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# This Week at Cowes Enterprise College...



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## The Week That Was...

Cowes Enterprise College was proud to host events as part of the Isle of Wight Literary Festival, and welcomed inspiring authors including Monique Turner and Dr Stuart Lawrence, who delivered motivational and thought-provoking talks to our students.

Our brilliant Sixth Form volunteers supported across the weekend and even met well-known figures such as Lady Anne Glenconner, Sue Barker, Prue Leith and Gyles Brandreth.

Meanwhile, our sports teams shone in recent netball and football tournaments, showing fantastic teamwork, resilience and school spirit throughout.

# From the Principal's Desk

*By Rachel Kitley, Principal*

## Why We're Proud to Be Part of Ormiston Academies Trust

Last week, we shared the exciting news that Hunnyhill Primary School has joined Ormiston Academies Trust. It's a great moment to reflect on our own place within the Trust - and why it matters.

Being part of Ormiston means we benefit from expert guidance, shared resources, and a strong network of professionals who are all working towards the same goal: helping every child thrive. Here at Cowes, we live Ormiston's values of ambition, learning, perseverance, collaboration and inclusion every day. It's a partnership that helps us do more, go further, and stay focused on what matters most.



## Dressing for Success: Our New Uniform Journey

One of the ways we're putting those values into action is through our recent work on school uniform. Over the past year, we've been listening carefully to students and parents to shape a new approach - one that reflects comfort, pride, and practicality.

We were delighted to launch our updated uniform this September. It's warm, relaxed, and comfortable, yet still smart and stylish. Our students can wear it with confidence and feel good about how they present themselves and the school. It's also more affordable and easier to care for, making it a better fit for families.

Already, we're seeing how the new uniform helps students feel more at ease and ready to learn. It has also been great to hear this positive feedback from students and families alike. It's a small change with a big impact - and we're proud of how it reflects the inclusive, forward-thinking spirit of our school.

### **Our uniform shop is now fully stocked**

and ready to support families with the transition. If you have any questions or need guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

# Photo of the week

## Year 7 and Year 8 Author Talk

Our Year 7 and 8 students were joined by author Monique Turner from Chicken House Books, who shared her journey as a writer and the creative process behind her stories. Her visit sparked brilliant questions, lively discussion, and plenty of creative ideas!



## Spotlight

### *Sixth Form Volunteers*

A huge thank you to all our amazing Sixth Form student volunteers who supported across the four days of the Isle of Wight Literary Festival.

Pictured here are just a few of the fantastic young people who helped make the event such a success.

It was a wonderful opportunity to meet inspiring speakers and be part of a celebration of books, creativity, and community.



## Notice Board


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

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