



Dear Parents, Carers and all Friends of Colfox Academy,



We are very proud of all our students, especially Year 11 and Year 13, who approached their exams with hard work and diligence. Year 10 have also made a lot of progress on their GCSE courses and Year 12 have worked hard on their first year of A levels and are now considering their next steps.

We have enjoyed a huge number of trips, visits, House events and sporting fixtures this term, as well as our Summer Concert, Summer Exhibition at Bridport Arts Centre, the Colfox Junior Awards, the Y11 and Sixth Form Proms, Sports Day and our annual House Cup Prize Giving Ceremony. Well done to all Students who won an award, a House Cup or took part in events.

The quality of work at our Sixth Form Art and Photography Exhibition at Bridport Arts Centre was very impressive, well done to everyone involved. Our Summer Concert was fantastic and our wonderful musicians surprised Mr Hocking, who is retiring, with a lovely musical tribute, which was a special moment. Well done to everyone involved. Goodbye and thank you for your service to Brian Hocking, and our other colleagues who are leaving Louisa Hocking, Kayleigh Jones, Gill Jacobs, Liz Launder, El Penfold, Lisa Kett, Dan Bennett, Ella Easton and Louisa White.

As I write lots of Students in Year 8 and 9 are very excited about their upcoming trip next week to Disneyland Paris, have fun everyone! This term Students have also been on a London Music trip, to the tennis at Wimbledon, on various field trips and our Duke of Edinburgh teams have been on training trips ready for their upcoming expeditions.

We have enjoyed a huge number of House Cup Competitions this term, including the Art Cup, Music Cup, Chess Cup, Technology Cup, Tennis Cup, Catch the Flag, Science Cup, Cricket Cup, English Cup, Languages Cup, Rounders Cup, and of course Sports Day! The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares have also been running brilliant creative writing workshops with Year 9, we look forward to their book launch!

Congratulations to the Friends of Colfox, their first Quiz Night was great fun and well attended, thanks to Lowri David and her team for all their efforts, more than £1,000 has been raised this year to provide enriching opportunities for your children.

Thanks to everyone who supported this effort by buying tickets and thanks to all businesses who kindly gave prizes, including Palmers, the Pottingshed, Mercato Italiano, Seal's Cove, Sundorbon, Freshwater Beach, Bride Valley Vineyard, Joy, Snooks, Melplash Show, SunBird, Nantes, Symonds & Sampson, Black Cow Vodka, Symondsbury Estate, Morrisons, Bugler Tractors, Baboo Gelato, Abbey Farm Flowers, MLG, Rockburn & Electric Palace.

Student Voice and encouraging students to take part, lead and to make their voices heard is important and valued at Colfox. We feel our new summer uniform, which Students requested, has been a success, please let us know what you think. As you know in the autumn term we will need to go back to usual uniform, of shirt, tie and blazer, as it will get too cold for our summer uniform tops. If you need help with uniform please contact the office.

There are some great free summer activities available if your child receives free school meals: helpandkindness.co.uk/summer-in-dorset-2025 Claiming free school meals is important [find out here](#) if you are eligible. We have also paid for access to best selling magazines and books for everyone, via [SORA](#), - check it out and save £££! Students can log in with their usual school password, the guide is in this newsletter.

Thank you to our fantastic teaching and support staff, who work incredibly hard to support all our students. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 8th September. Have a Peaceful Summer.

**Yours sincerely,
Adam Shelley , Headteacher**



House Cup Prize Giving Congratulations Adler House!



Congratulations to Adler House who were the overall winners this year! Well done to Seren and Chris pictured top left accepting the House Cup for Adler!

Winners of the House Cup Competitions throughout the year were presented with more than 25 trophies at the prize giving ceremony on Friday and the house mascots were out in force to lead the cheering!

MUSIC



CUP & CONCERT



Brilliant musical talent on show!

