



Dear Parents, Carers and all Friends of Colfox Academy,

Welcome to our Summer Term News, as you can see it has been another brilliant and busy term, it is great to share some of the brilliant things that your children have achieved.

I would like to start by paying tribute to three wonderful teachers, who between them have taught for nearly 100 years! They are of course Mr Glover, Mr Farrow and Mr Sutcliffe, who have been such a valued part of our Colfox and Bridport community. On behalf of us all, I'd like to thank them for their dedication and wish them a very happy retirement. Some of our younger teachers are leaving for far flung places such as Japan, Malaysia and the Middle East, and others are moving on to new opportunities, we are sorry to say goodbye, but wish everyone luck and thank them for their service! I'm pleased to report that we have recruited some brilliant new teachers who will be joining our wonderful staff in September.

As ever, we are very proud of all our students, especially Year 11 and Year 13, who impressed us with the way they coped with their exams. Year 10 have made a lot of progress on their GCSE courses and Y12 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, including our second trip to France, our Art Trip to London, the Bath History Trip, Thorpe Park, Dorset Water Park, Field trips, Sailing, Cycling and a huge range of sporting fixtures. Congratulations to everyone involved in our school show, Fame! It was a brilliant performance, well done to all the singers, actors, musicians and our back stage crew. Well done also to all our artists 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.

Well done to our lower school, who 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 Music Cup, the Drama Cup, Science Cup, Chess Cup, Technology Cup, Dragon's Den Challenge, Tennis Tournaments and of course Sports Day!

We have again enjoyed welcoming speakers, including best-selling author AF Steadman, and the brilliant Bank of Dreams and Nightmares, who have been running creative film and comedy workshops. Encouraging students to take part, to lead and to make their voices heard is important and valued at Colfox. This term we launched our Dragon's Den Student Voice Challenge, which saw students working together creating business plans aimed at improving students' lives to and pitching them to our Dragons, also known as myself and our Deputy Heads Mrs Duffy and Ms Webb.

Our Library has continued to grow, our message to students is that 'Your Library is Your Free Book Shop' and we will get any book you want. This term Football, Manga and Graphics have been popular and these sections have quadrupled. Please encourage your child to ask for whatever books they want – we will always do our best to get it. Reading something you love is fun, and it boosts wellbeing and achievement. Don't forget in the holidays they can get FREE bestsellers, graphic novels and audio books, just google 'SORA' and log in using their usual school username and password.

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-2023 Thank you to our fantastic teaching and support staff, who work hard to support your children. I hope that you all have a peaceful summer. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 5th September.

Adam Shelley , Headteacher





Photos by Sam Rose

School Show!

FAME!



Congratulations to the cast & technical crew! Thanks Sam Rose for the great photos!





Students shine in FAME!

Congratulations to everyone involved in our brilliant production of FAME! The production (12-13 July) showcased brilliant performances from talented students from across the school, from Year 7 to the sixth form, not forgetting the brilliant backstage student technical crew.

Adam Shelley, Headteacher of the Sir John Colfox Academy, said: “It was a brilliant show, featuring fantastic singing, dancing, acting and everyone enjoyed it. It was wonderful to see so much talent on show, congratulations to all our performers and our backstage team. I’d like to say a huge thank you to all staff who made such a fantastic event possible, especially Mrs Holder, Head of Drama, Miss Glover, Drama and Performing Arts Teacher and Mr Hocking, Head of Music.”

Emma Holder, Head of Drama at the Sir John Colfox Academy, said: “I was incredibly proud of everyone’s performances and our technical team, everyone was amazing! “Every student involved worked incredibly hard during rehearsals and at home, learning lines, learning the music, the dance routines, and of course the songs. Great work was also done by our backstage team. Everyone involved should be very proud of the hard work they put into creating such a wonderful production.”

Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used for equipment for our drama department. Thank you also to all Parents and Carers who supported the production.





London Art Trip to The Tate Modern

Around 50 Art Students from Year 9 and 10 enjoyed a trip to London to see the amazing artwork on show at the Tate Modern.

It was a thought-provoking visit, with lots of inspiring installations on show and some very unusual ones too, including a pile of sand! The vast galleries certainly provided lots of awe-inspiring surprises!

Art & Photography Exhibition

Congratulations to our talented sixth formers who exhibited their work at Bridport Arts Centre in June.

Louise Burgess, Head of Art at the Sir John Colfox Academy, said: "It was a fantastic exhibition, that showcased our students' talents, well done everyone and thank you to the Arts Centre for a great venue."

