



## Corfe Hills Connection

*Learning today for a better tomorrow*



**A word from James Sankey, Headteacher**

**Jul 2025**

It has been an exceptional year for our students, who have truly made the most of every opportunity at Corfe Hills School. We are incredibly proud of the determination and resilience shown by our Year 11 and Year 13 students during their examination season and eagerly await their results in August. Their studies concluded with fitting celebrations, including the Year 11 prom and the Year 13 celebration evening. June also marked a crucial preparation period for our new Year 9 students, with numerous transition activities such as taster mornings, a "meet the tutor" event, and the main transfer day at the end of the month.

The summer term has been bustling with enriching educational trips. Students embarked on GCSE Geography trips to Lyme Regis, an A-Level Geography residential trip to Devon, and a visit to The Globe Theatre to see *The Crucible*. Other trips included a visit to the Bournemouth Oceanarium and a Year 12 Criminology visit to Poole Magistrates' Court. Additionally, our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) practice and qualifying expeditions provided students with valuable outdoor and teamwork experiences, enabling them to successfully complete the expedition section of their awards.

A couple of weeks ago, we enjoyed a fantastic showcase of our students' artistic talents, displaying a variety of art, design and technology, media, and photography projects. We also celebrated a spectacular summer music concert featuring a wealth of musical talent.

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The penultimate day of term saw the return of our annual fundraising event, rebranded and redesigned as the Hills Hike, after a three-year hiatus. The entire school community participated in a sponsored walk through the local area to raise funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young. It was an incredible day for all involved, and we are grateful for the generous donations from students, parents, staff, and the local community, raising over £2,000. We extend our immense gratitude to Mrs. Borley and Mrs. Planells for their tireless efforts in making the event happen—they lost count of the number of times they walked the route as part of the planning!



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We enjoyed a fun-filled and enjoyable Sports Day at the beginning of the last week of term, building on the success of last year's new format. Participation levels were incredible, and the energy from staff in the mini-games and recreational sports activities was fantastic. Special commendation goes to the PE team for their meticulous planning, ensuring everything ran smoothly. The event's success was a collective effort, and the dedication of all staff involved was greatly appreciated.

Beyond individual achievements, we're thrilled to celebrate a term of remarkable sporting success. Our tennis team has been unstoppable, winning every game and now eagerly anticipating the September final. Cricket is also thriving, with both girls' and boys' teams regularly training and competing, thanks to support from Dorset Cricket. While we're proud of our established successful clubs, seeing new skills and teams develop is equally rewarding. In athletics, our Year 10 boys and girls and Year 9 boys all secured second place at this year's area town sports, with several students delivering stand-out, event-winning performances. The standout success, however, belongs to our handball team, who went to Nottingham as regional champions and finished an impressive 5th in England!

As the term and academic year draws to a close, I would like to wish you and your family a restful summer break.

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# Dates for Diary



14 August A Level results

21 August GCSE results

2 September 25 – Inset Day. No students in school

3 September 25 – Inset Day. No students in school

4 September 25 – Year 9 & 12 students return to school (Fraser Portraits will be in school)

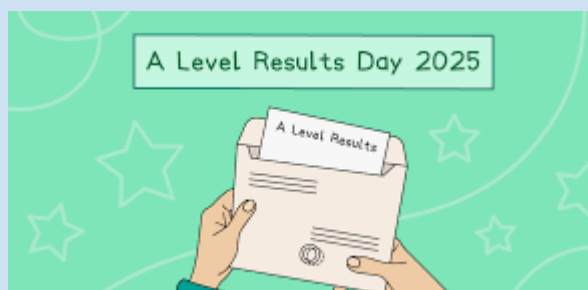
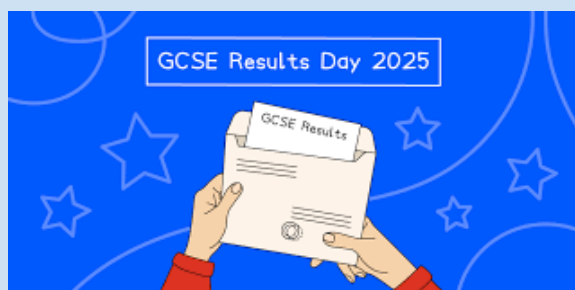
5 September – All students back

25 September - Main school open evening

26 September – Inset day. No students in school

19 November - Sixth Form Open evening and careers convention

Half Term – Monday 27 – Friday 31 October 25



# Hills Hike

Yesterday students from Years 9, 10, and 12 took part in our **first-ever Hills Hike**, walking an impressive **9 kilometres** to raise money for **Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)**.