What an amazing day of music we had at the House Music Cup! Every student brought energy, talent, and creativity to their performance, so thank you to all our performers for their dedication. Congratulations to everyone who took part, it really was a memorable day and an incredibly close competition. The winner was Theo Mathewson from Toro, pictured left with the saxophone.



Well done to everyone who performed in our Summer Concert! Lots of fun was had rehearsing the programme, here are our musicians, pictured taking a break during rehearsals. Students from all years including our Sixth Form took part in the performance.

ART CUP

A COMMUNITY COLLABORATION WITH ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH

Students were given the challenge of producing a mixed media piece of work based on the theme of 'St Swithins' day and buildings. They took inspiration from a range of artists and worked with energy and real enthusiasm.

Students worked together beautifully and generated creative and exciting outcomes. It was a close run race and incredibly difficult to judge but a decision was made! Hinomaru won overall, creating stunning pieces with striking compositions and highly skilled drawn elements.

Mrs Burgess Head of Art



Art & Photography Exhibition @ Bridport Arts Centre



Congratulations to our sixth formers who exhibited their amazing art and photography work at Bridport Arts Centre in June.

Louise Burgess, Head of Art at the Sir John Colfox Academy, said: "Well done to all Students whose work was exhibited, it was a fantastic show. It was great to have the opportunity to showcase our students' talents."

"The show featured exciting and creative outcomes, the Year 13 exhibits were all inspired by the starting point 'Union'. The work was highly original, personal and creative."

The exhibition featured Year 13 students' personal investigations of range of powerful themes and included impressive Portraiture, Landscape, figure studies and mixed media work by our Year 12 students.

**ART
&
PHOTOGRAPHY
EXHIBITION**

**17 - 26
JUNE
2025**

Exhibition of work by
Bridport Arts Centre
17-26 June 2025
Bridport Arts Centre
11 South Street, Bridport
Dorset DT6 3AB

Year 9 Careers Day in Weymouth College

Year 9 enjoyed a tour of Weymouth College and a huge variety of taster lessons at their Careers College Day. Students tried classes in everything from engineering, fashion design, architecture, 3D animation, art, cookery, photography, building and more.

Lots of information about Apprenticeships and different Careers and Post 16 options was available, thank you to Weymouth College for hosting the event in July.



Students got the chance to try new things in the work shops and in taster lessons and did brilliantly - well done everyone!





Junior Awards Summer 2025



Well done to everyone who received a Junior Award!

It was great to celebrate your academic achievements at our Prize Giving Ceremony in July, congratulations everyone!
Thank you to our school choir and orchestra members too.



Well done to everyone who received an Academic Junior Award, here are some of the winners!



Junior Prize Giving 2025



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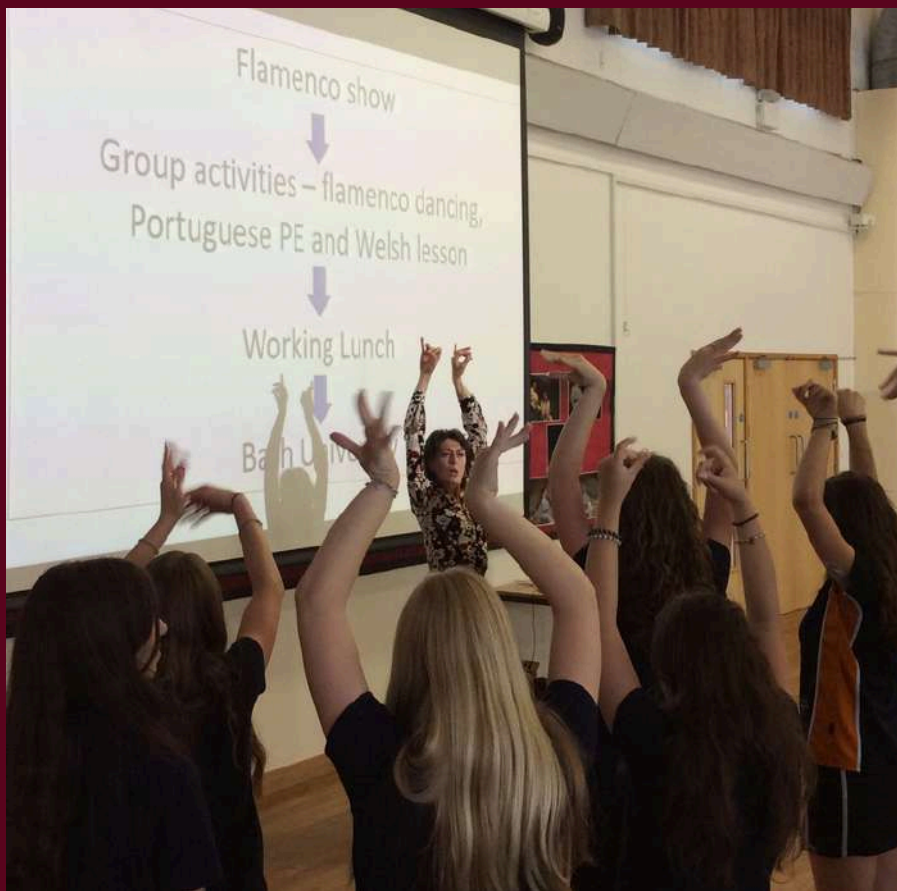


DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY CUP



This year in the DT Cup House Groups were challenged to make a shoe out of cardboard that was a minimum of 15cm off the floor and could be worn to walk up and down the corridor! We were all very impressed how the houses all worked so well together as a team. We had some very creative outcomes, but Toro took out this cup with their creative and professional final cardboard shoe.

Mrs Price, Head of DT



Languages Day!

Flamenco, PE in Portuguese & University speakers

The Languages Enrichment Day saw more than 50 Students trying out Flamenco with professional dancer Mrs Salud Botella, who launched the event with a wonderful demonstration dance. Sports in Portuguese with Mr Carlos Figueira was great fun as was beginners Welsh with Mrs Lowri David. Students then enjoyed a working languages lunch with talks on career prospects.

Bath University speaker Enrico Ceccione gave the final address, which included an exploration of what it's like to study languages at university including the travel and opportunities it brings. Students from other local schools came to enjoy the day, which was attended by Colfox's Year 10 GCSE Language Students and those in Year 9 who have opted to study a language at GCSE next year.

Dr Neil Allies, Head of Languages and Cultures at the Sir John Colfox Academy, said: "It was a very exciting day celebrating learning languages and Students enjoyed it. I'd like to thank all the visiting speakers and performers for helping to make it such a success. It was also great to be able to welcome other Students to Colfox to enjoy celebrating languages and exploring the opportunities that learning a language brings."

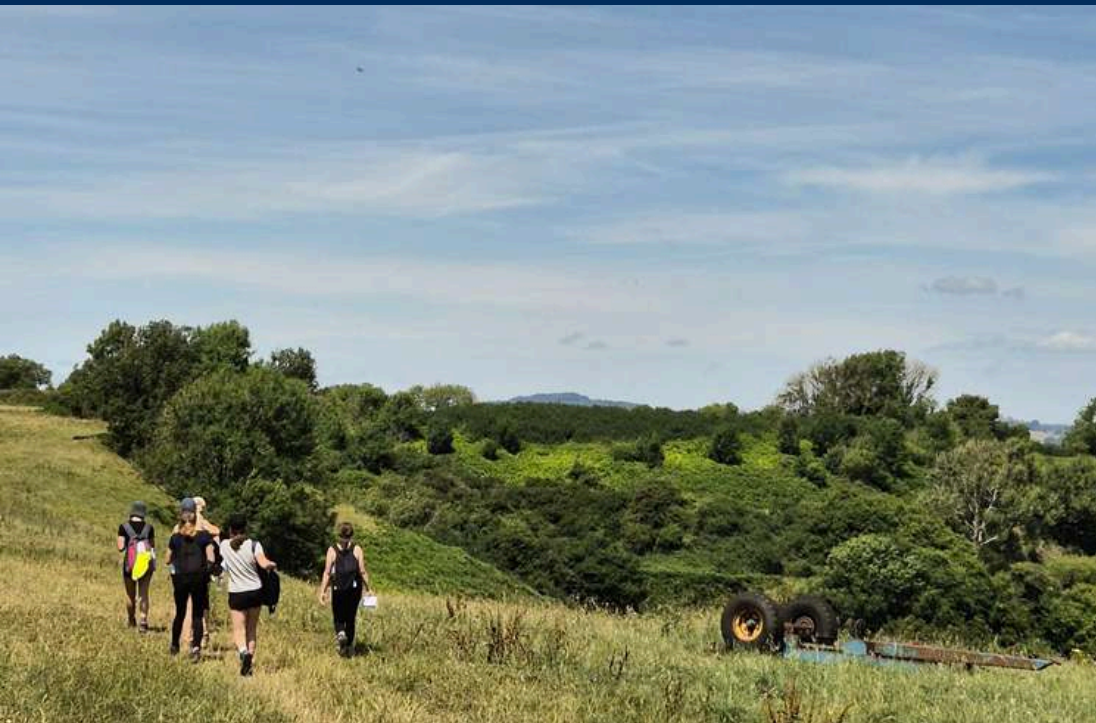
London Music Trip!



