



Corfe Hills Connection

Learning today for a better tomorrow

December 2023



A word from James Sankey, Headteacher



It has been a busy term and our students have achieved an incredible amount both inside and outside the classroom. We are incredibly proud of how our students have met our high expectations and have been in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing. In our end of term assemblies this week there has been plenty of celebration and recognition of the hard work and commitment of our students as they have learnt to the max this term.

There has been plenty filling the school calendar this term including the school show, mock examinations, our Sixth Form open evening and Careers Convention, UCAS applications, curriculum drop down days and our carol service which took place earlier this week. All these events have taken place alongside the many regular activities that take place week by week. During the October half term, Mrs Dymott, Mr Sutton and Ms Domineque took a group of 30 students on a trip to Spain to broaden their experience of the culture and their use of Spanish. The group was made up of students from Years 10 to 13 and they spent 5 packed and thoroughly enjoyable days in and around Madrid.

Many of you will have seen the excellent production of Alice in Wonderland that took place a few weeks ago. We are incredibly grateful to the hard work and dedication of Leonora Penny (Head of Drama) and Chloe Inskip (Head of Music) and Phil Gray (IT/AVA) who made this possible. The school show and many other extra-curricular activities add a huge amount to the personal development and broader educational experience of our students.

The PE department have been busy this term with a newly invigorated netball team with over 50 students turning up to training each week. It has also been a busy time for our football teams who have made a strong start in the county cup. We have recently relocated our gym equipment from a small area in the main sports hall to a much bigger dedicated gym space. Alongside this we have also been able to secure some additional equipment. This has significantly improved our facilities for use in PE lessons, after school clubs and for our Sixth Form enrichment programme.

As we reach the end of the year, I want to thank our dedicated staff team who have gone above and beyond in so many ways to ensure we are able to deliver the very best for our students.

We look forward to seeing all students for the start of the new term on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

In the meantime, I would like to wish you and your family a restful Christmas break and Happy New Year!

School Holidays

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END OF TERM

Friday 15 December

INSET DAY

Tuesday 2 January 2024

RETURN DAY

Wednesday 3 January



Carol Service



On Monday 11 December 2023 we had our Carol Service at the wonderful Wimborne Minster. This is one of the highlights of the school year and officially marks the start of the festive season. This year we focused on the theme of 'New Beginnings' holding on to the good and letting go of the bad. The school choir, made up of staff and students, sung to an exceptionally high standard performing beautiful choral pieces such as John Rutter's 'The Lord Bless you and Keep You' and a stunning A Capella arrangement of 'Away in a Manger'. There were also some fantastic solo performances, and I would personally like to thank and congratulate those students who had the courage and confidence to sing so beautifully to a captive audience. I would also like to thank our Design and Technology department for once again producing the lovely Christmas tree decorations, and to our superb organist for the evening, Mr David Beeby.



A very Merry Christmas from Corfe Hills School and let us all look forward to our New Beginnings in 2024!

Hope for Food 2023



We are very grateful to everyone who donated items for Hope for Food this year in our Christmas charity event. Hope for Food is a local charity who help individuals and families in need, providing them with food parcels, clothes and toiletries. They also help the homeless in Bournemouth and Poole, providing meals, blankets and support to get into housing and off the streets.

The foodbank section of Hope for Food delivers approximately 170 food parcels each week to families and individuals in Bournemouth and Poole. Last year, just before Christmas, this number rose to nearly 500 requests. The Hope for Food van visits the homeless in Bournemouth twice a week and feeds over 80 people on a regular basis. Unfortunately, this need is also increasing, and the colder months make everything harder for those who are struggling.

Thanks again for all your support.

Alice in Wonderland show

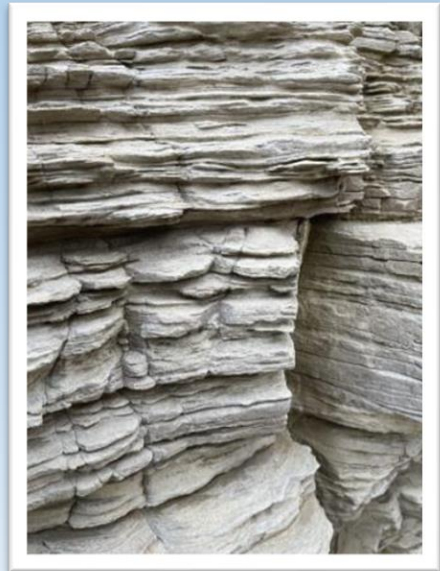
ALICE IN WONDERLAND SHOW

The final week of November saw the magical creatures of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland' come alive at Corfe Hills School. Featuring students from across the year groups as performers, members of the band and crew, the tale of Alice's travels in this mystical land was brilliantly captured by our young people. Students and staff worked terrifically hard over ten weeks to create a production full of energy, enthusiasm and creativity.