Despite the heat, the atmosphere was full of energy and enthusiasm. Students showed **exceptional behaviour** throughout the day, supporting one another and embracing the challenge with positivity and resilience. Staff also joined in, helping to make the event a safe, enjoyable, and memorable experience for all involved.

The Hills Hike was not only a fantastic way to promote physical activity and wellbeing, but also a meaningful opportunity to raise awareness and funds for a vital cause. CRY works to prevent young sudden cardiac deaths through awareness, screening, and research, and we are proud to support their mission.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, donated, and helped organise the event. To date we have raised an amazing £1,700 If you would still like to donate please go to:

[www.justgiving.com/page/corfehillshike2025](http://www.justgiving.com/page/corfehillshike2025)

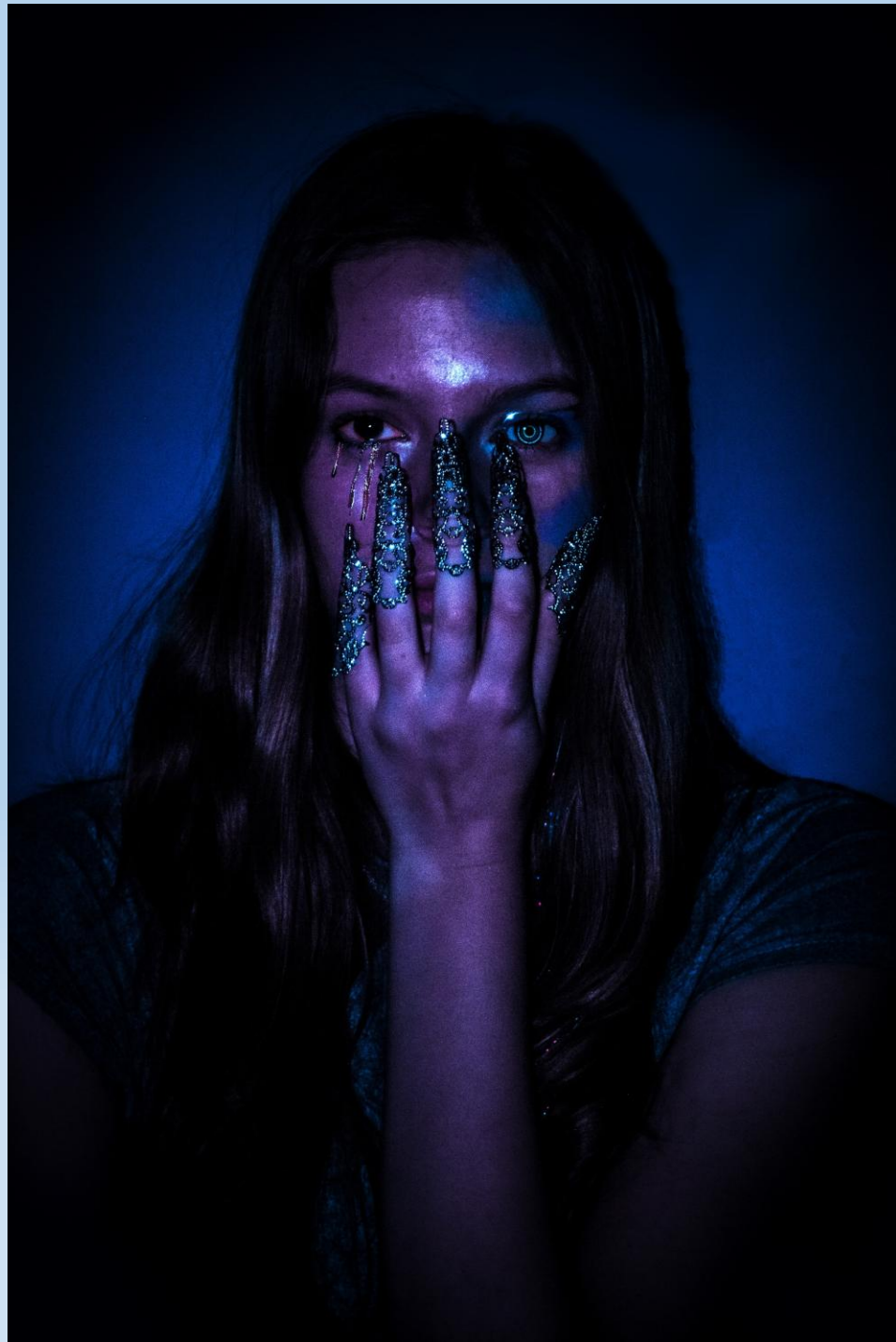


# Art & Photography

## Design; Disruption; Divergence – schools competition

ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH

The Arts University Bournemouth held a competition entitled Design, Disruption, Divergence. Entries had to explore the relationship between humans, machines and the future of creativity using a digital or physical artefact. Emily Burt in Year 12 was shortlisted for the schools' competition and was awarded second place. Attached is Emily's amazing submission. Congratulations on an excellent achievement.