Music Students enjoyed a trip to London this term. A group of more than 30 students from all years went to see the musical Starlight Express at the Troubadour Theatre in Wembley Park.

Mr Hocking, Head of Music

Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition Training Walks



Well done to Students who completed the DofE training walks in preparation for their actual expedition in September. Six groups set-out on a fine day and tackled the challenges of map reading and rather overgrown footpaths brilliantly! Well done everyone!

Mr Hardinge, Deputy Headteacher



Town Hall Mobile Phone Debate



YOUTH VOICE



Congratulations to Archie, Y7, Scarlett Y8 and Rozie in Y9, for attending the town hall to debate mobile phones. They delivered a speech on Colfox students' views to other schools, Councillors and Dorset Youth Voice.

Before the debate, Students attended a workshop where they considered the issues and gave their views. Their views were mixed. Most Students thought that young people should be allowed phones so they can tell parents if their plans change. Everyone at Colfox knows that phones are not allowed out.



Mrs Hatch Head of PSHE

Meet our new Young Carers Champion Mr David Dummackin



Meet David Dummackin our new Colfox Young Carers Champion. Supporting our Young Carers is a very important role - which is why we are delighted that Mr Dummackin is our new Young Carers Champion.

Many of you already know Mr Dummackin, as he has been helping students and families at Colfox for nearly 10 years. He will now be working to identify the needs of our Young Carers and developing the best support for them.

He said: "My role is about standing beside the child, so they aren't alone. It is about working to get them the right help at the right time and providing early help to promote their wellbeing and their family's wellbeing."

Mr Dummackin, who has a daughter at primary school, has a Masters Degree in Education. His research involved investigating how collaboration between schools, families and external agencies helps promote positive behaviour models.

If you would like to get in touch with him to discuss support for a Young Carer, please email: Dummackind@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

Welcome to Colfox!

Meet our new teachers, who we look forward to welcoming in September!



"I'm Mrs Davies and I'm really looking forward to being your new Head of Music. My main instrument is the saxophone, but I also sing and play the piano and other instruments. My music taste is eclectic – there isn't much that I will switch off! I love walking with the dog. The rest of my time is spent being with family or conducting a saxophone choir or playing in a big band. I went to Woodroffe School, Weymouth College, Trinity College of Music and Winchester Uni. My plan is to create as many musical opportunities as possible for Colfox Students and look forward to sharing my passion for all things music!"

"Hello I'm Mrs Boniface, I went to school in Weymouth (Wey Valley) and now live in Somerset. I studied Music at Leeds Music College, Breton Hall. Music and Drama and Performing Arts. I look forward to teaching Drama and Music. I enjoy singing with two bands and performing at music festivals and events. I also love spending time with my family and walking with my chocolate Cockerpoo dog, especially by the coast. I enjoy camping and discovering new places in my camper van."



