



**Dear Parents, Carers, Students and
all Friends of Colfox Academy,**



We have enjoyed another busy half term and it is lovely to be able to share some of the brilliant things your children have achieved and enjoyed in this newsletter.

It has been great to see our new Year 7s making a brilliant start to Colfox, they have settled in very well and are a brilliant year group. We had some fun team building trips at the start of term to West Bay and Mangerton Mill. Well done to Year 11 for working hard on their GCSEs ahead of their mock exam week which starts soon. Parents please encourage your child to attend their GCSE revision help sessions, students who go to these intervention sessions do better and the next few months are a crucial time for them. Well done also to Year 10 for making a great start to their GCSE courses. Our lower school have also done well, Year 9 and Year 8 have been leading House and Sporting events. It has also been great to see our Sixth Form centre so busy.

We have had a lot of fun events this term, our musicians have shone and given lots of performances at many concerts, we enjoyed our Variety Show which showcased lots of talent, the Colfox Recital, the Halloween Readathon and lots of House Cups and Competitions and today is our Fleur De Lys House Charity Fun Day.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 3 November. I wish you all a very peaceful half term.

Yours sincerely,

**Adam Shelley
Headteacher**



Art & Science Y7 River Trips Project

Our Year 7s made a brilliant start to Colfox, beginning the year having fun taking part in an art and science rivers project at Mangerton Mill and West Bay, we enjoyed making amazing puppets at the fantastic art workshops with Emerald Ant.





Lovely feedback about our fantastic Year 7s!

We had lovely feedback from the project, including this from Edd Moore, Environmental Consultant, he wrote to say 'I wanted to let you know how amazing the year 7s were, I was genuinely blown away by their manners, enthusiasm and consideration for others. They were incredibly well behaved, asked great questions and embraced the opportunity to bond. It was wonderful to see how quickly they worked together and supported each other.'



Concert Performance - Well Done!

Congratulations to Maggie, Eliza, Bea, Lucy, Joshua and Martha who all gave great performances at a lunchtime concert at St Mary's Church in Axminster. The church runs a lunchtime concert series featuring performances from professional and up and coming performers.



Y10 Latin GCSE Success - well done Albert, George and Jasper!

Well done Albert, George & Jasper who sat their Latin exams a year early & all achieved top grades. What a fantastic achievement. Some of our students are now going on to study Classical Greek via our Colfox Classics Hub, led by Dr Neil Allies, also pictured above.





Singing workshop with acclaimed Jazz Musicians Sara Colman & Rebecca Nash

Our talented music students who are interested in singing enjoyed an amazing vocal work shop with acclaimed jazz musicians Rebecca Nash and Sara Colman.

Students from Year 7 to the Sixth Form took part and there were some wonderful performances and some impressive improvisations. Rebecca and Sara demonstrated how its possible to create impressive music and lyrics from any source and used a history book about the vikings to illustrate their point. It was a great afternoon and it was lovely to see many of the students who had attended the workshop enjoying their free tickets to the recital concert that Rebecca and Sara gave at Colfox in the evening - thank you to them!



Photo by Robert Golden

RECITALS AT COLFOX

Our new Colfox Recitals, free for under 18s, have been delighting audiences, thank you to Rebecca Nash and Sara Colman for a wonderful jazz recital and vocal work shop for our students earlier this month. More recitals are planned, thanks to our fantastic Head of Music, Mrs Ali Davies for arranging and everyone who has helped support music at Colfox.





Halloween Readathon Fun!



We had lots of fun doing Halloween Crafts, making wands, scary pumpkins, autumn hedgehogs, leaf print art and more with the wonderful Ripple Workshop, as well as listening to mildly scary stories!





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Year 7 make a fantastic start!

Our new Year 7s have settled brilliantly into Colfox and are a fantastic year group. They have all been on school trips, accrued more than 10,000 house points, competed in inter house competitions, joined clubs, become Tutor Captains, Sports Captains, Charity Reps, Rights Respecting Schools Reps, joined our school production and become Student Librarians. Well done Year 7, and congratulations also to our top House Point winners pictured with me above. It was lovely to meet our Year 7 families at our Meet the Tutor Evening, pictures also above.

