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This Week at Cowes Enterprise College...



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The Week That Was...

This week at Cowes Enterprise College, we were delighted to welcome over 70 pupils and their families for the first round of our Year 6 open tours.

Our DofE Young Leaders were also recognised for their outstanding contribution to the Bronze and Silver programmes at the Lord-Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight's Cadets and Community Awards.

Meanwhile, our Year 7 students have been exploring the library and choosing their free Bookbuzz books!

From the Principal's Desk

By Rachel Kitley, Principal

As I shared in last week's letter, we will be implementing a weekly newsletter providing updates and highlights of what is happening across our academy each week. It is likely that this newsletter feature will evolve over time so if there are particular updates or regular information you would like to see included, please do let us know. We are delighted to confirm that we will also continue to share our termly newsletter with you, as a way to celebrate all our events across each term.

On behalf of myself, the senior leadership team, and all our staff, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all once again for your engagement and support so far this academic year. We're pleased to see positive progress continuing to be made in the key areas shared with you last week – particularly in punctuality to lessons – ensuring we are maximising opportunities for children to learn. Elsewhere, our Year 11 students have settled in really well to their fantastic new common room and have been enjoying their morning cup of free tea or coffee.

"We are delighted to introduce our new weekly newsletter, sharing updates and highlights from across our academy community."



Within the wider Cowes Community, it was great to see the positive response to the news Hunnyhill has now officially joined Ormiston Academies Trust, seeing us work in even greater collaboration with them to benefit from shared resources, provision and opportunities.

It was a pleasure to attend the official opening last Wednesday and to help welcome Hunnyhill and Lisa Steedman, the principal, into the Ormiston family. The youngest and oldest child at the school helped cut the ribbon and all the children dressed as their future selves: with doctors, jockeys, nurses, beauticians, scientists, footballers and artists represented. A good number even dressed up as teachers which is a compliment to the Hunnyhill team!



It is a very exciting time for our partnership with Hunnyhill so we will keep you updated as opportunities evolve.

We're continuing to work closely with students and families, with lots of positive things planned across the academy between now and half-term, which is now quickly approaching. I look forward to sharing next week's update with you.



Spotlight

Skyler, Maeve, Sonia and Evie, Year 13

We are really proud of Skyler, Maeve, Sonia and Evie, who have shown great spirit, determination and resilience to achieve the impressive Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards. They have also worked tirelessly and selflessly to support students undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Awards in Bronze and Silver, using their experience to assist them through their expedition.

Photo of the week

Year 13 Theatre Workshop

Last week our Year 13 students had a brilliant opportunity to deepen their understanding of Hamlet.

After seeing the production, they took part in a workshop led by Sophie Hobson, Creative Associate at Chichester Festival Theatre. The session gave them the chance to explore the play in more detail and develop their ideas further.



Notice Board


- **Staff Development Day (Academy closed to students) - Friday 17th October**
- **Last Day of Term - Friday 24th October**

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