



Corfe Hills Connection

Learning today for a better tomorrow



October 2024

A word from James Sankey, Headteacher

As the first half term of the new year comes to a close, it has been a good time to reflect on the start of the academic year. I am incredibly proud of how well our students have started and the way they have embraced the challenge to learn to the max in every lesson. The school is continuing to grow, with our new Year 9 intake once again the biggest year group in the school. We have been impressed by how well Year 9 have settled in, their enthusiasm to explore new subjects, and their eagerness to get involved in the many clubs and activities on offer. In addition, we were delighted that so many were keen to help out at our open evening, confidently showing prospective students and parents around the school. Our Year 10 students have made an excellent start to their GCSE courses, and Year 11 have shown real ambition and determination to achieve exceptional outcomes in every subject they are studying. Sixth Form students have begun the year with a strong focus on UCAS and careers, as they are supported in planning for their futures.

Alongside the learning in the classroom, it has been fantastic to see so many extra-curricular activities in full swing, with regular training sessions, sports fixtures, and a packed schedule of rehearsals for our school production of Annie, which is due to take place at the end of November. At Corfe Hills, we love to celebrate the positive contributions of our students, with weekly staff nominations leading to special postcards for those spotted doing good. Our new Eco Committee is already working on several new exciting projects and we're proud to have achieved Green Flag status as an Eco School. We also raised £275 for Macmillan through a staff and student-run bake sale, and our Harvest Festival donations to the Corfe Mullen Food Bank reflect the strong support from local families for this vital community resource.

Overall, it has been a fantastic start to the year, and I look forward to building on this positive momentum as we move into the next half term.

Half term Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024.

Students return to school on Monday 4 November 2024

Sixth Form and Careers Evening

Our Sixth Form and Careers Evening will be taking place on Wednesday 20 November 2024 from 5.30-7.30pm. The Careers Convention will take place in the Sports Hall. All students, parents, carers are welcome to attend.

If you or your company would like to have a stand at our careers event, please con



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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Wednesday

20 November 2024

17:30 - 19:30



Eco Committee

CORFE HILLS SCHOOL ECO COMMITTEE 2024/25



Introducing our new Eco Committee 2024/25 led by Indy West, our new Eco Officer.

Eco Club meetings take place on Mondays after school and students are full of enthusiasm, ideas and passion for the environment. Conservation, beach cleans and raising awareness are to name but a few of the ideas discussed. We are so excited for the year ahead and exploring ways in which we can make this world an even better place. Projects this year will include animal conservation with the National Trust on Brownsea Island.

We have just secured the Green Flag status now officially making us an Eco School and we couldn't be prouder of our Eco Community.



Macmillan Coffee & Cake Mornings



Our annual support for Macmillan's Coffee Morning has continued to grow and we are delighted to have raised £275 for this excellent cause. Students from Miss Smith's Year 11 Hospitality & Catering class helped to organise a student bake sale at breaktime. Their homemade cakes were fabulous and attracted quite a crowd of hungry students to the Food Tech room. Our thanks also go to the Year 12 students who set the room up so beautifully! School staff met up a few days later for a breaktime coffee and chat and happily joined in the fundraising too. We look forward to lots more charitable events throughout the coming school year.



School Show

THE CORFE HILLS SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF 'ANNIE JR'
Wednesday 27th November, Thursday 28th November & Friday 29th November



Book by Thomas Meehan Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols
Music by Charles Strouse Irwin Meyer, Lewis Allen, Icarus Productions
Lyrics by Martin Charnin Alvin Nederlander Associates
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

Originally Produced by Stephen R Friedman The John F Kennedy Centre for Performing Arts
Based on 'Little Orphan Annie' by Permission of the Tribune Media Services Inc
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.

This year's amazing school show will be Annie Jnr.

Performances will be on
Wednesday 27 November at 2pm
Wednesday 27 November at 7pm
Thursday 28 November at 7pm
Friday 29 November at 7pm

Tickets available from 4 November 2024 – more details to follow.



Open Evening



On Thursday 26 September, Corfe Hills School hosted our Open Evening and we were delighted that so many families were able to join us. There were some eye-catching displays and demonstrations across the school, as well as a trampoline demonstration in the sports hall. A big thank you goes to our student tour guides and volunteers who did a fantastic job on the night, making everyone feel welcome.

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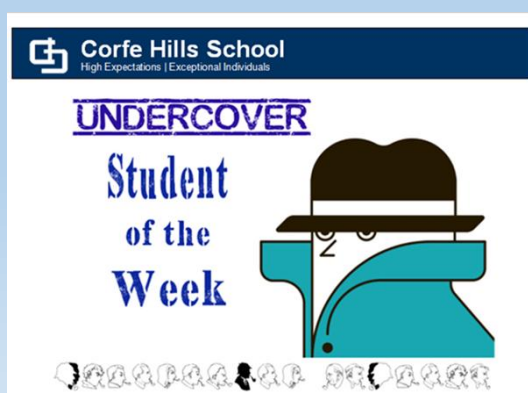
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Chef visit from Rick Stein's



The Food Department had 2 chefs visit us from Rick Stein's restaurant in Sandbanks.

