



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 and visits this term, the Eden Project, Big Bang Science Fair at the NEC, the Tank Museum, Longleat Safari Park, Music trip to hit show Six, the Ski Trip to the Italian Alps, Sailing, Wimbledon Tennis trip, as well as a huge range of sporting fixtures. There will be lots more trips next term - look out for details!

I am delighted that we have become an Ocean Friendly School - congratulations to Blue Planet Club and Mr Bunker. Well done to students who took part in our A Level Student Art and Photography Exhibition, the quality of the work on display at Bridport Arts Centre was very impressive. Our lower school have been enjoying a huge range of House Cup Competitions and Challenges. Teams from our four houses, Adler, Fleur de Lys, Hinomaru and Toro have been working together in their houses and competing in inter-house events, including the Art Cup, Music Cup, Textiles Cup, Chess Cup, Technology Cup, Human Rights Day, Tennis Cup and of course Sports Day!

We have again enjoyed welcoming speakers this term, including Human Rights Lawyer Clive Stafford Smith and the brilliant Bank of Dreams and Nightmares, who have been working with students looking at how school could be redesigned so everybody enjoys it more. Student Voice and encouraging students to take part, lead and to make their voices heard is important and valued at Colfox. We enjoyed voting in our parallel general election, see this newsletter for our results! This term we also launched our Crowdfunder Appeal for outdoor seating which emerged from a Dragon's Den Student Voice Challenge - thank you to Palmers Brewery for very generously match funding the appeal and to everyone who has kindly donated including Bridport Ladies Circle and Bridport Round Table.

I'd also like to give you all advance notice of another Student Voice led initiative that we are considering in response to Student Voice, namely the introduction of a practical and low-cost summer uniform in the form of a lightweight polo-style top, which would replace ties, shirts and blazers. We will update you in due course and we are very mindful of the need of keeping costs down.

We are worried about the rising costs that families are facing. Please contact us if you need help with uniform. There are some great free summer activities available if your child receives free school meals: helpandkindness.co.uk/summer-in-dorset-2024 Claiming free school meals is important [find out here](#) if you are eligible.

I am delighted that we have launched a new Friends of Colfox Group, which acts like a PTA but is also able to draw support from our wider Bridport Community. The Friends will be fundraising for school, holding events for Parents and Carers to attend and helping with uniform recycling - everyone is invited to join the Friends and you can volunteer as much or as little as you like - email: office@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

Please encourage your child to enjoy reading this summer, we have paid for everyone to have [SORA](#), our reading platform, which has thousands of bestselling magazines, books, graphic novels and audio books - check it out and save £££! Students can log in using their usual school password.

Thank you to our fantastic teaching and support staff, who work incredibly hard to support our students. We are especially sorry to say goodbye to Sue Chudley and Nathan Bartlett, thank you to them to their service, they have both helped shape many students' lives for the better and we will miss them. We look forward to welcoming students back on Thursday 5th September. Have a Peaceful Summer.

**Yours sincerely,
Adam Shelley , Headteacher**



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: "It was a brilliant exhibition, and it was lovely to see the public enjoying our students amazing work, well done everyone and thank you to Bridport Arts Centre."

The exhibition featured creative outcomes inspired by the starting point 'Observe, Seek and Challenge' and included impressive portraiture, landscape, figure studies and mixed media work.



Art & Photography Exhibition



Pictured from left: Mrs Louise Burgess, Head of Art, Mrs Esther Ashman, Art Teacher, and Mr Adam Shelley, Headteacher at the Private View Launch in June, which was very well attended.



We are an Ocean Friendly School!

Congratulations Mr Bunker and the Blue Planet Club!

In February the Blue Planet Club began working towards 'Ocean Friendly School' status, awarded by the Maritime Conservation Society (MCS).

The challenge was divided into **explore, evaluate, act and share!** In the **explore** phase students took part in an online seminar with Stephen Kelly from the MCS, completed a survey demonstrating what they already knew and summarised their findings about marine pollution and plastics in a wall display.



