

Date: Friday 8th September

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Dear parents and carers,

We have had another successful week as we get used to being together again as a family of over 1000 students. The summer holidays already feel like a hazy memory!

Last week I mentioned in my welcome piece in the newsletter that we were in the process of strengthening our IT systems to enable better communication with you. Thank you again for your support while we reactivated Show My Homework following our IT upgrade and also while we moved from 'Gateway' to our new and more useful and effective communication app 'Sims Parent'. Show My Homework is now ready to get back on line across the school and 'Sims Parent' is ready to launch. 'Sims Parent' has both app and web access and will enable you to see a host of useful information including your son or daughter's attendance, timetable, achievements and conduct records. During the year we will also be adding more information to the portal so that it will include assessment information and reports.

I am pleased to be able to let you know that our new app is now ready to launch and we will be emailing you an invitation to download the app over the next few days. We are only able to send you the invitation if we have your up to date email address in our records so please let us know your email address as soon as possible if you don't receive the invitation email before Monday so we can get you up and running. We are keen to receive feedback on the app and how you are finding it and to hear of any teething problems. We do understand that there is a time delay between registering and being able to access the app for the very first time so do bear with the process as you get it underway.

This has been a busy week for us at Cowes. This evening some of our students are off on an exciting Drama trip and we have also had our first meeting for our forthcoming drama production – more to follow on this in later newsletters! Along with getting our music lessons started, we have also launched student leadership across the school.

We value student leadership highly at CEC and this week our student council met for the first time this academic year. We have also had the pleasure of beginning our Head Boy and Girl interview process. We heard 6 sixth form students talk passionately to the year group about their leadership plans and credentials for the job; next week our candidates will be heading into interviews and I can already see what a difficult decision it's going to be. Luckily we have also launched a wider number of leadership roles for our sixth formers across a series of academy committees so we have places for all our students to get involved in leadership opportunities!

I also held my first parent surgery slots this week. A reminder that this term I will be holding parent surgeries twice weekly on a Tuesday afternoon from 1pm – 2.30pm and from 3.30pm – 5.30pm to enable parents to get to know me and discuss the work of the school with me directly. Attendance is by pre-booked appointments only so please either email dharrison@cowesec.org or phone the school on 01983 203103 asking for Donna Harrison to book in a slot in advance of each Tuesday.

I am looking forward to being able to meet Yr7 parents at our Yr7 tutor evening on Tuesday. Do please come and say hello to me if you are able during what I'm sure will be both a useful and reassuring evening. As you will see from the newsletter, our first set of clubs is ready to launch. Do encourage your son or daughter to get fully involved in the life of the school and to have a look at which clubs they will enjoy.

With best wishes,
Rachel Kitley

Safeguarding for Parents

Current Safeguarding Education for Students at Cowes



Topic of the week: Sexting

This week we have been educating students in the dangers of Sexting, talking through in assemblies and tutor times about the vulnerabilities, risks and dangers associated with these types of behaviours. We have also been educating about the illegalities of such behaviours and importantly, how our young people can protect themselves.

The definition of Sexting is: *The sending of sexually explicit messages/images via text and email. The term 'Sexting' means different things to different groups of people but Sexting is risky and is a Safeguarding concern. Sexting is the use of digital technology to record and send sexual photos, images, videos as well as text messages, with others online. Children are often unaware of the law, risks, dangers and consequences of Sexting. Sexting can happen between adults and children but also amongst children themselves.*

The Law states that:

In the United Kingdom, it is illegal to take, make, distribute, show or possess an indecent image of a child under 18.

The maximum sentence is 10 years imprisonment.

If prosecuted you face being registered as a sex-offender.

If you send a 'sext' you can be found guilty of distributing child pornography.

If you receive and save a 'sext' you can be found guilty of being in possession of child pornography.

If you upload a photo to a social networking profile, where photos are visible to the public you are in breach of website terms and guilty of distributing child pornography.

What to do if you are concerned:

If you are worried that students may be receiving or even sending indecent images on their mobile phone, you should talk to them about the consequences of their actions. Make them aware that once the image has been sent, they have lost control of that image and anyone can potentially have a look at it.

Report it to the Academy:

Mrs Jemma Harding - Vice Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead JHarding@cowesec.org

Mrs Karen Jupe – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (in the event that Jemma is not available) KJupe@cowesec.org

In the event both Jemma and Karen are unavailable then report it directly to the Principal – Mrs Rachel Kitley RKitley@cowesec.org

Who in turn will report it to the local MASH Team

Jemma Harding

Free School Meals

Free School Meals are available for full time students attending school. Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you receive:

Income support.

Income based' jobseeker's allowance.

Income related employment and support allowance.

Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

Child tax credit (provided you do not receive working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not currently exceed £16,190).

