



Corfe Hills Connection

Learning today for a better tomorrow



March 2024

A word from James Sankey, Headteacher

The spring term has flown by and, although short compared to the autumn term, so much has been packed into each and every day. Mocks have been completed for Year 11 and Year 13 and students are heading off to the Easter break ready with revision plans for the lead up to their exams starting in May. Year 10 are just finishing two weeks of work experience which began on Monday 18 March and we look forward to hearing from them after Easter when the return enthused and motivated from their experiences.

Our computer science team, led by Mrs Early, have had a busy term hosting a visit from the CGI cyber team who ran a series of escape room activities for over 150 students over the course of the week. We are incredibly proud to be one of only two schools in Dorset to hold the Cyber First award and the first to host this fantastic escape room experience. Earlier in the term we also welcomed Year 8 students from Allenbourn Middle School, Lockyer's Middle School and Bourne Academy to enjoy a full day of computer science input as part of our involvement in Cyber First.

Huge congratulations to all of those involved in the annual Dance Live competition which took place on 7 March at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. This is an incredible student led competition, but it would not have been possible without the support and encouragement of Miss Bassett, Miss Marrufo and Mr Dominey.

There is a lot to celebrate within our Sixth Form team with our student leaders making a real impact through the various clubs and committees that they run. The team have been relentless in fundraising for charities this year and on Friday 15 March a group of 28 students and three members of staff slept out on Maths street in cardboard shelters that they built themselves as part of the YMCA Sleep Easy fundraising campaign. Congratulations to the students involved, between them they raised over £2000 towards the work that YMCA does in the local area with vulnerable young people.

We are incredibly proud of the work of our Eco committee who have been busy planting trees donated by the Woodland trust, leading assemblies to raise awareness of environmental issues and they also organised a whole range of activities as part of Earth Hour on 21 March.

We look forward to seeing all students after the Easter break on Monday 15 April 2024. In the meantime, I hope you are able to enjoy some family time over Easter.

School Holidays

March 2024						
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END OF TERM

Thursday 28 March 2024

April 2024						
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29	30					

RETURN DAY

Monday 15 April 2024

Cross Country Championship



Oli Harrison, Year 10, has been selected for the Dorset team to compete at English Schools, cross country championships! This is a great achievement, since being at Corfe Hills School for 17 years, this has happened a handful of times. If you see Oli give him a big congratulations! Oli is very dedicated and passionate about running - it is extremely admirable.

Ex Student Meet and Greet

Barnaby Devlin (Class of 2023), who is currently attending Bath Spa University studying Creative Media came in to talk about his course and recent work experiences within the TV industry. The students were able to hear about the vast range of roles open to people who choose to work in the TV industry, how a studio floor for a magazine show operates and how high-end productions filmed on location work. Barnaby held the crowd in rapture during his hour long talk and has certainly given our students food for thought and high expectations of their futures.



'Beyond the Book' Club Launch

February saw the launch of our first ever, 'Beyond the Book' club. This is a reading for pleasure initiative whereby ten plus students from Years 9 and 10 each received a box of goodies, containing a book and a range of gifts to open at key pages of the novel to enhance their reading experience. We had a playlist of tracks inspired by the book playing, snacks related to the story to munch on and we had a lovely time reading aloud and learning some sign language (inspired by the characters' inability to communicate verbally). It was a truly wonderful way to spend an hour and we are all looking forward to our next meetings.



Our thanks go to The Friends of Corfe Hills for their invaluable funding. If you, or your employer would be interested in sponsoring the Book Club this term, please email Mrs Lynch on slynch@corfehills.net and we'll be happy to chat about the details.



Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority

12-week consultation opens for proposed new Community Safety Plan

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/12-week-consultation-opens-for-proposed-new-community-safety-plan/>

Producer Dan Edwards Releases 'Wuthering Heights' Dance-Pop Cover with Guest Vocalist Rowan



Former Corfe Hills School student Dan Edwards has produced a modern twist on the classic Kate Bush 'Wuthering Heights' song back in November 2023! Dan Edwards is a pop music producer but classically trained. He was the arranger for the orchestra at Buckingham Palace and has won various composition awards!



Humanist Visit to Y11 GCSE RS Class

The Year 11 Religious Studies class were fortunate enough to recently have a visit from Dr Barry Newman, a member of the non-religious Humanism organisation. Dr Newman outlined some of the basic elements of a humanist worldview, which does not include belief in God, an afterlife, or anything metaphysical, just a focus on human potential and the here and now. He also led a discussion on looking at some Humanist responses to specific topics of moral concern that are on the GCSE specification – most notably abortion, euthanasia and divorce – and how empathy and reason are the key tools Humanists use when considering what to think about complex moral problems. Students enjoyed the session and were great ambassadors for the school, asking some challenging and thought-provoking questions. Dr Newman is making a return visit in July 2024 to meet with the Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies group.

Dance Live



On Thursday 7 March 2024 students from Corfe Hills School went to Poole Lighthouse to perform at Dance Live!

A big well done to each and every student who participated. A lot of effort went into this, and you all made Corfe Hills proud! The performance was wonderful to watch.

The students worked with an idea and also choreographed the performance using the theme below:

“Books have a magical power to allow our imagination to run free. However, many of our favourite stories have been challenged, censored or even banned in libraries, schools and countries across the globe. In the performance, some of our most cherished story characters are placed behind bars, banned from the world to read. But what happens when every word has been silenced?”

The judges and the audience seemed to particularly enjoy this imaginative concept.

LUSH Business Breakfast

For the recent ‘Business Breakfast’ we welcomed Annabel Platt from LUSH Manufacturing, another former CHS student. The students learnt about the processes used by LUSH and the importance and consequences of having handmade products. This really brought to life the ‘operations’ topics of the Business Studies courses, that the students are studying. We were even lucky enough to all receive one of LUSH’s signature bath bombs!



The Big Sleep Easy

On Friday 15 March 2024, Sixth Formers slept outside (in Maths Street), raising money for local young people who are homeless. It was quite cold but lots of fun!

We raised over
£1800 for
YMCA!



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Thanks to kindful creative for awarding prizes for top fundraiser and best shelter!

EARTH HOUR



Thank you Corfe Hills

March, 21 2024



Thank you to tutors for completing the Eco quizzes, collecting the contributions in the recycled envelopes and raising awareness. Also, thanks to the caretakers and Mr Lockyer for their support with the 'Well-being' 🐝 garden and the staff who supported our Earth Hour initiative in period 5 and the Art department who supported our Recycled Art projects. Most notably, Lucy and the Eco Committee were amazing. Thanks again to everyone for making a difference.

Cyber Investigator

Corfe Hills School welcomed Year 8 students from Allenbourn Middle School, Lockyer's Middle School and Bourne Academy to enjoy a full day of Computer Science activities with Mrs S Early and some of our Year 9 Students at Corfe Hills.

As we progress into life with computers by our side and aiding our daily activities, it is important that our students know the risks of being online and more importantly know how to be safe



CGI | Cyber Escape



CGI Cyber Escape 2.0 | CGI UK

Students went in teams (from Year 9 and Year 10) to solve the cyber-crime and save the data by completing a series of challenges. The tasks involved using logic, problem solving and working as part of a team. We gave nearly 150 students an opportunity to have a go.

Due to being a Cyber First School (1 of only 2 in Dorset), we were the first school in Dorset to get the escape room container.

Several staff from across different areas of Corfe Hills School supported the students (Computer Staff were very grateful for their support).

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

Thursday 25 April 2024
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Sports Hall



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