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In the **evaluate phase** students examined things collected from the 'Street to the Sea' litter pick organised by the Bridport Litter Free Street Champions and the West Bay Beach Clean Group.

Students worked out what things were and how long it would take them to break down in the sea - we found that the average anticipated age is 500 years to break down for most items, but even then, smaller fragments can contaminate our seas and find their way back into food chains. We found plastics associated with most aspects of human life....



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ACT: Students then decided to write to the managers of Morrisons, Waitrose and Lidl Supermarkets in Bridport, asking what they were doing already to address the problem and what they intended to do in the future to reduce waste and plastic use.



**Blue Planet Club
will be sharing what
they say - students can
come along to find out
more - speak to Mr
Bunker**

SHARE: Students created a giant shark sculpture to draw attention to the fact that by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean!



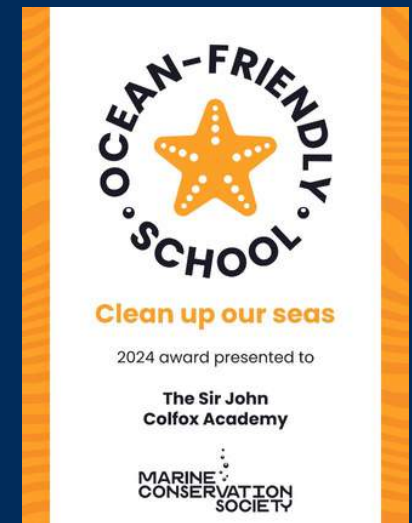
**Unless we
act by 2050
there will be
more plastic
than fish in
the ocean**

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Blue Planet Club are urging everyone to spread the word and act to reduce their plastic consumption!

Stop and think what can you do to limit your use of plastic at school and at home?

Do you re-use and refill your drinks bottle?



Please bring a refillable bottle to school to reduce plastic consumption - save our seas!



Our Students' Crowdfunder closes 24 July! Thanks Palmers Brewery for matchfunding!

**Please support our
Students' Crowdfunder!**



For new outdoor areas!

"Being outdoors is good for wellbeing" - Natural England



**Palmers are kindly
matching all
donations!**

**Thank you to everyone who has kindly
given to our students' Crowdfunder!
If you haven't yet, please do by 24 July!**

**Our students want to raise £5,000 for
new outdoor areas, as enjoying time
outside is good for wellbeing.**

**The plan emerged from our 'Dragon's
Den' Challenge where students pitched
their ideas for improving our school.**

**Congratulations to Daniel, Luke, Riley,
Imogen, Isla, Livy and Rose for the
winning pitch!**

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 at the workshops! Above left are Riley, Mac, Ollie and Junior with students from other schools and on the right is Evan building an impressive arch!

ART CUP

A celebration of creativity and chairs!

Students produced wonderful creative pieces during our inter-house Art Cup and had a lot of fun in the process! Around 50 students from different year groups worked together in their houses to design chair installations inspired by the theme 'Where is your Happy Place'.

After a closely fought and fun competition, Adler House won the Cup, congratulations to their team!

Students took inspiration from artists and used a wide-range of materials and techniques. The competition was close and was judged on teamwork, communication, creativity, concept, skilful use of materials, originality and visual impact. The Art Cup is one of many inter-house competitions that take place throughout the year.

Mrs Burgess, Head of Art



Transforming Education with the Bank of Dreams & Nightmares



Year 9 with Human Rights Lawyer Clive Stafford Smith

How could School be more fun? Could our Education system be reshaped by young people? What changes would improve students' lives? These are just some of the questions that our Year 9 students have been investigating in new creative workshops with the brilliant Bank of Dreams and Nightmares. Fascinating special guests including Human Rights Lawyer Clive Stafford Smith and Poet Louisa Adjoa Parker have joined their workshops to help investigate the issues - watch this space for their Manifesto for Change!