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Universal Credit.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also apply for free school meals.

If your child would prefer a packed lunch but you are still eligible for Free School Meals, please apply as this entitled Cowes Enterprise College to additional funding which will benefit your child.

Application can be made at <https://www.iwight.com/iwforms/form.aspx?k=freesm>

Students who are eligible for Free School Meals are given an automatic allocation of £2.40 daily. This does not accumulate.

Show My Homework

Year 7s will have started to receive homework from their teachers this week. Initially, this will be provided verbally and in paper form from their teachers. From next week all homework will be recorded on Show My Homework for you and your child to view. Please don't worry, we appreciate that setting up and using Show My Homework will take a bit of time. Teachers will be sympathetic with homework issues in the first few weeks.

Students in Years 8 and above will have started to receive homework on Show My Homework this week. Students should be able to login to their accounts using their old @cowesenterprisecollege.org.uk email address and password. Once logged in, students should go into their account settings and change their email address to their new @cowesec.org address. Your child's Progress Mentors can help them with any issues logging into Show My Homework.

As a parent or carer, please remember that you can reset your own password by using the 'Forgotten password?' link on the login page. This will send a reset email to your registered email address. If you still can't access your account, please contact the Academy office where we can give you a pin number to reset your account.

Changes to Email Addresses

Cowes Enterprise College (An Ormiston Academy) has recently changed email server.

Please be aware that **@cowesenterprisecollege.org.uk** emails are no longer in use. We are now using **@cowesec.org**.

The email format will remain the same (first letter of forename followed by surname) however all emails will now end in **@cowesec.org**

(For example: Mr Name Example would be nexample@cowesec.org)

General emails can be sent to info@cowesec.org and our Main Academy telephone number remains the same – 01983 203103.

We apologise for any inconvenience that our change-over period may cause.

Many thanks for your continued support and patience.

Academy Clubs

Monday	
Tuesday	Gardening Club — Meet outside Library— 3.00pm—3.30pm
Wednesday	Academy Band —MU02— 2.50pm—3.50pm
Thursday	Ukulele band —MU02—2.50pm—3.50pm
Friday	

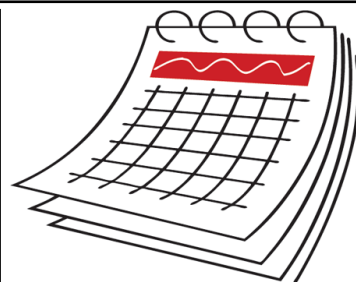
Year 7—CAT4 Testing—Beginning Monday 18th September

From Monday 18th September we will begin internal CAT4 testing. This will be done during lesson time using an online testing platform. These are designed to assess a pupil's ability in three different areas: verbal (thinking with words), quantitative (thinking with numbers) and non-verbal (thinking with shapes and space). CATs are used at Cowes Enterprise College to give a snapshot of a child's potential, what they could achieve and how they learn best. Please reassure your child that this is nothing to worry about and is simply a measure to allow us to track their progress.

Upcoming Academy Events

Year 7 Tutor Evening—Tuesday 29th September (5pm– 8pm)

School Photographer for years 7, 10 & 12—Friday 22nd September



School Uniform Shop

Our on site uniform shop is open Monday and Friday 12pm - 1.45pm and Wednesday 2.45pm - 3.45pm

<http://www.simmonds-ltd.com/Schools/CowesEnterpriseCollege/tabid/2872/Default.aspx>

Sports Clubs

Day	Activity	Meeting Point
Monday	No clubs due to staff meetings	
Tuesday	Netball	Sports Hall
	Football (Boys Years 7-13)	Field
Wednesday	Badminton	Winder Centre
	Sports Leaders	Sports Hall
Thursday	Rugby (Girls and Boys all years)	Field
	Girls Football (Year 7 and 8)	Field
	Girls Football (Year 9-13)	Sports Hall
Friday	Year 7 Netball	Sports Hall

Boosting your business!

Years 9-11

KEY DATES



**Unit 3 Finance Exam –
Year 11**

Wednesday 18th
October

**Unit 3 Finance Exam –
Years 9 & 10**

Monday 25th June



Years 12 & 13

Dates
for your



**Unit 3 Finance exam – Year 13
re-sit**

Wednesday 17th January

Unit 2 set task – Year 12

Part A – Monday 4th December

Part B – Tuesday 9th -

Wednesday 10th January

Unit 3 Finance exam – Year 12

Friday 25th May



Coursework support

Wednesdays 2.45 – 4pm

Exam revision

Available on Thursdays
2.45 – 4pm on request.

*Sometimes additional
coursework days will be
offered on a Saturday or
during school holidays to
offer intensive support to
some students.*