"Hello I'm Mrs Winstanley, I come from Aix-en-Provence in the South of France. I went to school and university in France but also attended Exeter University to do my Masters Degree and PGCE. I teach French and Spanish. I love running, dancing, reading, learning languages and travelling. I also love spending time with my family. I look forward to sharing my love of languages and other cultures."

"Hi everyone! My name is Mrs Peet and I'm looking forward to meeting you all in September. I am an MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) Teacher and will have a Year 7 Tutor Group. I love History and reading, as well as cooking. See you in September!"



"Hello I'm Miss Fear. I'm from Cornwall although I lived in Dubai for 9 years. I went to school in Truro, before studying Physical Education at Plymouth Marjon University. My favourite sports are hockey, netball and rounders. I'm going to be teaching PE, and can't wait to share my enthusiasm and passion. I'm so excited to get started!"

"Hello, I'm Miss Toralbo. I grew-up in Tuscany, Italy but moved to the UK 4 years ago to do my undergraduate in Conservation Biology at Plymouth University. I'll be teaching Science, with Biology as a speciality. I look forward to sharing my passion for the subject, and contributing to students' independent thinking skills so that they can advocate for themselves! My interests include ecology (particularly mycology), cinematography and I play electric bass in my spare time."



We love Sports Day!

Congratulations to Adler House - who beat Toro by just 3 points! The closest result in recent history!



Congratulations Sports Captains Archie and Shai who led Adler House to victory!

We Love Sports Day!

After the Field Events on Day One, Adler were leading Toro by just 10 points with Hinomaru only six points behind. With excellent participation and effort across all of the Track Events, Day Two ended up being even closer. Congratulations Adler House for edging ahead for overall victory.



A lot of fun was had on Sports Day! There were some fantastic sporting performances and it was lovely to see everyone cheering and supporting each other, we also enjoyed the house themed face painting!



Celebrating Sporting Achievements!



Congratulations to Oliver in Year 10, pictured left, for being selected for Bath Rugby Clubs' Under 16s Academy.

A fantastic achievement well done Oliver and good luck with the upcoming pre-season training!



Well done to Louie in Year 9 and Etienne in Year 10 who both succeeded in qualifying to represent the Dorset County Athletics Team in the South West Championships - a great achievement.

Don't forget we offer free sports clubs after school & at lunchtime, joining a club is great for wellbeing & they are fun - please encourage your child to try one!

[Colfox.org/clubs](https://colfox.org/clubs)



Tennis!



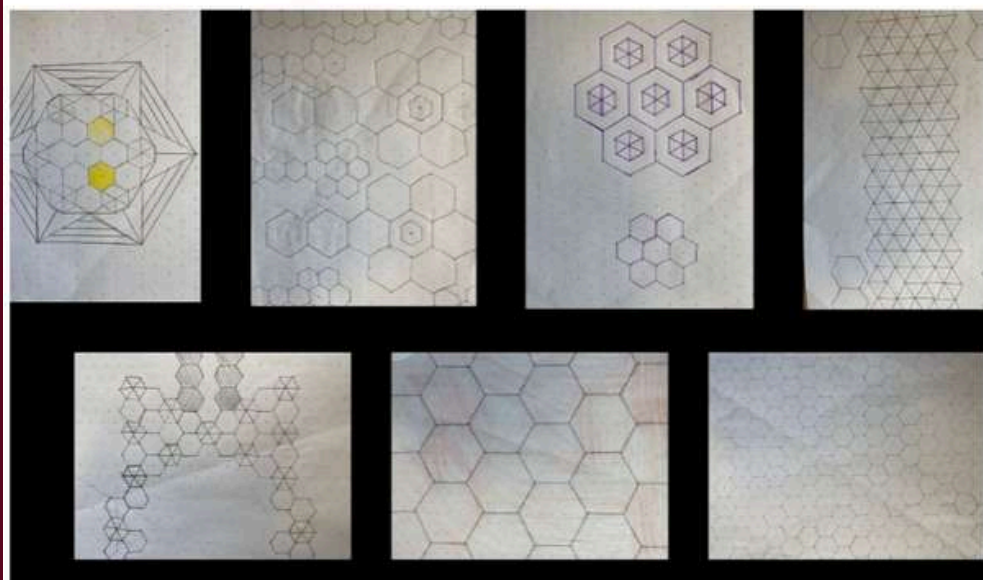
Wimbledon Trip & Inter-House Cup!