Claire Baker - Head of Year 7 and Assistant SENCO



Great performances at our Informal Concerts!

Well done to Edie, Daisy, Joshua, Eliza & Finn for their fantastic performances at our Informal Concert, they were all brilliant!

Our informal concerts give our students greater opportunities to perform & friends, family & supporters are always welcome! The next one will be on 26 November, they are usually monthly and are held in our Music Department.

VARIETY SHOW TALENT!



Well done to all students who performed in our Variety Show!

Students across our school competed in heats and the winning performers took part in a grand final enjoyed by the whole of Year 7. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Well done to all our talented performers, there were some fantastic singing and dancing acts and more. It was lots of fun and students produced a truly great show!

Mrs Holder - Subject Leader of Performing Arts



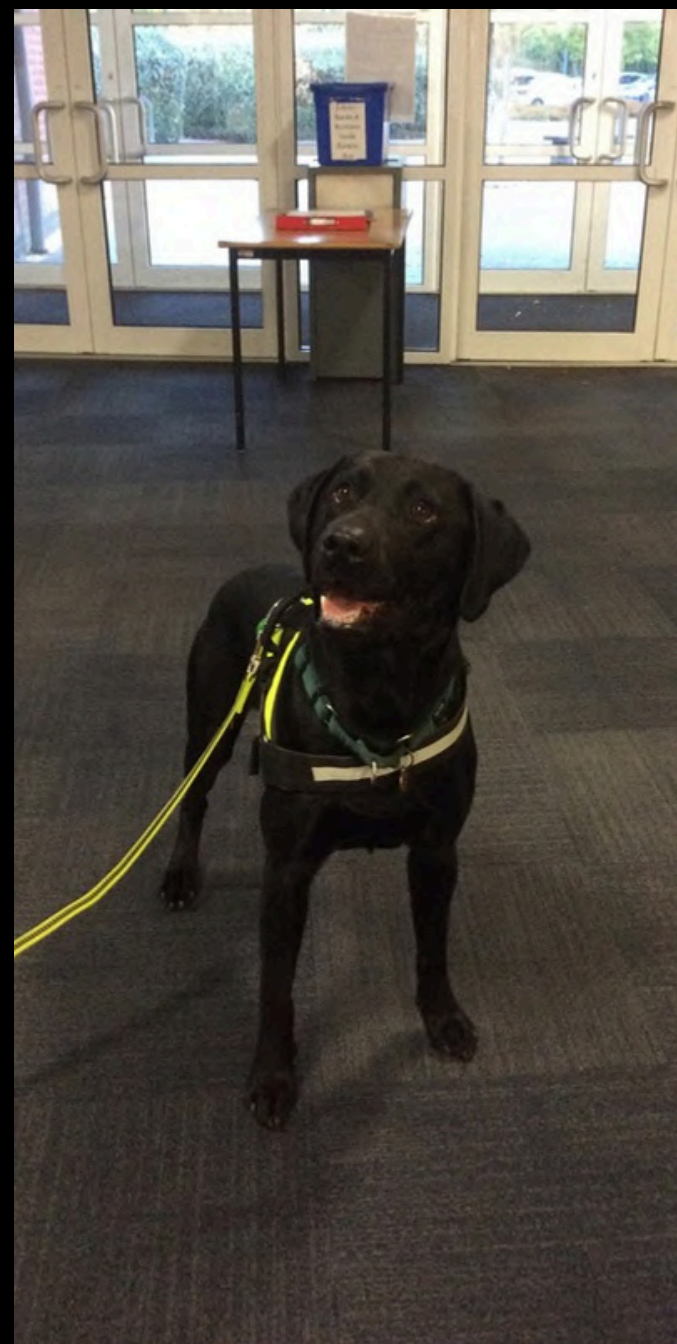
New Music Equipment!

