COURSE

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024

CANFORD SCHOOL

9.00AM - 4.00PM 10-18 YEARS OLD

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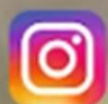
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Business Breakfast



This term we welcomed Lucie Donnelly from AFC Bournemouth to our second Business Breakfast. Lucie was invited to talk about her role in Marketing at the Club. As an ex. Corfe Hills Business student

and she was a valuable contributor to the event. The GCSE and A Level students learnt about the club's marketing strategies as well as being inspired by Lucie's career path to her position at AFC Bournemouth. This follows our first Business Breakfast hosted by Kristin Maguire the local entrepreneur behind the swimming business, Individuality Swimming.

These events have been an excellent enrichment opportunity for our students, and we are looking to the next one, when we hope to welcome Lush.



Stationery



Please don't forget to check your child's ParentPay account and pay any outstanding 'Learning to the Max' stationery charges.

Thank you

Social Media



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Keep in the loop of what is going on at Corfe Hills School!
Spread the great work CHS students and staff do by sharing CHS posts on social media or/and letting friends and family know of our school events!

Friends of Corfe Hills – PTA Second-hand uniform to buy



Blazer	£10.00
Hoodie	£7.00
Jumper	£5.00
Trousers	£2.00
Skirt	£2.00
Sports shorts	£5.00
Sports tops	£5.00
Girls leggings	£5.00
Boys tracksuit bottoms	£5.00
White shirts	Free
Socks	Free



For enquiries, please email ptauniform@corfehills.net

Uniform Donations

If you have outgrown uniform items, please recycle them by donating these to **The Friends of Corfe Hills - PTA**
(Please ensure it is washed beforehand)

Money raised will be put to good use by the PTA!

Uniform will be sold via social media, email and second-hand uniform sales at school.

If you would like to enquire about second-hand uniform, that the PTA already has, please email ptauniform@corfehills.net