We enjoyed our Inter-House Tennis competition - great to see so many students enjoying summer sports! Some of our Year 10 students were also lucky enough to go to Wimbledon and see world class players in action!

New Maths Recognition Board - celebrating Students' work

New Maths Recognition Board, great work & excellent effort, well done!



Please take a look at our new Maths Recognition Board -
colfox.org/mathsboard

It will be used to display great Maths Work, so please praise your daughter or son if their work is shown. Well done to everyone whose work has already been posted!

Mr James, Lead Maths Practitioner

We Poetry!

English House Cup Challenge!

The English House Cup was a poetry competition this year, with each house working towards an anthology of poems inspired by their house - be it mascots, colours, or house pride.

There were some wonderful poems, ranging from haikus about bumblebees (Adler), sonnets to blood moons (Toro), a beautiful poem about envy (Fleur de Lys), and an ode to a moonlit fox (Hinomaru). The best poem of the day went to Chloe in Year 8 for Hinomaru, but Adler's anthology won overall. Well done to everyone who took part!



Ms Whitaker, English Teacher

Chess Tournament Winner Congratulations to Monty again!

Well done to Monty in Year 10 for winning our Chess Cup for the third year running! It was a very hard fought contest over six rounds.

Chess Club has been very popular again this year, thank you to Mr Willis for running it! Chess has also been popular in the library at lunchtimes. If anyone has a set they no longer use please donate it to us! Thank you.



Free online support & talks for Parents



August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each
or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am

We have bought access so Parents can get free advice talks

We all need advice sometimes, and we are delighted to share free high quality online support from FACE Family Advice. They offer support for parents across a wide range of topics.

We have purchased a 100% discount code so that all parents can have unlimited, completely free of charge access to all the regular Parent Talks. More details & the code is [available here](#).

Colfox.org/talks



COLTFOX PROM 25

We enjoyed the Prom! It was lovely to see everyone at Symondsburry Tithe Barn, amazing outfits, dancing and no shortage of tractors!















Business Trip for Year 7!



A group of Year 7 students visited businesses on St Michael's trading estate, last week, to learn about key transferable skills that are used across a variety of businesses from waxwork model making, to the textiles industry, to the financial services industry. Students really valued the experience, especially the amazing spread of food which was put on by Local Food Links! This was part of a pilot project exploring how work experience can be meaningfully delivered to Year 7, 8 and 9.

Mr Thompson, Head of Careers

Sixth Form visit UCAS Fair



Year 12 spent a sunny afternoon at Bournemouth University for the annual UCAS fair, exploring degree pathways, apprenticeship opportunities and enjoying the sunshine.

Welcome to our new school pet



Bruno the Hamster!

We are glad to welcome our new beloved pet in Science - Bruno the Hamster. Bruno has settled in well in Ms David's classroom and spends most of his time asleep or exploring his toys!



Exams - Well Done Everyone!

Well done to all our Year 11 and 13 students, who took 133 exams, 22 more than in 2024. Thank you to teachers for providing support sessions and to our Exams Manager, Mrs Davies, who yet again did an amazing job of making sure they ran smoothly!

A total of 3,117 exam papers were completed during hundreds of hours of exams. Our students sat 58 GCSE exams and 56 A Level exams over a six-week period. Well done everyone!