A big thank you to the Rotary Club of Bridport for generously donating £500 to Colfox Music! It's open to any student who'd like to play, its a very supportive atmosphere & friends, family & supporters are most welcome!



New Sports Equipment!

We have two new table tennis tables, netball match balls, pickleball rackets and a junior cricket set, all purchased with support from David Wilson Redrow South West, thank you to them!



Labradors Toby & Holmes visit assembly!

We loved hearing about the important work that Community Safety Dogs do in assembly. Thank you to K9 for visiting - everybody loved Toby and Holmes.

It was interesting to hear about the amazing work that dogs in service do to keep us secure and great to hear that the dogs themselves regard their work as a game and enjoy what they do.

Army Cadets in Assembly!



Thank you to the army cadets for visiting assemblies this term and giving an interesting insight into what they offer.



Buy a Remembrance Day Poppy Students lead appeal



Remembrance Day activities and assemblies will be held as usual in November to give our students the opportunity to pay their respects to those who lost their lives in conflict.

Our Sixth Form will also be selling Remembrance Poppies around school to raise money for the Royal British Legion's important work helping veterans. Thank you to all Sixth Formers and other students who have volunteered their time to sell Poppies. They will be on sale again in the run up to Remembrance Day.

**COLFOX CELEBRATES
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



We are proud to celebrate Black History Month. Thank you to our History Department for arranging special assemblies exploring this year's theme 'Honouring Our Communities'.

Thank you also to our Student Librarians for helping in the Library, where we have created a special display.



Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trip

Our Year 10 Musicians enjoyed a trip to see Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in Yeovil this half term. Our students also took part in a workshop with musicians from the BSO and composer Patrick Bailey.

Colfox wins Music Mark Award for Ambition and Quality

Congratulations to Ali Davies, our Head of Music, and everyone involved with Music at Colfox for achieving the Music Mark Award!



Instrumental Specialists - Visiting Teachers

Individual lessons with instrumental specialists are available, please contact them direct for costs & to arrange lessons. Some funding help may be available. Any queries email: Ali Davies, Head of Music: adavies@sirjohncolfox.org

Jenny Armitage - Trumpet/Trombone: jentrumpet@outlook.com

Jack Beale - Guitar/Bass Guitar: info@jackbealeguitar.co.uk

Joe Binmore - Piano: joe.binmore@gmail.com

Harvey Causley - Drums and Voice: harveycausley@hotmail.com

Peter Scott - Saxophone/Flute/Clarinet: peterj.scott@outlook.com

Lisa Collins - Piano: lisacollins30@outlook.com

Dr Thomas Gold - Violin/Viola: goldthomas@aol.com

Lauren Good - Voice: glover_800@hotmail.com

Jack Revy - Drums: jackrevy@gmail.com

Could you offer Work Experience?

We are appealing to businesses, charities, public sector organisations and other workplaces to provide high quality work experience for our students. We are keen to offer a wide range of interesting work placements to encourage students to aim high and explore different career paths.

Michael Thompson, Head of Careers, said: “We have a wonderfully supportive community in Bridport and we already have a range of great work experience placements, but we are always looking for more opportunities to offer our students. It is a fantastic opportunity for businesses and workplaces to give something back to our community and to inspire the next generation to join them in their field. Our work experience programme is very successful, and our students have previously succeeded in achieving offers of paid work or apprenticeships. This has been fantastic for them and for the workplaces they have joined.”

We are looking for week-long work experience placements for Year 10 students, who are aged 14-15, in March 2027. Any business or workplace interested in finding out more should contact Michael Thompson, Head of Careers at the Sir John Colfox Academy, via email: office@sirjohncolfox.org



Colfox Careers Lunches - Can you help?