# LRC News

## CHS Literary Festival – Dead Authors’ Society 1-3 July 2025

*“It is a truth universally acknowledged that students in possession of ideas, dreams, thoughts and passions must be in want of a literary festival.”*

The sun was hot, and the sky was clear when 60 students entered the hallowed space Corfe Hills LRC to engage in the first ever Literary Festival.

Entitled ‘Dead Authors’ Society’, students experienced a smorgasbord of delights; hearing readings from literary giants such as Thomas Hardy, Radclyffe Hall and Sylvia Townsend Warner, writing in the style of Percy F Westerman and John Le Carre and participating in debates with eminent teachers around the merits of studying dead authors in a modern society. We were also able to revel in the pleasure of hearing from the very much alive authors, David Fenne and Andreina Cordani, who inspired us with how to get published, creating compelling characters and using writing to solve the murder of our much-loved Mr Sutton. Feedback from the 3-day event has been staggering, with students clamouring for more. Our Student Literacy Officers Matilda and Esther commented “Hearing from published authors and joining writing workshops was incredibly inspiring - the Literacy Festival reminded us of how powerful stories can be, both to read and to write. Getting to write our own stories in the style of so many great writers gave us a great insight into their outlook of the world. And getting to share our work with friends was fun!”

Nic Borley, Associate Assistant Headteacher said; ‘This was a terrific opportunity to share our love of reading at Corfe Hills School. The students were so switched on and engaged, it was a pleasure. A big thank you goes to all the staff who helped support this 3 day event in the LRC’.

Indeed, young writers and lovers of fiction, why not?  
Reader, we will be back.



# Drama – Trip to The Globe



“The Crucible” -Arthur Miller



Taking a trip to The Globe Theatre in London was amazing. Even just seeing the theatre up close and being in it you can imagine how many people have seen performances there, and it felt so special knowing the history behind its re-creation. When we stepped into the pit, the actors were already in character, walking around the audience, and the stage was set up for Act 1. As a Drama student, having studied ‘The Crucible’, it was amazing seeing the play come to life, and knowing what to expect, analysing the director’s choice of costume and set. All the actors were wonderful, and standing in the pit made you feel part of the play.

Whilst watching the play, because it is an open-air theatre, you could see the sky was slowly beginning to go dark, making the experience even more magical. It was emotional towards the end, seeing the innocent women accused of witchcraft in prison, and Gavin Drea who plays John Proctor had the audience captivated with his monologue, especially with the famous line “Because it is my name”. Overall, it was such an incredible experience! Chloe Yr 12



# Handball

## Handball Team Shines at National Championships!

We are incredibly proud to announce that our school's handball team were placed 5th in the National Championships held on Wednesday, 25 June. This outstanding achievement reflects the team's dedication and teamwork.

Competing against top-tier teams from across the country, our players demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship.

Well done to every member of the team — we are so proud of you!



# Tennis



## Year 9/10 Boys Smash Their Way to the Tennis Final!

We're thrilled to share that our **Year 9/10 boys' tennis team** have made it to the Dorset Division Finals, taking place in September, after an incredible run in the competition beating QE, Lytchett and Poole High!

The team topped their group with strong performances throughout, and in a thrilling semi-final match, they defeated **Budmouth** with a fantastic **8-4** victory.



# Athletics

On Monday 7 July, we took 62 athletes to the PEDDSA town sports athletics competition where our year 9 and 10 boys and girls teams competing against other schools from across the area . It was a fantastic event and our students performed exceptionally well, achieving both individual and team successes.

The final results were outstanding:

**Year 9 Boys – 2nd Place**

**Year 9 Girls – 4th Place**

**Year 10 Boys – 2nd Place**

**Year 10 Girls – 2nd Place**

This means as a school we won the year 10 team competition with the joint boys and girls total topping the other schools and we finished second in the year 9 boys' and girls' competition.

The event marks a brilliant end to what has been a truly memorable and successful sporting year for our school. A huge well done to all the athletes who represented us.



# Music Showcase



Our annual Music Showcase Evening on Thursday 3 July was nothing short of spectacular, bringing together the exceptional musical talent of our Year 9, 10, and 12 students for an unforgettable evening of entertainment. The evening celebrated both seasoned performers and brave newcomers, with several students taking to the stage for the very first time.

A particular highlight was the impressive showing from our Year 10 cohort, featuring three dynamic bands that have formed this year. These groups have been honing their ensemble skills through their GCSE music lessons and dedicating every lunchtime to practice in the music department. Their hard work and commitment were evident in their polished performances.