WEST DORSET CAREERS FAIR

22 OCTOBER 2025
9AM - 3PM

The Sir John Colfox Academy,
Ridgeway, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3DT



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BYCC & The Sir John Colfox Transition Day

Wednesday 6th August 2025

10am to 2pm

**For Year 6 pupils moving into Year 7 at
Colfox – September 2025**

**No cost to attend – everyone welcome!
Book via the BYCC website**

Head of Year Mrs. Baker, along with pastoral officers Mrs Collis, Miss Pinkett and youth workers will be there to welcome you and help you feel right at home.

What's in store?

Exciting inflatable games and challenges

Hands-on arts & crafts

The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares

Fun team-building activities

Plenty of chances to meet new friends and bond with fellow students

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to kickstart your journey at Sir John Colfox Academy with confidence and excitement!



Free Summer Activities

Lots of summer activities are available free if your child gets free school meals (pupil premium) find out more:

helpandkindness.co.uk/summer-in-dorset-2025

FREE SPORTS SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN ON PUPIL PREMIUM!

Bridport Leisure Centre are offering FREE places on a range of exciting sports sessions, to children who are eligible for Pupil Premium this School Summer Holiday!

WATER SAFETY - (5 to 9 years)

A workshop introducing the basic fundamentals of water safety - a vital skill, for those living near the coast. (Bring costume, shorts and t-shirt to wear in the water).

Thursday 24th & 31st July, 7th, 14th & 21st August - 10am to 11am

INTRODUCTION TO ROOKIE LIFEGUARD - (8 to 13 years)

A fun and exciting way for kids to learn basic lifesaving skills, teamwork, and water safety.

Thursday 24th & 31st July, 7th, 14th & 21st August - 11am to 12pm



INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL - (5 to 13 years)

An introduction to one of the fastest growing sports in the UK! Fast, fun, and easy to learn – Pickleball is the perfect mix of tennis, badminton, and ping pong!

Basic skills, alongside fun based games and matches.

Wednesdays 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th August

5 to 9 years - 2pm to 3pm

8 to 13 years - 3pm to 4pm



Each child can take part in one water based class and one pickleball session only. To book your space, proof of pupil premium must be presented. Spaces are limited so are first come first served. Paid for spaces available - contact reception for details.

BRIDPORT LEISURE CENTRE Brewery Fields, Bridport, Dorset DT6 5LN

Full details of sessions on our website: www.bridportleisure.com Tel: 01308 427464 Email: info@bridportleisure.com

You can get a passcode to prove that a child is entitled to free Pupil Premium sessions here: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/haf-programme

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- In 'Let's find your school' type 'Colfox' and click it when it pops up
- Scroll down list to 'T' and click 'The Sir John Colfox'

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FREE Magazines now available on SORA!

Save cash, 500+ almost everything available!

Save £100s, Students can now get bestselling magazines - New Scientist, Lego, Fortnite, Coding for Kids, Vanity Fair, Vogue, the New Yorker, Good Housekeeping, House and Garden, Textiles, Music, National Geographic, Film, Chess, Cookery, Sport, the list is endless and all amazing titles!

We have paid for all students to have access to them via our online reading platform SORA, just use your usual school log in, it's easy! A 'how to use SORA' guide is below. Downloading the free app avoids the log-in process. Take a look, there is lots for Parents to enjoy too!



Help with uniform

If you need help with uniform

Please contact us we may be able to provide families in need with uniform help, we also have some second hand uniform available which has been donated to us. Please email us if you need assistance: office@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

Please donate unwanted school uniform – Thank you!

Please donate school uniform, ties, PE kit (without names on the back) and sports equipment that you no longer need. Please donate uniform that is in good condition, we are grateful if you could wash it first. Please drop it off to reception. Thank you, your generosity will help others.

Please make sure your child has the correct uniform

Advice on uniform is available on our [website here](#).

Helpers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to join our 'Friends of Colfox' group, one of the things the group does to help students and support families is help sort through uniform donations, and launder any that need attention. If you can help please contact: office@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

Thank you for reading!



**We wish you all a very happy
summer!**