We've enjoyed some fantastic Careers Talks, we've loved hearing from Geologists, Builders, NATO, Carpet Fitters, Paramedics, Lawyers and many more people who've kindly given up their time to share insights into their work. If you'd like to find out about giving a Tue Lunch Careers Talk please email: office@sirjohncolfox.org

Calling Businesses! Come to our Business Breakfast! Help advise & explore how we can work together to boost opportunities for young people and help them develop skills businesses need.



The graphic features a vibrant illustration of a coastal town scene with cliffs, a beach, and a group of people networking. The 'CRADLE TO CAREER BRIDPORT' logo is at the top center, showing three stylized figures. A 'BRIDPORT DORSET' sign is on the left. The main title 'BUSINESS BREAKFAST' is in large white letters on a dark blue brushstroke background, followed by '— INVITE —' in a script font. Below this is the subtitle 'Creating opportunities in Bridport'. A row of four icons (calendar, clock, location pin, coffee cup) provides event details. A central paragraph explains the purpose of the event. Two rows of four icons each describe what will be explored and why one should attend. The bottom banner encourages attendance with a coffee icon.

CRADLE TO CAREER BRIDPORT

BUSINESS BREAKFAST
— INVITE —
Creating opportunities in Bridport

 Tuesday 24th November |  8.45–10.00am |  The Sir John Colfox Academy |  Breakfast and networking included

Join us to explore how businesses can work together through the Cradle to Career Bridport model to **help prevent more young people from becoming NEET** (not in education, employment or training). Together, we want to understand the skills local employers need, how we can help young people develop them, and how business can give and receive opportunities so Bridport's young people can thrive.

WHAT WE WILL EXPLORE

-  How business can support young people
-  How C2C can create shared opportunities
-  How employers can give and receive value
-  How we build a stronger Bridport together

WHY ATTEND?

-  Share ideas and local insight
-  Build connections with other businesses and partners
-  Help shape opportunities for Bridport's children and young people

 *Come and enjoy breakfast, conversation and networking*

**Calling Community Groups & Charities! Join us for tea & cake!
Help advise & explore how we can work together to support
children, young people and families in Bridport.**

Community Groups & Charity Organisations **Tea & Cakes**

A warm invitation to community
groups and charity organisations



Thursday 3 December 2026



4.00pm – 6.00pm



Bridport Town Hall

Join us for tea, cake and conversation as part
of Cradle to Career Bridport. We are bringing
together community groups and charity
organisations from across Bridport to connect,
share ideas and explore how we can work
together to support children, young people
and families.