Junior Awards Summer 2024



Well done to everyone who received an Academic Junior Award!

It was great to celebrate your academic achievements at our Prize Giving Ceremony in July, congratulations everyone!

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



Junior Prize Giving 2024



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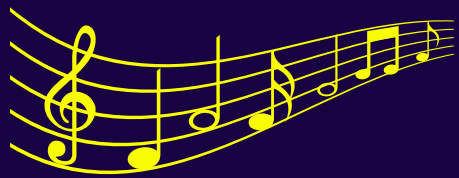
Chicks! We hatched them in Science & they grew fast!



There was excitement in Science this term when some eggs arrived! We waited and watched their incubator - until cracks started to appear and the eggs began to move.

The chicks hatched and were up and about and extremely fluffy almost immediately, they then grew very fast! We fed them chick crumb and watched them grow - almost by the hour. They have now been rehomed and are enjoying their new free range lives.

MUSIC



CUP



Amazing musical talent on show!

The House Music Cup once again gave our musicians the opportunity to show their talent as solo performers and once again they did not disappoint. During the day we got hear everything from Blues, Jazz, Funk, Classical and Rock music renditions on a multitude of different instruments, plus vocals. It was a real treat to hear such varied styles of music being played. Musicians from Year 7 to 10 took part and we awarded a winner per year group and the overall Best Musician Prize.

Congratulation to the winners:

Year 7 – Martha – Piano

Year 8 – Beatrix – Piano

Year 9 – Theo – Alto Saxophone

Year 10 – Lily – Piano

Best Musician Overall - Theo

Mr Hocking Head of Music





YOUTH VOICE Make Your Mark Workshop



Students took part in the Dorset Youth Parliament elections in February. Alongside voting for candidates they also voted in the 'Make Your Mark' vote, to identify issues that are impacting young people the most.

The winning topic in Dorset was Health and Wellbeing. This is now the area Dorset Youth Voice are campaigning on and they are visiting schools in Dorset to hear young people's views on how to improve their Health and Wellbeing.

Hanna from Dorset Youth Voice ran a workshop for students in Year 7 to 10 asking them what they thought about Health and Wellbeing in three categories, physical, mental and social. Students put their views across raising awareness of stress on schools, access to a variety of sporting clubs, cost of sporting activities and a need for safe spaces.

These ideas will be put together with workshops from other schools to help develop a Dorset Youth Voice campaign. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to have their right to a voice heard.

Mrs Hatch Head of PSHE

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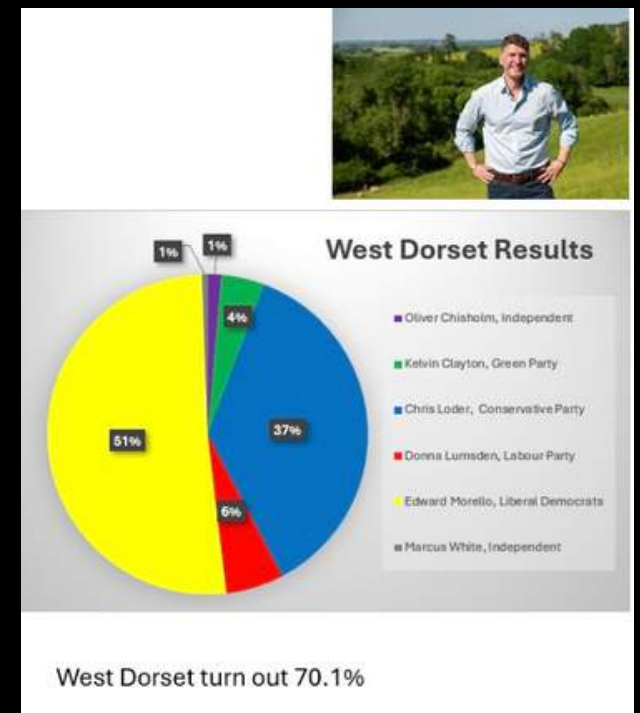
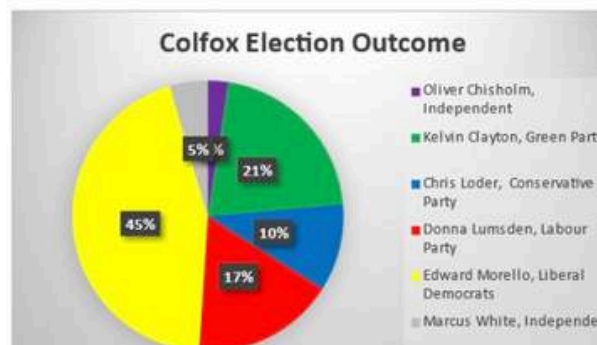
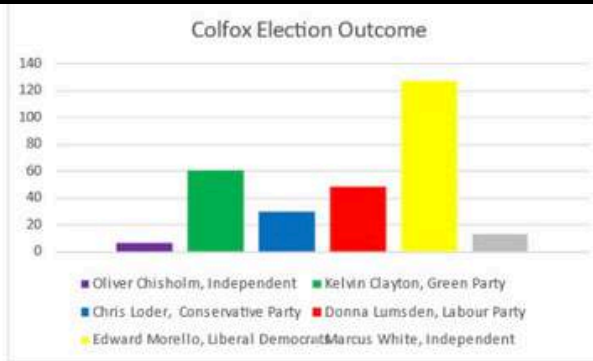
GENERAL ELECTION 2024