The evening's programme offered something for everyone, spanning an impressive range of genres and styles. Audiences were treated to the haunting beauty of a Turkish folk song performed on violin, the classical elegance of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata on piano, and the energy of both musical theatre and rock performances.

The school choir delivered a show-stopping arrangement of "Don't Stop Believing," bringing the house down with their powerful harmonies and infectious enthusiasm.

Thank you to everyone who attended, the wonderful turnout of parents, staff, and friends created an encouraging atmosphere that allowed our young performers to truly shine. We're delighted to announce that the evening raised £200 towards our upcoming school production in the Autumn Term.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next musical celebration – and to seeing what our talented students will achieve next.

# Textiles

## Adventure at Bournemouth Oceanarium

In the past few weeks, Year 10 had chance to dive into an ocean of inspiration during their unforgettable trip to Bournemouth's Oceanarium and Bournemouth Beach. With the sun making a welcoming appearance, the students set off for a day filled with creativity and bonded as a lovely group of designers.

The group spent quality time bonding together as a community, they gathered some innovative ideas, took some beautiful photographs and drew from observation. The inspiration gathered contributes towards their sustained project based on the theme of Marine Life.

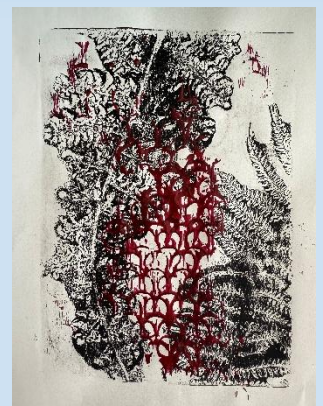
It's safe to say that Year 10's day at Bournemouth Oceanarium was one to remember. The combination of sunshine, creativity, and a little bit of nature's magic made for a perfect day out.



# Textiles

## Year 10 - Creative Flair

Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to engage in a dynamic carousel of technical skills, where they explored a variety of creative processes such as weaving, heat press inks, puff paint and Angelina fibres, screen printing, marbling, gelli plate printing, and mono printing. Drawing inspiration from the captivating works of Yellena James and the theme of marine life, students were encouraged to experiment and develop their artistic skills while deepening their understanding of different techniques. Students demonstrated great enthusiasm and creativity, producing a variety of exciting samples that showcased their growing technical abilities. Through experimentation and exploration of the different techniques, they were able to develop distinct, individual approaches to the theme of marine life. Each student produced a series of samples, each reflecting their unique perspective on the ocean.



# Creative Showcase



Last week saw the Creative Showcase on display for two days ending with a fabulous private view on Wednesday night. We had work from our current year 11 and 13 art, photography, textiles, media, product design and graphics students, some textiles from our current year 10's and a selection of work from our feeder middle schools.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who contributed and grateful to the staff who supported them. There was a lot of talent on display, and we are a heartfelt thank you to our visitors who came to support and be inspired.



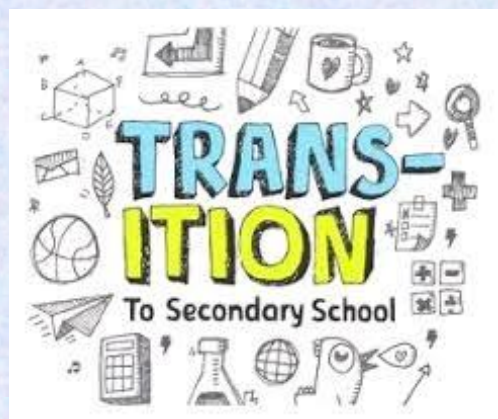
# Transfer Day

On Friday 27 June, we welcomed over 260 Year 8 students to our Transfer Day. It was very hot and very busy, but everyone had a great time making new friends and meeting some of our lovely members of staff.

The Year 8s were an absolute credit to their schools and their parents and Miss Vincent and I can't wait to get to know them all better when they join us in September.

Students experienced Maths, English and Science (lovely to get those core subjects in early!) as well as Cooking, Drama, French, Spanish, History, Geography, PE and Computing.

We ended the day with a performance by some of our wonderful Year 10 musicians – thank you to Issy S, Elisa A and Libby B for your contributions to the day – and an exciting look at the year ahead.



## Stationery



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## Corfe Hills School

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



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White shirts	Free
Socks	Free



For enquiries, please email [pta@corfehills.net](mailto:pta@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 only current Year 10 and 11s can continue with the existing PE kit.**

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

# School Holidays

Message from Clarks.

We are really excited to be approaching the busy Back-to-School season, and are getting prepared to welcome many families into our stores, to help them find the perfect fit for the new school year.

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