Please RSVP: office@sirjohncolfox.org



Cradle to Career Bridport

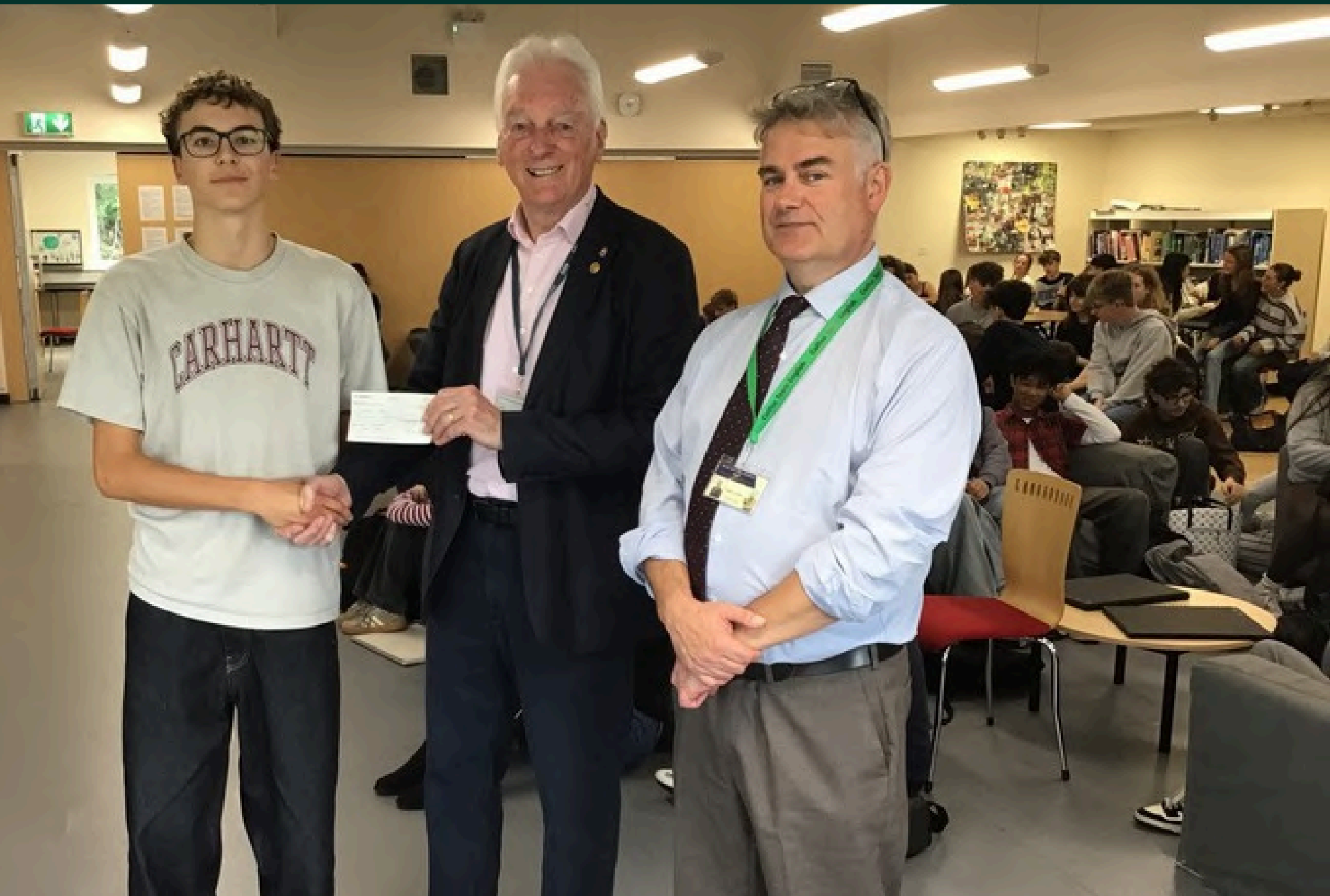
Every Child. Every Family. Every Future.

Open Day 2026

It was great to welcome so many families to Open Day, thank you to all our students who helped show off our school. There were so many wonderful demonstrations and performances - well done everyone! We welcome families for tours all year



Tali's international career recognised by Bridport Rotary Club



Congratulations to Tali, who plays volleyball for England & has just received funds from the Rotary Club of Bridport, thank you to them! The grant will help with the costs of competing internationally. Tali is pictured with Clive Bath of the Rotary Club & Adam Teasdale our Head of Sixth Form.

Rugby Success

Our Year 11 Rugby Squad crowned champions again!



Well done to our Y11 Rugby Squad who were crowned champions again at the Rugby Area Tournament. There were some brilliant performances, with outstanding rugby on display and some beautiful tries scored. Very impressive to win four out of five area tournaments over the last five years! Huge congratulations to the team who have been outstanding!

Gary Littlechild, Head of PE

Primary Schools Netball Tournament organised by our BTEC Sports Students!



We enjoyed welcoming primary schools to Colfox for the Primary Schools Netball Tournament. Seven teams competed and the winner will represent Bridport against the Beaminster Tournament winner, it was a very keenly fought contest. The competition was umpired and organised by 6th Form BTEC students as part of their course. After the teams had all played each other, St Catherine's came out winners narrowly beating Thorners into second place.