Colfox Votes for Edward Morello!

Colfox Parallel Election Results

Statistics

- 70% of tutor groups voted.
- 288 votes cast
- 49.5 % turn out vote
- Your winner Edward Morello, Liberal Democrats



Colfox voted in the General Election! Our winner was our new MP Edward Morello - congratulations to him for capturing the Colfox vote as well the West Dorset vote!

Students examined election materials and statements from the West Dorset candidates in Tutor before casting their votes, the runners up were the Greens, with Labour in third place and the Conservatives fourth.



Mrs Hatch Head of PSHE

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MATTERS



Climate Change Films created for Human Rights' Day



Students created Climate Change Films to inspire action. They investigated what more we can do to tackle the issue. They also looked at how Climate Change is disproportionately affecting and displacing some of the poorest people in our world - who have contributed least to the climate emergency. This work was done to mark Human Rights' Day - well done everyone!

Church Bells dedicated to scholars of Bridport!



Students visited St Mary's Church in Bridport to celebrate 100 years since the dedication of the bells.

One of the bells was dedicated to the 'Students and Scholars of Bridport' in 1924 and it was great to recognise and celebrate this.

Pictured above are Josfin, Meagan, Miriam and Millie-Mae who were chosen for the honour and got to visit the bell tower and view the dedication. Thank you to St Mary's Church for inviting us.

History comes to life!



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History was brought to life at a fascinating WW1 workshop. Students experienced the sights, sounds and smells of war and learned about the reality of life in the trenches at a special immersive session this term.

The living history workshop saw Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE history students taking part in gas drills, inspecting weaponry, medical and other equipment and trying on army uniforms.

Students examined real artefacts from the war and took part in role-play exercises to build up a picture of what day to day life would have been like during the great war.

Mrs Cleak, Head of History

The 'Frontline Living History' workshop by David Alton and Richard Townsley also explored why so many people rushed to enlist, the key battles, medical treatments and the day-to-day hardships that troops faced.

It was a fascinating session that deepened students' understanding of the period, as they had to race to put on gas masks in seconds and examine artefacts from the time.

Jay and Grace in Year 11 said: "It was really interesting, they showed us what would have happened if there was a gas attack and even set off a harmless version of mustard gas, it smelt strange, a bit like onions. They also showed us what illnesses, injuries and treatments soldiers would have undergone in the trenches, it was horrifying but fascinating!"

History comes to life!



We Love Sports Day!