The exhibition featured personal investigations of a range of powerful themes, such as Skeletal Form, Cells, Fables, Portraiture, Conflict, Natural Form and Landscape. It also included expressive portraits, figure studies and mixed media work.



Art & Photography Exhibition



Pictured from left: Mrs Ashman, Art Teacher, Mrs Burgess, Head of Art, and Zac Dixon Y13, whose brilliant self-portrait was used to promote the Joint Sixth Form Art and Photography Exhibition.

Creative workshops with the Bank of Dreams & Nightmares



Comedy Workshops Update

Our Year 9 students have been creating ideas for campaign films, after looking at some inspiring examples, like the 'Trash Isles' campaign, created to draw-attention to the enormous island of plastic waste in the Pacific. After choosing causes, they have been working on pitches, which they recently delivered to a London-based advertising agency, who we hope will put one of their ideas into production.

Film Workshops Update

Amazing news - our comedy sketches are in production! A very successful session was held with directors after our students successfully pitched their sketches to the BBC, well done everyone!



Students perform at Poole Theatre

Congratulations to all who took part in our show at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. Our National Theatre Connections production of '(Circle Dreams Around) the Terrible, Terrible Past' involved students from Year 8-13.

As well as acting, students also made all the props, ran the stage management, and created an original music score. The first performance in our Main Hall was in front of a National Theatre Mentor, who came along to give feedback. This helped with the next performance at the Poole Lighthouse Theatre. Connnections is a youth theatre festival hosted by National Theatre. Each year, 10 new plays are commissioned and performed by youth groups and schools across the country.

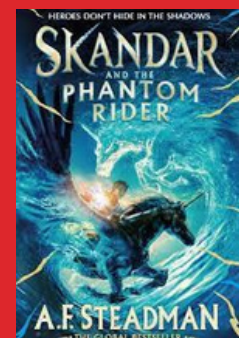
Best-selling author visits!



Students enjoyed meeting bestselling author Annabel Steadman who gave a talk about her 'Skandar' books featuring bloodthirsty unicorns.

Annabel introduced her new book 'Skandar and the Phantom Rider' to more than 100 students in Year 7. She explained that she was inspired to create unicorns that are fierce and terrifying, rather than pure and angelic. She said 'I never liked fluffy unicorns, I wanted mine to be more like dragons. The fun thing about writing is that you can make up whatever you like, if you have an idea, you can write it, I was 13 when I wrote my first story.'

Both 'Skandar and the Unicorn Thief' and 'Skandar and the Phantom Rider' are available in our Library.



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



Junior Prize Giving 2023



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Colfox Celebrates
Pride 2023!

Celebrating



PRIDE!

We enjoyed holding 'Splash the Rainbow Day' to celebrate Pride in June.

Students and staff were encouraged to wear something colourful to support Pride, rainbow flags were flown, our student librarians created a book display and we ran a stall to raise money and awareness.

Students raised £49 for the Space Youth Project, which supports and empowers young people who are or may be LGBT+.

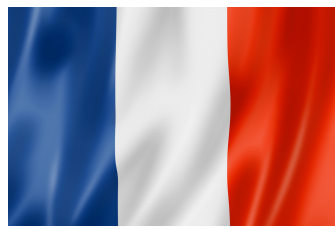
One Year 10 student, who helped with the celebration, said: "It was fun, and it was great to see so many people supporting Pride and buying Pride flags to support the Space Youth Project."

Adam Shelley, Headteacher of the Sir John Colfox Academy, said: "Colfox is proud to celebrate Pride. It was brilliant to see everyone coming together to celebrate equality, diversity and we had fun."

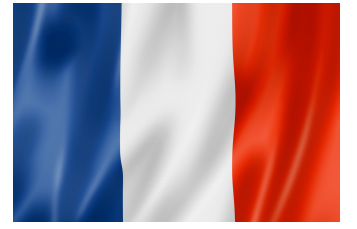
Pride is about acceptance, equality, celebrating the work of LGBTQ+ people, education in LGBTQ+ history and raising awareness of issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community.

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French Trip 2!



We enjoyed another successful trip to France this term, after our Spring Term trip proved so popular! A group of more than 30 students toured the Opal Coast region of France, enjoying cultural visits, historic towns and a visit to the Theme Park 'Parc Asterix'. Thank you to Mr Walker, Mr Willis and Mrs Duffy for taking our students to France!



From top left: Making French bread, rides at Parc Asterix, tasting snails (this was optional!) and on the ferry watching the White Cliffs of Dover.