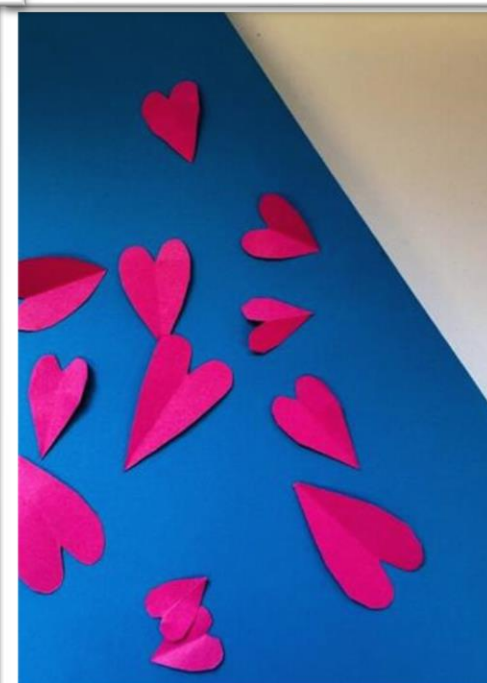
Year 12 Photography

Well done to some of our Year 12 Photography students. Some beautiful photos have been captured here with the photography focus of 'Formal Elements and Drawing with Light'



Year 12 Art

Well done to some of our Year 12 Art students. Some beautiful photos have been taken to capture the element of 'Art and Colour'



Year 10 Photography

Some fantastic work
from our Year 10
Photography students
this term!
Their focus was
'Formal Elements'



Computer Science



Bebras Challenge

In November, all Computer Science students from Year 9 to Year 13 had the opportunity to complete the Bebras Challenge. The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organised in over 60 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. Each participant answers questions that focus on computational and logical thinking. There were over 209,000 students competing in the 'Inter' category (Year 8 and 9). Our top student, James H, was 12,239th in the country. There were 38,000 students competing in the 'senior' category (Year 10 and 11). Our top student in this category was Ollie P. There were nearly 13,000 students in the 'Elite' category (Year 12 and 13) and our top student was Bertie M. We have 8 students who received a gold award, giving them an invitation to the Oxford University Computing Challenge (online) in January. Well done to William K, Charlie W, Anna B and James H in Year 9, Jess T in Year 10 and Markus B, Andrew S and Ollie P in Year 11.



At the end of October, all the Computer Science Sixth Form students went to Parkstone Grammar School for the day to take part in a Cyber First Festival of Science event. The main focus of the event was careers in Cyber Security. Students had an opportunity to talk to students and staff from Bournemouth University and other local industries.

We have recently started a new Computer Science club, Cyber Ambassadors, this is open to all students. In the club we will be learning about coding, cyber security and careers in the IT industry. We are hoping to get some speakers in from industry to talk to the Cyber Ambassadors and runs some interactive workshops. We would really like some to hear from anyone in the industry who would like to support us. We are hoping to run a session in the summer for parents to come in to have a lesson taught by the students on learning to code and how to keep yourself safe in the online world.



Remembrance Visitors

Honouring our local military veterans

Year 13 were happy to welcome into assembly Reg Fox, a member of the Royal Tank Regiment (RTR) and veteran of the Korean War and World War II.

It was very moving to hear Reg's memories of being a child and coming home to find his home had been bombed. He loved meeting the students and said he thought our Remembrance display was stunning. We listened to the Last Post and had a minute's silence.



Listening to Reg's memories of his childhood and time as a soldier.

Accompanied by Dave Larcombe a former Captain of the RTR who holds the RTR Association Standard.



Support for Inter-Parental Conflict (SIPCo)

A Project to Improve Parents' Relationships



FREE
support
programme
available for
parents in
conflict

- Do you have a child or children aged between 8 and 14?
- Do you find it hard to get on with your partner or your ex?
- Do you frequently argue or shout at each other?
- Or have you stopped talking to each other because it's too difficult?
- Are you willing to try something new to help resolve your conflict?

If so, then this SIPCo project could help.

The help on offer will either be relationship therapy (delivered by the couple therapy charity Tavistock Relationships) or access to some online resources with local support for reducing parental conflict.

Please contact Jessica Lanham:

-  Jessica.lanham@bcpcouncil.gov.uk
-  07423 782590
-  bcpcouncil.gov.uk/healthyrelationships

When you apply, your details will not be shared with anyone else.

Scan the QR
code to find
out more



Support Inter-Parental Conflict

'Support for Inter-Parental Conflict (SIPCo) Project'

In BCP we are fortunate to be taking part in a research project, conducted by Tavistock Relationships. The Research will explore outcomes from two programmes that are currently available to families where parental conflict is an issue. The parents can be together, or separated and can include extended family relationships that share parental responsibility. It is open to one or both parents.

The funding of this project has come from the Youth Endowment Fund and we are looking for parents/carers with children between aged 8 – 14 years old, that have intense, frequent, or unresolved inter-parental conflict. Please note that this will not be appropriate for any parent/s where there is recent or current domestic abuse, current alcohol or substance misuse, or if they are currently going through court proceeding.

To refer a parent/carer into this programme you must have their consent. Once this is gained, please complete this referral form <https://forms.office.com/e/Fby2ufVCQz>. Parents have the option to self-refer into the project using a QR code or they can email our Tavistock Research Coordinator for BCP, Jessica Lanham. The details for this are on the attached poster. Please feel free to display and share the poster with families at your school.

Initially parents and children will be asked to complete a pre-programme questionnaire and once allocated one of the programmes, which is done randomly, each parent and child will receive a £10 voucher as a 'Thank you' for taking part. In addition to this, the original referrer can also receive a £5 voucher as a thank you for referring into the project. But please note that we need referrals in before March 2024.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please email jessica.lanham@bcpcouncil.gov.uk or speak to your Early Help Navigator.

If parents would prefer not to take part in the project but they are experiencing parental conflict, or the children are out of the age bracket, they can be directed straight to the OnePlusOne digital resource available in BCP. A poster for this is attached so parents can complete this self-directed programme. If they wish, parents can be supported by a practitioner, in which case we ask for you to complete an Early Help request for support referral using this link <https://bcpcouncilearlyhelpapp.powerappsportals.com>

Family Information Directory (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

<https://fid.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/family-information-directory>



Social Media



@CorfeHillsSchool

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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