A lot of fun was had on Sports Day! It was great to see everyone cheering and supporting each other, some fantastic sporting achievements and home made banners! Well done Toro House who won the day!



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Lulworth Cove Trip

Special Report by Amelia, Year 7: I and 48 students from year 7, went on a trip to Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door on Friday 12th July. The coach took us down to Lulworth car park, everyone got off the coach, the rangers were waiting for us. We split off into two groups, one of 26 and the other of 23, each had two teachers.

My group went off and David told us about all the rock types at Lulworth (Portland, Purbeck, Weald, Greensands and Chalk) and how big and what there is to do at Lulworth. We then took clipboards and started to walk to Stair Hole and looked at how the rock structure changed and how it has eroded, we also drew a sketch of the landscape.



Lulworth Cove Trip

Everyone moved round to see the cove, in February there was a big land slide which was blocking the path to get all the way round, the water is very blue and clear. We went and had a seat on the beach before walking back for lunch.

Then we got ready to go to Durdle Door. At 1:15 everyone was on the move my group headed off first when we all got there we had a photo. After we carried on making our way to Durdle Door while seeing some wildlife on the route. We did not go down to the beach because David had a better place to see it. Once we got there David said that we could take pictures, and we also sat down and drew a sketch of it.

Afterwards we started heading back to the coach. After getting back on the coach we made our way back with Seth singing at the back and people singing at the front. At 4:45 we were back and ready to go home.





Aquarium Trip



Nearly 100 students from Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a trip to the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth, which is the largest in the UK .

Students were given interactive tours in groups with an expert guide who gave fascinating talks about the exhibits and answered our questions.

Students then took part in scientific workshops and did experiments including looking at how climate change affects coral and our oceans.



Year 9 Eden Project Trip



Students enjoyed a trip to the Eden Project this term.

The trip was for Year 9 students who have been studying ecosystems and world biomes in Geography. The trip gave them the opportunity to experience the Tropics, Mediterranean and UK Maritime Biomes first hand. They learned about how important these ecosystems are to humans and what impacts we are having on them.

Students toured the Eden project and also took part in an educational workshop.

Ms Temple, Geography Teacher

Tank Museum Trip!



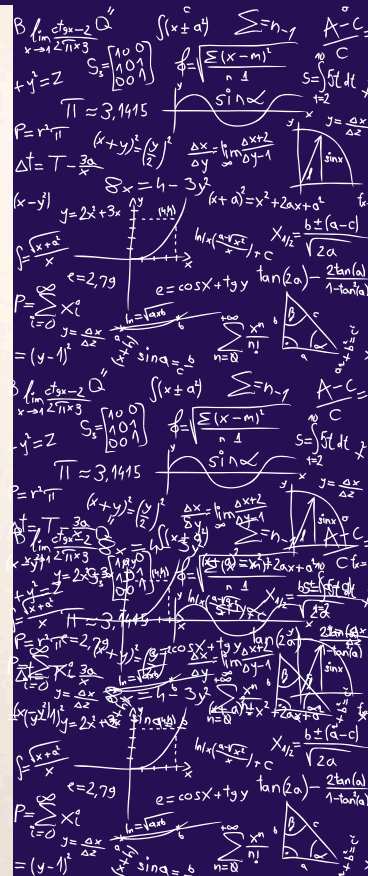
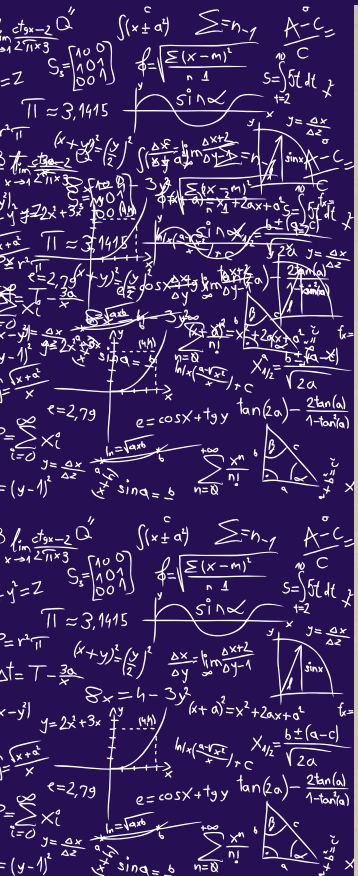
We enjoyed visiting the Tank Museum in Bovington. Students experienced what life would have been like for a British Tommy in the Trenches, which will link to their learning about the First World War next year. Students got to sit inside a real-life WW1 trench and learnt how they were operated and what it would have been like to be in a Tank crew. They also learnt about how tanks are built and how each component works.

