



## Corfe Hills Connection

*Learning today for a better tomorrow*



May 2024

### A word from James Sankey, Headteacher

Public examination season is well underway and nearing the halfway point for most students. The half term break will be much needed and well deserved for all students and staff but particularly for Year 11 and Year 13 who have been working incredibly hard during a packed examination schedule. Year 11 have had a full programme of bespoke support that continues throughout their exam season. There have been daily final focus sessions for Year 11 before each examination and since Easter there have been extra 'supercharge' sessions for English and Maths after school on Monday and Tuesday each week. These have been incredibly well attended and Year 11 were rewarded for good attendance with a non-uniform day following these sessions. These non-uniform rewards turned out to be a great opportunity for them to begin to gain experience of the greater independence and responsibility of Sixth Form life at Corfe Hills School. We have been impressed by their conduct, maturity, and determination in making the most of their learning in the final weeks of their GCSEs.

Looking back, Year 10 completed work experience for the final two weeks of the spring term and we are incredibly grateful to the many local businesses and organisations who worked with us to make this possible. Work experience is such a valuable learning experience for our students, and we were delighted that our students have been able to have this opportunity. They returned to school this half term invigorated and determined to work hard in their GCSE studies. Other highlights include the annual ski trip which took place over the Easter break with 35 students and 5 staff heading to La Thuile in Italy. Preparations for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions also took place with a training day just before Easter and the expedition is scheduled for half term week.

It has been a hugely successful half term for the PE department. Huge congratulations to the Year 10 boys' football team who won the under 15 county cup final against Winton Academy a few weeks ago. After an early lead, the team conceded a couple of late goals but then scored an equaliser to make it 3-3 at full time. The game went to extra time with the final score being 5-4. We are also delighted to have won the under 15 handball regional handball finals which means the team are now due to compete in the national finals in Sheffield next month. Other successes in Poole and East Dorset School Sports Association (PEDSSA) competitions include the girls football team who reached the cup final. We are also incredibly proud of the seven students from Corfe Hills School selected to represent PEDSSA for athletics. We are also seeing significant growth in our tennis club and both boys' and girls' cricket teams. With all these successes, we now need a bigger trophy cabinet!

We look forward to seeing all students after the half term break on Monday 3 June 2024. In the meantime, I hope you are able to enjoy some good weather over the half term break.

**RETURN TO SCHOOL - Monday 3 June 2024**

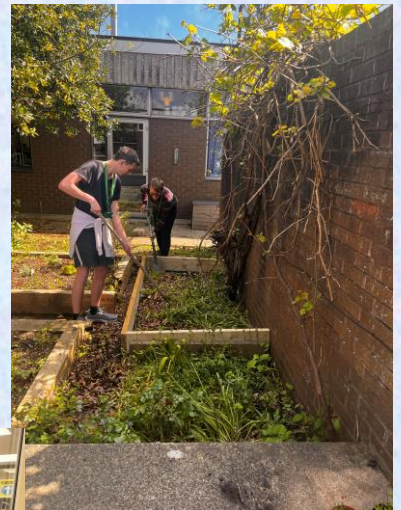
# Year 13 Leavers

We wished our Year 13 students a final farewell on Wednesday 8 May. This was an opportunity for the students to say a final farewell to their tutors and we also handed out some end of year awards. All Year 13 students are now on study leave and we wish them all the best for their exams!



## Year 12 – Enrichment - First Aid Training & Volunteering

Year 12 students are currently participating in a four week carousel of activities to include volunteering within the local community and within school whilst others are completing their first aid training. This has been a fantastic opportunity to make a difference and learn new skills.



# Eco Committee

## Eco Committee and Green Flag



Lucy Kitcatt, our Sixth Form Environmental Officer, represented Corfe Hills School at the Civic Service hosted by the Mayor Councillor Duncan Sowry-House. With Civic guests including the High Sheriff of Dorset, Anthony Woodhouse and the chair of BCP council, Cllr Lesley Dedman. The event was celebrating the role of volunteers in the community. Lucy gave a speech on the work of the Eco team at Corfe Hills and the application for the Green Flag Award.

With the Eco team's support we are hoping to achieve The Green Flag Award later this year. Well done to all involved!



# Auschwitz Trip

Last term, Tom, Imogen and Darcy in the Year 12 History Class went on a trip to Auschwitz Birkenau in Poland with the Holocaust Education Trust, which is a charity that aims to maintain the memory of the 6 million Jewish lives murdered in World War Two. The day trip initially took them to Krakow airport, where they went to Oświęcim: a previously completely Jewish populated town. This town was where the Nazis first took Jewish people from their homes to Auschwitz One, the smaller of the two camps they went to. Auschwitz One, the site where the Nazis began testing the lethal gas (Zyklone B) and performing experiments on Jewish women and children had a big impact on all the students. “It was chilling to see the sites where such atrocities took place against so many innocent lives.” After that, they went to Auschwitz Birkenau, the largest concentration camp made by the Nazis. They visited the sleeping cabins (which were previously horse shelters) and latrines before walking down the infamous train-tracks onto the Holocaust memorial. They had a ceremony with a rabbi, who told his story and how he was connected to the sites they had just visited. On their return, the students said they had been

permanently affected: “It had all felt numbing.” It was a great opportunity to visit such a significant historical sight and be reminded that we all have a responsibility to prevent such atrocities happening again. Written by Tom Howes