Sports Round-up

You can follow 'colfox_sports' on Instagram

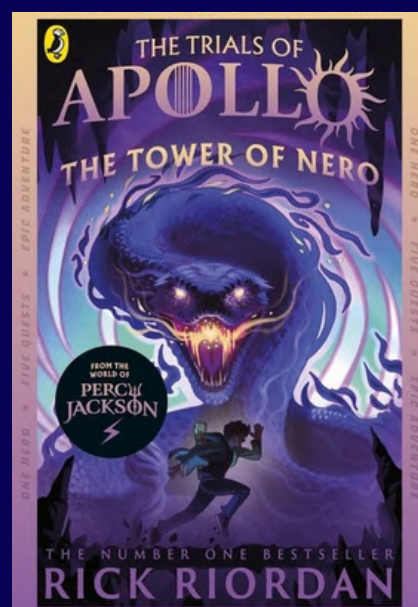
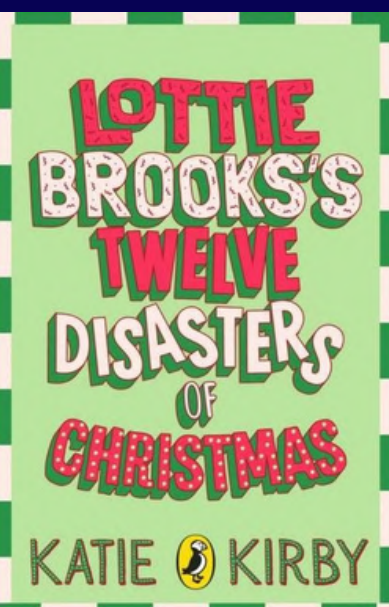


All our Sports Clubs are free and great fun for everyone, even if you don't think you are sporty, come along & have some fun! Well done to everyone who took part this term!



LIBRARY TRENDS

**Students' book orders this half term
Library include:**



Our Library is Student led, we only buy books that students request. Our Library budget has been boosted by generous Parents and Carers supporting our 'Buy a Book for our Library' Appeal hosted by the wonderful Bridport Book Shop. We have a large team of Student Librarians who help decide how the Library is run. Students need to complete three book reviews a term to become a Librarian!

Become a Librarian

How? Write three book reviews each term

What will I do? Run the Library desk, help decide how the Library is run

What are the benefits? Extra access to Library if due to overcrowding we rotate year group access (if that happens Y7 / Y11 and Sixth Form will have priority as well as Librarians)



Free online support & talks for parents

Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 7pm

We have bought access so parents can get free advice talks, usual cost £24.

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 Colfox parents can have unlimited, free access. Choose your session here & use code **SJC191226** at the payment stage.

More info: [Colfox.org/talks](https://colfox.org/talks)

Join a Free Club & have some fun!

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chess Club - A110	Creative Writing Club - Library	Drama Club - B201	Drama Club - B201	Heartstopper Club (Y10+) - A105
Volleyball (Y7/8/9)	Dungeons and Dragons - A101	Crochet and Knitting - Library	Blue Planet - B209	Crystals and Houseplants - A203
Table Tennis (Y7/8/9)	Pokemon and board games - A106	Volleyball (Y10/11)	Maths Club - A107	10-min Science club - A201
Hand Chimes (Y7/8)	Pickleball (Y7/8/9)	Table tennis (Y11 Girls)	Pickleball (Y10/11)	Badminton (Y7/8/9)
	Table tennis (Y10 Boys)	Orchestra (all years)	Table tennis (Y10 Girls)	Table tennis (Y11 Boys)
				Choir (all years)

Join a Club, come along at lunch or after school & try something new! There are lots of non-sporty clubs available too. Joining is free and you can start anytime. Colfox.org/clubs

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homework Club - Library	Homework Club - Library	Homework Club - Library	Homework Club - Library	
Homework Club - SEN	Homework Club - SEN	Homework Club - SEN	Homework Club - SEN	
	Robotics Club (Y8-12) - A209	Netball (Y9-10)	School play rehearsals - B201/B202	
	Running Club (Y7-13)	Hockey (Y7-10)	Running Club	
	Netball (Y7-8)	Rugby (Y7-8)	Rugby (Y9-10)	
	Year 10 Music Club	Y7 Maths Circles	Year 9 Music Club	
		Y8 Maths Circles		
		Colfox Music Club (ages 7-18, open to students from other schools & home learners)		

Help with Homework available

We provide two Homework Clubs to support students with their studies. Students can attend Homework Club in the Library, which is open from Mon to Thur until 5pm. We also offer a Homework Club in SEN, which is open until 4.30pm Mon to Thur.