As well as showing some Year 11 students how to fillet a fish, they made 2 dishes from their menu: chicken fricassee and chocolate fondant. An incredible experience for our students.



At Corfe Hills, we are keen to spot the good that our lovely students do. To that end, every week one student per year group is randomly selected and their name(s) emailed to staff. All that week, the whole staff body are on the lookout for all the good those students are up to. Details are sent to Mrs Borley and postcards are produced. Will YOU be next?

SEND News



An Introduction to Autism and Neurodiversity for Parents

Led by Kate Tuck & Joseph Liddiard
Linwood Training, Support & Advice

This session will provide parents with a basic overview of how Autism and Neurodiversity may present in children and young people.

- Information about Autism and Neurodiversity including the 3 areas of difference.
- Young person input "My experiences".

Please note that your child does not need a diagnosis to attend this session. No charge to attend. This course is open to families who live in BCP.

If you are interested in attending please send an expression of interest to Claire Ratcliffe, Associate Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion. Email: cratcliffe@corfehills.net

13th March 2025 - 9:30am - Corfe Hills School



Harvest Festival

We have collected donations for the Corfe Mullen Food Bank as part of Harvest Festival. We were incredibly proud of the support from local families who donated food items for this worthy cause.

Corfe Mullen Food bank have been running for over 10 years and supports families and individuals across the Broadstone, Corfe Mullen and Sturminster Marshall area. Your support has been greatly appreciated.



UK Maths Challenge



In the UK Maths Trust Senior Challenge, James Robson achieved a silver certificate and the best in school. Ryan Lee, Andrew Shearn, Ollie Parram, Tommi Biles, Jessica Rowberry, Jay Petty, Narayana Abhiram Murthy Pasupuleti, Eden Davis and Will de Mello achieved bronze certificates. Well done to all students that took part for these impressive results.



PE



Year 9



Year 10

Introducing our new House Captains for Year 9 and 10. Year 9 Captains for Sandbanks are D'arcy and Ryan, for Kimmeridge are Harry and Edie and for Lulworth are Morgan and Ashlee. For Year 10 Captains for Sandbanks are Nyla and George, for Kimmeridge are Lexi and Leo and for Lulworth are Jude and Olivia.

Congratulations to our newly formed sixth form Netball and Football team, our first teams in a number of years.





Halloween Reading Fun

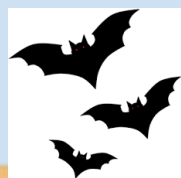
As we approach Halloween, things are turning even more scary in the LRC than usual! We have a ghoulish new book display of ghosts, monsters and some terrifying fiction thanks to our Year 12 students and Book club volunteers. Students from all year groups have been made aware of a new reading incentive to take part in.

For every book they borrow & read from the LRC they will be in with a chance to win a spooktacular prize! We have some hair-raising Halloween treats to be won so start reading now. There are loads of books to choose from (...and you don't have to read a scary one).



Students need to borrow a book from the LRC for their name to be counted & they can borrow books at break and lunchtime.

Prizes will be awarded on Fri 25th October but you can keep your books to read over the Half Term break!!



Staff Summer Reading



Our staff Summer Reading challenge was a terrific success with 177 books completed - thank you to everyone who took part! Books were read during the Summer break by our teachers, technicians, T.A's administrators and Senior Leaders. Our book choices varied widely and wildly!! There were some books we loved and some that we didn't rate so highly. Our most popular book genre were Murder Mysteries but between us we enjoyed everything from Charles Dickens to Lisa Jewell, The Housemaid to Don Quixote. We read stories set in Sandbanks, Mexico, France, America, Cornwall, oh and Narnia amongst many, many more.

For more details on who read what, come to the LRC to see our colourful wall display and get inspired on what you might like to read next! The LRC is open every break & lunchtime to borrow & return books.

Holiday – skills courses

NEW

@ Canford School Sports Centre,
Magna Road, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3AD

RLSS NATIONAL POOL LIFEGUARD QUALIFICATION

Courses are taking place on the following dates:

Mon 28th – Fri 1st November 2024

27th, 30th, 31st December 2nd, 3rd January 2025

Course Timings: 08:30 - 18.00 hrs each day.

Course Fee: £295.00+vat - includes Course Manual, Assessment
and Certification Fees. Also includes free AED certification.



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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.

Please note that current Year 10 and 11 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