# A visitor from Zanzibar!

On 15 April, Corfe Hills School welcomed Imani Zuberi for a day's visit. Imani was the African Adventures tour guide and main point of contact during a volunteering trip to Zanzibar last July, which eight Corfe Hills students were fortunate enough to join. He came to the UK to spend time in African Adventures' partner schools during April and May. During a very full day, Imani was given a full, guided tour of the school by Mr Sankey, spent time in lessons, delivered assemblies to Years 9, 10 and 13, and addressed the teaching staff at a meeting. He was incredibly impressed by the students, the school, and its facilities. This was a unique opportunity for us all to hear, first hand, about the education system in Zanzibar, as well as Imani's impressions of the differences between this, and what he has found on his visit to the UK. Imani delivered a very positive and affirming message to students about not taking for granted the opportunities that are available to them and making the most of the expertise, resources and facilities to be found at Corfe Hills. At the end of the day, Imani wanted to pass on his thanks to staff and students for giving him the best welcome he had received in a UK school (his words!). A day we won't forget!



# Football – Year 10 Boys

Congratulations to our Year 10 boys' football team who have won the County Cup! It was a tense and thrilling game which went to extra time with Corfe Hills lifting the trophy after a 5-4 win at the final whistle. It's a fantastic achievement and Mr Dominey said "These boys have been spectacular this year."



## Athletics

We took an amazing 28 competitors to the PEDSSA District competition on 9 May 2024. We achieved some brilliant results with Oli winning the Year 10 800m, Fin winning the Year 9 200m, Lewis winning the Year 10 100m/200m and Macky winning the Year 10 high jump. We also had runners up with Harrison in Year 10 in 200m and Oscar in the Year 9 100m and 200m. Congratulations to everyone who took part.



# Year 10 Handball

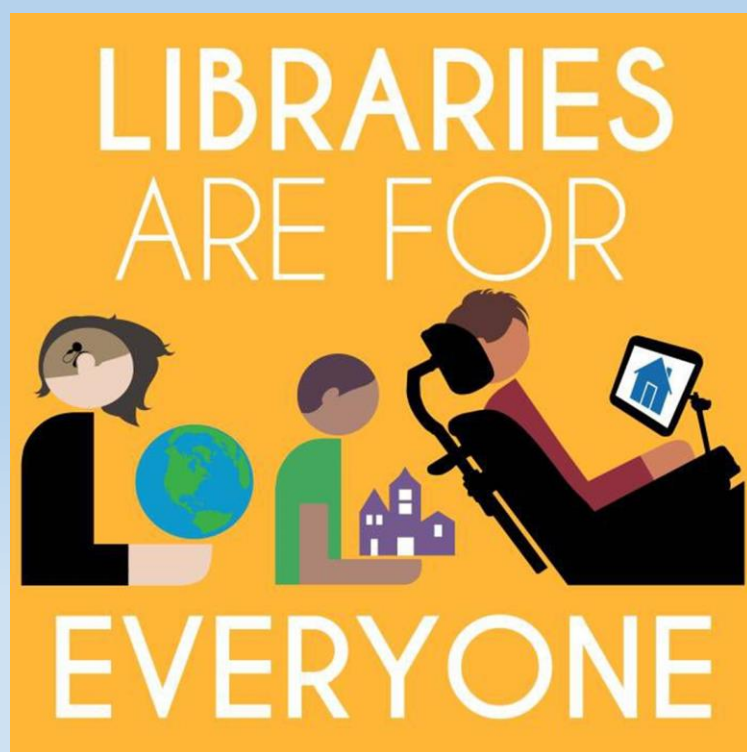


Huge congratulations to the Year 10 Handball team with two Year 9 members who are South England Champions. They beat schools from London, Bere Regis and Shaftesbury to win the trophy. Next, they are off to Nottingham for the Nationals. We wish all of them good luck.

Also, our congratulations and a big thank you to Mr Boulter who has given up his time to coach this group.

# Reading Mentor Sessions

Our Friday mornings are busier than ever in the LRC this term as our Reading Mentors scheme has continued to flourish and the number of students has considerably grown! This activity is a brilliant start to the day and we are so grateful to our fantastic 6<sup>th</sup> Form students who 'buddy up' with some Year 9 students and enjoy reading a book together. We've seen supportive relationships build and their confidence grow in a lively, relaxed atmosphere. Reading truly is for everyone but it's nice to have a helping hand from time to time! If you think your child might benefit from some reading support please contact Mrs N Borley on [nborley@corfehill.net](mailto:nborley@corfehill.net) to find out more.



# D-Day Anniversary

This year commemorates the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, a pivotal and fascinating part of World War II. In the LRC, we have a book display to highlight some of the stories that have been written about the theme of war and the challenges that so many ordinary people faced under extraordinary circumstances. There are books here that cover the broader aspects of conflict and heroism and we would love to hear about your family stories or who you knew who was part of WWII. The LRC is open to students from all years to borrow and return books at break and lunch time.



## 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](mailto: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.

**Please note that current Year 9 and 10's can continue with the existing PE kit.**

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