Mr Westley, History Teacher & Head of Year 8



Maths Cup Winners!

Adler House



Well done to all students selected for the House Maths Cup. Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 worked in teams to tackle lots of against the clock challenges.

Well done to the winners who triumphed for Adler House! Pictured above from left are the winners George, Iris and Chris, congratulations to them!

UK Maths Challenge Success!



Congratulations to Gold Certificate Winners Jasper and Felix!

Well done to students who competed in the UK Maths Trust Junior Challenge, we were proud as our students did really well! Congratulations to:

Gold Certificate Winners:

Year 8 - Jasper (best in Year 8)

Year 7 - Felix (best in school)

Silver Certificate Winners:

Year 8 - Rica, Charlie, Louie, George, Bailey,
Theo, William

Year 7 - Chloe, Rowan, Evie

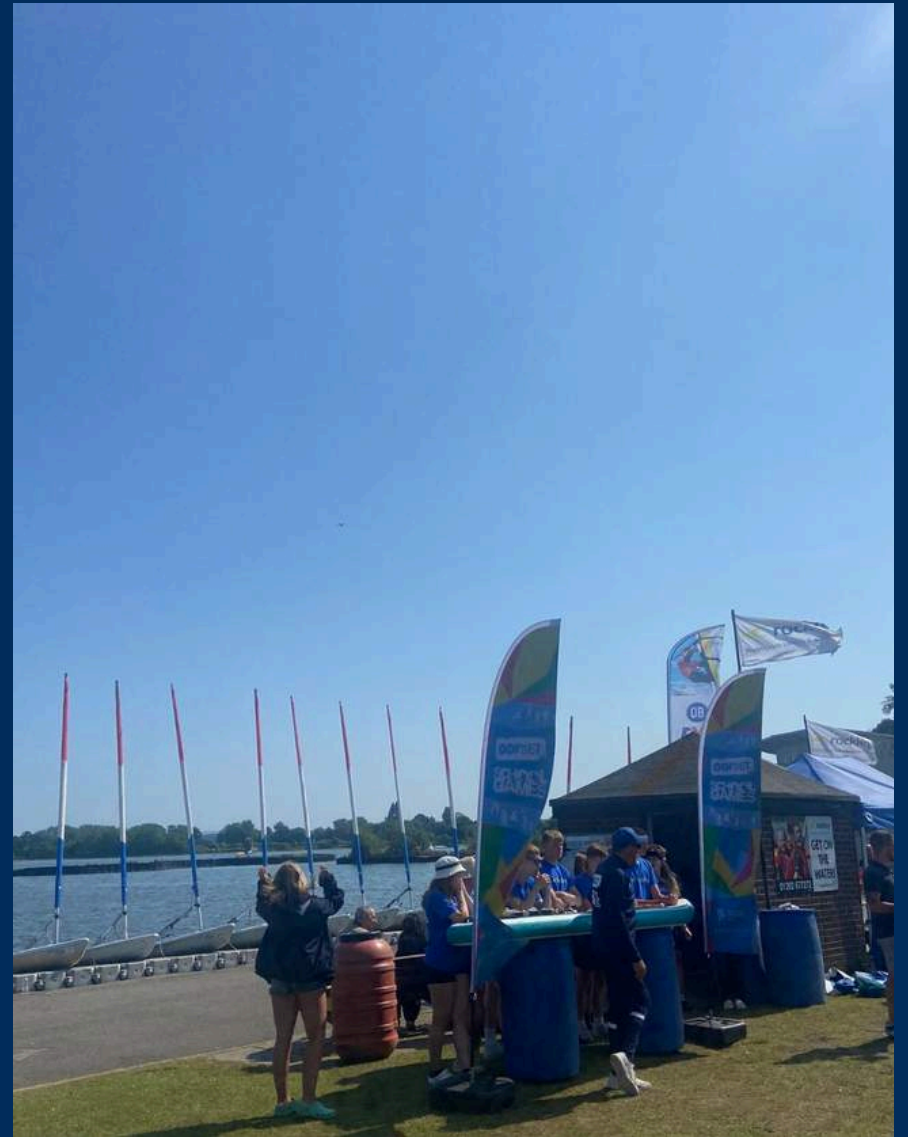
Bronze Certificate Winners:

Year 8 - Alfred, Seb, Eliza, Enid

Year 7 - Anton, Richard, Saul, Finlay

Mrs Jones - Lead Practitioner Maths

Sailing Regatta 2024!



A group of students from Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 enjoyed sailing in Poole in June. Well done to everyone who took part in the Dorset School Games Sailing Regatta at Rockley Park. Students raced Laser Picos and also enjoyed giant paddle boarding and kayaking.

Wimbledon and Inter-house Tennis



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!



MORE SUMMMER TRIPS

Big Bang Science, Musicals & Safari!

We enjoyed going on lots of other fun trips this term! A group of nearly 100 Year 7 and 8 students visited the Big Bang Science Fair. A group of 32 students from Year 8 visited the Tank Museum in Bovington, with its fascinating immersive WW1 exhibition. Students from Year 7 to 12 enjoyed a trip to hit musical Six which explores the story of Henry VIII's wives. A total of 48 students are also visiting Longleat at the end of term. Some support is available to help families with the cost of trips. There will be lots more on offer next year!





Exams - Well Done Everyone!

Well done to all our Year 11 and 13 students, who took 111 exams. Thank you to teachers for providing support sessions and to our exams officer, Mrs Davies, who yet again did an amazing job of making sure they ran smoothly!

A total of 3,036 exam papers were completed during hundreds of hours of exams. Our students sat 52 GCSE exams and 53 A Level exams over a seven-week period. Well done everyone!



COLLEFOX PROM 24

We enjoyed the Prom! It was lovely to see everyone at Symondsburry Tithe Barn, amazing outfits, dancing and transport!





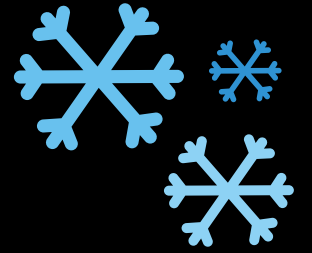


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Ski Trip 2024



A large group of Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed a ski trip to the Alps and a lot of fun was had in the snow.

Students of all abilities had brilliant fun on the ski slopes in Italy. Before departing the group enjoyed skiing tuition at Warmwell Holiday Park near Weymouth.

Thank you to Mr Bartlett, Mr Littlechild, Mr Morse, Miss Halifax and Miss Penfold for making the trip possible.









Library News

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EXPLORE!

Sport / Manga / Graphics/ Thrillers / Horror/ Football / Horses / Anything!

Help with uniform

Some free second hand school uniform is available

Some free second hand uniform is available to pick-up from school. No forms, no fuss, just get what you need. The uniform available has been donated to us, so availability of items will sometimes vary.

How do I pick-up uniform?

Just drop in during the school day and ask at reception. Students can ask for items too. Or you can email us a request: 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.

Free Summer Activities



Lots of great fun summer activities are available free if your child gets free school meals: helpandkindness.co.uk/summer-in-dorset-2024

Thank you for reading!



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