Colfox.org/clubs

GCSE Study & Revision Help - go to these sessions! students who go do better! Colfox.org/revision

Lunchtime sessions:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Art (C204/205)	Art (C204/205)	Art (C204/205)	Art (C204/205)	Art (C204/205)
Drama (B201)	Physics (A209)	Biology (A205)	Business (A207)	Drama 7+ (B201)
Chemistry (A203)		Food (C101)	Food (C101)	DT - NEA Catch-up (C101)
		Physics (A208)		Physics (A202)
		Science Practicals (A201)		

After school sessions:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
GCSE Netball	Ancient History (B218)	Science - see details outside A203 for topics, staff and rooms.	Art (C204/205)	Music (B205)
GCSE Badminton	English (B208/B209)		Business (A207)	
	Maths - Foundation (A110)	DT - NEA Catch-up Year 10 and 11 (C101)	Computer Science - Week B only (ICT)	
	Maths - Further (A109)	Maths - Higher (A109)	DT - Exam Theory (C101)	
	RS - (A106)	Spanish & French (B217)	Geography (A104)	
		RS - Year 10 - (A105)	GCSE Handball (Sports Hall)	
			History (A105)	
			Maths - Foundation (A110/A112)	

COLFOX
MUSIC CLUB

FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 7-18

- **LEARN AN INSTRUMENT IN A SUPPORTIVE ATMOSPHERE WITH SPECIALIST MUSIC TEACHERS**
- **PLAY IN A GROUP**
- **BRING AN INSTRUMENT/HIRE AN INSTRUMENT/SOME INSTRUMENTS TO BORROW**
- **SMALL TERMLY FEE (APPROX £2.50 PER WEEK)**
- **OPEN TO ALL - ANY SCHOOL & HOME LEARNERS**
- **COMPLETE BEGINNERS WELCOME!**



 **WEDNESDAYS ARRIVE FROM 3.30-4PM MUSIC UNTIL 5PM - @COLFOX SCHOOL**

 **TO SIGN UP OR MORE INFO - ALI DAVIES, EMAIL: ADAVIES@SIRJOHNCOLFOX.ORG**

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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 free 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! Friends of Colfox

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

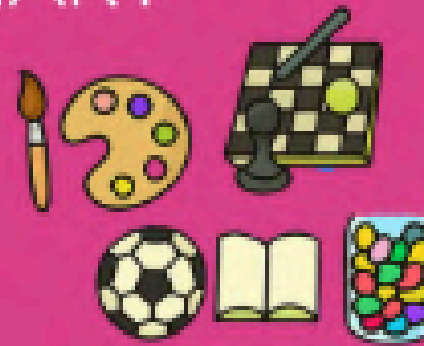
BRIDPORT PRIMARY YOUTH CLUB

YEARS 1 TO YEAR 7

Year 7s can choose between Primary and Junior sessions

WEDNESDAY 5PM - 7PM

FRIDAY 4PM - 6PM



BRIDPORT JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB



YEARS 7 TO YEAR 9

Year 9s can choose between Junior and Senior sessions

FRIDAY 6PM - 8PM

BRIDPORT SENIOR YOUTH CLUB

YEARS 9 TO AGE 17

FRIDAY 8PM - 10PM



FREE BIKE WORKSHOP YOUTH CLUB



OPEN TO ALL YOUTHS

WEDNESDAY 6PM - 8PM

Thank you for reading!



**We wish you all a very
peaceful Half Term!**